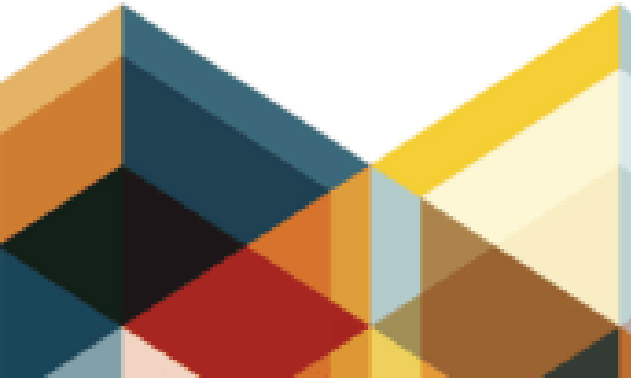


TOWN HALL MEETING

September 19th, 2018



Eastern Shore District High School

7:00pm

What to Expect Tonight:

1. *Board Recap*
 - *Summer Student*
 - *New BOD Member*
2. *Streetscaping & Beautification Grant*
3. *Infrastructure Committee*
 - *Update on Twin Oaks WWTF*
4. *New School Site Selection*
 - *Update*
 - *Business Case*
 - *Questions?*
5. *Guests*
 - *HRM Deputy Mayor Waye Mason*
 - *MLA Kevin Murphy – recent regrets*
 - *Councillor David Hendsbee*
6. *Property Development, MH*



1. Board Summer Recap:

- *Break from monthly Town Hall meetings...
...Still a busy summer for the Chamber!*
- *Hired a student through CSJ*
- *Regular BOD & planning meetings*
- *Several meetings with coalition group*
- *Supported several community events*

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1. Board Recap (continued):

- ***Summer Student:***
 - *ESDH Co-President Mr. DJ Shuman*
 - *Third consecutive year we have received the CSJ Grant – extremely successful*
- *Summer Projects:*
 - *Communication Coordination*
 - *Internal & external*
 - *Marketing & promotion*
 - *Document consolidation*
 - *Job Creation Partnership (JCP) application*
 - *All other areas assigned!*

Special thanks to the Old School Community Gathering Place for providing a space for DJ to work from!

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1. Board Recap (continued):

Recent addition (July):

- Ms. Jennifer Baker
- HR Generalist, Sunsel Systems



About Jennifer: Lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore & ESDH Alumni; B.Com & Certificate in HR Management (SMU); Former HR Assistant @ The Birches. Jennifer brings a great deal of policy knowledge to the table, in addition to her Project Management, Event Planning & Leadership skills.

Welcome to the Team!

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2. Streetscaping & Beautification Grant

- **Reported at the June Town Hall:**
 - Chamber applied via HRM Regional Council for a \$25,000 “Streetscape Beautification Program” from DMA
 - In the motion put before Council, Councillor Hendsbee asked:
 - If approved from DMA for \$25,000, would HRM Council match funds from the MH Common Area Rate
 - Motion carried unanimously

July 11th – The province approved our application & HRM subsequently matched funds!

APPROVED



2. Streetscaping & Beautification Grant

So...what did we apply for & what are we getting?

- **Banners**
 - 100 pole banners from Hwy 107 to Smith Settlement
- **Signage**
 - Variety of signs (wayfinding & WIFI)
 - Removal of sign pollution
- **Trees/Bushes**
 - 30 fruit-bearing trees & 20 fruit-bearing bushes



- **Planter Boxes**

- Nine wooden planter boxes located through the core of MH

- **Bench Refurbishments**

- Repairs to existing benches at Train Station & Community Garden



3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

Recap:

- *January/18: Report from exp consulting*
- *March/18: Letter to Jamie Burns, Regional Director of NSE*
- *April/18: Response from Mr. Burns indicating:*
 1. *The Approval Holder (NSHA) is currently in compliance.*
 2. *Quarterly averages in 2017 met all limits.*
 3. *NSE is not aware of any other sewage or sediment releases in the Inlet.*
- *June/18: Received copies of:*
 - *System Assessment Report (dated January 3rd, 2018)*
 - *NSE Inspection Report (dated March 7th, 2018)*
 - *NSE Inspection Action Plan (not dated)*

3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

- *Since:*
 - *Infrastructure Committee received funds from the MH Common Area Rate to perform additional testing.*
 - *Hired Atlantic Water Investigators to perform the following:*
 - *July/18: Dye Testing at ESDH*
 - *July/August/18: Water quality testing at 2 locations leading into the Inlet*

