

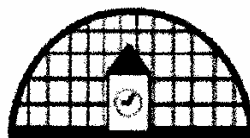
OUR COMMUNITY IS ON THE GO!

A Community Forum

Hosted by the Board of Directors

Captain William Spry Community Centre

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VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Summary

On a sunny spring morning in April, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Captain William Spry Community

Centre sat down with residents from Spryfield, Armdale, Ketch Harbour, Purcell's Cove, Duncan's Cove, Williams Lake, Furguson's Cove, Herring Cove, Cowie Hill, and Halifax; civil servants from Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province and the Federal Government; and members of local community groups and organizations, for a total of fifty-five people.

The Board initiated this community forum after HRM reduced its funding for the Board's broad, outreach objectives. This weakened support for community-building and community coordination activities on issues outside of HRM's mandate. The Board wanted to hear first hand from people if the community still needed these functions or not.

Jim Connolly, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone, and Marjorie Willison, staff for the Board, gave a brief history of the Community Centre. The consultation was facilitated by Peter Greechan, following a World Café consultation model. Refreshments were served by members of the Urban Farm Museum Society, and several groups set up displays around the room.

Here is what people said, in response to three questions.

What has made our community a good place to live?

- ◆ **People** – friendly, neighbourly, stable, down-to-earth, inclusive, diverse, caring, supportive, safe, engaged, aware, involved, and proud of our community
- ◆ **Environment** – wild lands, access to nature, special quality, sustainability, outdoor recreation
- ◆ **Physical Structure and Location** – village character, close to urban and rural, access, great location, safe, diverse housing, unpretentious, modest
- ◆ **History and Heritage** – rich, unique, valued
- ◆ **Working Together** – multi-service system, businesses and community groups, local leadership
- ◆ **Amenities** – places to go, things to do
- ◆ **Businesses** – quality, contribution
- ◆ **Variety of Services** – great schools and teachers, supportive services and outreach

In an ideal world, what would our community be

like?

- ◆ **Protected Environment** – environmental preservation and restoration
- ◆ **Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive** – inclusive for all ages, safe housing for all, diversity is treasured, mobility for all ages and locations
- ◆ **Healthy Planning and Development** – for people and environment, community-based plans, better public transit, walking, biking, trails, vibrant main street, clean and tidy, affordable housing, wise redevelopment
- ◆ **Local Economic Development** – education is foundation, a wide variety of goods and services to meet our needs within our community, equal opportunities for all, a tourist destination
- ◆ **Proud and Strong** – positive image at home and elsewhere
- ◆ **Connected and Engaged** – people are involved, everyone contributes, communication is clear, the Loop is connected
- ◆ **Accessible Services** – improved, coordinated, additional
- ◆ **Community Venues / Things to do** – a multitude of venues, activities for all ages, more community events
- ◆ **Leadership** – role models, responsive

What can we all do to make our community a better place for all?

- ◆ **Individuals** – lead by example, speak up, participate
- ◆ **Community** – celebrate community, include newcomers
- ◆ **Governments** – work together, be accountable
- ◆ **Board of CWSCC** – advocate, engage the community, communicate, coordinate, nurture leadership, garner resources

Those at the forum made it clear that, with so much change and development on the horizon, the need for citizen engagement and community coordination on a wide range of issues is greater than ever.

They also said how much they appreciated the opportunity to talk, and asked the Board to follow up with more community discussions like this.

Community Café Conversations In Detail

What has made our community a good place to live?

