



# MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Hantsport School Study has been completed and submitted to the AVRSB. The deadline was October 31, 2008. This has now been extended to April 30, 2009. It will be a few months before we hear the date for our presentation. Our sincere thanks go out to our consultant Jemma Lambert for an excellent job, and to others who participated.

Our very sincere congratulations to our Hantsport Shamrocks. This year the team won the Nova Scotia Intermediate Baseball championship, and are also the provincial Intermediate "AAA" Champions. Over the last 13 years the Shamrocks have captured 9 Intermediate league, 9 provincial Intermediate, and 3 Atlantic Intermediate Championships. This is outstanding for baseball and means so much more for our Town and community.

A special thank you to the under 16 boys soccer team. They made a donation to the Town for \$925 which is to go towards the new recreation field

on Foundry Road.

The Tannery Road bridge will not be ready until Summer 2009. This is due to the approval, tendering, and construction process according to our provincial sources.

Our new council was sworn in on November 4th. We have three former councillors, Donald Rockwell, Peter Murray and Faye Hill. The three new councillors are Harold Bulger, Shannon Cunningham, and Robbie Zwicker. Donald Rockwell was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor at the regular November meeting. Congratulations to all and we look forward to the next four years and a very productive council. Committee structures shall be available once they are formed over the next few weeks.

Our sincere appreciation to all who attended the Remembrance Day service and to all who helped organize and make the service such a success. I believe we had record numbers. Special thanks to the firefight-

ers for hosting the banquet for our veterans and other guests. The meal was excellent and another tribute to our firefighters who do so much for our community. The presentation by Doug Coldwell was most interesting and meant a lot to all of us.

Hantsport Shopping Night is scheduled for November 27th. With the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00pm at the Town Hall. Hope to see you there to join us in the singing of carols. Have the best Christmas ever and a prosperous New Year.

Our sincere thanks to all of you for the honour of serving.

Merry  
Christmas  
&  
Happy  
New Year!

## PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS



There are many pets and wild animals living in the Town. We need to manage our space together so we do not cause injury to animals or a nuisance to our neighbours.

Our dog by-law requires dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash when not on their property and to clean up after their pets. Many cats are outdoor

cats and enjoy greater freedom. But, owners are encouraged to neuter their pets whenever possible. The number of stray cats in Town is increasing and some residents have been putting out food for these animals. This is causing both a nuisance and a disturbance to their neighbours

and attracts skunks, raccoons and other rodents. **Please do not feed your pets or stray animals outside your home.** If you feel a cat is a stray or in trouble please call the SPCA. If you feel a dog is a stray and in trouble please call dog control officer at 678-3647.

## HANTSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS UPDATE

As Chairperson of Ways & Means of the Hantsport Fire Department I would like to provide an explanation on how our fundraising and grant money is spent. The following are a list of grants received:

### **Provincial Grant #1 for \$83,100.**

The first purchase was a new compressor to fill the Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles. The new compressor replaced a unit that was over 25 years old and had safety issues.

The second purchase was a new Zodiac for water rescue. The older 14' vessel with 25hp motor was not suitable for the Avon River. We consulted with representatives from the Coast Guard who recommended a boat that would be suitable for the conditions in our area, and best allow the HFD to assist them. On nine occasions, over the past two years, we have been called to assist with an incident on the Avon River. The Avon River and Minas Basin continue to be used for fishing and recreational activity more each year. Whenever an incident occurs the HFD receives the call for assistance. We felt if we are going to receive these calls, then we need the proper gear and safety equipment to effectively conduct a search or rescue.

The third purchase went towards the construction of a new storage annex at the Recreation Field on Foundry Rd. This was a joint venture with the Town of Hantsport and will provide the HFD with additional space to properly store equipment and other apparatus.

### **Provincial Grant #2 for \$63,000.**

The first purchase was used to upgrade the SCBA. As of November 2008, standards have changed and replacing the equipment costs close to \$6,000 per SCBA. In order to meet the standard, several of the SCBA had to be upgraded. The Fire Chief, together with other Fire Chiefs in the area, will place one order to reduce the unit cost of the equipment. The cooperative decision will allow SCBA and the accessories to be interchanged between the Fire Departments. Since the members of these departments will be trained to use one type of SCBA it will make their jobs safer and more efficient.

The second purchase will be to upgrade the 20+ year-old radio system. The new digital communication system will provide a more reliable communication channel.

### **EKM Grant & Paramedic Community Development Funds over \$25,000.**

Both grants went toward the payment of the Zodiac and a new biphasic defibrillator for our medical first response (MFR) program.

### **Kings Tec Campus fundraiser.**

Thanks to Brandi Cochrane and her classmates at the Nova Scotia Community College, they raised enough money to purchase another defibrillator for the Hantsport Fire Hall.

### **Corporate Donations of \$6,000.**

Minas Basin & CKF donated \$6,000 to help pay the remaining cost for the upgrade of the compressor.

### **Public Donations.**

The funds raised from this years events,

and the plaque & brick campaign, will be used to pay back the loan on our new Fire Rescue vehicle. In less than 6 months we have raised half of the \$30,000 loan, as a direct result of our member's fundraising efforts. In 2007 the HFD presented a five year plan to Town Council, because of our hard work, the HFD have accomplished a large percentage of the goals.



