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“The Great Community Festival” a Roaring Success!

The August 23rd Festival attracted more than 1,000 people throughout the day and generated more than \$16,000.00 toward the costs of fixtures and fittings for the new Prospect Road Community Centre.

Organization and preparations for “The Great Community Festival” were overseen by Rhonda Dea, Chair of the Fund Raising sub-committee of the Prospect Road Community Centre Steering Committee and her small but mighty team of dedicated volunteers.

The festival was made possible through a grant from HRM and the support of local businesses and community organizations, such as Labatt’s, Gallo Wines, Bacardi breezers, Friends for Life Daycare, Re-design, the ROC, Prospect Road Lions, our local Fire Department and Department of National Defense. We also want to recognize the financial contribution from Aqualine Plumbing. The day started with the arrival of the SeaKing Helicopter, attracting great interest from young and old alike.

The young and young-at-heart had a blast enjoying all of the interactive games and activities provided by Glow Promotions during the afternoon. Live entertainment provided easy listening with a variety of artists including Union 24, Glory hound and the Sky Hawks, Richards and Antoniac and Blast from the Past. D- Jays Kate Milton and local favorite Trevor Probert kept things rolling along all day and night.

It was great to see so many residents out in support of the community centre. We were grateful for all of the volunteers who helped to make the Festival such a huge success. We especially want to acknowledge the enormous volunteer contribution of Rita Schwartz and Lynn Ledrew Martin. We encourage everyone to “watch this space” for information on the “2009 Great Community Festival.” **Thanks again for your wonderful support!**

Community Centre Update

The Prospect Road Community Centre Steering Committee (PRCCSC) was struck August 2005 as a result of a call for applications issued by HRM.

The PRCCSC is a volunteer committee comprised of Prospect Road area representatives and HRM staff and our District Councillor. The committee members include:

Community Representatives

Barb Allen - *Terence Bay*

Lisa Beddow - *Hatchet Lake*

Kelly Morrissey - *MacDonald's Lake*

Jessica Morrissey - *MacDonald's Lake*

Rhonda Dea - *MacDonald's Lake*

Lisa Mullin - *Shad Bay*

Wendy Purcell - *Whites Lake*

Dave McDonald - *Whites Lake*

Lindsay Rice - *Brookside*

Julia Watt - *Hatchet Lake*

HRM Representatives

Councillor Reg Rankin

Doug Branscombe

Margaret Soley

Mike MacDonald

Peter Greechan

The role of the Steering committee is to work with community, the Municipality and independent consultants to design and build the Prospect Road Community Centre.

The committee began meeting in Sept. 2005 - all members terms are for the life of the Steering Committee.

The first task of the committee was to assist with public consultation in preparation of a Needs Assessment – the final report was published in June 2006.

To date we have held 44 regular Steering committee meetings, numerous sub-committee meetings, & 5 public meetings.

10 sub-committees have been struck:

- 1) Policy
- 2) Site Selection
- 3) RFP
- 4) Programming
- 5) Facility Management
- 6) Facility Design - Construction
- 7) Communication
- 8) Fund Raising
- 9) Sponsorship
- 10) Finance

Some of these sub-committees only need to be active for a short period of time, while others will be in place until the facility is built.

The Steering committee has held public information sessions at key stages of the planning and implementation process – our last such meeting was our October 8th 2008 AGM. Drawings 95% complete.

We have worked collaboratively with the Architect, Davison, Seamone, Rickard, Adams Architects Inc, to ensure the design for the proposed new Community Centre for the Prospect communities meets the needs identified in the Needs Assessment report.

An advertising campaign created through a partnership with NSCAD features local residents on posters and billboard.

A logo for the community centre was also created through a partnership with NSCAD

There is a web page for the community centre – www.centre.prospectcommunities.com

The Steering committee helped promote the opportunity for community groups to apply to become the management board for the new facility.

The Resource Opportunities Centre – ROC - were successful in their application to become the community management board for the new facility and the Steering committee is working with them through the transition, with the support of HRM staff.

Our fund raising committee, in partnership with the ROC, held a variety of events the most ambitious of which was the very successful "Great Community Festival" held August 23rd 2008.

A great big thanks to all of the volunteers who serve on the Steering Committee and its many sub-committees, the ROC volunteer board, and to HRM for the enormous support they are providing – without these great efforts this incredible opportunity would not be within our grasp.



Coming up...