People

Place people come from; developed over time, generational	
Sense of belonging and community	Friendly people, neighbourly
Sense of stability (neighbourhood)	
People are from “Spryfield”, not HRM	
Friendly, down-to-earth people, easy to talk to	
People know each other, neighbourly, friendly people	Stable, down-to-earth
Small town living with a strong sense of community	
Sense of inclusiveness – wide range of incomes	
People, not pretentious	Inclusive
Loyalty and solidarity	
Appreciation of diversity	
Diversity of people – social, ethnic (presents opportunities and challenges)	Diverse
Caring, not classes – diversity	
Lots of families	
Arbourstone – good integration of seniors and youth	
Feels safe here	Safe
Strong community values	
Good community spirit	
Like a big family	
Caring community	Caring, supportive
Very supportive community	
Nurture appreciation and celebration of community	
Engaged, community involvement	
Spryfielders are supportive of community issues	Engaged, aware, involved
Spryfielders have community awareness	
Amazing youth volunteers – this year NS volunteer of the year	
High level of volunteerism	
Proud sense of community	
Residents defensive about Spryfield	Proud of community
Staunch advocates who speak out about the community	
Feeling of belonging and a sense of ownership and pride	
Sense of pride and belonging	

Environment

Linkage of green space is impressive	
Wild land in the area	Wild lands
Undeveloped backlands	
Lots of green space	
Good access to nature	

Don't need a car or money to get outdoors
Close to the ocean (Northwest Arm), lakes (Chocolate Lake,
Whimsical Lake, Frog Pond), waterways, trees and views
Trees
Clean air Air quality
Beauty, tranquility (in rural)
Animals, birds, loons, the barrens, trails

Access to nature

Has a special quality with so much green space
Pride in the environment
Needs a strand of sustainability
Increasing awareness of environmental and developmental issues

Special quality

Sustainability

Environmental features, trails
Ability to get outside in the winter skating, sledding
Lake and pond swimming
People from outside of Spryfield come here to hike

Outdoor recreation

Physical Structure and Location

Village feel, character
Size like a small town / village
Close to city but not a city
Mix urban and rural (proximity)
Services without sprawl
Located on the edge of a very good city
Benefits while living in smaller community

Village character

Close to urban & rural

Great location – close to city, easy access to highways and green space
Proximity to urban, but close to water, trails
Transit system improving
People here walk a lot because Spryfield is “walkable”
Rotary is an asset (buffer)

Access, great location

Affordable housing (purchase or rent) – but don't tell everyone!
Mixture of housing, “hodge podge” mix diversity
Safe, affordable housing
Built in sense of diversity

Safe, diverse housing

Unpretentious neighbourhoods
Modesty of community (strength or weakness?)
Available physical resources
Majority of people are interested and concerned about
responsible development

Unpretentious, modest

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History and Heritage

Rich heritage – Urban Farm, models in library
York Redoubt, Kline Heights
Rural feeling
Unique rural history
Pioneer area
History of the area
Sense of heritage and value

Rich, unique, valued

Our own identity

Working Together

Multi-service concepts, multi-service system
Multi-service system is well recognized as being superior
to any in province
We face up to our challenges in the community
Groups' ability to communicate with each other
Connected groups that work well together
(i.e. multi-service roundtable)
Ability to come together around critical events and celebrations
Community supports when a crisis occurs
(e.g. single parents, youth, mental health)

Multi-service system

Participation from the residents
Volunteer groups work well together, with no inflated egos
Businesses are eager to be involved in community issues
Openness between businesses, community groups
Community organizes / mobilizes
Realization of goals

Businesses and community

Accessibility to representatives (political)
Youth need to lead and have a voice! (Authentic)
Youth committees have representatives at all government levels
Strong community leaders like Marjorie who are lauded and respected

Local leadership

Amenities

Spryfield Seniors Group, Young at Heart Club, the Dingle
Yacht club, Urban Farm Museum, skating rink, pool
Legion (always gives to community)
Captain William Spry Community Centre
Wave pool – recreation facilities – CWSCC
Good library, pool, rink and lots of places to skate
Strong arts and culture
Strong recreation (opportunity to “play” for all
with no socio-economic barriers)
Committed sports community (baseball, soccer, hockey)
Parades Activities like Santa Claus Parade

Places to go

Things to do

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Businesses

Business community
Our business association working to improve our
business community
Businesses and community are youth friendly
Good Lumber Mart
Good Chebucto News
Strong support for local businesses (patronize)
Employment opportunities within the community

Quality

Contribution

Variety of Services

Excellent schools and programs
Schools and good teachers
J.L. Ilsley – less bullying and good atmosphere
Cunard School – teachers involved
Support and outreach for those in need is quite extensive
Active and strong churches
Good Single Parent Centre
J.L. Ilsley Teen Health Centre
Chebucto Boys and Girls Club
Everyday life – what you need is here
Commitment to youth and facilities to engage youth
Men’s group
Access to services in the community
Services availability
Routine health care services for senior citizens to
enable them to remain in their communities

Great schools, teachers

Support services, outreach

In an ideal world, what would our community be like?

