

News Release

Nathan Green Square Revitalization Project Set to Begin

(January 12, 2011) HRM and Waterfront Development Corporation (WDCL) are working together to revitalize a well-travelled and well-loved destination on the Halifax waterfront, starting this week.

The two partners are investing in the Nathan Green Square Revitalization Project to refresh this public area located next to the Halifax Ferry Terminal, between the Halifax Harbour and the Law Courts.

There will be minimal disruption for pedestrians travelling through this area and the majority of the work will be completed by March 31, 2011. The improvements include a continuation of the timber boardwalk, new seating, enhanced landscape which will add year-round interest, improved lighting, and water views, as well as better access between this public area and Historic Properties.

As part of a revitalized landscaping plan, a series of trees that are at the end of their life cycle will be removed as well as some overgrown shrubbery. This will be replaced with new vegetation designed to provide a healthier green space, while improving water views and enhancing safety for the area.

HRM and the WDCL are each contributing \$200,000 toward the Capital District Opportunity Project.

Mayor Peter Kelly said it was an appropriate time to make these changes because work is already underway to convert the adjacent ferry terminal to natural gas.

"HRM is always anticipating ways to operate more efficiently," said Mayor Kelly. "This is an opportunity to both minimize disruptions to the public and re-energize this busy public waterfront area while other work is happening in the vicinity."

"Partnering with HRM provides another opportunity to reinvest revenue back into the waterfront for the public's enjoyment," said Colin MacLean, President and CEO of WDCL. "With these project enhancements, residents and visitors will continue to experience the water's edge and a destination spot like Nathan Green Square, for years to come."

Other partnership projects between HRM and WDCL include the children's playground on the Halifax waterfront and the Bedford Waterfront Design Study.

The square was dedicated in the name of Judge Nathan Green in 1983 to honour the work of the first member of Nova Scotia's Jewish community to become a judge.

Recognized for his many contributions professionally and personally, he held the role of Chief Judge of Nova Scotia's provincial court, and was a well-respected mediator and sought-after arbitrator within the legal community. The Halifax Public Library Board, the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, and the Rotary Club are just a few of the community groups and associations he actively contributed to over the years.

“Our family is very pleased to see this important public space revitalized – a space that holds special meaning for us,” said Sean Green, grandson of Nathan Green. “We look forward to seeing people enjoying the revitalized square this year and for years to come.”

Local university student TJ Maguire worked diligently to promote the revitalization of Nathan Green Square through a class project. His efforts were integral in sparking discussion around the site’s potential.

For more information on the project visit: www.my-waterfront.ca or www.halifax.ca.

WDCL is a provincial Crown corporation that manages provincially-owned land along the waterfronts from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and Lunenburg. Revenues are directly reinvested in the waterfronts to drive economic opportunity, enhance tourism, provide experiences and reflect and protect marine heritage.

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