Watch for more exciting fund raising events and opportunities in the near future including a Donor Recognition Campaign and our Corporate Partnership Package.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved in any of the PRCCSC sub-committees or could offer assistance in seeking personal or corporate donations to equip the new facility please contact Barb Allen barb@prospectcommunities.com – we are actively recruiting people with sales experience.

If you work for a community minded company or have philanthropic contacts who would be willing to support our efforts, please contact us so that we can present our Donor Recognition/ Partnership Proposal Package for consideration.

DSRA, the architects have revised the documents to accommodate the various issues raised in the review process.

The tender documents are complete, the cost consultant has prepared the Class A estimate.

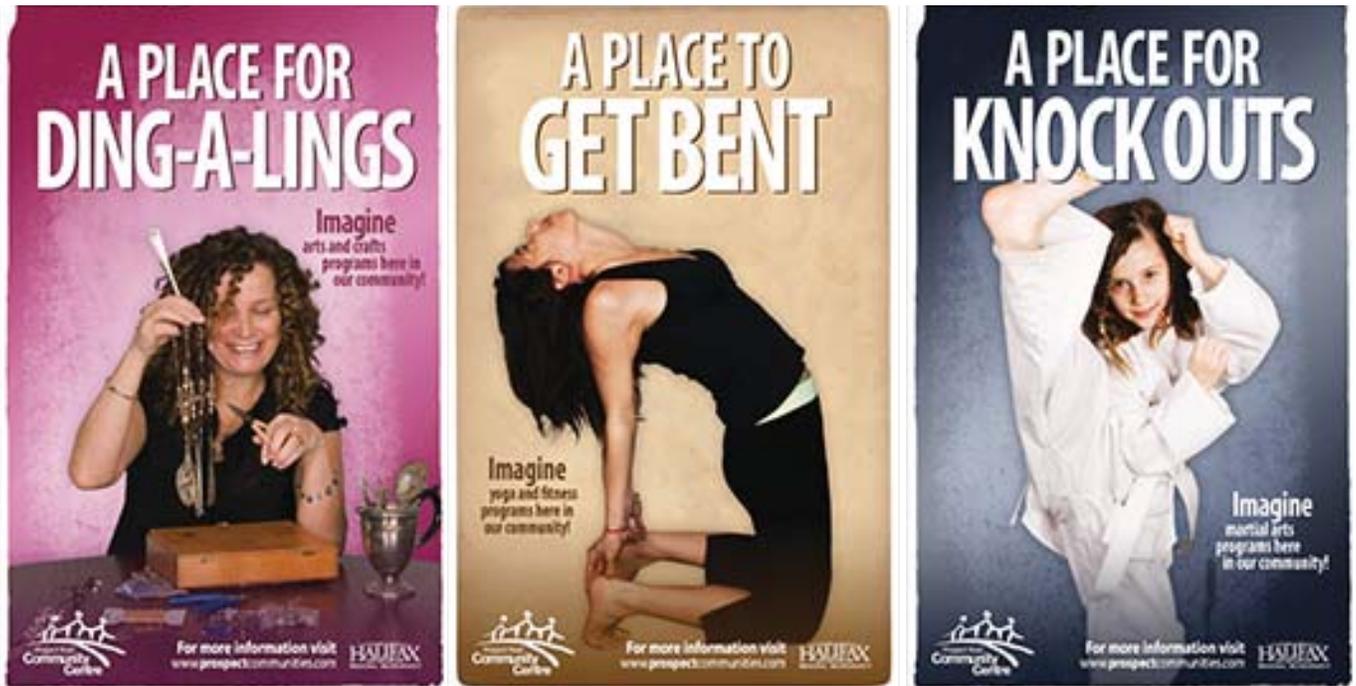
The information regarding construction costs will be used in the report to Council to seek the additional funding required for this project to move to tender.

Dec. 9th is the anticipated date for the report to go to Council.

There have been a few delays in our original time line, but we still anticipate that the project will go to tender in the first few weeks of December 2008, in order that the proposed facility be constructed before the end of 2009.



New Prospect Community Centre promotional material



Community Centre - Fund Raising Report

The Fund Raising Committee has been busy the last several months. After a very successful Community Festival in August which raised upwards of \$16,000 for the centre we are now moving forward with some smaller projects. In October we held a Scrap booking Day with all proceeds going towards the Prospect Road Community Centre. Three new events are scheduled for the near future starting with the New Years Eve Bash at the Terence Bay Fire Hall. This event sold out within days of the tickets going on sale. With the success of the tickets sales two more events are planned for 2009: a Valentines Day Dance (February 14th) and a St Patricks Day Karaoke Kitchen Party (March 14th) both of which are being held at the Terence Bay Fire Hall.