Protected Environment

Need to protect our “environmental” green space
(look at what happened in Clayton Park infilling)
Preserve green space, parks, Urban Farm
Increased green space
Protected lakes, ponds and streams
300 ft green space around each waterway (for people, animals)

Environmental preservation

Re-claimed damaged lakes, ponds and streams	
Absolute protection for lakes, waterways, wetlands	
The word “shall” has legal standing	
Environmentally sensitive areas are protected from development	and restoration
Retention of trees and vegetation	
Environmental planners	
Lots of salmon in McIntosh Run	
Places to enjoy green space	
No all terrain vehicles or make space on trails for them	
Native plants along our roadways (lupines)	People and green space
Plant tulips to attract deer	
Connected to Trans-Canada Trail	
Park all around Kidston Lake connected to Graves-Oakley Park	

Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive

Be youth friendly – access is theirs	
Youth not second class citizens, easy to access	
Publicity geared towards youth	Inclusion for all ages
Youth are seen as powerful and productive	
No ageism or discrimination against teenagers	
Seniors places and seniors involved in authentic community activities	

Equal distribution of wealth	
Keep it affordable...prevent land speculation so families can stay on the land they’ve owned for generations	
Affordable, safe, quality housing	Safe housing for all
Home care and senior housing	
No one sleeps outside unless they choose	
Mixed housing	

Inclusive, diverse	
Diverse community – socially, economically, physically, culturally	Diversity is treasured
Diversity, cohesion, inclusive, communicative	
Multiple meanings of culture	

Youth are independently mobile – can get to places they desire	
Transit system to rural areas should be as good as the City “needs a rehaul”	Mobility for all

Healthy Planning and Development

Development is important but not at the cost of our “present” community	
Growth is an option, but you can expand and have scenic beauty	
Heterogeneous community with heart and character	For people and environment
Organized around the health of the people and environment	
To be self-sustaining	

Local plans are respected and followed Revisions occur only with consultation	
Better planning and more community participation in it	
Community-based planning	
No master-planned community	Community-based plans
More community members would know about and be	

engaged in the development of the community
Need to create municipal laws with developers – municipal by-laws are created
through public process and community engagement to control power of developers

Frequent and appropriate public transit within community as well as to other areas
Better public transportation between Purcell’s Cove Road communities and Spryfield
Transit system to Crystal Crescent Beach
Better, faster, cheaper transit; efficient public transport
Reliable transportation (public) **Better public transit**

Reduced paved and hard surfaces
Sidewalks – need a space to walk that is safe
Highly walkable
More bike trails
Dingle Ferry **Walking, biking, trails**
Fantastic trail system along McIntosh Run
Bridge by B.C. Silver repaired
Opportunities for car pooling, riding bicycles

Herring Cove Road needs to reflect a vibrant, valuable image
On-street parking on Herring Cove Road **Vibrant main street**
Herring Cove Road not 4 lanes
Trees, plants on Herring Cove Road
Tree-lined streets including a treed boulevard on Herring Cove
Road business section

Tax break for people who plant trees along Herring Cove Road
“Welcome to Spryfield” sign after the Rotary **Clean and tidy**
Keep it clean no shopping carts no litter snow removal
No or less littering – more enforcement for littering laws,
more places to put litter – garbage cans

Manage development so that families can come
Laws are enforced to appreciate safe affordable housing **Affordable housing**
“if you don’t inspect, and don’t expect”

