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Health Care Update

Issues with New Doctor and Clinical Nurse Practitioner (CNP) Update (TAKE ACTION)



As mentioned last month, there is a process underway to review a potential site for a Clinical Nurse Practitioners (CNPs) I was frustrated that the latest list of new CNPs & collaborative health centres did not include our area. Some of you may have heard me on the Sheldon MacLeod Show on 95.7 on March 9th 2018 talking about my frustration with the unacceptable delays. I had a with the Minister of Health Randy Delorey on May 8th 2018 shortly after the list was released that day. I advised Dr. Alexiadis of this meeting. I then heard back from her that a meeting had been set up to discuss the potential site. I will let you know the outcome of that meeting as soon as possible, but there if you want to help me, CONSIDER creating a petition or contact the Minister of Health and the NSHA as well.

Petition Interest:

MLAs submit petitions in the Legislature on issues that are important to constituents. If the community wanted to submit a petition for a family doctor, collaborative health centre and clinical nurse practitioner, I would be happy to help. Call my office if you would like to take this on.

Contact the Minister of Health and the NSHA Department of Family Practice

If you would like to contact the NSHA to join me in voicing your concerns about how long this process is taking and the impact the lack of family doctors is having in our constituency please feel free to call, email or write to the three people in charge of the Physician recruitment process and the Collaborative Health Centre approval process.

They include:

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New Education Bill 72 Passes ... No More School Boards

The legislature was called in a month earlier than normal so that the Liberal Government could pass Bill 72 to make sweeping changes to the Education Act. The main changes that will be coming include:

- **Elimination of your elected school board representatives.** (School board members will not work but will be paid until their contracts expire in 2.5 years)
- **Removal of the Principals from the NS Teachers Union** moving them into an Association instead
- **Creation of Regional Centres and volunteer run School Advisory Councils**

There were a great deal of issues and concerns raised by parents and teachers and students as well as experts in the education field. As well, the two opposition parties (**NDP and PC party MLAs including myself VOTED AGAINST BILL 72** and voiced repeated concerns about:

- **Immediate acceptance** of the Glaze Report as the only recommendation source
- **Undue haste of the proceedings** which gave only one day for Public input
- **Lack of collaboration** (actual listening) with teachers, principals, union and other stakeholders
- **Fuzzy language** of too many policies and procedures for the Minister of Health that start with the words the minister **May do, not that they shall do.** This creates the worry that to many promised polices and procedures will not be carried out as promised, too many schools may close without proper consultation and SAC's that are to replace School Board Reps can be wiped out at any time.
- **Short deadline of March 31st 2018** to make some of the most massive changes to our provincial education system, in the middle of a school year.

No New Pre-Primary Classes

The Minister of Education Zach Churchill released a list of the schools in NS getting the second round of pre-primary students

High School Update (Still no news!)

Auburn & Cole Harbour High School and Feeder School Review Process
I have once again requested an update from Education Minister Zach Churchill about the fate of all Cole Harbour Schools The latest response: "We will let you

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know as soon as possible". I receive many frustrated phone calls about these delays,

Education Hero Principal Pat Savage

I would like to bring recognition to our new Principal Pat Savage who took the time to go to the NS Legislature to speak about his thoughts and concerns about the Education Bill 72 during Law Amendments on March 5th 2018. Principal Savage was one of 74 people from around the province who were selected to speak about the proposed (and now passed) changes to the education act. Pat was also one of only 36 of the presenters who took the time to submit his comments in writing. They are passionate, well written and speak volumes about how teachers and principals in this province felt about bill 72. Many opposition MLA's including myself praised and quoted Mr. Savage's speech.



Principal Savage's speech can be found online by going to the NS Legislature website, clicking on Hansard and typing in Pat Savage – Law Amendments. <https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/committees/standing/law-amendments/submissions/assembly-63-session-1/72>

We are VERY FORTUNATE to have such a caring and well spoken principal coming to our new Island View High School in September and I know we will welcome him with open arms. Thanks so much Principal Savage.

These were Pat Savage's final words at **Law Amendments** (Public Hearing) and I quote:

"We will be making significant personal and professional decisions based on inadequate information. These rushed decisions will have impacts for the whole education system. The saddest part of this is the destructive cycle we find ourselves in; created by this course of action. Teachers had to threaten an illegal strike to get our elected representatives to meet with us. Principals and V.P.s have to make rapid, poorly informed decisions so a government can meet an arbitrary timeline. And all of this negative swirl as we await a report on Inclusive Education that affects the most vulnerable in our education system -which should demand all of our best. I beg of this government to slowdown and carefully consider the consequences of this act. I beg of this government to weigh what will be lost if it forces this act rapidly into law. I beg of this government to consult on the Inclusion Report before it makes final decisions on its implementation, not after the fact. Otherwise I fear this destructive cycle will continue in Education and we will all be the worse for it."

Got Questions about Education ... Contact Zach Churchill

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Minister of Education

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Email us at epaba.info@gmail.com.

For membership inquiries, contact Magali at 902-817-2007.

**Town Hall Meeting on April 26th 2018
Citizens ON Patrol Community Meeting
Planned for Thursday April 26th, 2018**



As many of you know, our community has significant issues from time to time with theft, vandalism and mischief, especially during the warmer months. Recently there have reports of violence and break ins that have left many in the community deeply worried. The Cole Harbour Detachment already offers a COP program in Cole Harbour but many of you have expressed a desire for a similar program to cover the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay area. Shearwater is patrolled by the Military Police and Woodside is patrolled by the HRM Police. Join us for a meeting at the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club from 6 to 7 pm on April 26th, 2018. Call my constituency office at 902 406 0656 for more information.

Business Hero - Mary Sullivan Perry

Business skills are learned and inherent and both take a lot of hard work and dedication. I would like to congratulate **Mary Sullivan Perry** for her exemplary work as the Manager of Roots in the Halifax Shopping Centre. In the five years that she has been at this location Mary and her team have increased sales by 360%! As a result, her Halifax Roots Store has been **selected to become the third large scale Roots Store in Canada**. Vancouver and Toronto are the sites of the other two stores. This makes Mary's store the first in the Atlantic Provinces. Renovations will be underway in the Spring. Well done Mary!



Volunteer Heroes

Island View High School Enhancement Committee.

This is a **member statement** I made in the Legislature during the second week of March

Dear Mr. Speaker, Today I would like to welcome future Principal, Pat Savage of Island View High School. I would also like to recognize the Island View High School Enhancement Committee for all of their efforts as well as the more than 150 parents and students who attended a recent town hall meeting discussing the endeavors of the new high school. The hard work of The Island View High School Enhancement will include many fundraisers in an effort to obtain items for the new high school. Items such as a score board for the Phys Ed Department, music stands for the Fine Arts Department and a billboard sign for the outside of the school. Please join me with a warm welcome to Pat Savage, Island View High School and the Island View High School Enhancement Committee! MLA Barbara Adams Cole Harbour – Eastern Passage

Nominate a home town hero at 902 406 0656 or barbadamsmla@gmail.com

Tutors Needed!

Our Adult and youth tutor, Chris Lavoie, will be retiring from tutoring the end of April as he moves on to finish up his PhD. We have several elementary students (math and reading) as well as junior high and high school students who need help with Math. If you would be willing to offer up a 4 to 6-week block of time for 2 hours for tutoring, the entire community would be most grateful. Please call our office for more details.

Constituency Community Calendar and List of Businesses now online
My new MLA Website is www.barbadams.ca.

For a click on or printable list of all businesses, non-profits and government agencies in our constituency go to: <http://www.barbadamsmla.ca/local-business/>

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