

# Beaver Bank Kinsac Bulletin

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## An Intergenerational Summer at BBKCC

This past summer at BBKCC was full of true community spirit and success for all ages. Our local seniors association, the 55+ Keeners, took part in a variety of activities; local youth took on leadership roles; university and high school students took part in career-oriented summer jobs; and children and families enjoyed our summer camp program. Amidst the day-to-day flurry of excitement, each of these groups had the opportunity to work together on a number of intergenerational activities.

### 55+ Keeners

The 55+ Keeners group was very busy this summer, cooking brunch every Wednesday, counting their steps in the walking group, working up a sweat in exercise class, geocaching, and planning a dynamic fall program. The Keeners have activities to suit all interests taking place Monday through Friday every week this fall. We encourage you to come to brunch on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm to find out more information about programs and activities.



### BBKCC Summer Day Camp

The Summer Day Camp program was very successful this year. The program ran for July and August, and included field trips, guest speakers, arts and crafts, sports, cooking, baking, and much, much more. Our very talented summer staff, Erica, Brandon and Samantha did an amazing job organizing and leading the summer camp program. Thank you to all the families who participated in the program this year, and to Boston Pizza, Sackville Rivers Association, and HMCS Sackville for helping us out with some of our activities. We look forward to offering this program again next summer, and encourage the community to contact us with questions and watch for more information next spring.



### Activities for Youth

The BBKCC is pleased to say that a number of youth were involved with us over the summer. Local youth helped keep the energy up at summer camp by participating in games and field trips and also offered a helping hand to the 55+ Keeners by bussing and waiting tables at Wednesday morning brunches. A number of youth worked in the office during the summer rush and helped us kick-start the Girls' Night Out Sleepover Program. Kelly McNeil organized a youth Battle of the Bands, thanks to a grant he received from YouthScapes. Other youth generously donated their time and energy to painting the new Community Lounge and re-organizing our storage space, and helped

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## Alarm Calls Up Over Medical Assists for First Time

During the months of July and Aug your Fire Dept responded to 25 calls. We had 2 MVA's, 2 power line fires, 2 fire investigations, 9 medical assists, and 10 alarm activation calls, for a total of 94 calls for the year to date. This is above average for us. Beaver Bank is growing fast so I guess we can expect our calls to start to increase on a yearly basis. This would be the first time that I can remember that medical assists weren't the majority of calls for the 2 month period. Over half of those alarm activations were at one address. This can be very costly for the owner as there is a fine for false alarms when they become an ongoing event.

Summer is over and winter is on its way. Fall is a nice time of the year and it's a great time of year to get ready for old man winter. This is the time of year to make sure all those heating appliances are all cleaned and tuned up ready to go. With the price of oil the way it is, having that furnace tuned up could save you money. You may also want to make sure if burning wood, that your stove and your chimney are both cleaned and checked. Your firewood should be nice and dry after being cut, split and stacked to dry for the summer. Seasoned dry wood not only burns hotter to give you more heat, but it also gives you less of a creosote build up.

You might have noticed we have added a new truck to our fleet. As it stands now all our trucks are less than 2 years old. This new truck can seat 6 members, which will help bring more members to a scene with fewer vehicles.

After Oct 15 you will no longer need burning permits until next April. Please continue to burn safely as the fall brings more wind, which can lead to your fire to getting away on you. The weather wasn't that great in July and Aug for vacationing but it kept us out of the woods with no brush fires.

In closing remember to have your civic sign clearly displayed, check those smoke detectors, have an escape plan, especially if you have children and be ready for what good old mother nature could bring your way. Can you survive for 72 hours without help?? If someone knocked on your door right now and told you that you had to leave your home, would you know what to grab in a hurry?? Be Ready, play safe and have a great fall!!

-Chief Gord West

**911 Blue Civic Signs can be Ordered From the BBK Volunteer FD  
7 to 8 pm on Tues, deposit is required, \$5 single or \$10 double sided**

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keep our facility looking beautiful by landscaping and mowing. We would like to offer a huge thanks to all youth who helped us out this summer. You contributed much enthusiasm to our summer programs and were integral to our success!

#### Intergenerational Activities

The 55+ Keeners group played an important role in the success of our summer day camp by donating their time, resources, and knowledge to our program. The seniors came as guest speakers to teach the camp participants about England, Ireland, gardening, bugs, crafts, baking, cake decorating, and much more. The seniors were the



true heroes of summer camp. Three of our larger intergenerational events over the summer included an intergenerational geocache, intergenerational breakfast, and the addition of an intergenerational garden to the front of our building. Thank you to Atlantic Gardens Incorporated for donating all the flowers for our beautiful community garden! A great time was had by everyone involved.

-Don Graham & Jennifer McMullen

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### BBKCC Fall Events

**Oktoberfest** – Sat, October 11, 9 pm-1 am. With live Band, Frank Lowe and Triple Time. Tickets are on sale now at BBKCC. \$10.00 per person. Age 19 +

**Halloween Dance** – Saturday, October 25, 9 pm-1 am. With DJ Steven Lunn. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Age 19 +  
**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Shopping Spree and Trade Show.** Sat, Nov 8. Phone the BB Community RCMP Office for more info @ 864-6072.

**Remembrance Day Service** – Tues, Nov 11. Doors open at 10:00 am.

**Hypnotist Show!** – Sat Nov 15 from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. Tickets are \$10.00/ person. Cash bar . Join us for a night of fun and laughter! Age 19 +

**Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday, December 6.

**New Year's Eve Dance** – Wednesday, December 31. Age 19 +

### Ongoing Programs:

**BBKSA Keeners.** The Keeners are at the centre Monday through Friday every week, with brunch on Thursday mornings. Come out and see what types of activities are available for those aged 55 and older.

**Exercise and Yoga classes** – Although the fall sessions are currently underway, the winter session is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of January 19. Please contact us any time to reserve your spot!

**Youth Nights.** The new community lounge is open to youth on Friday nights from 6 to 10 pm. Come by with your friends and play Wii games like Rockband, Wii Fit, Mario Kart, and Downhill Jam. Planning to start movie nights soon. Dates for this fall are Oct 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov 14, 21, and 28; and Dec 5, 12, and 19.

