

# Hanwell Community News

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Newsletter of the Hanwell Rural Community

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Welcome to the first newsletter from the Council of the new Hanwell Rural Community.

This is an exciting time for our new rural community. Council has been hard at work putting in place the legislated requirements that will allow us to operate as a municipality. We have made great strides in establishing the structure from which we will function as a municipality. You can follow our progress on our interim web site at [www.hanwell.nb.ca](http://www.hanwell.nb.ca).

We now have a municipal office located in the Hanwell mini mall in Unit #5 at 1757 Route 640. Hours of operation will be published shortly. We are planning to hold an Open House in early December and look forward to meeting members of the community at our new office.

There is still much work to be done and we will continue over the coming months to ensure the process is in place so we can realize the benefits of being a municipality. The benefits of being an incorporated body, a rural community, are many:

- We are able to make decisions locally – **that's important to us.**
- We have a strong voice to advocate for our community – **people will listen.**
- We have elected representatives who are accountable to the community.
- **And importantly...**
- We have access to new sources of funding with an example being the federal Gas Tax Fund. The Rural Community over the next **5 years will have access to \$1,487,132** for qualified projects. This year's funding amount is \$285,986. This is a considerable amount of funding and over the next few weeks/months we will be preparing our 5-year Capital Investment Plan, identifying strategies and priorities. We will be engaging the community, asking you to let us know your expectations and priorities.

If you are interested in getting involved, Council has established various committees and would welcome interest from residents. You will find more information on the web site.

The councillors that have been elected are all dedicated and committed members of our community, each with their own strengths. I am confident that Council will continue to work hard on your behalf, having already shown we can and will work together as a team so that we can realize the many future opportunities for our community to prosper.

I am honoured as the first Mayor of the rural community of Hanwell to provide the leadership and support to make this a success story!

## Council Meetings

are held on the second Wednesday of each month  
at 6:30 p.m.

5 – 1757 Route 640, Hanwell

Agendas and minutes are on-line at [www.hanwell.nb.ca](http://www.hanwell.nb.ca)

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# Meet your Councillors

## Susan Jonah, Ward 1



I have lived at Yoho Lake since 2000 and have been involved with the community there almost since the beginning. I became involved with the Hanwell LSD Advisory Committee and was part of the LSD roundtable that worked to establish the Rural Community. It has been exciting for me to see the change from having a volunteer committee trying to get something moving, to an elected council that can actually make and carry out plans. There are many things that I can see happening in Hanwell in the future. My most immediate priority is to see the Emergency Plan put in place, and to upgrade our fire protection. I am currently Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee and Vice-chair of the Emergency Planning Committee. Both will be very busy, and I'm looking forward to the positive results they will produce for our community.

## Holly Hyslop, Ward 2 Deputy Mayor



In 1991 my husband Will and I bought a home in Hanwell to raise a family. Since that time, I have operated my own home-based business and volunteered in many local organizations. I was actively involved in the Hanwell LSD Advisory Committee as well as the Rural Community Steering Committee. I am a founding director of the Hanwell Community Development Association and have spent many volunteer hours helping build walking/Nordic trails in the Hanwell Recreation Park. Continued development of the park, as well as having a community centre where all residents can enjoy activities and meet their neighbours is important to me. Since a reliable water supply for fire suppression has always been a concern of residents, I will advocate for dry hydrants to be installed in Hanwell.

## Chris Melvin, Ward 3



My wife Stacey and I have lived in Hanwell since spring 2006. We have two amazing children, Spencer and Sarah. We love Hanwell. Our family roots are firmly embedded here. I sought the position of Councillor because I believe in the community of Hanwell and its people. I want to ensure our way of life is protected for our children and our children's children. My family lives here for the rural feel. That must be protected. I am proud to be a part of this community. I am not only a member of Council but also a Beaver leader with Scouts Canada. I also help out various committees throughout our region: Priestman Street School and the annual Touch-a-Truck event to name a couple. As a councillor of Ward 3 I will work to remain accessible. Feel free to email me at [chris.melvin@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:chris.melvin@hanwell.nb.ca) or call/text me at 470-4250.