The costs and standards of fire service equipment and training continue to increase significantly. We have been able to buffer a great portion of this cost to our municipal taxpayers by seeking alternative funding. Please continue to support the HFD and help fundraise for safe and effective equipment. No cost is too high when it comes to someone's life or property.

I would also like to recognize Fire Chief Maynard for his hard work, along with his team of officers, for their tremendous efforts in balancing both growth and fiscal responsibility to the municipal taxpayers. Without their hard work, the cost of fire protection in Hantsport would be much greater.

Please thank the more than 40 volunteers—working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year—for their dedication and work.

Karrie Balsor,  
Chair of Ways & Means

## HANTSPORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Merry Christmas from the Hantsport and Area Business Association.

### **Shopping Party Night Thursday, Nov. 27th, 2008 at 6 p.m.**

6:00 pm—Tree Lighting Ceremonies with Special Guests: Valley Voices and Hantsport School Choir

6:45 pm—Santa Land at the Hantsport Legion. Bring your camera!

6:00 pm—9:00 pm—Lots of in-store specials, refreshments and so much more! Enter to win a present from Santa's Sack.

### **Annual Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2008**

10:00 am—4:00 pm Annual Craft Fair at Historic Churchill House. For more information visit [www.haba.ca](http://www.haba.ca)

### **Help Us Help Others!**

Drop your non-perishable food items to Pharmasave in support of the "Help Us Help Others" Program from HABA for a chance to win \$100 HABA Dollars **on Nov. 27th/08.**

## HANTSPORT RECREATION DEPT. NEWS

**Adult Aerobics classes** have not been forgotten about, we are still looking for an instructor to run the classes. If anyone is interested in becoming a certified aerobics instructor please contact Nichole at 684-3200 for more information.

**Senior Bus Trip to Halifax** will take place on Thursday November 27th. Bus will leave the Legion at 9:00am and return at 5:00pm. Please contact the Town

Hall at 684-3211 to reserve your seat today.

**How to build an outdoor rink session** will be held on December 10, 2008 at 7:00pm at the New Minas Civic centre. It is open to anyone interested in learning how to build outdoor skating rinks. The session is an hour and a half. **Deadline to register is December 8th.** For more information please contact Kings County Recreation

at 690-6191 or New Minas Parks and Recreation at 681-6577.

**2009 New Years Levee** will take place on January 1st from 1:00 pm-3:00pm at the Hantsport Town Hall. Please feel free to stop in for a nice social event, and enjoy some refreshments.

**Hantsport School Christmas Concert** December 16th at 6:30pm



## HANTSPORT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

HMCC had a very successful AGM and elected the following people to the Board. We are currently establishing our committee and priorities. More to come in the New Year.

Crystal Fuller – Co-President  
Steve Miller – Co-President  
Bertina Evers – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,  
Kelly Bennett – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President,  
Jeff Selig - Treasurer,  
Kate Sircom - Secretary,  
Leah Winter, Susan Starratt, Angela Pelton,  
Ron Such, Margot Bureaux, Andy Mclean.

In addition, the Town of Hantsport will nominate two people from Council to sit on the HMCC Board.

### HMCC Annual Christmas Dinner

The HMCC Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Churchill House and will begin at 6.00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at Pharmasave and at the Town Hall. See you there.

### HMCC is looking for volunteers.

If you are interested in helping HMCC, please contact Chrystal Fuller at 684-0448 or [cfuller@sympatico.ns.ca](mailto:cfuller@sympatico.ns.ca) to discuss opportunities to get involved. We have several committees that are looking for members or perhaps you would like to help with events, help with the grounds or assist in some other way. I look forward to hearing from you.

With the Christmas Season upon us, we have a number of functions taking place at Churchill House. If anyone has an **ARTIFICIAL TREE** and **EXTRA DECORATIONS** (inside and out) that they no longer use, we would greatly appreciate the donation. Please contact Kelly Bennett (684-0119) with donations or questions.

**Heat Smart  
Helping Nova  
Scotians stay warm.  
The heating assistance  
rebate application is  
now available.  
Please contact:  
Chuck Porter's  
Office for more  
Information  
798-5779**

## PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Next meeting November 26, 2008 6pm Subject: Commercial Development**

Hantsport residents are invited to give public input at this meeting. There is an opportunity for two ten-minute public presentations. To make a presentation you must notify Town Hall.

**Notifications of presentations for the November meeting must be received by noon on Tuesday, November 25.** There will also be a fifteen minute question/comment period at the end of the meeting For further information please contact the Committee Secretary [lorraine@hantsportnovascotia.com](mailto:lorraine@hantsportnovascotia.com)





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**TOWN OF HANTSPORT CURRENT EVENTS**

November 27—Hantsport Christmas Shopping Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony 6-9pm	December 6 —HMCC Christmas dinner. Tickets available at Pharmasave and the Town Hall	December 31—New Years eve dance featuring “Jokers Right” at the Hantsport Fire Department. 9-1am. Tickets are 15.00 and can be bought at Pharmasave, Shipsland-ing and Hantsport Town Hall.
November 27—Seniors Shopping Bus Trip to Halifax at 9am. Call 684-3211 to reserve your seat	December 10—Outdoor rink building information session. New Minas Civic Centre 7pm.	January 1— New Years Levee at the Town Hall 1-3pm
December 4— Hantsport School Craft Expo 4-8pm. Tables available to rent please contact 684-4000 for more information.	December 16—Hantsport School Christmas Concert 6:30pm	