



## Summer Has (Finally) Arrived

With the cold damp weather possibly behind us and with more of the days sunny and warm, it finally feels like we can welcome summer. Paddlers have been out in full force on the lakes, cyclists are on the road, and stores are starting to stock snow blowers—all sure signs of summer.

Recently my constituency office underwent some changes. While our mailing address and phone number is the same you'll find us in slightly different offices, though still on the 6th floor of 73 Tacoma Drive.

As we are now a sole tenant, you may find our office closed at certain times while we attending functions and community meetings. I apologize for this, but be sure to leave us a note or a phone message and we'll be back in touch with you as quickly as possible.

As well, Sarah Douglas, who many of you have worked with in my office over the past two years is taking a leave of absence. Patti Tabor will take her place as Constituency Assistant and Office Manager for the next while. Many long time Dartmouth East residents will know Patti and her family well. She attended school in the riding, her family is very involved with local organizations and schools, and Patti herself is raising her own family in the riding not far from the office. I know you join me in wishing Sarah well on her journeys and it's a pleasure to welcome Patti to the team.

I will be keeping busy this summer with constituency work and meeting with people across the province about energy and environment issues, as well as their general concerns and hopes for the province. I look forward to speaking with as many constituents and Nova Scotians as possible and I hope to see you this summer.



## Summer 2011



*Andrew joins Planet Paws owners Rodney & George Habib, Councillor Darren Fisher, & the Shubenacadie Canal Commission's Alan Billard for the unveiling of updated wayfinding maps which were recently installed on the trails in Shubie Park.*

*Rodney, through his family's new business venture—Planet Paws—provided significant funding for this project which replaced the old maps with ones updated to show the new trails and amenities in Shubie Park.*

*Other support was provided by Andrew, Councillor Fisher, and the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.*

## Dinner to Recognize and Thank Mike Savage

On Thursday, September 29th a dinner will be held to recognize the work of Mike Savage for our community both during his time as Member of Parliament and throughout his life in other capacities.

It is our way of saying thank you to Mike and his family for what he achieved, and the sacrifices they made which allowed him time to serve as Member of Parliament.

I hope you will consider attending this event. You can expect a fun and entertaining evening for you as well as your friends and colleagues. Tickets are \$125 and a tax receipt will be issued. For tickets please visit <http://delia.eventbrite.com/>

## Hearings on Electricity Price Increase Coming Soon—Have Your Say

By now you are no doubt aware that Nova Scotia Power has applied to increase power rates (by 7.1% for domestic customers) and increase the rate of return to shareholders. This would be in addition to rate increases which have already been approved for the coming years and also would be in addition to the efficiency tax which was added to bills by the NDP government during their first year.

You may also have heard that two paper mills have applied for lower increases on their bills which with the difference being made up on other bills (such as residential and commercial bills).

I will be appearing at the hearings and this summer have been deeply involved in reviewing the information submitted by Nova Scotia Power and other interveners.

I am deeply concerned about the increasing number of people who have found themselves having difficulty paying their power bills.

In the spring session of the legislature I requested the government freeze the efficiency tax and audit Nova Scotia Power prior to any increase being allowed. The government refused both requests.

While there is no doubt Nova Scotia Power, like all other residents and businesses is facing increased costs, but Nova Scotians deserve to have the proof that all cost efficiencies available to Nova Scotia Power have been found. This has not been proven to my satisfaction to this point.

Likewise, I am concerned the government is supporting an increase to the efficiency tax on power bills before having effective systems in place to ensure measurable savings are achieved in power usage by the activities of Efficiency Nova Scotia.

**The Utility and Review Board hearings allow you to have your say. Written submissions are being accepted now. You can send written comments to [board@gov.ns.ca](mailto:board@gov.ns.ca)**

**You can have a right to appear in person at the hearing. You must register in advance by sending an e-mail to [board@gov.ns.ca](mailto:board@gov.ns.ca) or calling 424-4448**



*Andrew tours the Point Aconi Generating Station in Cape Breton with plant manager Debra MacLellan as part of critic duties on a recent visit to Cape Breton.*

## Speed Limits On Lakes and Rivers

With the many lakes and rivers in the Dartmouth East area it's important to be aware of federal law governing lakes, especially if you own a powerboat.

