



Diana with Seuk Walling and Mary Park at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Korean Memorial Garden on Stratford Way.



As MLA, Diana frequently speaks to the media on issues of importance to Nova Scotians.



Diana with the executive of Indo-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia.



Diana attended a press conference where MP Geoff Regan denounced the Federal Government's scrapping of the Atlantic Accord.



Diana and Principal Annmarie MacInnes of Duc d'Anville School presented certificates to the winners of the Citizenship Writing Contest. For a second year, Diana sponsored contests at three local elementary schools.



Diana joined with Park West students, staff, parents and community members to welcome the new Canadians who received their citizenship.

Diana Whalen, MLA Halifax Clayton Park

Keeping in Touch

As MLA for Halifax Clayton Park, it is my privilege to represent the diverse interests and concerns of my constituents. I do that by taking on your issues and looking for solutions. Sometimes that means bringing in new legislation for the government to consider and I have continued to do just that. This year my booster seat legislation became law in January and I am still pushing hard for controls over noisy mufflers on cars and motorcycles.

We have a vibrant and growing community with some wonderful projects on the go and I hope that you will find this Newsletter helps to keep you informed.

There has been great news in the ongoing saga to get a properly sized recreational facility for the area. We have been chosen as the site for the 2011 Canada Winter Games and a field house will be added to our proposed recreation facility on Mainland Common.

The Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes area has been recognized by the Provincial Government as a possible wilderness protection area. The budget speech mentioned the area by name and promised a study as a step toward protection of the lands.

The theatre in Halifax West High School is under construction. It will be known as the Bella Rose Arts Centre in honour of the MacDonald family who have supported this project with a substantial donation. The theatre will open in September and is sure to become a hub of activity for our community.

Mark your calendars for my annual MLA Family BBQ on Sunday August 19th. It is an event for the whole family! The details are in this newsletter.



Diana with Halifax Town Crier Peter Cox and players from the Halifax West Minor Baseball Association during their season opening celebrations.

If you have an event you would like me to attend or an issue to discuss, please let me know. I welcome your thoughts about ways to improve our riding and our province.

Graduation time is upon us and I offer my congratulations to all our grads from High School, University and College. May everyone have an enjoyable and safe summer in the company of family and friends.

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Diana's recent activities

- ✓ Joined the Indo-Canadian Society for Republic Day of India celebrations
- ✓ Attended services at the Hindu Temple
- ✓ Joined Duc d'Anville students for the Epilepsy Society Puppet Show
- ✓ Attended the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony at Park West School
- ✓ Participated in the International Day Against Homophobia at Grand Parade
- ✓ Attended the Nova Scotia Teachers Union Annual Council
- ✓ Acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Mainland North Volunteer Appreciation Awards
- ✓ Spoke to students at Halifax West
- ✓ Volunteered with the Campaign School for Women at Mount Saint Vincent University
- ✓ Spoke to the Rockingham Girl Guides
- ✓ Attended Annual Ceremonial Review of the Fairview Legion Royal Air Cadet Squadron
- ✓ Marched in Halifax West Minor Baseball Association opening parade
- ✓ Attended Our Lady of Lebanon first annual Lebanese festival
- ✓ Brought greetings to the CWL Halifax Convention at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- ✓ Participated in the Opening Ceremonies for the Greek Fest 2007
- ✓ Attended Park West School Spring Fair

Mainland North Volunteer Recognition

I was pleased to join co-chairs Audrey Hunt and Michele Vyge-Fraser and their committee at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 24. This was the fourth year for the awards ceremony. With the ongoing support of past chair Wadih Fares and elected officials, the committee has recognized a number of the volunteers who form the backbone of our community.

There is a call for new committee members, so if you are interested in helping this group in their recognition of volunteers, please contact my office. The awards event is always a wonderful evening where we gain a new appreciation for all the work that is done by volunteers within our communities.



Audrey Hunt, Michele Vyge-Fraser, Ann Cosgrove and Jane Davies join with Diana to congratulate one of the award winners, Gary O'Hara. Other winners included Bob & Wendy McDonald, John Power, John Arab, Sean O'Connor, Ruth Byrne & Patsy Power, Cyril & Kaye Sampson, Anna Freeman, Greg Coakley, Frank Gervais and Glane Gorveat & Kathy Oakley.

Diana's Fourth Annual Summer Barbeque

Mark your calendars!

Everyone Welcome!

Free BBQ and Fun

When: August 19, 2007, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: Veteran's Corner Park, Corner of Parkland and Langbrae Drives



Update on Mainland Common Recreation Centre

In February, Halifax was selected to host 2011 Canada Winter Games. This is great news for our city and great news for the Mainland Common. HRM has a capital budget of \$9 million for the Games, most of which will be spent on a field house on the Mainland Common. The field house will host badminton and table tennis during the Winter Games and will be a great addition to our community.

With the cancellation of the 2014 Commonwealth Games Bid, it is important for the Mainland Common Recreation Centre to be re-evaluated. This is the opportunity to build a facility that will serve our region of the city and provide the kind of facilities that we are entirely lacking in HRM. For example, we are not able to host a National Swim meet anywhere in Nova Scotia because none of our pools meet these standards.

I understand that HRM is now undertaking a complete review of the planning for the Mainland Common facility in light of the new field house component. This is good news for our community as the field house enlarges the proposed project and brings it more into line with what the community has been asking for. Conceptual plans should be ready by this fall with construction tentatively slated to begin in the fall of 2008. The target opening of the new centre is early 2010.

The provincial and federal governments still need to commit more money to build the type of facility that is needed to serve both the Clayton Park area and the wider region. I will continue to press for this funding.

For more information and updates on the project, look at the Build it Right website - www.build-it-right.ca