**Girls' Night Out – Sleepover Party.** This is a new program for girls ages 12-14. Girls have the opportunity to hang out with their female peers and young women for a night of food, fun, and conversation. We make our own supper, paint nails, hairstyling and make-up, watch movies, dance, sign, whatever the group is

up to. The Cobequid Youth Health Centre joins us for a portion of the evening to discuss issues of importance to the group, such as body image, self-esteem, dating, family, etc. Next sleepover is November 7, starting at 6 pm. Registration is free – contact us to reserve your spot. Only 12 spaces available.

**Dart League.** Every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Cash Bar is available. Phone the BBKCC for more information.

**Beaver Bank Children's Learning Centre.** Preschool and after-school programs available. Contact Cheryl and Marina at 864-5118 or bbchildrenslearnctr@yahoo.ca.

**Diane's Dance Studio.** Dancercise, Ballet, Tap, etc. Phone Diane MacLeod for more information @ 865-7745 or email dmmacleod@eastlink.ca

### Volunteer Opportunities:

We are currently looking for volunteers to be part of an events organizing and programs committee, as well as volunteers to help run our youth nights and other youth events. Please contact us if you are interested in these or other volunteer opportunities with BBKCC.

If you have any questions about our programs, events, or facility rentals, please contact us Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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## ***Barkhouse 40th Anniversary***

Judy & Tex Barkhouse celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July at the Beaver Bank Community Centre. It was a great Gala. Our daughter Kimberley, grandson Evan, & friend Steven came home from Calgary for the event. We would love to thank everyone who helped with our party. Margie Hartlen for all her help, cooking & fruit salad & singing us a song; to Vic Aalders for singing us two songs; Nicole & Rodney for their help and the wine and the backdrop, (which Lisa also helped with); Carolyn Pitts for all the sweets & fruit basket; Karen Bungay for making sweets; Paulette, Sandra, Anita, & Margie for cooking the turkeys for us; Donna & Sandra, Megan, Margie & Linda for the salads; Darleene & Muriel for rolls & cucumber & tomatoes; Darleene for the treats; Rose for the rolls. I hope I didn't miss anyone. I want to thank all my children, who I had the privilege to help raise, because of all the work you did. Most of all, we want to thank Morgan & Alicia for their speech; that meant the world to us, although you made the water fall and the make-up droop!! We like to thank Frank & Nancy Lowe for their band--TERRIFIC. We ended the weekend with a Sunday brunch.

Thanks to everyone who came to share our celebration. Thank you for all the gifts. We will hold the whole weekend in our hearts & memories forever.

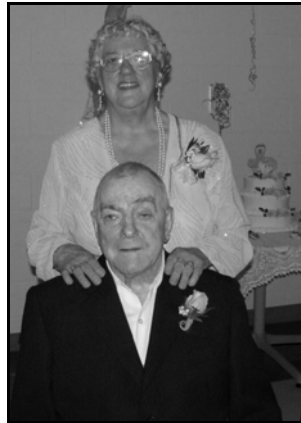
*-Judy & Tex*

### **Walk Run for the Health of Our Community Time Again!**

On Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> the Cobequid Community Health Centre Foundation is holding its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Walk Run for the Health of Our Community. Register yourself or a team of at least 4 people and choose between a 1 to 8 km walk or a 10 km run. Stay afterwards for an afternoon BBQ for a chance to win a number of great prizes. Bring the whole family for a day of fun and support your local Health Centre. Call 869-6128. Register today!

*-Kristen Goldsworthy*

## ***Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Vic & Betty***



On Aug 16<sup>th</sup> over one hundred relatives and friends celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vic and Betty Aalders. They were married on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> at St John's Church in Fairview. They have resided in Kinsac since 1967. They have four children; three sons Bruce, Wade and Earl and daughter Carolee.

They would like to say thank you to all who planned the party, family members for food, friends and relatives for attending and for the many gifts and cards. A special thanks to Samantha Aalders and Craig Aalders and to Bernie Sharp for the music at the dance.

*-Heather Lunn*

## ***Crosby – Danells Birth***

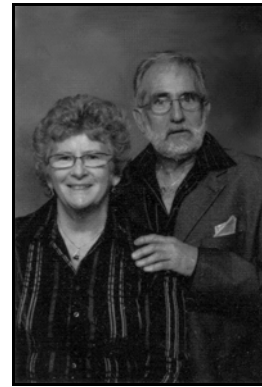


Meghan Crosby and Scott Danells are proud to announce the birth of their son Riley James Danells on July 19, 2008 at St John

Regional Hospital. Proud grandparents are Sheryl and Bob Crosby and Marilyn and Calvin Danells. Great grandparents are Russell and Justine Fife and Wilfred and Jane Henley. Thank you to all who attended the shower and for the lovely gifts and cards for Riley.

*-Heather Lunn*

## ***Bevan 40th Anniversary***



Mike and Jean (Stevens) Bevan were married at St. Andrews Anglican Church in Hantsport on November 9, 1968. Their son Geoff, wife Shelley, grandsons Bradley and Kyle, along with daughter Carrie,

husband Cliff, granddaughter Calena, step-granddaughters Nicole and Jennifer wish them much happiness on their special day.

## ***Beaverettes Receive Tremendous Support***

The Beaver Bank Beaverettes raised \$11,240.70 for the Breast Cancer Walk. Altogether the walk raised 1.25 million. HURRAY!!!! Here is a picture of before & after the walk. Quite a difference don't you think? Thank you again for your support. Please keep us in mind for next year.

*-Judy Barkhouse*



## Parade of Lights

If anyone is interested in putting in a float for the Beaver Bank Parade of Lights being held Dec 7th (storm date Dec 14) or would like more information please contact Dawn MacIsaac 865-3115 or [dmmacisaac@eastlink.ca](mailto:dmmacisaac@eastlink.ca)

## Oktoberfest Dance

BBK Community Centre  
Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
9 pm – 1 am

*Music provided by:*

**Frank Lowe & Triple Time**

Tickets: \$10.00 per person "on sale now" (includes two free bbq sausages)  
Free Oktoberfest mug to the first 50 people in the door  
Door prize/ spot dances  
50/50 tickets/ cash bar  
FMI call: 865-5114 or 864-8226

## Lions Club Ready to Roar This Fall

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club has once again started up their meetings on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> after a few months of fun in the rain. We were not idle though, work was ongoing on the club property and a Barbeque room is well underway.

