



Another Session of the Legislature Behind Us

May/June 2011

The spring session of the legislature recently wrapped up. As usual in a spring session the government introduced a budget. The budget passed with the majority NDP government. However, this does not take away from some concerns that linger with the budget.

Most concerning is the budget makes changes which will result in a downloading of provincial costs to municipalities, and thus a significant increase in property taxes to all taxpayers.

The government also introduced a new elections act. The Liberal caucus fought successfully to have regulation of third party advertising included in the legislation. However, the NDP refused to address our concerns about privacy issues in the bill, concerns which both the Privacy Commissioner and the CEO of Elections Nova Scotia indicated they also have. Unfortunately the PC caucus also did not share these concerns and, while concerns remain, the bill passed.

As summer approaches I'll continue to work hard on your behalf and I look forward to seeing you at the many summer events. I'm always available to meet with you or discuss any concerns you may have.



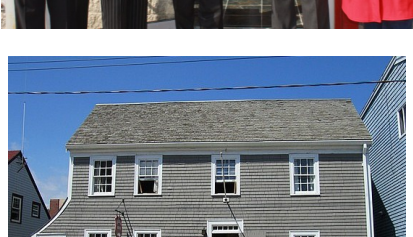
Andrew serves coffee for Camp Day at Tim Horton's in 2010. Andrew will be serving at the Waverley Road Tim Horton's from 9am until 10:30am on Wednesday June 1, 2011. Please stop by.



Quaker House Opens For Summer

Dartmouth's Quaker House will open to the public on June 7th, 2011. Hours of operation will be 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm Admission is \$2. Children under 12 free.

Stay tuned for more information on summer programming, including weekly craft activities for families, our walking tour and other exciting events.



Biomass, Renewable Energy, and Increasing Electricity Prices

Electricity issues were a major issue during the recent spring session of the legislature. With concerns over greenhouse gas emissions combined with electricity prices going up by as much as 20% over the next three years (including efficiency charges), there is an urgent need to address the issue of electricity.

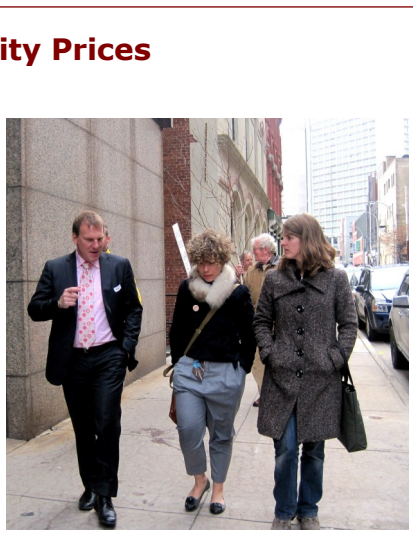
As the Liberal caucus critic for both energy and the environment, I have been very involved in monitoring renewable energy plans. This session I successfully moved an amendment to the NDP electricity act which entrenched in law a requirement for no less than 40% of all electricity to come from renewable sources by 2025. Renewable energy, over the long term, will lead to more stable energy prices.

However among the many issues, two major issues remain. The first is the need to address immediate energy costs. Upward pressure on electricity prices is causing hardship to families and businesses. This could put downward pressure on economic and employment opportunities while also making it more expensive to live.

Electricity price increases increase the cost of all goods and services. So not only do you pay more for electricity but also more for everything else.

Also of deep concern is the government definition of "renewable". The NDP have made biomass from forest sources a major driving force of their renewable energy plans. While biomass is already used for electrical generation in Nova Scotia, a massive increase with no science or forest strategy complete (as proposed by the NDP) could result in a loss of forest jobs and an increase in clear-cutting. As well, the carbon neutrality of biomass from forest sources is debatable.

Nova Scotians deserve an honest and detailed discussion about our energy future and energy security. It must begin soon.



Andrew discusses energy issues, including natural gas exploration and biomass sustainability with concerned Nova Scotians

Do You Have Pictures of Main Street Over The Years?

The 2011 Main Street calendar was hugely popular and work is already underway on the 2012 calendar. This year's calendar will feature photographs from Dartmouth, "Then and Now". Do you have any photographs from the Main Street area's past? Any photographs from personal collections or organizations from the area are welcome.