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3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

Dye Testing @ Eastern Shore District High:

- *Methodology:*
 - *Dye was discharged into the rooftop storm drains & subsequently water added to investigate flow.*
- *Results:*
 - *Confirmed that at least one of the rooftop storm drains is flowing directly into the Sewer Lift Pump Station.*
- *Meaning:*
 - *The WWTF @ Twin Oaks is not designed for anything other than waste water. Thus, the WWTF is receiving unnecessary quantities of water.*

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3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

Dye Testing @ Eastern Shore District High:



School sewer lift pump station

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3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

Water Quality Testing @ two locations upstream from Inlet:

- *Methodology:*
 - *Water Samples taken from two (2) locations on three (3) different days.*
 - *Samples delivered to Maxxam Analytics Inc. for evaluation*
- *Results:*
 - *Escherichia Coli (E-Coli) & Fecal Coliforms present in most samples*
- *Meaning:*
 - *There are deficient/malfunctioning on-site septic systems flowing into the Inlet*

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3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

What now:

- *Last Friday (14th) at the request of Infrastructure Committee Chair, John Woods, a monumental meeting was held at Twin Oaks.*

Attended by:

- *Three representatives from Nova Scotia Health*
- *Three representatives from Halifax Water*
- *A representative from the Birches Board of Directors*
- *Maintenance representatives from Twin Oaks & Oceanview*
- *The Nova Scotia Environment Inspector for our area*
- *Two representatives from MHACCCA*
- *HRM Councillor David Hendsbee*
- *MLA Kevin Murphy*

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3. Infrastructure Committee:

Update on Waste Water Treatment Facility @ Twin Oaks

Discussion on meeting results & what's next:

- ***MHACCCA Infrastructure Committee Chair:
John Woods***



4. New School Site Selection: Recap

- *April 30th: New school announced to replace Eastern Shore District High.*
- *May 7th: Announcement meeting in Chezzetcook.*
- *May 17th: Board representatives met with MLA Murphy to discuss a variety of topics, including the process for determining location.*
- *June 3rd: Board Strategic Planning Meeting to address Site Selection & initiate a course of action.*
- *June 7th: Joint meeting with numerous community groups for the purpose of improving communication & promoting unity.*

4. New School Site Selection: (From June)



What we know:

- *Currently, there is no defined site selection process.*
- *We are optimistic the process will be explained in the next 1-3 months.*

Our position:

- *The Mission of the MHACCCA is “to promote and enhance the economic, social and civic well-being of the community”.*
- *As such, we feel very strongly that this new school should be constructed within the core of Musquodoboit Harbour.*

4. New School Site Selection: (From June)

Our Plan:

- *Advocate with vigour & intensity for the school to remain in Musquodoboit Harbour.*
- *Follow appropriate channels & remain involved in the site selection process.*
- *Work with other community groups & unify efforts to contribute to site selection.*
- *Present a compelling & comprehensive Business Case, which will factually demonstrate the benefits of the school staying in Musquodoboit Harbour.*

4. New School Site Selection: (Currently...)

Since June:

- *Worked closely with members of the Musquodoboit Harbour Community Association & the Eastern Shore Cooperator to generate our Business Case.*
- *Maintained open communication lines with MLA Murphy.*
- *Invited Minister Churchill to hear a presentation our Business Case (declined); Invited Minister Churchill and/or Deputy Minister to attend this evening (both declined)*
- *Completed initial draft of the Business Case (details presented in upcoming slides).*

4. New School Site Selection: Business Case

Our approach:

Produce a fact-based document, from a student-first perspective, touching on the following topics:

- *Physical site & Potential new sites*
 - *Proximity to:*
 - *Hospital & Ambulance Depot*
 - *RCMP & Fire Department*
 - *HRM Library*
 - *Recreation & Culture, including:*
 - *Trails*
 - *Beaches*
 - *Fitness Center*
 - *Recreation Center*
 - *Yacht Club*
 - *Train Station & Old School*
 - *Commercial District*
 - *Availability of goods/services*
 - *Employment*
 - *Volunteerism*

4. New School Site Selection: Business Case

Our approach:

Supported with data relating to the following topics:

- HRM Zoning
- Future Development Plans
 - Affordable Housing
- Enrollment statistics & Census data
- Community Facility use
- Transportation issues & Bussing concerns
- Water quality & quantity
- Business & Individual letters of support



4. New School Site Selection: Business Case

Our goal:

- *The Business Case is well-received & does not slow the process*
 - *No desire to pit community vs. community*
 - *No desire to delay breaking ground*
- *Serves as a valuable document & significant reference within the site-selection process*
 - *We do not know what the site-selection will look like, but much of the information we compiled has historically been evaluated by site-selection committees*

4. New School Site Selection:

Questions?