We will once again this year be looking for used stamps and eyeglasses (broken or not) they can be dropped off at Hartlen's Esso on the Beaver Bank Rd or you can call Lion Dawn MacIssac at 865-3115.

If you have an interest in finding out about the Lions you can call our membership chair Lion Larry Goulding at 864-7076, he would be very happy to talk to you.

And if you think the Lions can help you with a problem please feel free to call me at 865-5479 ask for Carolyn and I will direct you to the Lion that can be of service to you.

*-Lion Carolyn Pitts, PR BBKLC*

## Penny Auction

Sackville Legion

Doors open at 12:30 pm – Auction starts at 2 pm.

On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> the Friends of Scotia Nursing Home Residents Society will be holding their 12<sup>th</sup> Penny Auction. There will be 200 items on the auction table, a door prize, raffle tickets and a bake table. A great time to start your Christmas shopping. For more information call Ann Lively 864-7078.

The members of the Friends Society would like to say thank you for all the support they receive, the donations for the auction and to the many volunteers who make all their events successful.

*-Heather Lunn*

## Thank You From the WFA

The Woodbine Family Association has been working with Alex Leonard and the Board of Trustees of the Brown Hall to do some renovations to the hall. The hall needed extensive electrical upgrades. Councillor Krista Snow provided the funds for the upgrade. Two very kind electricians from the community donated their time to do the work, Kenny MacIsaac and Mark MacRitchie. Nova Scotia Power Corporation waved all of their fees. The electrical upgrade has been completed. We would like to thank Councillor Snow for her generous contribution as well as Kenny MacIsaac & Mark MacRitchie for their time and effort. This is a true example of a community working together!

*-Colleen Fraser*

*-Jo-Anne Grove*

## Congratulations Laura Lively

On July 28<sup>th</sup> Laura and her daughter Arnette Sheirs flew to Regina, Sask. Laura was representing Nova Scotia in the Blind Bowls Assoc of Canada's National Lawn Bowling Tournament. Laura competed in the B1 category for bowlers with no sight. To ensure fairness they also wear black out glasses. Three of Laura's games lasted 3 ½ hours. She won one game and came very close on the others. Laura won fourth in her category, and at 84 and the oldest competitor, won first overall. The closing ceremony was held on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Laura would like to say thank you to the people of Beaver Bank for their support, and a special thank you to the Beaver Bank Senior's Club for their assistance at the Fund Raising Supper.

*-Heather Lunn*



## Heating Rebate Programs Available

With winter around the corner and fuel prices soaring, people are beginning to worry about how to heat their homes this season. Every winter, I get calls from people who have run out of oil, or who face a dilemma nobody should have to face: whether to heat their home, or pay their rent. Many are also unable to afford groceries. The government has two energy rebate programs: one for low-income people, and a second one that applies to everyone, no matter their income. I'll outline these and some additional energy programs below.

### HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM (HARP)

Currently, low-income people who heat with oil, propane or natural gas can qualify for a \$450 rebate under the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP). Low-income people who heat with electricity, wood, wood pellets or coal can qualify for a \$150 rebate. Individuals who earn \$25,000 or less, and families with a combined income of under \$40,000 qualify for the HARP rebate. (Seniors who get the Guaranteed Income Supplement automatically qualify.) People who earn up to \$2,000 more than the low-income level can also get the rebate, but it is reduced by \$25 for each additional \$500 of income.

On September 3, Darrell Dexter called on the government to double the rebate for low-income people and significantly raise the low-income cut-off, so more people qualify for rebates. On September 10, the government announced the new rates cited above. The low-income oil rebate went from \$200 to \$450, and more generous low-income thresholds were announced. Unfortunately, the government did not increase the rebate for people who heat with electricity. Service Nova Scotia says applications for the HARP rebates will be available by the end of October.

### YOUR ENERGY REBATE

Last year, everyone received an eight per cent rebate (the provincial portion of the HST) on their power bills, under the "Your Energy Rebate Program." This year, the eight-per-cent rebate still exists for electricity, but the government has made it less generous. Now, everyone

will be taxed on their first 27.4 kilowatts of power per day. The rebate will only apply to anything above and beyond that base daily usage rate, and will show up on your power bill.

The eight per cent rebate also applies to all purchases of heating oil, propane, firewood, wood pellets and coal. Businesses selling oil, propane and natural gas will deduct the rebate from your bill. Some wood vendors may also automatically deduct it. For all other fuel, however (wood pellets, kerosene, cylinder propane), people should apply for the rebate. I have forms at my office, or you can find them online at: [www.yourenergyrebate.ns.ca](http://www.yourenergyrebate.ns.ca).

### NO-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM, FURNACE REBATE AVAILABLE

Interest-free loans of up to \$5,000 are available to anyone who has undergone an energy audit through the EnerGuide for Houses Program. Applications for the loans will be available by the end of October. In addition, people who replace an old furnace with a new, energy-efficient model qualify for a \$500 rebate.

With rising energy costs, governments need to adjust policies and programs on many fronts to ensure people can afford to heat their homes, and to promote energy efficiency. Social assistance should include a heating cost supplement to reflect actual fuel price increases. And programs to retrofit homes need to be more available and accessible.

If you would like more information or help applying for any available energy programs, please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-4004 or [percy@percyparis.ca](mailto:percy@percyparis.ca).

*-Percy Paris, MLA*

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## CONDOLENCES

The BBCAA would like to extend condolences to the following Beaver Bank families who have lost loved ones in recent months.

