

# Hanwell Community News

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## LSD Advisory Committee

An election was held on April 20, 2010 to elect members to the Advisory Committee for a two year term ending in 2012. The following individuals volunteered and were elected to the Advisory Committee:

Susan Cassidy – Chair - [scassidy@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:scassidy@hanwell.nb.ca)

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Edward Korpan – [ekorpan@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:ekorpan@hanwell.nb.ca)

You may contact any of the above with questions or concerns within our community.

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## Season's Greetings

The holiday season is upon us and it is a good time to remind people that we can all help in reducing property crime. The Community Council Policing Committee which consists of the RCMP District 2, and incorporated and unincorporated communities in their jurisdiction, has prepared a brochure that reminds us of the simple steps we can take to reduce property crime in our neighbourhoods. Please review it and note that our local contact is in the Keswick Office at 452-3754.

The Hanwell Local Service District Advisory Committee would like to wish you a safe and Happy Holiday.



## Hanwell Local Service District Rural Plan

The Hanwell Local Service District Rural Plan was enacted by the Minister of Environment on April 19, 2010 and filed in the York County Registry office on April 28, 2010 under official number 28645019.

Hanwell now has a framework to guide in the further development of our community. The objectives of the Rural Plan are:

- To minimize the impact on the environment;
- To facilitate the provision of community infrastructure, services, and facilities to meet the current and future needs of the population;
- To promote orderly development that fosters the local economy while ensuring a healthy balance of land uses and safe and efficient transportation; and
- To foster a sense of community and good quality of life.

To access a copy of the Hanwell Rural Plan visit our web site at [www.hanwell.nb.ca](http://www.hanwell.nb.ca) and follow the link. If you have questions regarding the Plan you can contact the Rural Planning District Commission 506-457-4896 or at [rpdc@ruralplanning.ca](mailto:rpdc@ruralplanning.ca)

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## Safety Reminder

Winter has arrived and with it come the shorter days. The children in our community are out walking to, and waiting for, school buses early in the morning. Visibility is reduced in the early dawn so please slow down and watch for pedestrians on our roadways. Remember, there is no place you need to be that warrants excessive speeds on our community streets. Thank you.

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# Community Development Assoc. Makes Progress

As noted in the last newsletter, the Hanwell Community Development Association is making plans to acquire a parcel of crown land to develop as a community recreation park. Facilities will include sports fields, walking/cycling/nordic trails, tennis courts, a community hall, outdoor skating rink and other community supported facilities.

A Crown land parcel located on Rte 640 across from Eaglewood Drive has been identified as the preferred and most suitable parcel of land. A proposal was presented to the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Local Government, and we are pleased to report that we will be able to obtain a 30-year lease.

Glenn Group architectural consultants has been retained to develop a master plan and concept drawings to map out the appropriate area for development. We are looking forward to holding Open House meetings in the spring to get input from residents of the LSD, and to outline the potential usage of the land.

However... *we need your help!* Please join the Association (no fees) to show your support. Please also consider joining the committee to finalize a comprehensive community-based project plan to provide a solid framework for the development. The plan will provide the required information to acquire and develop the land as well as the plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the property.

An information pamphlet describing the Association's goals and plans was produced for distribution, and is available at various locations in the LSD as well as on the Association's web site at <http://community.hanwell.nb.ca>.

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## Hanwell Astronomy Club

### WEEKLY STARGAZING

We welcome all residents of Hanwell to come and enjoy the wonders of the night sky in Eaglewood, our dark sky neighbourhood, every Friday and Saturday evening (weather permitting).

*NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!*

Lack of street lights and friendly neighbours ensure a dark sky. Winter is the best season for early evening stargazing. We can easily observe galaxies, planets, meteors, asteroids, comets, and even watch the last mission of the space shuttle flying overhead attached to the International Space Station.

## A look at our Community – featuring Yoho Lake by Susan Jonah

Yoho Lake is located at the very southwest end of the Hanwell Local Service District. It is still primarily a cottage area, but of the approx. 200 residences, about 80 are full time.

It is an area that is truly appreciated by everyone lucky enough to live there! Every season has its own unique attractions, such as boating, canoeing, swimming, or just sitting on the dock. In winter there are snowmobile trails surrounding the lake that are also used for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

There are also lots of birds, and wildlife to enjoy. This fall, for example, there was a particular abundance of skunks(!) who were greeted twice by Miss Reese (a lovely dog) who really wanted them to feel at home!

The Yoho Lake Assoc. has a web site that can be accessed at [www.yoho-lake.com](http://www.yoho-lake.com). The association also participates in the semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway program. Thanks to Lawrence Sommerville for organizing this for many years.

While Yoho Lake is mostly a residential area we do have several businesses. Richard Pond keeps everyone's vehicles in top shape, and Yoho is also the home of Envirotherm Insulators, who do spray foam insulation.

Yoho also has its own section in the Hanwell Rural Plan. This is intended to deal with the environmental issues surrounding the lake.

Yoho residents have expressed concern with regard to the recreation tax for the two arenas, as they are excluded from using the facilities as part of the Fredericton Hockey Association. Residents are considering applying for a separate exemption for the tax.

Regardless, we are all happy to be in our small corner of Hanwell. Check out our web site; there is lots of interesting information to be found.



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