Lots of open spaces, safe access
Safe community Feeling safe
Buildings are used, not abandoned
Development is maintained here in Spryfield **Wise redevelopment**
Improving properties (already residential) for future
single / multi-family dwellings

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Local Economic Development

Education and employment
Available high quality education **Education is foundation**
Fully supported public school system (in all aspects of literacy)

A central business district; stronger business base
Sustainable businesses **A wide variety**
Decent restaurant supported by local people
More buying goods and services locally
Shop Spryfield first **of goods and services**
Movie theatre More goods and services
Local business directory
Family restaurants (Hop Sing returns) **to meet our needs**

Farmers' Market Espresso / coffee shop
Good jobs – more business
Have a bakery, restaurants, places to meet, corner stores
Variety of businesses...ethnic, more small businesses, book stores...keep people living and shopping here
Totally self-contained community

within our community

Accessible – able to walk places, less bussing required
Available employment locally
Employment opportunities that you can walk or bike to
Streets and sidewalks cleaned of debris
Employment opportunities in community for people with special needs
Businesses take responsibility for the above

Equal opportunities

for all

Promotion of tourism Make us a destination
Take advantage of the positive resources in the community
– all of Pennant Point is a park and should be utilized
Promotion of eco-tourism
Oldest operating lighthouse – Sambro Lighthouse
Promote us! Focus on the good. Celebrate our successes!
Better representation of Spryfield in the media

A tourist destination

Proud and Strong

Everyone respects what we have
Great sense of heritage
Sense of community and pride
Take pride in our community Spry proud!
Value, pride, diversity
Strong foundation of community
More of the same...how do we preserve it
Outsiders think well of us
Promotion and marketing in a positive manner
No reputation / stigma attached to Spryfield
Image would be actually “what it really is” not what others perceive it to be

Positive image

at home

and elsewhere

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Connected and Engaged

Engage empowered communities
More and different and better ways of communicating to reach all members of the community
Have public places to meet Store bulletin boards and in mall
More participation of a wider diversity of the community (social-economic, ethno-cultural and so on)
in all community activities
People have a sense of pride in their community
Preserve sense of community
More people involved in community activities
Self-sustaining community participation
More participation from all members of community
Sense of network in the community
Maintain and expand on our strengths – high level of volunteerism etc.
Sense of belonging All residents are proud and contribute
Let teens know the adults care

People are involved

Everyone contributes

More interaction between generations
 More adults interested in youth issues
 Youth, seniors have voice in government or own seat at the table
 More inter-church communication
 Funding for Multi-Service Coordinator
 Better line of communication between community, agencies and government
 Environment, businesses and community need to work together! (Common conversation)
 Businesses understand their responsibilities (social, educational, environmental)
 More outreach to rural communities in Mainland South – senior services,
 transportation (i.e. Ketch Harbour, Pennant, Sambro)
 Keep an identify with respect to the “Loop”
 Emphasize Loop – participate in others’ activities throughout Loop

Communication is Clear

The Loop is connected

Accessible Services

Need for improvement in social and community health services in the community
 Raise awareness of events, best practices
 Teen Health Centre is a good model to follow
 We would know what services exist
 Community supports local services
 More / better use of Captain Spry Centre for community groups

Improved services

Create a central facility from Ketch Harbour to Sambro and Pennant
 Point with a coordination service in case of emergency
 Collectively decide who does what e.g. Brownies, turkey give-outs
 Services would be integrated together
 Affordable services for everyone

Coordinated services

Daycare choices
 No need for food bank, shelters
 Law enforcement thorough and effective
 Hub centre – family / child service with child care
 Support services are available, mental health and accessible and medical
 Community health clinic with mental health outreach