Condolences to the family of the late Marion Thelma Harvie who was born in North Beaver Bank in 1924 to the late Douglas and Viola (Driscoll) Shunamon and died on July 29<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by her daughters Barb and Dawnelda, three grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

Condolences to Neila and Paul Dean and family on the death of her mother, Rita Matilda Gillis at the age of 96 on August 6<sup>th</sup>. She is also survived by daughter Christine (Fred) Rout of Lr Sackville, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Condolences to Edward 'Sonny' and Gertie Grove and family on the death of his sister Marlene Freda Joudrey of Kentville at the age of 73 on August 12<sup>th</sup>. She is also survived by 4 children, nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Condolences to Jeannine and Owen Hazel and family on the death of her mother Cecile (Chaisson) Theriault on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 103 years. She is also survived by another daughter, four sons, 21 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

Condolences to Jason and Valerie Goss and family on the death of his father Cecil John Goss of Lr Sackville at

the age of 60 years on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Cecil is also survived by his wife Darlene (Biggar), daughters Dorothy (Brian) and Emily (Greg) and his children's mother Wyn Greenlaw, who is also from Beaver Bank; sisters, brother and in-laws.

Condolences to Clayton Clattenburg Sr, Scotia Nursing Home and to Marilyn and Tom MacDonald on the death of his wife and her mother, Doris Wilma Clattenburg at the age of 84 years. Doris was also a resident of Scotia and passed away on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. She is also survived by sons David and Clayton Jr, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Condolences to the Oderkirk family, Michael, Darryl and Shane, The Donaldson family Bobby (Bonnie), Bruce (Claudette), Patrick (Brenda), Michael (Louise), Darren, and Joanne (Steven) Frank and family on the death of wife, mother, sister Charlene Marie (Donaldson) Oderkirk at the age of 42 years on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. She is also survived by her parents Robert & Joan (Hinch) Donaldson and many nieces & nephews.

May they rest in peace.

-Dorothy Selig

### Remembrance Day Ceremony Kinsac Corner Memorial Nov 11, 10 am

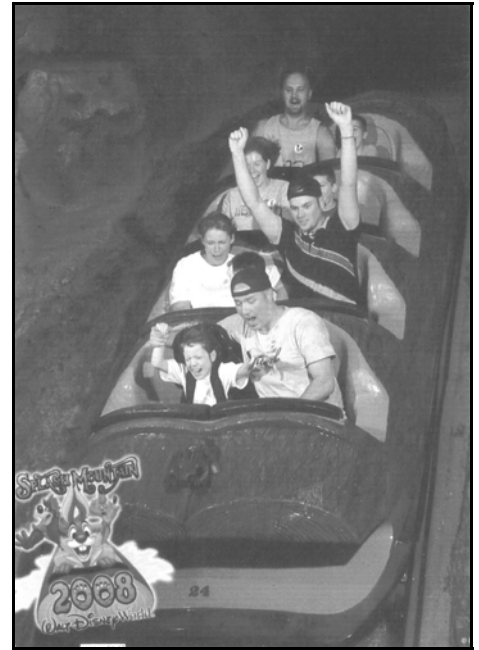
*For our thanks, in giving, if oft  
delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought -  
and thousands paid!  
And so, when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne*

Wreaths available at the Sackville Legion

## Alicia Gudger Goes to Disney World

Thanks to the Sunshine Foundation Wish, ten-year-old Alicia had her wish fulfilled with a trip to Disney World to ride the roller coasters. After two years of waiting her wish was granted in August. She was accompanied by her parents Shelly and Joseph and brother Jordan, and as a surprise her Uncle Matthew joined them. They loved the roller coasters and are already planning their next trip.

-Heather Lunn



Alicia & her dad Joseph sit up front, while mom Shelly, brother Jordan (hidden) and Uncle Matthew sit right behind.

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## Scouting News

Welcome back to all our returning leaders and volunteers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaver Bank, and welcome to a new season of Scouting. Our registration has already taken place this year, but don't worry, even though registration is over there is still a lot of space available for more youth and adult members in any of our scouting groups. If you think you or your youth are interested in becoming a member of scouting, come on by and visit us at one of our Group Committee meetings every third Thursday night at 7 pm at the BBK Community Center, or talk to one of our registered leaders at a meeting at the following places and times.

### Beavers (Ages 5-7)

A Colony meets at Monarch School Tuesdays at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
B Colony meets at the Brown Hall Wednesday at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
C Colony meets at Kinsac School Monday at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

### Cubs (Ages 8-11)

B Pack meets at Harold T. Barrett School on Mondays at 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm  
C Pack meets at Kinsac School on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### Scouts (Ages 11-14+)

B Troop meets at Fun Forest Camp on Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Our group meetings start in late September and already our leaders have many great ideas for our youth, including fun filled outings, crafts, hikes and don't forget camp!! at the Fun Forest Camp. So come join in the scouting fun, it's a great learning experience and a great way to meet lots of new friends.

### Apple Day

Just a small reminder, on October 26<sup>th</sup> our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be visiting your neighborhood for donations as part of Scouts Canada's annual Apple Day Campaign. Also that great tasting Scout Popcorn will be around again this year!! So remember to place your order!!

*-Yours in Scouting, Jo-Anne Grove, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaver Bank Group Committee*

## Lockview Update

Lockview Students' Council hosted 'Welcome Back Week' which included an opening assembly for new grade nine students, a free lemonade stand, a balloon drop, and an outdoor barbecue. Grade nine students have been able to rely on older students to learn to successfully navigate through the hallways. As for athletics, football and soccer season is well underway. Go Dragons go! In addition to competitive teams, drop in lunchtime intramurals are taking place. In the upcoming weeks, students are looking forward to the co-curricular fair: a display of all the teams and clubs available to take part in. Overall, the 2008-2009 school year has started on a positive note, and students are happy to be back in class.



Their seven children were raised in the family home; Elizabeth, John, Rex, Byron, Joseph, Jean and Phyllis. The middle section remains the same today. Over the years the new owners Cam and Judy Starrett, who purchased the house in 1973, added an addition on each end of the house.

*-Heather Lunn*

## Peter Stoffer Praises Community Spirit

In the closing weeks of summer, as the days get shorter, I want to thank the many community groups, families and individuals who welcomed me into their homes and community centres over the summer for barbecues, fundraisers and festivals. I enjoyed the many parades, cultural festivals and anniversary celebrations that I had the honour to attend in our vibrant and growing community.