Watch for our updates on our sign located at the Irving Station on the Prospect Rd. and Prospect Communities.com

The Fund Raising Committee has also begun to meet to plan next years Great Community Festival. We are starting early this year in hopes of picking up some really great sponsors.

If anyone is interested in joining the Fund Raising Committee they can contact Rhonda Dea by phone at 850-2367 or by email at: dear@halifax.ca



The sign that marks the area on route 333 where the Community Centre will be constructed

Accomplishments and Milestones for the ROC



Shelley Thomas - Chair

I have lived in Terence Bay all my life. I've been a Capital Health employee for the past 25 years and a community volunteer for the past 7 years, and Chair of the ROC. I am excited to be involved in the New Prospect Road Community Centre and look forward to the day the doors open for you!

During the past year the ROC has met a variety of milestones. Here are a few things the ROC accomplished in the past year:

- The Board extended its membership from 6 to 15 members
- The Board is now also the Management Board of the planned Prospect Road Community Centre
- The ROC is now working collaboratively with the Prospect Road Community Centre Steering Committee and HRM to assume the Management responsibilities for the new facility
- The Prospect Road Community Centre is expected to go out to tender before the end of the year
- The ROC employed 3 summer students and hosted a variety of summer programs and were great help in making the Community Festival a huge success!
- The 3 year long Building Bridges Project came to a successful close
- The ROC celebrated the retirement of Barb Allen, who has given much to the community



The new ROC Board



Prospect Communities.com

New Visitor Information Section in the Works

We are currently seeking community promotional content for a new "Visitor Information" section of our website.

Our goal is to provide information about all of the thirteen communities we serve (Goodwood to West Dover) including: a brief community description, places to stay and eat, businesses, things to do, unique characteristics, maps, hiking trails, craft shops & artist studios, scenic photos, special attractions & events, etc.

If you're interested in participating in this project in any way, please email: mail@prospectcommunities.com, or contact Jason at the ROC (902) 852-2622

Please note: Technical skills are optional.

A New View in Terence Bay

The Demolishing of the Fish Plant Marks the End of an Era.



The partiality demolished fish plant in Terence Bay

Meet the ROC Board of Directors



Olga Kits - Vice-chair

I am a recent resident of beautiful Terence Bay where I live with my partner Lynette and our dog and cat. I joined the ROC to help build a better community for the Prospect Area. At Dalhousie University, I work on health policy and the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA).



Wendy Purcell - Treasurer

I am a resident of White's Lake for five years. My profession is Adult and Family Services at the Halifax & Region MFRC. I enjoy Volunteer work and value "building community". I am currently on the Steering Committee for the PRCC and Treasurer for the ROC. I am proud to be working with such a dedicated and passionate community and look forward to this project coming to fruition.

Jan Delaney

Jan is the representative for the Prospect Seniors Network.



Dave McDonald

A resident of White's Lake, my wife Helena and I have three daughters Melissa, Maggie and Hannah. We value enormously the progressive yet rural setting offered by our unique community. Having the opportunity to contribute to the improvement of our collective quality of life, through volunteerism, is both a pleasure and an education that we value greatly.



Ariella Pahlke

I have lived in Terence Bay for 17 years and have been involved with numerous community projects in the area, including being one of the founding members of the Resource Opportunities Centre. I work as a documentary filmmaker and educator.



Laurie Slaunwhite

I grew up and continue to reside in the sea side community of Terence Bay. I enjoy working with children and love my career as an elementary teacher. My involvement with the ROC stems from my interest in community and the families it serves.



Carol Anne Little -Secretary

I am a life long resident of White's Lake and my professional background has largely been spent in the not-for-profit sector working in health care and social service disciplines, and Phoenix Youth Programs is where I currently hang my business hat.



Rhonda Dea

I am a lifelong resident of Hatchet Lake, I live in the Macdonald Lake subdivision with my husband Mike, son Rory and dog Jax. I work with HRM Recreation as an Aquatic Specialist. I am a true believer in giving back to your community and I sit on the committee for the Prospect Rd. Community Center and joined the ROC



Peter Jollimore

I live in Hatchet Lake with my wife Shirley and three children Allison, Rob and Kate. I work with HRM Recreation and volunteer with many groups in our community. If you have ideas for recreation please share them with me.



Heatheranne Menear-Bratty

I live in Brookside with my family and have been designing and implementing Health and Fitness programs for 17 years throughout HRM for various populations. I specialize in injury recovery/prevention for all ages and chronic conditions and I work with several organizations to analyze their current program facility and offerings.



