

# Hanwell Herald

March 2008

Newsletter of the Hanwell Local Service District Advisory Committee

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## Hanwell LSD Advisory Committee Elections

Members of the Hanwell Local Service District (LSD) Advisory Committee are elected to a 2-year term at a public meeting to represent the people of Hanwell to the Government of New Brunswick.

In March 2006 five people were elected: Keith Manuel, Holly Hyslop, Susan Cassidy, Peter Michaud, and Detlef Rudolph. The committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Keith Manuel in June of this year.

**The election of a new committee will be held on March 25, 2008, at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 155 Hanwell Road.** We urge all residents to attend and vote. This is the only way that area residents have a say in the government of the area.

Mr. Peter Kavanagh, the Local Services Manager, will be available to answer questions. Mr. Kavanagh can also be reached at Dimock Building, Box 5001, Woodstock, NB E7M 5C6, 506-325-4847, or e-mail [Peter.Kavanagh@gnb.ca](mailto:Peter.Kavanagh@gnb.ca).

The new Advisory Committee will be dealing with some important challenges over the next two years, including exploring becoming a Rural Community, approval of an official Rural Plan, land acquisition for playing fields and a community hall, changes to community policing, land annexation requests by the City of Fredericton, and environmental quality.

Please consider putting your name forward for nomination as an Advisory Committee member for the next term 2008 to 2010.

Hanwell is a large district along Route 640 comprising the area from Kingswood Park to Yoho Lake, and includes the neighbourhoods of Brookdale, Brookdale Gardens, Birchwood, Deerwood, Somerset Park, Pinecrest, Starlite Village, Cobblestone, Eaglewood, Smith Road, and Yoho Lake.

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Please check our web site frequently for information updates and minutes of Advisory Committee meetings.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your thoughts and ideas on any topic of concern. Please contact any committee member for information.

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## Rural Community Update

The Rural Community Round Table group met several times under the facilitation of Doug Pond from the Department of Local Government. The Round Table is doing the fact-finding to see whether joining with the Kingsclear LSD to form an incorporated municipality is in our best interest.

As an unincorporated area right now the LSD is governed directly by the Province. A rural community would have an elected mayor and council with local decision-making authority, and accountable to the residents.

The Round Table meetings were temporarily on hold pending a review by the Department of Local Government of land annexation applications currently in process and their possible impact on the community, but meetings are now underway again.

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# Study on the Future of Local Governance

Commissioner Jean-Guy Finn met in December 2007 with representatives of all LSD regions in the province. His mandate is to review, make recommendations, and provide an action plan regarding the changes to be made to key aspects of the local governance system in New Brunswick.

The Commissioner will report his findings to the government in the fall of 2008.

Full details of the study can be found at [www.gnb.ca/cnb/Promos/lg/index-e.asp](http://www.gnb.ca/cnb/Promos/lg/index-e.asp).

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## Local tax rate for 2008

After taking into account the surpluses from last year and the new recreation levy to the City of Fredericton, the 2008 LSD tax rate for the Hanwell LSD is \$0.2654 for the Hanwell Street Light area (a 9.9% rise), and \$0.2046 for the rest of the LSD (a 1.6% drop). The recreation levy was approved by the residents at a meeting on June 13, 2007.



The Advisory Committee does not set the tax rate, but advises the Ministry of Local Government. The Advisory Committee requested a reduction in the budget for administration in order to reduce the impact of rising assessments.

The local budget pays for services including garbage collection, recycling, recreation, fire protection, administration, and street lights (taxed separately). The budget includes funding for the Brookdale Recreation Association to operate its sports program on its field on Camber Drive.

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**GARBAGE COLLECTION: FERO will be picking up garbage as usual on Easter Monday.**

# Community Council Policing Committee

The Community Council Policing Committee (CCPC) is composed of members from the communities serviced by the RCMP within District 2 including both Municipalities and Local Service Districts. The Committee's objective is to provide an open forum for the communities and the RCMP to discuss and address policing issues arising from within our communities. It is an excellent venue for open dialogue on service and program delivery.

The Committee has recently met to discuss the priorities for District 2 for fiscal year 2008-2009. The four priorities identified for the coming year are:

- Drug Enforcement and Education through Community Mobilization,
- Youth Engagement and Youth at Risk,
- Property Crimes, and
- Road Safety.

The Committee at large will establish 4 sub-committees to assist with each of these priorities. An example of what residents of Hanwell can expect in the coming year is an opportunity to participate in drug awareness presentations for our youth and parents. There will be more public education to encourage neighbourhoods to organize Neighbourhood Watch Committees in an effort to reduce property crimes.

Community involvement is key to the success of any program so I encourage you to participate when these initiatives come to our Community.

— Susan Cassidy, Hanwell LSD Representative

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## Rural Plan

The Rural Planning Commission is going to release a draft copy of the rural plan on their website in the very near future. Look for it at [www.ruralplanning.ca](http://www.ruralplanning.ca). This will be followed up with open houses providing opportunities for public review and feedback in the Spring. The meeting notice will be in the mail and posted on our website [www.hanwell.nb.ca](http://www.hanwell.nb.ca).

**The Hanwell Local Service District  
Advisory Committee**

**Election**

**Tuesday March 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
155 Hanwell Rd.**

**Please come out and vote.**