Thanks To Firefighters, Community

In times of challenge and hardship we often see the true strength and resolve of our communities. During the June fires in Porter's Lake and the surrounding area we bore witness to an incredible sense of unity, compassion

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Although school has been open for little more than a week, Lockview High School has been busy with activities from the first day.

## The Barrett House

671 Beaver Bank Rd  
The original portion of the house, pictured here, was built in the early 1900's by Thomas Barrett. It was purchased by Willoughby and Florence Barrett in 1921. There were six rooms in the house.

**David Montgomery**  
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*Candidate for Member of Parliament*

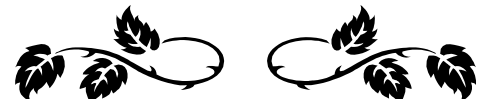


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## Church of the Good Shepherd (Anglican Church of Canada)

28 Trinity Lane, Beaver Bank

**Priest:** Rev. Don Shipton 455-5684

www.goodshepherdchurchbeaverbank.com

**Sunday School:** 10:30 am. Children of all ages welcome

**Sunday Service** is at 10:30 am every Sunday.

### Church Wardens:

David Leyte - kdleyte@ns.sympatico.ca

Nancy Kemp - nancy.kemp@ns.sympatico.ca

Assistant Warden Dameon Lowe 865-2320

Please contact Rev. Don regarding Baptisms, Weddings or a pastoral visit.

*Family, Friends and New Members Welcome.*

### Card Socials:

Church of the Good Shepherd Hall

45's are played every Thursday evening,

Auction 45 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Refreshments provided. Everyone Welcome.

### Mark your calendars:

**Oct 19** - Variety Show, 7 pm

**Nov 1** - Turkey Supper, 4 to 6 pm

**Nov 21** - Wine & Cheese/Silent Auction

*-Marjie Hartlen*

## St. John's United Church

Administration Building, Main Floor

Nova Scotia Nursing Home

125 Knowles Crescent, Beaver Bank

**Minister:** To Be Filled

**Sunday Service:** 11:00 am

**Sunday School:** 11:00 am

At present, St. John's United is conducting a Needs Assessment to replace our previous minister, Rev. Wim Kreeft. Rev. Kreeft has taken a new post in Stayner, Ontario. We will continue to have regular services each Sunday with various lay/student/retired clergy people until this position is filled. Contact person for St. John's United will be Ron Cochrane, 865-2962.

### Upcoming Events:

**Oct 29** - Please come out and attend our Nickel Auction - Community Center - 7 to 9 pm. Doors open 6:30 - Refreshments and All New Items.

*-Carol Cochrane*

## 1st Sackville Presbyterian

60 Beaver Bank Rd. Lower Sackville. (Across from Glendale Plaza)

**Minister:** Rev Dr L. George Macdonald 454-5253

**Church Office:** 865-4053 (machine)

**Email:** firstsackville@pccatlantic.ca

**Sunday Service:** 9:30 am

**Sunday School:** 9:40 Sept - June

**Nursery Provided:** Sept - June

### Upcoming Events:

Watch the PCCAtlantic.ca website for further updates.

*-Dwayne Goodwin - Clerk Of Session*

## Knox United Church

567 Sackville Dr., Lr Sackville

**Minister:** Rev. Donna Lovelace

Pastor: Rev Jean Udall

**Church Office:** 865-9216

**Church Kitchen/Hall:** 865-1603

**Office hours:** 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Sunday Services:** 8:45 am Alternative

Worship Service & 10:30 am Worship

Service & Church School

### Turkey Soup Luncheon:

1st Tuesday of each month, \$6/person

**Events:** Thanksgiving Food Drive for

Beacon House, Large cans juice & Baby

Diapers due October 12th.

**Oct 19:** Time and Talent Fundraiser Auction

**Nov 29:** Turkey Supper

Watch for info on our Church Sign Board

You are always welcome!

*-Eleanor Lewis*

## Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit (Roman Catholic)

**St Elizabeth Seton,** 125 Metropolitan Ave,

**St John Vianney,** 4 Beaver Bank Rd,

**St Francis of Assisi,** Mt Uniacke

**Mail for all 3 Parishes:** 4 Beaver Bank Rd,

Lr Sackville, NS, B4E 1G3

**Phone:** 865-2112 ext 0 (Secretary)

**Emergency after hours:** 865-6133

**Fax:** 864-8645

**Email:** holytrinity@eastlink.ca

**Website:** www.holytrinityns.ca

**Pastor:** Fr. Johni Mathew

**Associates:** Father Zachary Romanofsky

and Bishop Colin Campbell

**Deacons:** Robert Doyle, Jim Smith and

Claude LaChance

### Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Staff

Catechetical Leaders: Ann Burton,

Catherine Kidson

Finance: Gloria Pottie

Secretary: Teresa Cooke

### Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm (SES), 6 pm (SJV)

Sunday - 11:00 am (SES); 9:30 am (SFA);

9:00, 11:00 am & 6 pm (SJV)

### Week Day Masses:

Monday & Tuesday 7:15 pm (SES)

Wednesday 9:00 am (SJV)

(followed by exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament until 11:45 am)

Thursday & Friday 9:00 am (SJV)

Confessions: Saturday 5 to 5:30 pm or by

appointment

*-Teresa Cooke*

## Church of the Nazarene

**650 Sackville Dr - Acadia Hall**

**Pastor:** Rev. Roy Austin

**Phone:** 865-2135

**Sunday School (all ages) - 10 AM**

**Morning Worship - 11 AM**

*Everyone is Welcome*

## In Memory of Darren Gilby June 15,1963- October 31 1976

Every day in some small way  
thoughts of you come our way  
although 32 years have gone by  
our love and memories never die

*Mom, Gaelyn, Buff, Reg Greg Scott and  
Godparents Aunt Mae and Wayne  
Joudrey.*

## In loving memory of Irene Winnifred Woods who passed away September 6, 2006.

What we'd give if we could say,  
Hello Mom, in the same old way;  
To hear your voice and see your smile,  
To sit with you and chat awhile,  
So if you have a Mother, cherish her  
with care,  
For you'll never know the heartache,  
Til you see her vacant chair.