## Councillors At Large

### Darren MacKenzie



I have been a resident of Hanwell since 2003. I am married and have three children, one in each of Fredericton High, George Street Middle, and Priestman Street Elementary School. I am currently the president of the Home & School Association at George Street, serve on the PSSC and other committees at George Street, and have done a lot of past work with the PCSA at Priestman, including being the school videographer many years for the Christmas concert. I also coach multiple sports. My priorities for Hanwell are to see the community continue to grow, but still keep the rural look and feel of our area. With many young families moving to our community, putting focus on things such as expansion of our parks are also a major area of interest for me. My long-term goals for Hanwell are to see our infrastructure expand, and to get ideas from residents on services we may be able to improve.

### Carla Ward



I was born in Quebec City the daughter of a career army father. Moving every eighteen months made me a very adaptable person. I have lived in Hanwell for the past fifteen years and truly feel like I am finally home. I enjoy getting to know people and have friends and acquaintances throughout the rural community. Having retired from the Federal Government in 2011 with 30 years of service in Finance, I have more time and energy to contribute to the community. I have been married to my wonderful husband Richard for 26 years. Senior care has been a big priority in our lives as we have spent most of our married life looking after my Grandmother until her death at 103 as well as my Mother until her death last year at 95. I believe that slow, well-informed progress in our community is the best route to take with lots of consultation with the public on issues. I hope that if you see me out and about that you will introduce yourself and tell me your concerns!

### Susan Cassidy, Mayor

I have been blessed to have lived across Canada from British Columbia to Nova Scotia during my youth. My career in administration with the Federal Government finally took me to the Fredericton area in 1990. I retired in 2010 and as a resident of Hanwell for the past 20 years I decided to stay in NB as it is now my forever home! My community involvement includes volunteering with the Hanwell LSD Advisory Committee since 2006. I was a founding member of the Hanwell Community Development Association. I ran for Mayor because I believe we need strong representation on local, municipal and provincial issues that affect our community. I am committed to serving the community and providing clear and effective leadership for Hanwell by helping to initiate infrastructure improvements in community building (recreation, parks, community centre), safety (fire protection), planning (rural plan, responsible development). I am excited for the future of our community and will listen to your ideas and concerns as we move ahead.



## Formation of a Rotary Club in the Hanwell Community

by Adeline Misener

**Rotary International** is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. It is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are 34,282 clubs and over 1.2 million members worldwide. Members usually meet weekly for breakfast, lunch or dinner, which is a social event as well as an opportunity to organize work on their service goals.

As past President of the Rotary Club of Fredericton, I saw an opportunity to create another Rotary club within the Hanwell community. As you know, since the new Hanwell rural community has a significant number of individuals and businesses, a Rotary club in Hanwell would benefit the needs of our community, whether it be a literacy program for both adults and youth in our area, a food program for those that need it, support of the Hanwell Community Development Association in developing the Hanwell Recreation Park, or contributing to an international cause. Once the group has been formed, the members would make a decision on where they see the greatest need in this area and identify their service goals.

The governor of Rotary District 7810, Mike Walsh, is very supportive in establishing a new club. Dr. Jerry Misener, the past president of Gagetown and currently the assistant governor, lives in Hanwell and would be an intricate part in establishing a new club.

An information session has been arranged for Wednesday, October 22 at the home of Dr. Jerry and Adeline Misener, 237 Deerwood Drive at 7 p.m.

Please confirm your attendance by calling 459-1613 or, by emailing me at [aj.misener@bellaliant.net](mailto:aj.misener@bellaliant.net)

## Community Logo and Slogan Contest

Calling all contest buffs of all ages! Council is looking for a community identity, including a logo and slogan which identifies the Hanwell rural community's core values (for example, New Maryland's "*Rural Charm, Urban Convenience*"), as well as the official colours which will be adopted. Rather than having a committee determine a design, we are inviting residents to submit entries.

The Recreation Committee has undertaken to run the contest and prizes, and has the following rules:

- The deadline for submission is Friday, November 28.
- Submissions can be a slogan or a colour logo or both. Electronic versions are accepted; send to [contest@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:contest@hanwell.nb.ca).
- A copy should also be submitted in print by mail or in person to the municipal office.
- Winners will each receive a prize and a letter signed by the mayor.
- In terms of colours... anything goes!
- The history of Hanwell will be on the web site, with a concise summary in this newsletter for those people that wish to tie the past and present.
- The top 3 designs will be selected by the recreation committee and recommended to Mayor and Council who will select the winning design. The top 3 will be invited to present their design to Mayor and Council prior to awarding the top prize.