The association is especially interested in photos of:

- Boland Farm site on the NSCC campus
- British America Service Station on Main and Woodlawn
- The farms around Mt Edward Road
- Construction/early days of St Thomas More Church
- K-Mart and Plaza

Every photograph will be returned promptly to their owners. If you have any questions or have photographs to contribute to this project, contact Kate or Bill at the Main Street Business Improvement District Association office at (902) 407-3533.

Professional Development Opportunity Through Rotary

Rotarians in Nova Scotia invite applications from young professionals to participate in a professional exchange to Taiwan for the month of March 2012.

The purpose of the exchange is to promote international understanding and good will. While in Taiwan, you will have the opportunity to meet your professional counterparts. You will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about our region and country.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and travel in their district. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses. People interested in applying must be:

- employed full-time in a recognized business or profession,
- a young professional within the age range of 25 to 40,
- a resident of Rotary District 7820 (includes Nova Scotia)

For more information or a copy of the team member application, contact:

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HRM Stadium Analysis Public Consultations

Public consultations are taking place to help determine if there is a viable business case for a stadium in HRM. Open house sessions with the general public and consultations with key stakeholders are being led by Sierra Planning and Management, the consultants hired to help the Council-appointed Stadium Analysis Steering Committee during Phase 1 of the stadium consideration.

A report and recommendation from the Steering Committee will go to Regional Council this summer at which time Council will determine if the municipality will move on to Phase 2: Site selection, building program, design and more detailed facility costing. Public consultation would also be included as part of Phase 2. Phase 3, the construction phase, would only proceed with Council's further approval.

Closest to us is the open house taking place on June 8 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway.

For more information about the stadium or share your views please visit: www.Halifax.ca/stadium

2011 Census and the National Household Survey

Following Census Day recently on May 10, 2011, the National Household Survey (NHS) questionnaires will be distributed in mid-June. The National Household Strategy supports local government planning and program delivery, including family services, housing, roads, public transportation, and skills training for employment. Unlike the Census questionnaire, response to the NHS is voluntary.

Households that received the Census questionnaire in May will be asked to complete the NHS as well; for those households that have not responded to the NHS request, they will be contacted again in July and will have an opportunity to complete the survey then.

For more information, phone 1-866-777-2011 or visit www.census.gc.ca.

Upcoming Events & Meetings In The Community

Dartmouth Kinsmen Community Pancake Breakfast

Next Breakfast is June 26th
East Dartmouth Community Centre
4th Sunday of each month—9:30am until 1:00pm
\$6 adults & \$4 children

Tim Hortons Camp Day

June 1 All day

Community Yard Sale & BBQ

June 4 8:30am-2:00pm
Auburn Drive High School
(Auburn Drive)

26th Annual Lobster Dinner & Auction

In support of the Dartmouth General Hospital
June 4 5:00-9:00pm
Dartmouth Sportsplex

Au fil des chansons avec Les Voix d'Acadie

June 4 8:00-10:00pm
George Cottreau Auditorium, Carrefour du Grand Havre
(201 Ave du Portage)

HRM Stadium Analysis Public Consultations

June 8 6:30pm-8:30pm
Cole Harbour Place
(51 Forest Hills Parkway)

Dartmouth Heritage Museum AGM

June 8 7:00pm
Christ Church Hall
(Dundas Street)

Boys & Girls Club of East Dartmouth 2011-2012 Program Registration

June 9 5:00-9:00pm
East Dartmouth Community Centre
(50 Caledonia Road)

Wal-Mart Walk for Miracles

June 12 8:30am-10:00am
Shubie Park (54 Locks Road)

2nd Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

For the Boys & Girls Club of East Dartmouth
June 15 5:00-8:00pm
East Dartmouth Community Centre
(50 Caledonia Road)

Dartmouth Heritage Museum Fundraising Tea

June 16 2:00-4:00pm
Dartmouth Heritage Museum

Michael Wallace Elementary Family Fun Day

June 18 11:00am-2:00pm
Michael Wallace Elementary

Halifax & Regional Military Family Resource Centre BBQ & AGM

June 22 4:30-6:30pm
Shearwater Site MFRC

Dartmouth East Liberal Association Annual General Meeting

June 28 7:00pm
Regal Road Baptist Church
Guest Speaker: Geoff MacLellan

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