*Sadly missed and always loved Peter,  
Judy Woods & Family.*

## Peace Lutheran Church

971 Beaver Bank-Windsor Jct Crossroad

**Ministers:** The Members of Peace

**Pastor:** Jim Slack 864-6506

**Office:** 864-1625

**E-mail:** peace.lutheran@eastlink.ca

**Web:** www.peace.evangelical-lutheran.ca

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 am

**Sunday School:** 11:00 am

*Jesus Loves You*

*-Pastor Jim Slack*

## Sackville Independent Baptist

114 Beaver Bank Rd (near Tim Hortons)

**Minister:** Rev. S. Edgar

**Phone:** 864-3433

**Sunday Service:** 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Wednesday Service:** 7:00 pm

## Living Hope Baptist Church

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

1583A Beaver Bank Road

**Service:** Sunday 11 am

**Pastor:** Rev. Kelly Holt

Promise land for kids, Bible Studies

Youth Group, Fellowship

www.livinghopebeaverbank.com

## Faith United Baptist Church

299 Stokil Dr, Lr. Sackville

**Supply Pastor:** Dr William Brackney

**Phone:** 865-5419

**Sunday Service:** 10:50 am

## Councillor's Corner

### Sidewalks:

Construction has begun on the sidewalks in Beaver Bank. The sidewalks will begin at the corner of Kinsac Road and end at Rosley Road. The pavement will be resurfaced from Rosley Road to the ballfield. This construction will cause some slow moving traffic and delays so please be patient and give yourself extra time to get to your destination

The estimated cost of the sidewalk portion on this section is \$500,000. We also have a new sidewalk proposed from Danny Dr to Civic 1012. However this is on a secondary list and will not be contemplated until all other sidewalks on the main list (for 2008) are completed. We base our selection of sidewalks on a rating system. (A write-up about how sidewalk placement & priority is chosen, please see page 13 in the BBK Bulletin, online version only.) To go from Danny Drive to Kinsac would be very expensive and take many years. We have 225 requests on our list and construct approximately 10-15 per year. If you have further questions please let me know.

### Trails:

A group on Kinsac Road lead by Tom Margeson is currently working with me, HRM and CN to look at the feasibility of building trails, linking Beaver Bank and communities within Beaver Bank and Fall River. Because the Trans Canada Trail system is not far away (as the crow flies) our long-term plan would be to have our Beaver Bank Trail system connect to the Trans Canada Trail and therefore Shubie Trail. This would be one of the largest trail systems built and would connect our entire district together.

The idea for this trail is to have a "family-friendly" pathway so that anyone can bike or walk to neighbours' and friends' homes as well as to the new community centre in Fall River. We can throw on our cross-country skis or snow shoes and take advantage of clean crisp snow in the winter. It is important to link as many communities as possible when designing trails. This project is in the very early stages and the possibilities are not yet known. Hopes are that it will

work with the Shubenacadie Trail that is in the development stage.

### Seniors:

I recently had the pleasure of cooking lunch for the 2 seniors groups in Beaver Bank, the Woodbine Family Association group and the BBKCC group. We enjoyed homemade seafood chowder. I had a fantastic time. My thanks to both groups for inviting me to spend a relaxing lunch with them. It is wonderful to see the seniors groups thrive and multiply throughout the district. If you are interested in learning more about them, please contact Jennifer at the BBKCC 865-5114 or Keith Barrett for the Woodbine group at 865-4807. I think I will be cooking my garlic soup next time...hope to see you there!

### Lions Club:

I was happy to support the Lions Club recently with financial support of \$5000 to help towards the cost of drilling a new well. A new well is definitely needed for their building as the club needs reliable potable water to be available for all the events they hold. The Beaver Bank Lions Club continues to do phenomenal work within the community. Please continue to support this outstanding group in its endeavour to reach out and help their fellow community members. The work they do is sensitive and is often not public knowledge but it is very important to our community.

### 50th Anniversary:

Congratulations to Victor and Betty Aalders on 50 years of marriage, August 31st, 2008. Victor and Betty celebrated this milestone at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre on August 16th with their 4 children, Wade, Bruce, Earl and Carolee, as well as with many family & friends.

## Important Election Information

**Federal Election – Tuesday October 14, voting from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm**

### Candidates for the Riding of Sackville-Eastern Shore:

- \* Peter Stoffer, New Democratic Party, incumbent, website: [peterstoffer.ndp.ca](http://peterstoffer.ndp.ca)
- \* David Montgomery, Conservative Party of Canada, website: [www.davidmontgomery.ca](http://www.davidmontgomery.ca)
- \* Carolyn Scott, Liberal Party of Canada, website: [www.carolynscottliberal.com](http://www.carolynscottliberal.com)

There may be other candidates, as nomination were not closed by deadline. If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to check out the information on these candidates, please visit the [c@p](mailto:c@p) site at the Policing Office in the Community Centre or the HRM Public Library on Sackville Dr.

**Halifax Regional Municipality & the Halifax Regional School Board Election Day – Saturday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 7 pm**

Voter cards are to be in the mail on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Candidates For Mayor:

- Peter Kelly, incumbent, website: [www.peterkelly.ca](http://www.peterkelly.ca)
- Sheila Fougere, website: [www.sheilafougere.ca](http://www.sheilafougere.ca)
- David Boyd, email: [db204696@yahoo.com](mailto:db204696@yahoo.com)

### Candidates For Councillor District 2:

- Krista Snow, incumbent, website: [www.kristasnow.ca](http://www.kristasnow.ca)
- Barry Dalrymple, website: [www.barrydal.com](http://www.barrydal.com)

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**Re-Elect *Krista Snow***

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## School Board Candidates


There was a time when the School Board was the men next door, who banded together to get basic education for the kids. They looked after one or maybe two schools, they collected a tax from you and made sure the teacher was qualified, had a building to teach in, a few supplies, wood for the fire and an outhouse. You knew who they were and they knew every kid that was supposed to go to school. A simpler time for sure.

