

# **A Federal Brief on Dartmouth North**

**A Community of Neighbourhoods**

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## Introduction

“A Federal Brief on Dartmouth North” (the Brief) provides an overview of the Dartmouth North community within a Halifax context. The document was prepared at the request of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada to provide a high-level statistical overview of the community, an examination of social implications of poverty, and a case study highlighting a collaborative initiative that is successfully addressing issues facing Dartmouth North (Action for Neighbourhood Change).<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of the Brief is to provide HRSDC with some discussion on the factors that affect the conditions of poverty at the neighbourhood level. The Brief is not intended to provide in-depth discussion or conclusions on the social capital, fabric, or poverty of the community. This discussion would be best addressed in another report that would allow for a more comprehensive analysis of the community.

To fulfill this task, the United Way of Halifax Region used a variety of resources:

- ✓ Statistical information (e.g. income, education, labour force)
- ✓ Anecdotal information (i.e. local stories)
- ✓ A focus group on poverty
- ✓ Reports on Dartmouth North (i.e. surveys)

The Brief describes Dartmouth North as a community containing many different neighbourhoods, some that are prospering, and some that are languishing. Dartmouth North is part of the community of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Brief demonstrates that Dartmouth North has many strengths, but is also experiencing challenges related to income, education, and living arrangements.

For example, single parent mothers account for 1 in 4 of all families. In terms of living arrangements, 1 in 4 seniors lives alone. In terms of mobility, in a five year period, over half of the community moved within, out of or into Dartmouth North. When considered as a whole, parenting, living alone, and mobility all contribute to the fabric of the community and can reflect the vibrancy or resiliency of the community to successfully address issues facing the neighbourhoods.

The case study focuses on Action for Neighbourhood Change (Action), a United Way of Halifax Region initiative. We choose to feature Action because it focuses on getting neighbours to know neighbours. The intention is that when neighbours know neighbours, neighbourhoods are healthier, safer, and more active places to be. The United Way believes that no matter what the challenges are: crime, homelessness, hopelessness; the place to start great change is in the neighbourhoods.

United Way of Halifax is committed to bringing the best mix of human and financial resources together to strengthen our community. Building on individual strengths,

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<sup>1</sup> The United Way of Halifax Region was allotted 14 days to research, compile and draft the Brief. The Brief was limited to 7 pages in length as stipulated in the contract.

increasing capacity and measuring results ensures that efforts culminate in building an extraordinary community.

In agreeing to undertake this work, United Way of Halifax Region hopes to achieve two goals: this information will become a catalyst for action, and can be used to work collaboratively with all levels of government in building resilient communities.

## **Statistical Profile**

To help gain an understanding of the statistical profile of Dartmouth North, a number of key indicators were examined: demographics, employment, income, ownership, education, crime, and voter participation. Where possible, information is given for Dartmouth North and, for comparison purposes, for Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Unless otherwise stated, information is taken from the 2006 census. All statistics used in this section are included in greater detail in Appendix A.

### ***Demographics***

The 2006 Census of Population shows Dartmouth North<sup>2</sup> population was 13,900<sup>3</sup> which is down from 14,560 in 2001, a decrease of 4.5%. In contrast, HRM population increased by 3.8%. 52% of the population was female with 48% male, the same as for HRM. 28% of the population was in the 20 to 34 years of age group. In 2001, this age range represented 31% of the population. Both of these numbers were considerably higher than the corresponding HRM ratios which were 21 and 22 % respectively. The population distribution for each of the other age groups was similar to that for HRM with each of the groups being slightly lower. The 0 to 34 age group declined by 15% between 2001 and 2006 while those 35 years and older increased by 7%. HRM declined by 3% in the 0 to 34 age group and increased by 10% in those 35 years of age and older.