Federal government rules state that it is illegal to operate a power-driven vessel faster than 10km/hr within 30 metres of shore on rivers and lakes. Exceptions allow you to pull water-skiers directly away from shore if required.

For more information please call 1-800-387-4999 or visit <http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca/>

Specific regulations are in place for Lake Banook. Please contact HRM at 490-4000 for details on those regulations.

## Great East Dartmouth BBQ Is Back Again

This year will mark the sixth annual Great East Dartmouth BBQ. I started this event with the Dartmouth East Boys and Girls Club and I am pleased that it has grown to become a community led and sponsored event.

As in previous years this event is free and fun. Everyone is welcome. Hot dogs, bounce castles, and much more. Everyone is welcome.

This year's date is August 28th from 11am until 2pm. As always you'll find us on the Beazley Field grounds at the East Dartmouth Community Centre. This is a rain or shine event. If the rain falls we'll move inside the community centre for some great events.



## Commodore Park Project Takes The Next Step

The streets in the Commodore Park neighbourhood of Dartmouth East were named in honour of ships lost during the Battle of the Atlantic. For a number of years I have been working on a project to recognize those names in a lasting memorial so that the reason why the streets were named in this way is not forgotten.

While I was councillor park signage was installed and funding was allocated for interpretive signs. These signs were recently installed and I was pleased that the current councillor, Darren Fisher, supported continuing the project. Further steps include the installation of a naval artifact at the site with the support of the Department of National Defence.



## Main Street Keeps Making Progress

The Main Street Business Improvement District continues to make significant progress improving the community and moving the business improvement district plans forward. New signage, parks, sidewalks, and LED lighting has already been installed and pole works will go up soon.

Changes to municipal planning regulations for the area are expected to go to Community Council this summer and Regional Council in the fall. This will be the next big milestone for the area.

Two summer students have been hired. One is conducting communications for the association, and the other is doing daily garbage pickup in the area, in addition to working as the area mascot.

Main Street Mikey is the new mascot for the Main Street Business Improvement District Association. You'll see Mikey at events and parades throughout the area so be sure to say hello.



## Upcoming Events & Meetings In The Community

**Time Travel in Dartmouth Walking Tour**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays until August 27th  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Begins at the old Town Clock on Alderney Drive  
\$10

**Dartmouth Heritage Museum Fundraising Tea**  
July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25  
2:00pm or 3:00pm  
Evergreen House  
\$5

**Grand Opening of Mary Vale Moon Cafe**  
July 23 (12:00-3:00pm)  
245 Waverley Road

**Halifax—Dartmouth Natal Day Celebrations**  
July 30—August 1

**25th Annual Natal Day Horseshoe Tournament**  
July 30 (9:30am)  
Findlay Community Centre

**Mother Goose Festival**  
July 30 (1:00pm)  
Alderney Landing

**Halifax Harbour Bridges Natal Day Fireworks**  
July 30 (10:00pm)

**105th Dartmouth Natal Day Road Races**  
August 1 (8:15am)  
[www.atlanticchip.ca/events](http://www.atlanticchip.ca/events)

**116th Dartmouth Natal Day Regatta**  
August 1 (9:00am-4:00pm)  
Lake Banook

**116th Pepsi Natal Day Parade**  
August 1 (10:00am-12:00pm)  
Halifax-Dartmouth

**Sobeys Pirates of Sullivan's Pond Family Fun Day**  
August 1 (12:00pm-6:30pm)  
Sullivan's Pond

**Mayor's Dartmouth Tea Party**  
August 1 (1:00pm-3:00pm)  
Sullivan's Pond

**ESSO Youth Showcase**  
August 1 (6:00pm-9:30pm)  
Prince Albert Road & Lake Banook

**Natal Day Lake Banook Fireworks**  
August 1 (9:45pm)  
Lake Banook

*(Note: Prince Albert Road will be closed from Hawthorne Street to Sinclair Street from 3:00 PM until 12 midnight to all vehicular traffic)*

**Late Registration Day for Public Schools**  
August 25  
<http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/>

**Great East Dartmouth BBQ**  
August 28 (11:00am-2:00pm)  
East Dartmouth Community Centre

**First Day of Public School for Students**  
September 6  
<http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/>

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