



*"Oh the places you will go!", so says Dr. Seuss.* Now that most of you have graduated or are in the process of receiving your degrees, diplomas, accreditations or simply moving on to the next grade, I offer you my heartiest congratulations on your achievements. The world is open to you now and all it takes for you to fulfill your dreams is taking that first step; a little hard-work, determination and stick-to-itiveness. To offer a word of encouragement from Dr. Seuss, *"Kid, you'll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!"*.

#### **The Urban Forest Master Plan: Spring 2013 Planting!**

We are fortunate that two of the five urban forest neighbourhoods selected to take part in a pilot program to significantly increase the number of street trees in HRM are Colby Village and Eastern Passage. You have probably noticed the tree plantings already taking place along Caldwell Road and Cow Bay Road.



The Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) was approved by Regional Council on September 25, 2012. The UFMP planning team included HRM staff from Real Property Planning and Transportation and Public Works who worked with a team from Dalhousie University's School for

Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES) to develop the Urban Forest Master Plan. The Dalhousie research team was led by Dr. Peter Duinker, Director of SRES, and included his graduate research students. Studies were conducted on issues ranging from UFMP best practices to the potential impacts of climate change effects on urban forests. HRM and Dalhousie staff contributed to the extensive forest inventory, mapping and writing efforts required in the creation of the UFMP. The overall goal of the UFMP is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest. The multiyear community engagement process and research initiatives that led to the development of the Plan resulted in an integrated social, ecological, and economic strategy that strives to incorporate the values of HRM citizens.

HRM's definition of an urban forest includes all trees - from a single maple in a planter, to a row of elms lining a downtown street, to carefully tended pines in residential backyards, to islands of native forest

amidst urban development. Their natural diversity and their interconnectedness with human activities and the built environment make urban forests both complex and dynamic. The urban forest extends approximately 15 km outwards from the Halifax Harbour and is geographically defined by HRM communities that receive water and wastewater services.

The pilot program will include improved tree care and maintenance programs. A variety of hardy native tree species will be selected. In years to come these trees will beautify their urban forest neighbourhoods and grow tall to form a protective canopy cover.

Planting started in April and will continue throughout the spring.



Happy Canada Day!

There are many exciting community events going on throughout HRM. I encourage you to take part in some or all of the following:

- Dartmouth Pancake Breakfast at Alderney Landing from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Sullivan's Pond concert from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. featuring Modern Grass
- Canada Concert at Alderney Landing from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight featuring Tokyo Police Club
- Official Canada Day Waterfront Fireworks - Halifax/Dartmouth Waterfront at 10:00 p.m.

For more information on events throughout HRM, please contact 3-1-1 or on the web at:

<http://www.hrmcanadaday.ca/>

A District 3 electronic newsletter is in the works, so if you would like to receive it, please send an email to [Chris.Newson@halifax.ca](mailto:Chris.Newson@halifax.ca) with Newsletter in the subject line. Your email address will not be shared with anyone for any purpose.

As always, I am available to address your concerns. My phone numbers are 490-7032 or 476-1855, and my email is [bill.karsten@halifax.ca](mailto:bill.karsten@halifax.ca) . I will always respond as quickly as possible, but if you need to contact someone more immediately, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Chris Newson at 490-7184 or [chris.newson@halifax.ca](mailto:chris.newson@halifax.ca) . Outside of regular business hours, please contact the HRM Call Centre at 3-1-1.