Additional services

Community Venues and Things to Do

Celebrate Maritime history of the area – connected to fishing, beaches, ocean, ship building
 Proper auditorium for the arts, presentations, community gatherings (large enough)
 Places for exciting and unstructured things to do
 Community cultural centre – arts
 Sports and recreation centre
 Venue for the arts, music, plays
 Performance arts space
 Repair playgrounds
 Rockingstone and J.L. Soccer fields
 Support for volunteers e.g. making skateboard park, outdoor rinks
 BC Silver is used – youth, child, family – linked to Herring Cove Road and Community Centre
 Schools are open until 10:00 to 12:00 pm
 Sports and recreation venues
 Vibrant arts and culture scene that engages youth to seniors
 Recreation facilities like outdoor rinks or community-supported maintenance of outdoor facilities

A multitude of venues

Our children have things to do in evening – all ages, in neighbourhood
 Activities for all ages 0 – 100
 Puppet shows e.g. Saturday at the Library
 Offer things for teens NOW!!!...Skate board park, free wall for tagging
 Youth bands and musicians have lots of opportunities to perform
 Youth activities organized and housed
 Badminton – help our youth communicate with us and each other
 More performing activities all ages
 Youth engaged in meaningful variety of safe and positive activities
 “Knitting community together” knitting project
 High quality of programs for seniors
 Access to seniors’ programs

Activities for all ages

Community events, fairs, networking, etc.
 Community festival – summer or fall fair
 Harvest Fair
 Create multi-cultural event (we have so much diversity)
 Summer concerts, BBQ
 Diversity respected – Valentine’s Day Tea
 More community events
 Use North West Arm for events
 “Community Days”
 Community picnic throughout e.g. Dingle
 McIntosh Run – “go picnicking, now it is coming back”
 Parade and music
 Spontaneous and celebratory community

More community events

Leadership

Parents and leaders are setting a positive example
 Youth empowerment to lead – what they need and make a difference
 Adults step back and support them
 Elected officials respond to community views

Role models

Responsive

What can we all do to make our community a better place for all?

Individuals

Do our individual piece. “Lead by example.”
 Be more neighbourly
 Attend community meetings
 Write and speak to elected officials
 Take part in community events
 Look out for your neighbour
 Car pool / bike / walk Plant a garden
 Volunteer in your community
 “Play in your front yard, not your backyard”
 Healthy Youth ↔ Healthy Community
 “Speak up! Tell people what we have.”
 Be aware and use what is available in your community
 Be responsible and take care of our spaces (i.e. litter, vegetation protection)

Lead by example

Speak up

Participate

Community

Celebrate heritage through planned community events
Festivals involving kids, families, and the whole community
Spaces, services and events have to be accessible to all residents
– reach out to people and encourage or make possible participation
Engage our youth ... community pride, heritage, schools going on walks
Engage our youth in projects that beautify our community
Involve community members outside of Spryfield such as bicycle groups in local events
Celebrate and promote our area and services
Defend the positive qualities of the area
Continue to extend and make connections ourselves! (Sustain the energy effort)

Celebrate community

Outreach to new subdivisions to integrate them into community
Welcoming and inviting newcomers to join our community not simply
live here...welcome wagon – educate them on our history
Better integration of all new housing in the community
Don't build high fences – protect views for pedestrians
Participation Neighbourhood projects Be open to diversity – attractive to immigrants

Include newcomers

Governments

Three levels of government together
At our level we can do that best. Don't know how
strong we feel about these things
Make elected officials more accountable
Hold politicians more accountable
Continue to push all levels of government to
support positive development
Reflection of our leaders
How do we monitor our "leaders" → controlling elected bureaucracy
Get rid of provincial tax assessors

Work together

Be accountable

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Board of Captain William Spry Community Centre

Empower the board with health, environment and planning
Advocate to our municipal, provincial, and federal government for our community needs
Demand better services for seniors living on their own and families in need of
services (legal, nutrition, housing and housing maintenance)
Ask Habitat for Humanity to help with housing
Preserve natural ecosystem
Promote youth programs Recognize the work of agencies
Engage the people Get more people involved
Stronger volunteer base
Proactive community building
Promote citizen engagement; organize a 'challenge' or 'focus'
Get community input on regular basis
More meetings like this
Continued 'kitchen table' meetings in all parts of community representing
all the voices example, invitations to folks who don't have a voice
"Hold hands" and talk about what things are important
'Back fence' discussions going forward to broader community
Library resource centre containing local data and information,