Now the HRSB is responsible for many schools and thousands of children. If you are a parent or grandparent of a school aged child, or simply care for education, it is your responsibility to find out about the candidates in your district. This can be difficult, as these positions are not highly paid; the candidates do not have a party or constituency to back them and advertise them. If you do not take an interest, and do not vote, it is no longer a democratic election. It becomes a matter of who has more friends. If we are to have a democratically elected Board, one that is interested in doing the job, not a one man Board, not a squabbling Board, then we must put an effort into electing that Board.

In District 8 we have two candidates vying for your votes, Donna Hubbard and Paul Russell. Neither is an incumbent, although Paul has previous School Board experience. Please consider the following information when you are at the polls and if you don't have enough to make a decision, find out more.

Donna Hubbard is a retired teacher, who taught in HRM for 30 years. She lives in Lower Sackville and has three children. She also has grandchildren who are soon to enter school in the area, and that has sharpened her interest in the School System. She believes that every student deserves a quality education. Donna is also focused and determined to act in a professional manner, so that students benefit from an effective Board.

Paul Russell served on the HRSB for the 2000-04 session. He declined to re-offer in 2004 due to personal reasons. He is now able to refocus his energies



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Barry Dalrymple  
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toward the Board and has a list of what he would like to work on with the HRSB. One of his main focuses is to re-establish the Safe Schools Committee, which he had previously chaired. He would also like to see more flexibility, while maintaining goals; meaningful evaluation of teachers; and additional supports for gifted students. Paul wrote a more detailed letter, which I will post at the end of the online Bulletin, [www.beaverbank.ca](http://www.beaverbank.ca).

Your children cannot vote for the education they deserve, you have to do it for them.

*-Dorothy Selig*

## District 2 Candidates For Council

We have two candidates vying for District 2, Krista Snow and Barry Dalrymple. This is the second election for this District, which was created in 2004. Both candidates have a website containing the important information that you need to make your decision on how to vote.

Krista Snow is the incumbent in this District. She was elected in 2004. Two very visible contributions she has supported in Beaver Bank are the Skate Park and the new playground in Woodbine Park. She has also been a constant contributor to the Bulletin, filing a report for each issue. In these reports she has kept us informed about the happenings in the District. Two areas of concern that she is currently working on are: pushing for an area rate exemption for seniors and extending the trails system from Fall River/Shubie to our side of Kinsac Lake. Many of her columns can be read on our website and at hers [www.kristasnow.ca](http://www.kristasnow.ca). Please see page 10 for her current column.

Barry Dalrymple is the single competitor for the Council position. He was born and raised in Fall River/Windsor Jct and is a 32-year veteran of the RCMP, having worked in Manitoba and NS. He has worked as an NCO in charge of offices, Shift Commander and worked plain-clothed with the Major Crime Unit. He retired two years ago, but has been a long-time volunteer with organizations such as Baseball and Hockey, the Lions Club, the LWF Community Hall & Fire Dept, the District 2 Vision Committee and the Waverly Sports Park. He sees great potential in our District and is no stranger to service to the community. He further outlines his priorities and visions on his website at [www.barrydal.com](http://www.barrydal.com).

I urge you to consider your candidates and get out to vote.

*-Dorothy Selig*

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### Candidates For HRSB in District 8:

Donna Hubbard,

email: [kenhubbard@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:kenhubbard@ns.sympatico.ca)

Paul Russell,

website: [www.paulrussellforhrsb.ca](http://www.paulrussellforhrsb.ca)

Please note: the School Board District boundaries are no longer the same as the ones for Council, we are in District 8 for the School Board. There will be 8 Board Members, and one African Nova Scotian Member. Log on to the HRSB website to see if you qualify to vote for the African Nova Scotian Member, there are three candidates; Irvine Carvery, Reed Jones & Morton Simmonds. Check out all the candidates, [www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca), and read the profiles that have been posted.

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# D250

## Make Your Mark

It is vitally important for us to reflect on the importance of our democracy and on how it came to be. Nova Scotia is the birthplace of Canadian democracy. It was 250 years ago, in 1758, that the first democratic legislative elections took place in what is now Canada. That election chose the first members of the Nova Scotia legislature. Without that initial step we would not be where we are today—freely able to choose the people we want to govern us.

Yes, the franchise was narrow, and there weren't many voters in that first election—but that has all changed and evolved into the universal franchise we now enjoy. Every adult can have his or her say. But regrettably not all of us make the modest effort required to participate in our democracy. That needs to change.

That's why the Nova Scotia government established, and our federal government provided, the major funding for Democracy 250 or D250—a substantive effort both to remind all of us that it's vitally important to participate in our democracy—to vote in every election for every level of government; and to remind us that it all started here in Nova Scotia.

The right to vote has steadily expanded to include all adult citizens.

Democracy has grown in other ways with the perhaps the most important milestone along this road to real freedom and accountability—occurred right here in HRM. It was in Halifax, in what is now the library of the provincial legislature, that Joseph Howe won the right to freely publish the news—all the news about what was happening and who was making it happen—Joe Howe won “freedom” of the Press—the first and the biggest step on the road to government accountability. Ever since Joe Howe, our political representatives have had to keep us informed about what they are doing on our behalf and why, as well as to truthfully respond to our questions and concerns about their actions and behavior.

These are important things we all should know and remember—that's what Democracy 250 is all about—helping us know and remember these things – rekindling our pride in our own roll and responsibility in determining what kind of a country, province, municipality we want- and making sure we exercise that responsibility.

So when you see the signs, advertisements, and news report regarding D250 or when you see the D250 logo at events you are attending—just take a few seconds to recommit yourself to voting in the federal and municipal elections that are coming up.

Feel free to call me personally at 292-6841 and really get involved!

*-David Montgomery*

*(Peter Stoffer Continued from page 8)*

and community spirit as neighbours and friends reached out to one another.