Mayor and Council reserve the right to modify or edit the design.

### ELECTIONS NB Hanwell Ward 4 By-Election

Nomination papers available October 25  
Nomination filing deadline November 14  
*Voting Day December 8*

Please consider offering your candidacy

## Hanwell Rural Community Municipal Office

We have a municipal office! The premises at 1757 Route 640, Unit 5, have been renovated by the landlord to include a Council chamber, three offices for Mayor and staff, reception area, conference room, and coffee room.

Hanwell Council has made it a priority to operate in an environmentally sensitive manner. As such, the office has state-of-the-art high efficiency LED lighting. The Council chamber and board room are equipped with the latest large screen smart TV and networking technology to display meeting agenda items and documents in order to reduce the use of paper.

Thanks to surplus office furniture obtained from the Department of Government Services and Department of Environment and Local Government, we were able to furnish the premises very cost-effectively. In spite of the very tight budget allocated to the rural community, we were able to occupy the premises without the need to borrow money.

Council and committee meetings take place in the Council chamber. *The public is invited to every meeting.* Meeting notices are published on the rural community web site.

The office is now open for anyone needing information or for obtaining certified copies of resolutions or By-Laws. A small fee will be charged for certifying documents. At this time with one part-time Clerk, the office hours are limited to afternoons; please check the web site for details. Signs will be up shortly.

We have lots of empty wall space looking for art work or other hangings. If you are a Hanwell artist wishing to display your work, please contact the clerk, Detlef Rudolph, at [clerk@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:clerk@hanwell.nb.ca).

## Hanwell Community Development

In 2007 a group of volunteers formed a non-profit association with the vision of providing a recreation venue for the residents of Hanwell. In December 2012 the Community Development Association obtained a twenty-year crown lease on approximately 88 hectares of raw land. Your new community park is located off the Hanwell Road adjacent to Eaglewood Drive. Parking is available across from the trail entrance.

There are currently three loops of trail available for use, about 2 km, 3 km, and 4 km in distance. An information kiosk with trail routes, park information, and sponsor board is located at the beginning of the trail network. Trails are being upgraded with markers, signs, benches, and picnic areas coming soon. A play area is planned.

We would like to begin construction on an "Ability Trail" about 1 km long to accommodate people with mobility issues and for people with strollers. While not paved, this loop would be graded and smooth with a crushed stone surface.

We are always open to suggestions for future improvements that would benefit the community. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please contact us at any time if you would like to participate in this community endeavour, at [www.gohanwell.ca](http://www.gohanwell.ca).

## A Short History of Hanwell Settlement

In 1824, a 28-year-old military officer named Thomas Baillie arrived in Fredericton with his new bride Elizabeth. Thomas Baillie was born in Hanwell, England, 1796, joined the British army as a lieutenant at the age of 19, served at Waterloo, occupied Versailles after Napoleon's rout, and served briefly in Ireland where he made many friends. He then entered the Colonial Office with the help of his brother, the first clerk in the North America Department, and was appointed by the Department as Commissioner of Crown Lands and Forests, and Surveyor General of New Brunswick, ... a position of great authority at the time second only to the Lieutenant-Governor! He had in fact been offered a consul post in Tunis, but took the New Brunswick appointment because he preferred a temperate climate(!). He arrived in Fredericton in 1824 with his Irish servants.

In 1825 Mr. Baillie petitioned for and was granted 500 acres in the Parish of Kingsclear, consisting of two 200 acre and one 100 acre parcels, and later 200 acres more.

He named the settlement Hanwell after his home town. He later petitioned for a good road to be built from Fredericton, which of course became known as Hanwell Road, and also obtained several islands in the St. John River as well as land at the Richibucto River, and in Fredericton.

(With thanks to Mr. William Vinh-Doyle at the Provincial Archives for his invaluable help in obtaining some of this information.)

Read the full story online at [www.hanwell.nb.ca/history](http://www.hanwell.nb.ca/history)

**October 19**  
**FAMILY DAY**  
**AT**  
**THE PARK**  
**Sunday 11-2**  
**Hanwell**  
**Recreation Park**  
Hanwell Rd. and Eaglewood Dr.  
**Walks**  
**Games**  
**Free BBQ**

The advertisement features a green silhouette of a family (two adults and two children) walking on a path towards a large evergreen tree. The background is white with green and orange accents.