



# MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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Happy  
Groundhog Day!



Spring is around the corner, six more weeks of winter!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Our planned kick off for 2009 in the form of our usual levee on January 1st was forced to be canceled due to poor weather conditions. However, the fire-fighters annual banquet held on January 17th was a huge success. The awards, dinner catered by the Hants Border Ladies Auxiliary, and the play by the Accidental Actors was very well received. My very special thanks to Donald Rockwell, new Deputy Mayor, for his 17 years as chair of the fire committee and congratulations on his award from the department recognizing this achievement. All the best to Peter Murray, as our new chair of the fire committee. Also congratulations to Karrie Balsor on receiving the John L. Hicking firefighter of the year, chosen by her peers in the department.

Council has been very active on the truck route project. Meetings have been

held with our MLA, Chuck Porter who has shown the utmost support. We have also met with Minister Richard Hurlburt, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. We have had contacts and various input from out M P Scott Brison. We have both verbal and indication of financial support from our industries. We hope to have the result of all our hard work very soon, and will advise you as soon as this is announced. Our other infrastructure projects include water and sewer lines on Prince Street, William Street and Holmes Hill are pending. Approval for Prince Street has been received and will go to tender this spring.

In this bulletin , you will notice we are looking for a volunteer to represent our community in Halifax on April 14 for the Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony. If you have anyone

in mind please contact Nichole at 684-3200.

We are very busy working on our Planning Advisory Committee to prepare and submit and integrated community sustainability plan by 2010 as directed by the municipal funding agreement between the federal and provincial governments. We are updating our by-laws, roles and responsibilities and hope to have those completed this year. We have not heard anything from our report submitted to the School Board and do not expect to until after April. We shall advise when this is told to us.

All and all it looks like a very busy year for all of us and on behalf of our council and myself have a happy and successful year. Thank you for the privilege of serving.

## HANTSPORT RCMP NEWS

Hantsport RCMP are asking citizens to check their sheds and garages to see if they are missing a generator. The police are in possession of a Generator with the following description:

### Yamakoyo - 6500w 120/240V Generator

13.0 HP Yamakoyo 4-Cycle Engine , red in color. If you or know of anyone missing a Generator please contact the RCMP in Hantsport at 684-9020.

## HANTSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS UPDATE

Thank you for your support! For our Annual Food Bank Drive! We worked with a small crew this year, however we collected a lot and received \$530.00 in donations.

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be having an indoor flea market from 8 am-Noon, admission \$2.00. If you have items that you'd like to sell and would like to book tables please contact Karrie at 684-0062. The tables will be \$10.00 each and open for all types of sellers. The revenue generated from the door admission and sale of tables will be used towards the purchase of a new sound system for the Fire Hall.

On **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** lets celebrate the Irish holiday early with a **St. Paddy's Pub Night 9-1am \$7.00** admission at the door. We are featuring someone new to HFD "**The Hupman Brothers**", this stylish band plays Blues, Rock & Roll and Country, so come out and enjoy!

The **200 Club has been replaced** with the **HFD Firefighters Lottery**. To be eligible for the draws, a player must pay the whole fee for the ticket (\$30.00) upfront in order to collect any winnings. The lottery will run as follows ...1 draw for \$100.00 will be made every week for a period of 10 weeks on the 10<sup>th</sup> week additional draws will be made for the following.. 2 draws of \$200.00, 1 draw for \$300.00, 1 draw for \$400.00 and 1 draw for \$500.00. The draw will take place on every Friday at Canada Post. The deadline for entering a draw will be Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> with the first draw commencing on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and the final draws to be made Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be sold starting Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Shipslanding and the Town Office, your support is appreciated. The members of the past 200 Club will be called by their original sellers in February and will offer the new Lottery before it goes to Public Sale.

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** HFD will be hosting a **Safe Food Handlers Course** 9-2pm cost is \$45.00 per person. Certification is by the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and is good for 5 years. To register for the course please contact Karrie 684-0062. The payment for the course must be received by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Do you have any ideas that you would like to see at HFD just let me know!

Karrie Balsor

Chair of Way & Means

[Karrie@hantsportnovascotia.com](mailto:Karrie@hantsportnovascotia.com)

Construction will soon begin on our Brick and Plaque wall project! (Located inside of the Hantsport Fire Department).

This project is ongoing and will be re-promoted when the wall has been completed.

Thanks to all for your support and patience in building this wall.



*Karrie Balsor - 2009 John L. Hicking Fire Fighter of the year. Photo by Blaine MacCall*

## HANTSPORT AND AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Please remember to support your local businesses. Let's keep local dollars working here at home. Our community, our local businesses, our jobs and our schools all prosper. Together we will make a difference.

## THE CAREFREE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Hantsport's amateur chorus continues to sing and have fun every Monday evening from 7-8:30pm at St. Andrews Anglican Church Hall (parking lot entrance on Chittick Ave.). Under the leadership of a professional vocal teacher we are learning to sing better individually and together. You are invited to join us and learn sound vocal techniques and enjoy the social and health benefits of singing. We welcome new members at any time. Don't be shy! Give us a try! Our director, Susan Dworkin, insists anyone can learn to sing! This session we are preparing a song for the Valley Music Festival (for those who wish to participate) and some good music for the Hantsport Princess Tea. If you would like encouragement to attend or book our chorus to entertain for your event just call Lorraine McQueen 684-3166 or Joan Thompson at 684-9455.