Rita Schwartz

I have lived in Shad Bay for 20 years with my husband John and son Garrett. I enjoy volunteer work and have recently become involved with the ROC and have the opportunity of working with a great group of people.



Shane Slaunwhite

I have lived in Terence Bay the majority of my life and I have been actively involved with a host of activities, especially fastball. I am very excited about the new community centre and I enjoy working with a great Board of Directors.



Did You Know That Your Area Has a Seniors' Network?

The Seniors Network organizes two bus trips a year (spring and fall), a Valentine's Day Tea, computer and exercise classes, BBQs and weekly drop-ins to bring seniors together.

Weekly Get Togethers:

Every Wednesday, we have a drop-in centre at the White's Lake Legion from 1-3, where seniors can come to socialize with one another. There are currently 46 registered members from the ages of 55-94. Every Wednesday, 25-35 members come out to play cards (you name it, they play it), board games, pool and even darts. The men love the darts, they think they're very good at it but the women are starting to give them a good run at it. A board game called Sequence seems to be the favourite game (we have three of them). Card favourites include Crib and Forty-Fives plus any other game they can muster to the fore. The seniors are very versatile.

HRM Recreation are very supportive. They supply us with anything we may need, including crib boards, cards and darts. We supply coffee and tea. The seniors donate a loonie to cover their beverage of choice for the afternoon. Members also bring in sweets to share with the others, whenever they can. There's usually always some kind of treats.

If you are lonely, tired of staying in the house, want to get out and about and meet folks from your area, possibly make new friends, this is the place for you... Drop in to the Legion on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. We will make you most welcome. You will never find a 'bunch', 'lot', 'group' of more caring people! Just come in and introduce yourself! Hope to see you there! **For more information call: Pauline Andrews @ 852-3653 or Jan at 852-3562.**

Come Walk with Us!

Make a New Years Resolution to join other seniors in walking on Mondays from 10-11 am at Atlantic Memorial School Gym. It's a lot of fun we even have music...We started in the fall of 2008, with nine seniors walking. We would like to see that number increase. It's a big gym; the school has been kind enough to let us use it and-d-d it's FREE! **For more information - to register, call Pauline at 852-3653.**

Please note: The closing date for the Wednesday Get Togethers is December 10th, 2008 and the start up date is January 7th, 2009. The Valentine's Day Tea is February 9th, at a cost of \$3.00 for chowder, sandwiches, sweets and tea/coffee.

Seniors Network Contacts

Bayside/Blind Bay *Representative needed-call Pauline if you can help - 852-3653*

Goodwood / Brookside June Dauphinee 852-2332

Hatchet Lake Barb Otley 443-8206
Shirley Little 852-2481

Prospect Peninsula Bernadine MacMillan 852-2438

Shad Bay Ruth Osbourne 852-2628

Terence Bay Connie Drew 852-2427
Bertha Slaunwhite 852-3304

West Dover/McGrath's Cove/ East Dover *Representative needed-call Pauline if you can help 852-3653*

White's Lake Pauline Andrews 852-3653

Western Common Wilderness Area Master Plan Project

The **Western Common Wilderness Area** is a proposed 1600 hectare (about 4000 acre) portion of the Western Common to be reserved as a new Regional Park. These public lands cover the majority of the Western Common in an area encompassing Big Indian and Nichols Lakes, and undeveloped lands between Ragged Lake Business Park and the Otter Lake Solid Waste Management Facility south to the northern shore of McDonald Lake (Figure 1.)

The Wilderness Common was recommended as one of four major elements of the Western Commons Concept Land Use Plan presented in a 1999 study commissioned by HRM called Planning for the Western Common. (Figure 2.)

The primary goals of the current Wilderness Commons study are to conduct a community consultation process and subsequently develop a Master Plan that provides a sustainable vision by preserving the ecological integrity of the area while supporting outdoor recreation activities. The Master Plan is expected to be developed early in 2009.

Halifax Regional Municipality has started a public planning process to create a master plan for the proposed Wilderness Area of the Western Common. HRM and its project consultants, Environmental Design Management Ltd. (EDM), will work closely with the Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee (WCWAC), which has been formed to provide local citizen oversight for the project. Over the next few months the municipality will be seeking public input into the project to establish community needs from this valued natural area.

