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Councillor Patrick Murphy to seek re-election to Municipal Council

Councillor Patrick Murphy announced today that he is running for re-election to the Halifax Regional Municipal council in the fall of 2008. Councillor Murphy currently represents District 11 - North End - Bayers Road.

Patrick Murphy has brought about a significant increase in capital projects that are much needed in the District

especially playgrounds and road improvements, as well as improved services through public works. "I want to continue to work hard for North End residents. I think through full time representation we've seen significant results: more capital projects, seven new playgrounds in the last three and a half years, a new community police office, and the start of a re-visioning of the Bloomfield Site that had been neglected for many years."

Murphy has been innovative in getting more things done in a short amount of time by forging partnerships such as partnering with DND, empowering citizens groups like the Hydrostone/Fort Needham advisory group and working with community groups for the betterment of the neighbourhood. "The job of a city councillor is never boring, there is something new every day and the work to make our great neighbourhood of North End -Bayers Road even better, is on-going." said Murphy.

"I think we need to concentrate on an active transportation system without widening roads, to look at helping out seniors with rising tax assessments, to concentrate on public safety and to continue our work with youth, whether through the youth strategy, creating better recreational opportunities, or helping our youth make the right choices."

"I look forward to serving HRM District 11 so we can continue moving forward with the great work we've done in the last three and a half years."

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The Coast Magazine Councillor Ratings

In its annual rating of city Councillor the Coast magazine awarded Patrick a grade of B, one of its highest marks. Click here to read the article.

Patrick Murphy carries himself like an old-style ward politician, patting backs and shaking hands with the merchants and residents of his district. That's not a bad thing. He knows what's happening around the north end and who's making it happen.

Murphy has inserted himself in the battles over the Bloomfield Centre, generally on the side of the tenants, but there's still plenty of distrust all the way around. How this unfolds will say much for his abilities, or lack thereof.

At council meetings, Murphy advocates for arts and labour, and wants the government to buy locally. But talk is cheap and I'd like to see him more actively involved making the talk a reality

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Bloomfield Centre. In September of 2006, Murphy expressed surprise upon seeing a report that said Bloomfield would be closed down and demolished; by the spring of 2007, Murphy was touting the renovations and money being utilized to revive the community building. Tenants are still worried about the future of the site, and some groups are critical, accusing Murphy and the city of not listening to the community's suggestions.

Murphy also gave the most concise answer to one of our survey topics. The Cogswell Interchange? "Blow it up."

Like other peninsular councillors, Murphy has concerns about violence: "More police, more intelligence gathering, better behaved bar patrons, responsible bartenders and bar owners that look out for their patrons. We must work on all of these things." And as for video surveillance, a divisive topic that raises privacy and security issues, "If a video can save a life or find a culprit who has taken advantage of someone else, then I vote for video."

Remarks: Murphy is almost always accessible, and seems to be genuinely in touch with the concerns of his district---even with last year's Bloomfield surprise taken into consideration.

A selection of media articles:

2008:

July - Snap Halifax - St. Stephen's Elementary Celebrates Playground Funding.

In its July issue new magazine "Snap Halifax" chronicles St.Stephen's playground funding announcement. Councillor Murphy presented a cheque for \$60,000 to the playground committee.

January 23 - Halifax Herald - City hall takes issue with flyers

February 20 - Halifax Herald - City wants to save McNabs from demolition ball

February 21 - Halifax Herald - North end needs schools

March 8 - Halifax Herald - Decision to kill Games was based on dollars

April 16 - Halifax Herald - Council ponders widening Bayers Road

April 9 - Halifax Herald - Time to make city look spiffy

May 19 - Halifax Herald - Battling for Bloomfield

2007

January 9 - Halifax Herald - Councillor questions contracting out plowing

January 23 - Halifax Herald - Halifax Explosion Hero Honoured

February 23 - Halifax Herald - Appeal for fairness in fares

March 1 - Halifax Herald - Beloved Red Man Bulldozed

March 18 - Halifax Herald - Police reach out to North End

March 23 - Halifax Herald - Bloomfield centre getting a spruce-up p.1, Article p.2

April 18 - Daily News - Property tax rates cut

May 8 - Halifax Herald - Vandalism spurs call for help

June 1 - Halifax Herald - Councillor appeals for help solving theft of plaques

June 10 - Halifax Herald - Councillors: ensure contracts necessary

October 26 - Nova News Net - North Enders say violent reputation 'misdirected'

November 6 - Halifax Herald - Signs freaking city out, Article p.2

November 14 - Halifax Herald - Fougere: delay Chebucto Road project

December 7 - Halifax Herald - Young, old mark explosion, Article p.2

2006

January 10 - Daily News - Building in limbo

January 12 - Halifax Herald - HRM considers historic district

January 25 - Halifax Herald - Proposed nuisance bylaw draws some smoke

March 7 - Halifax Herald - Acquiring green space on Arm to be explored

May 7 - Halifax Herald - Graffiti mars

May 8 - Halifax Herald - Ramp up City hall

May 31 - Halifax Herald - New home costs could jump \$1000

June 1 - Halifax Herald - Building eyed as possible youth centre

June 18 - Halifax Herald - City hall to tackle ethics

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November 22 - Halifax Herald - Time to harvest the wind, councillors agree

2005

January 21 - Halifax Herald - Sidewalks plowed within 72 hours; Some councillors underwhelmed, p.1, Sidewalks plowed within 72 hours; Some councillors underwhelmed, p.2

March 29 - Daily News - Curfews, cameras and crime

March 30 - Daily News - Council Oks residence

June 28 - Halifax Herald - Councillor expects hotel tax backlash

September 8- Halifax Herald - Making a final resting place

November 23- Halifax Herald - Plight of homeless

December 13 - Halifax Herald - Murphy focuses on recreation, traffic solutions

December 16 - Halifax Herald - Private celebration of public triumph prompts complaints

2004

November 24 - Halifax Herald - Universities, homeless shelter

November 25 - Halifax Herald - Scotia Fuels

December 9 - Halifax Herald - Hanukkah

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