# HANTSPORT RECREATION DEPT. NEWS

Register your children for March Break Camp 2009. Camp will start on Monday, March 16th until Friday, March 20th. Camp leaders will be Zoe Such and Kira Pederson. Camp will cost \$60.00 for the full week or \$14.00 per day. Camp will begin at 8:00am and finish for the day at 4:00. Drop off and pick up will be at the Hantsport Legion. Camp will include one bus trip. Register at the Town Hall or by calling 684-3211 or 684-3200.

begin April 1st—June 30th. Registration will take place on April 1st 7:00pm at the Churchill House. First 100 registrants will receive a free pedometer from Kellogg's Canada. For more information please check out the town website.

Do you know someone who is an outstanding volunteer and feel they should be recognized for their efforts over the past year? We are currently accepting nominations for "Volunteer of the Year" If you would like

to nominate someone please contact Nichole at 684-3200, nichole@hantsportnovascotia.com

Volunteers to serve on the Paint the Port Committee please contact Dan Jamer 684-0044, Daniel.jamer@gmail.com or Nichole Lutz at 684-3200.

Volunteers are needed for Canada Day. If you would like to be part of this years Hantsport tradition please contact Susan Carey at 684-9302 or susan@hantsportnovascotia.com

Walk the Port Challenge will

## "Take the Roof Off Winter"



# HANTSPORT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Winter Family Fun Day—Saturday February 21st 10:00am—8:00pm all events will take place on the Community Centre Grounds. Tim Horton's is sponsoring a 4x4 hockey tournament, please register at the Town Hall for this event. Other events that are scheduled to take place throughout the day: cross country skiing (bring your own or borrow ones when you arrive), horse and sleigh rides, tobogganing,

snowshoeing and scavenger hunt as well as a 50/50 draw, Bonfire lighting will take place at 6:30pm. To take care of your hunger throughout the day there will be hot dogs and hot chocolate for sale and a chili supper at the Churchill house beginning at 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Tickets are available at the Town Hall February 5th—20th or at the door on the 21st. Adults \$8.00 Children \$4.00

**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**

# HANTSPORT SHAMROCKS BASEBALL

The Hantsport Shamrocks are selling tickets as a fundraiser for their team, in support with Recreation Nova Scotia. Tickets are \$1.00 each or sold in booklets of 10. Who will benefit from the ticket sales? Community groups are the big winners by keeping 70% of ticket sales. In the past these funds have been used for operational cost, awards, special events, new equipment and uniforms. RNS uses the 30% balance to cover lottery administration costs and to help support programs like training workshops, liability insurance, newsletters and awards. Draw Date: Friday, May 1st, 2009 - 10:30 am, RNS Offices. Winners' names will be published in The Chronicle-Herald the following Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Prizes: 1st Prize - \$3,000.00 Cash, 2nd Prize - \$500.00 Cash, 3rd Prize - Weekend Get-Away package for Two at Oak Island Resort and Spa. Plus: Seven (7) Regional Prizes of \$100.00. For more information on the tickets you can contact: Doug Coldwell, or any of the Hantsport Shamrock players. c/o The Hantsport Shamrocks Baseball Club. Home: (902) 542-7355 Cell: (902) 698-0224 Email: dcoldwell@staff.ednet.ns.ca



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**RECREATION DEPT. SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

The Hantsport Recreation Department is presently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Recreation Intern                      Day Camp Counselors
- Aquatic Instructor                      Visitor Information Centre
- Tennis Instructor                      Arts & Crafts Coordinator

Deadline to submit applications: **Friday, March 20th for Recreation Intern and Friday, March 27th for all other positions.**

**Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.**

Please drop off resume/cover letter at the Town of Hantsport Recreation Department C/O Nichole Lutz between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday or send to:

Hantsport Recreation Department,  
PO Box 399, Hantsport, N.S. BOP 1P0,  
or call 684-3200 / fax 684-3227

**Full –time Seasonal Employment Opportunity  
Cemetery Caretaker— (Mid April—Mid October)**

The Cemetery caretaker is the custodian of the grounds for the Riverbank cemetery, ensuring the grounds are kept in a neat and trim condition in a manner consistent with the direction of the cemetery committee, graves and lots are regularly inspected and all deficiencies are reported in a timely manner to the Cemetery Manager.

**Qualifications:** Understanding of the special nature of the Cemetery, knowledge of good landscaping practices.

**Personal Suitability:** Responsible and able to work independently, position requires heavy physical labor.

**Please drop off resume/cover to Heather Davidson  
Cemetery Manager by February 28, 2008**

**TOWN OF HANTSPORT CURRENT EVENTS**

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| February 14— Little Princess Tea<br>Churchill House 2:00pm             | April 1—Walk the Port Challenge<br>registration 7pm at Churchill<br>House               | Awards Dinner—Halifax   |
| March 3—Town Council Meeting   | April 5—Safe Food Handling<br>Course, Hantsport Fire Hall regis-<br>ter by March 23, 09 | Would you like your event added<br>to the current events page, if so<br>please contact Nichole at 684-<br>3200 or<br><a href="mailto:nichole@hantsportnovascotia.com">nichole@hantsportnovascotia.com</a> |
| March 7—Indoor Flea Market—<br>Hantsport Fire Hall 8:00am –<br>12:00pm | April 7—Town Council Meeting  |   |
| March 16-20—March Break<br>Camp  | April 14—Provincial Volunteer   |   |