The MHACCCA requested questions regarding school site-selection be forwarded to us prior to tonight – here is what we received and our initial responses:



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4. New School Site Selection:

Q: High Speed Internet is still a concern for many on the Shore. Are you in touch with the Minister responsible for the Internet service to those who don't have it presently?

A: We have not been in touch with the Hon. Geoff MacLellan

Q: How many Letters of Support are being submitted with the Business Case for a new School?

A: We have collected some letters of support from businesses and concerned citizens, and have copies of letters for signatures here at the Town Hall this evening

Q: Should individuals and groups continue to send LoS to the Minister Churchill and Minister Hines? (ie would it help?)

A: The Chamber will be launching a communications strategy which we expect will include the continuation of additional letters of support

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4. New School Site Selection:

Q: Do you think the Business Case should or should address if the new school will be only a senior high OR both a junior & senior high school?

A: We are waiting for an announcement from the Government on what grades will attend the new school. Regardless of the grades, we will continue to strenuously advocate for the school to be located in Musquodoboit Harbour

Q: Do you know if Minister Churchill has toured this old high school and Gaetz Brook Junior High or any other schools on the Eastern Shore?

A: No we do not know this. The Minister was invited to attend this Town Hall.

Q: In his email of August 28 in reply to Brian Staple, Joe MacEachern, Executive Director Finance and Facilities Management, said the following: "Determination of grade levels to be housed in a school is fundamental in determining the land size parameter required to begin the formal site evaluation process." So does your Business Case address the two possibilities that the new school be either just a senior high or both a junior and senior high school?

A: See answer to question #4

4. New School Site Selection:

Q: I would like to request a copy of the Business Case for a New School when it is ready to be submitted to the Ministers. Thank you in advance.

A: The Business case will be available on our website

Q: What would next steps for individuals and community groups after the Business Case is submitted? (possibilities, LoS, a petition, or what other options might you suggest?)

A: The Chamber will be launching a communications strategy which we expect will include the continuation of additional letters of support; engagement with political figures;
The Chamber has maintained open communications throughout the development of this business case, and will embark on a deliberate and strategic effort to publicize this document's contents and rationale. The goal of this publicity is to foster community and government's understanding of the recommendations, solicit feedback about them, and build consensus by all.

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4. New School Site Selection:

Q: In his email Joe MacEachern also mentioned that "the site selection will begin by looking first at the existing school location" and after that will look at "other property owned by the Province before broadening options to include property owned by other levels of government or the private sector." Does the Chamber know the land parameters for the two grade levels possibilities, and do those parameters meet the existing school site, and other possible options in Musquodoboit Harbour.

A: We do not know the land size parameters that are being considered.

Q: Joe MacEachern also closes his email by saying, "once a dermination of grade levels is finalized and government has narrowed the potential school sites for the new ESDH then there will be a public meeting to discuss school location." Do you think that such a public meeting will take place?

A: We wish to ensure the site selection process allows for appropriate input from reputable organizations, businesses, community members (including students, parents, faculty & staff) and that all factors are considered prior to a final decision. We insist that public meetings and discussions regarding the identification and selection of all potential options will engage people to move the process forward, and this project, wherever located, will benefit the entire area, in terms of providing a first class learning facility for our students, and an attraction to young families looking to settle somewhere other than in urban HRM.

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4. New School Site Selection:

Questions?



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5. Guests

- *HRM Deputy Mayor Waye Mason*
- *HRM Councillor David Hendsbee*
- *MLA Kevin Murphy – regrets - statement*

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6. New Development in MH:

The Chamber has received several questions regarding the recent sale of the property next to Harbour Fish & Fries. We contacted the owner for a statement:

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THANK YOU!



Next Meeting:

***In honour of Small Business Week,
(October 14th-20th)***

***The October Town Hall will be
replaced with a
Showcase of local Businesses!***

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

7:00pm

Location: TBD



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