Visiting the shelters and community centres, I was struck by the firm bonds that developed between individuals who had never met and between families who reached out to others in need. I was proud to witness such strong community spirit and organization in the face of a disaster.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the emergency responders who fought hard to bring the fire under control, who maintained peace and order in the affected areas and who responded to the many families in need.

Their courage, dedication and professionalism are exemplary, and certainly lessened the damage that could have been caused by the fire.

I hope that you will be in touch with my office to add your voice to the issues you feel passionately about. As our province, and country, celebrate 250 years of parliamentary democracy, the time has never been better for you to be a part of your representative democracy.

I wish you and those close to you all the best in the Fall season.

*-Peter Stoffer, MP*

A list of Community Supporters who have purchased Yearly Shares will appear in the next Bulletin. Thank You!

## Purchase a Yearly Share in the Community & Support the BBCAA

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please make payment payable to “BBCAA” or “Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association”  
This form and payment can be dropped off at Barrett Lumber Company, Hartlen's Esso, or the Policing Office.***

## This Page in the Online Edition Only

### An Open Letter From Paul Russell—Candidate for the District 8 School Board Member

Hi folks,

Four years ago, in 2004, I knew my life would change completely. I had significant family issues that I knew would eventually end my marriage. I also knew it wouldn't be fair to the students or the rest of my community to have that distraction while I tried to serve on the Board for 2004 - 2008. For this reason, and this reason alone, I decided to not re-offer. My marriage has now ended, which means that I can focus as a Board Member, once again, on the requirements of the students.

Not only \*can\* I focus on those requirements, but it's come to my realization over the past four years that I \*have to\*. The work that I had started while on the Board, with respect for the Consultant for Safe Schools position for example, had no Board Member to continue the push. Unfortunately, for the students, this past Board had some incredible problems that they were simply not able to overcome. Too many things got forgotten; too many bad examples were set.

I am glad to have learned what I did through my first term. It will certainly make things easier this time. I will be able to get things going for the students, immediately, while my co-Board Members are still learning what their role is.

What I would like to achieve will take a lot of time and patience, but I ultimately believe it will be worth while. What I will discuss is a list of "what I'd like" and is not a list of "promises". I've learned that the only two promises that a Board Member can make (and expect to keep) are 1) to do my absolute best for the future of our children; and 2) to remind my fellow Board Members do the same. I've learned that the Board works when it works together, and I will do everything that I can to make that happen.

1) The Board is going to publish test scores for our students across all of our schools. This is a fantastic step, and it's the result of years of work. While we will only find out, at the Board Meeting at the end of the month, what this publication will look like, I would like it to include certain things. I have shared these thoughts with the Superintendent and hope that she considers them in her final report. I want the report to: 1) reflect the results for all students, not just the average or the gifted ones; 2) reflect the four grade levels of 3, 6, 9, and 12; and 3) be the results of a nationally standardized test, so that we can realistically assess how our students are doing across a broad range. This is a very big step to ensure that our Board is the "most improved".

2) I would like to see more flexibility for special situations. I consider it a mark of a mature organization if it can make exceptions to the rule, without losing sight of the goal of the organization. I consider it a reasonably immature organization if it sets policies and it absolutely refuses to deviate from those policies, regardless of the situation.

3) I also believe that education deserves more respect in the eyes of the public and of the government. Our children are our future and, in my opinion, should be our priority. Even if a person doesn't have any children of their own, someone else's child will receive enough education to become that person's doctor. Over the past 200 years, especially, the level of education has increased and the general health problems in the community have decreased as a result. I would like to see this trend continue.

4) School Safety has been a concern of mine for years, and was a driving factor in me being the Chair of the Committee for Safe Schools. I want our schools to

be safe places. This does not mean that I want our schools to be locked down and have armed security guards -- rather I want the moods of the schools to be good enough for those to not be required.

5) In a theme related to the testing, I would like the Board to be able to conduct meaningful evaluations of the teachers. These would not be published, but they should be able to determine where teachers excel, where they don't, and what should be done about it when they don't excel. Do they need more coaching or training in certain areas, or is there a point that no amount of coaching or training will be suitable? This is certainly within the Provincial mandate and not the Board's, but I would like the Board to apply appropriate pressure to the Department of Education to make this happen.

6) Finally, for too long we have seen additional supports provided to our disadvantaged students, but very little for our gifted students. I would work to make sure that our gifted students are fully challenged, so that they retain their interest in (and develop some passion for) their education.

I believe in the future of our children. I want to give them the best opportunities and the best environment possible. I hope that you believe that I'm able to make a difference with that.

Paul

## Sidewalk Selection - From Councillor's Corner

Regarding the installation of new sidewalks, HRM staff assesses and evaluates new sidewalk locations utilizing a specific set of criteria. The primary criteria includes the proximity to schools and similar institutions, the classification of the street or road, the ability or inability to use the shoulder area for walking purposes, and whether an existing sidewalk is located on one side of the street. Generally speaking the highest rated locations are given priority for inclusion into the capital program. However, integration is a factor and if multiple assets can be addressed at the same time (paving upgrade with a new sidewalk installation), consideration will be reviewed. Currently HRM has approximately 225 new sidewalk locations on the capital program list. Based on funding levels, staff advances 8 10 locations in the annual new sidewalk program.

With respect to the upgrade of existing sidewalks, staff utilizes a rating system that focuses on four main distress types (faulting, cracking, spalling and patching). Typically the highest rated sidewalks are given priority; however as with other projects described above, lower rated sidewalks may be selected if the work can be integrated with the upgrade of another infrastructure asset (ie., pavement). Currently HRM has approximately 150 kilometers of existing sidewalk that require a capital improvement with roughly 5 kilometres being upgraded on an annual basis.

HRM (as with many other levels of government across North America) faces difficult challenges regarding the condition of the pavement (and sidewalk) infrastructure and the associated rising costs for rehabilitation. Staff are cognizant of the varying problems, and endeavour to balance the strategy decisions with funding levels. Like most governments, businesses and families, we have to manage within our budget levels which ultimately determines the number of streets and sidewalks that can be upgraded each year. For more information on our pavement management and sidewalk rating systems, please visit our website at <http://www.halifax.ca/designcon/cons/IMS.html>.