There's currently a project website under construction with background documents for review. The site is also planned to feature a comments page. The site is available at: <http://www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/WCWA/index.html>

Comments and questions can be sent to the attention of the Western Common Wilderness Area Master Plan Project at: parkplan@halifax.ca

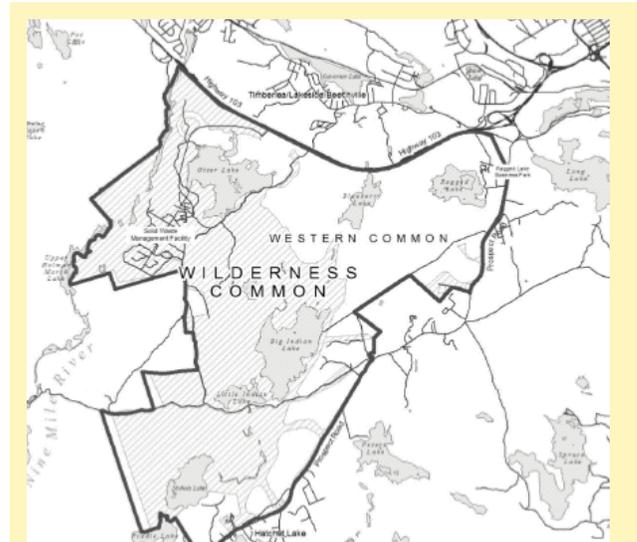


Figure 1: Wilderness Common (hatched area)

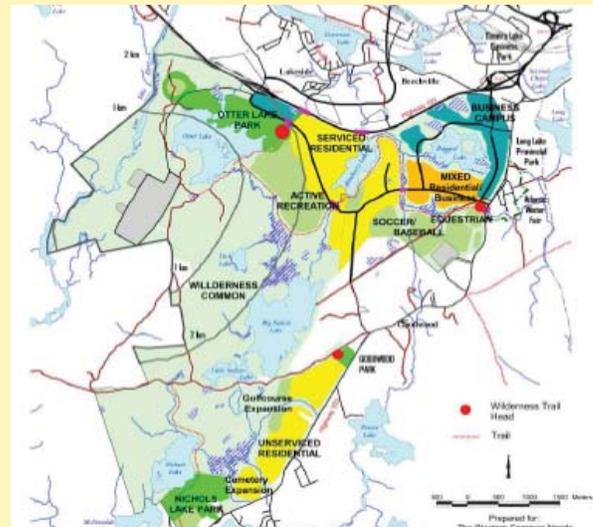


Figure 2: 1999 Conceptual Land Use Plan

Happy Holidays

Councillor Reg Rankin, District 22, extends his sincere best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to residents of the Prospect communities. Reg looks forward to representing the people of the Prospect area on Halifax Regional Council for the next 4 years.





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News from the Board of Directors

With the submission of an Expression of Interest in becoming the management group for the new Prospect Community Centre, the ROC actively recruited residents to join the organizations Board of Directors. At the AGM earlier this year the Board of Directors increased in size from six to thirteen members, with the ability to increase up to fifteen members.

This is a very exciting turn of events for the organization and signifies a period of transition for the ROC, as the mission and mandate of the organization expands to include facility management duties.

The ROC Board of Directors meets on average once a month and as we move forward the organization will have the support and expertise of HRM staff.

If you or someone you know would like to put your name forward to become a member, please contact Shelley Thomas at 852-3092.

Our current Board of Directors are:

Shelley Thomas - Chair

Carol Anne Little - Secretary

Rhonda Dea

Peter Jollimore

Heatheranne Menear-Bratty

Rita Schwartz

Shane Slaunwhite

Olga Kits - Vice-Chair

Wendy Purcell - Treasurer

Jan Delaney

Dave McDonald

Ariella Pahlke

Laurie Slaunwhite

Staff

Jason Bungay – Technology manager

The ROC and its staff are here to serve the community. Contact ROC for more information, or for assistance.

Want to be a Volunteer?

The ROC has a variety of positions available for interested volunteers. Computer experience is not necessary for all positions. This is a wonderful way to gain valuable work experience, learn about your community and share your skills!

Positions available include: Site supervisor, Community portal editors, Instructors, Community Outreach, events planner/organizer, and more!

ROC Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday 1:00 am - 7:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 12 noon

Contact: Resource Opportunities Centre
1714 Lower Prospect Rd
Terence Bay, NS B3T 1Y6
Phone: 902-852-2622
Fax: 902-852-3267
e-mail: mail@prospectcommunities.com
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The ROC is located in the Terence Bay Elementary School. The front entrance is on Sandy Cove Road. Parking is available beside the ball field.