Advocate

Engage the community

Communicate

studies that are easy to access
 Community website staff person for www.chebuctoeast.com,
 improve / create mechanism for community input, information
 exchange – use a co-op student to help get it started Coordinate
 Need a community co-ordinator funded from different sources
 such as businesses, organizations and community fundraisers
 Hire a multi-service coordinator
 Explore other models and communities
 How do you take advantage of influential residents, ‘businesses’?
 Engage our youth in projects that build leadership skills and that Nurture leadership
 mentor peers and honour their community citizens
 Harness necessary resources, including appropriate staffing and funding,
 to carry out board’s mandate
 Apply for grants available for housing and community development
 Do community fundraisers such as a community walk which
 could be coordinated by the police station Garner resources
 Generally – take advantage of college and university internships and co-op
 programs to facilitate community IT, fundraising, and public relations
 Establish an infrastructure (maybe the Captain William Spry board to
 lead the charge) ... needs to be inclusive and grassroots

Other

More restaurants and cafes and entertainment
 Patronize our businesses in the community – shop local, donate local, employ local
 Duncan’s Cove – beautiful spectacular area. Could get that quality of life.
 Where’s the art in our community?
 Proper shelter (living accommodations) Mix of affordable housing
 Focus on anti-litter instead of clean up ... more garbage cans

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Displays

Teen Health Centre
 Herring Cove Road Study
 Long Lake Provincial Park Assoc.
 McIntosh Run Watershed Association
 Urban Farm Museum Society
 CRABapple Mapping Project
 Community Quilt

Board of Directors

Captain William Spry Community Centre

Mary Brown <i>Not present</i>	Hand in Hand
Jim Connolly	Resident
Tanis Crosby	Resident
Reg Horner	Spryfield Lions Club
Joan Jones	Resident

Stephen MacEachern
Jacob MacIsaac *Not present*
Carolyn Mont
Michael O'Hara *Not present*
Joy Woolfrey
Marjorie Willison

Resident
Calvary United Baptist Church
Resident
Resident
Resident
Staff

Who was There

Stephen Adams, Councillor	District 18
Laurie Alexander, Coordinator	Sustainable Communities Initiative
Alanna Baxter	NS Department of Community Services
Julian Beveridge	Resident
Chris Bryant	NS Department of Economic Development
Superintendant Michael Burns	West Division Police
Linda Carvery	Guest
Catherine Chambers	Resident
Heather Christian	NS Department of Health
Brian Church	Hope Cottage
Leo Dillman	Voluntary Planning Board
Cory Dillman	Guest
Tom Domenie	Resident
Sheila Domenie	Resident
Donna Foley	Resident
Wayne Gardner	Salvation Army Cornerstone
Colin Gillis	Hand in Hand
Rick Grant	Resident
Richard Harvey	HRM Planner
Janet Kidston	Resident

Sheila Lane
 Paula Lawlor
 Jim Legge
 Linda MacLaggan
 Patricia MacLean
 Jagoda Mankowski
 Patricia Manuel
 Mike Marentette
 Alexa McDonough
 Mary Angela Munro, Area Coordinator
 Mary Pellerine
 Terry Quinlan, Principal
 Michele Raymond
 Graham Read
 Willie Reid
 Marie Russell
 Mary Russell, Director
 Iris Shea
 Paul Sherwood
 Barb Sowinski
 Susan Tirone
 Anne Trousdell
 Greg Van den Hoogan
 Valerie Wadman
 Kristi Walker
 Jean White
 Martin Willison

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 MP
 HRM Recreation, Tourism and Culture
 Spryfield Lioness Club
 J.L. Ilsley High School
 MLA
 Resident
 Community Arts Centre
 Resident
 Community Health, Capital Health District
 Mainland South Heritage Society
 Resident
 Single Parent Centre
 Resident
 Capt. Spry Public Library
 Crowells Pharmasave
 Resident
 Spryfield Action Outreach
 Resident
 Long Lake Provincial Park Association

