

District 1

# 2010 a busy year, but roads in District 1 still need work

by Paul MacNeil  
Councillor for District 1

2010 was a busy year for the County. We took on the task of operating our own waste collection ensuring jobs would stay in the county. To date it seems like a positive move and we are getting lots of encouraging feedback.

We had a number of strategic planning meetings with individuals from throughout the county. As a result of these meetings an Economic Sustainability Officer was hired to help focus on Economic Development for the County. Nona MacDermid is a highly qualified individual who I am certain will advance the county through her knowledge.

I would like to welcome John Buchanan to council. John won the by-election after the passing of Robert MacLellan. Robert will be greatly missed. He always knew how to get his point across. He fought for his district but also considered what was needed for the county as a whole.

2011 will be another challenging one for the County. In District 1 break-ins are on the rise. It is important that each individual keep a watchful eye on any activity that may be suspicious. Please remember to report any concerns of this nature to the RCMP. Even small tips help.

The roads throughout District 1 have to be considered one of our more impor-

tant issues. The back roads are in terrible disrepair. Maintenance on these dirt roads has to be kept up, ditching is a must and graveling has to be done. The road to Washabuck from Iona is considered one of the worst in the province. It has been in this condition for many years with small patching that as all are aware is only a Band-Aid approach. Major repairs need to be started. The same can be said for the remaining section on Route 223 between Jamesville and Ottawa Brook. With the help of our MLA these problems must be addressed. I have been in continuous consultations with Keith Bain on both of these issues.

At this time I would like to thank all

the Staff of Victoria County Municipality. Without our employee's dedication and commitment to our County our operations would certainly not be able to run like clockwork. Also I want to thank my fellow councillors. We might not have the same views on issues all the time, but that is what responsible government is about and we as councillors for each individual district always consider your needs first.

Finally I want to wish each and every individual throughout Victoria County a Happy & Safe New Year and a Successful 2011.

Mark Eyking, MP Sydney-Victoria

## Infrastructure & people's needs come first

by Mark Eyking MP Sydney-Victoria



As 2010 fades into 2011 I look back with great memories of this past summer. During the summer I had the honor of hosting Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and over 100 Liberal Caucus members in Baddeck. For three

days Baddeck provided a backdrop on national newscasts and on 24 hour news channels. This meeting gave a nice boost to the local economy and many who attended stayed for several days before and after the event. I also invited my caucus colleagues to do outreach to our communities. To this day my caucus colleagues talk about the great time they had in Cape Breton. I want to thank the people of Baddeck and the rest of Victoria County who put on an amazing display of hospitality and warmth. Cape Bretoners always do a great job of hospitality whether it's this past year's 50th anniversary of the Highland village to the Celtic Colours International festival

There were many challenges this year as well including flooding in Northern Cape Breton. Meat Cove and Dingwall were particularly hard hit. There is still damage to be repaired and I hope the federal government provides us with the necessary funding. Government funding is always an issue when it comes to infrastructure. Improvements to roads in the national park were a good step forward but there are still many other infrastructure commitments needs

unmet. For example another year has passed and there is no new federal building in Ingonish. That project must be funded along with improvements to other Park infrastructure including the golf course.

The big issue in Cape north has been the need for funding for the local rink. It's long overdue and I have approved Federal Ministers on the matter. The community is behind it and encourages all levels of government to finally resolve the problem.

While infrastructure is always an issue it is the people issues that matter most. Over

the next year my party will be pushing for an enhanced Canada Pension plan, Assistance for Family Care givers and a tax break for our volunteer firefighters. Instead of providing \$6 billion in corporate tax credits I believe this money should be used to fund health care and family initiatives.

I look forward to 2011. While there are many challenges, I believe that if we work together we can accomplish a great deal. Like every year I pledge that I will work for you for a brighter future for Victoria County.

Have a very Happy New Year!

## Should we go now, Alex?



Prepared for the worst, Alex & Mabel ride out the Bras d'Or's recent historic storm and water surge on the Baddeck Boardwalk.

*The Best to Everyone in the New Year!*

*May the coming year make you Happy & Prosperous*



**Fraser Patterson**  
DEPUTY WARDEN  
Councillor  
District 5

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To the residents of the Village of Baddeck, we offer this message for 2011...

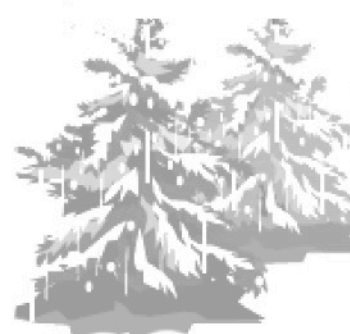
*Faith to make your heart serene,  
And hope to keep it light,  
Then peace and love in your midst  
To make your New Year bright."*



Village Commissioners of Baddeck

Celebrate...the tradition of giving, the beauty of the season and the blessing of loved ones...

Keith Bain  
MLA, Victoria-The Lakes



Warmest thoughts and best wishes this holiday season. On behalf of Chrissy, myself and family, we extend our deepest gratitude for your support throughout 2010. Blessings of peace and happiness to you and your family throughout the New Year.