Timeline of Multi-Service Concept and Community Development

Formal System

Halifax Social Planning studies Multi-Service concept to address service needs in Spryfield – how to avoid duplication and gaps.	November 28, 1985 under provincial legislation with a mandate to coordinate services in health, recreation, education, culture and social services. Appointed Board of Directors operates building and Multi-Service system. Multi-Service supported by high rents of	provincial and municipal tenants. Multi-Service continues to grow with addition of staff. Attracts external revenues. Operates independently outside of silos and individual departmental mandates, crossing barriers and boundaries, provincially and municipally. Government monies less available generally. Termination of Head Lease agreement between City and Community Centre. Martell Report says Multi-Service fits coming Metro amalgamation and provincial move toward community health centres. April 1, Amalgamation creates HRM. Province takes on social services. HRM manages Community Centre building. Board funded by HRM, operates Multi-
First Multi-Service Coordinator hired by City, '75 to '79.		
Mainland South Community Services Office Association established with appointed Board of Directors. Funding from province and city. Multi-Service Coordinator accountable to Board.		
Mainland South Community Centre Task Force – province, city and community (Spryfield Lions) develop partnership to build community centre.		
Captain William Spry Community Centre opens		

Service system and advises HRM on building operations.
 Multi-Service Coordinator accountable to Board, which is elected by community.
 Board shifts toward more Community Development on a wide variety of issues.

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 1972 – 1975

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1981 – 1985

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In the Community

Spryfield began with first land grant and developed as farming community.
 Rural Spryfield annexed to City of Halifax
 Spryfield Lions Club builds Skating Rink

First Spryfield Santa Claus Parade

Single Parent Centre established

Local history buffs collect and frame old photos for Community Centre

Detailed Area Planning Committee

First Community Directory published

Mainland South Secondary Planning Strategy

Spryfield Long Lake Provincial Park Association formed

Spryfield Community Garden began
 Mainland South Heritage Society formed

McIntosh Run Watershed Association formed

First meeting Barrens/Backlands Ketch Harbour

First Mainland South Business Directory published

SEARCH Project – Seeking and Empowering Area Residents for Community Health
 CRABapple Mapping Project started

Residents treasure ‘access to nature’ and ‘friendliness of people’ in Spryfield

Chebucto Boys and Girls Club started
 Community Economic Development public meeting
 Chebucto West Community Health Board established

HRM reduces funding to Board to make HRM version of community development consistent

throughout city. HRM gives reason that some Multi-Service operates outside HRM mandate.	2004	Chebucto News rolls of press Sustainable Communities Award for Spryfield District 18 Business and Development Association established Oxen Break Ground Urban Farm Museum Arts Express School and Community connection Model Volunteer Community Award for Spryfield First Spryfield Family Fun Fair Spryfield and District Business Commission established Chebucto Lighthouse Society formed First Community Peace Tree Lighting
HRM Replaces Multi-Service Coordinator with HRM Community Developer operating within mandate of HRM Recreation, Tourism and Culture. Accountable to senior HRM staff.		
Board provided with office supports from HRM and small amount of funds. Multi-Service Roundtable continues to meet regularly.		
Provincial Community Development Policy.		
April 9, Board holds Community Forum to discuss what has made our community a good place to live, what it would be like in an ideal world, and what we can all do to make our community a better place for everyone.	2005	Ketch Harbour Area wharf restored Dory Race with Herring Cove held at the new wharf YWCA Spryfield Action Outreach Project
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1997	
1998	2016	Herring Cove Road Streetscape Study by Ekistics
1999	Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association holds first meeting	HRM Youth Strategy Youth Café to determine youth interests
2000	Urban Farm Museum Society established	Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park and Friends of Whimsical Lake formed
2001	Community Quilt unveiled	Single Parent Centre 25 th Anniversary
2002	Greater Chebucto Community Development Association, development of Pennant Point Park	???
2003		Spryfield's 250 th Anniversary