The family structure of Dartmouth North is dramatically different than it is for HRM. In HRM in 2006, 69% of families were in the married couple category while 14% were in a common-law relationship and 17% were lone-parent families. By contrast, Dartmouth north had 31% lone-parent families (28% female lone-parents and 3% male lone-parents). There were 22% common-law families and 46% married couple families. The percentage of lone-parent families in Dartmouth North fell slightly from 33% in 2001.

In 2006, 66% of people in Dartmouth North lived in families which is down from 72% in 2001. 22% of people lived alone while another 9% lived with non-relatives. These living arrangements contrast with HRM where 83% lived in families in 2006, 12% lived

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<sup>2</sup> Dissemination Area 12-09-0213 (bounded by Albro Lake Rd, Pinehill, Jackson, and Victoria) has been suppressed for most of the long form data. This area has a population of 560 which is included in total counts for age and gender numbers but is omitted from such tables as living arrangements, education and labour force. Statistics Canada has been known to suppress data for an area of this size when there are insufficient returns completed by the residents. The long form is given to one in five households. This area has 320 apartment units and 25 houses.

<sup>3</sup> The Census of Population numbers have not been adjusted for net undercount – those people missed in the Census minus those incorrectly included. Dartmouth North characteristics are such that this net undercount is likely higher than for the province as a whole (approximately 2.75% in 2001).

alone and 5% lived with non-relatives. Living arrangements for those 65 years old and over<sup>4</sup> are similar for both Dartmouth North and HRM. 27% of seniors in Dartmouth North live alone and 29% in HRM live alone. The biggest difference for those 65 and over in 2006 is that 6% of this population live with non-relatives compared to 2% for HRM.

## ***Employment***

For Dartmouth North's population, 25 years of age and over, the unemployment rate was 6.3 %, while HRM's was of 4.7 %. Dartmouth North's employment rate at 62% was up from the 2001 rate of 60% and was almost four percentage points lower than HRM. Of greater concern is the number of people not in the labour force – one in three people over the age of 24 - a marginal improvement from the 2001 Census. This number is not a lot different than for HRM.

For the population 15 to 24 years of age, the employment rate at 61.6% for Dartmouth North is almost three percentage points higher than HRM and the unemployment rate of 9.0% for this group is almost 1 percentage point less than HRM. It is likely that HRM overall has a higher percentage of this age group still attending school. For 2001 Dartmouth North had over sixty percent not attending school compared to 38% for HRM<sup>5</sup>.

26% of Dartmouth North residents use public transit to go to work which compares to only 12% for HRM. This is probably a combination of reasonable access to public transportation as well as affordability. The proportion that walked to work for both Dartmouth North and HRM was 10%.

## ***Income***

Income data from the 2006 Census will not be released until May, 2008. The salaries quoted here are from the 2001 Census. In 2001, 28% of families in Dartmouth North were reported as having low income compared to 12% for HRM. Average income<sup>6</sup> of all families in Dartmouth North was \$40,100 compared to \$64,900 in HRM. These numbers mask the even greater difficulties faced by lone-parent families, especially those headed by females. Female lone-parent families in Dartmouth North had an average income of \$22,000 in 2001 compared to \$29,900 in HRM. This is in stark contrast with couple-families in HRM with an average income of \$71,500. Close to 50% of these couple-families have no children at home – the same number of people as in a lone-parent family with one child at home.

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<sup>4</sup> These numbers do not include any seniors living in institutions such as nursing homes which are approximately 2,800 for HRM.

<sup>5</sup> 2006 figures are not available.

<sup>6</sup> Median rather than average income is preferred for comparing incomes because of the potential for a few high earning individuals to distort this number for comparison purposes. Median income was not available for the family details cited here. In addition, the fairly large numbers involved would mitigate against the distortion factor, as can be seen by the relative difference between average and median income figures. Distribution and sources of income are other important ways to assess income challenges and need to be pursued in the future.

In 2001, almost 20% of income was from government transfers for Dartmouth North compared to just over 10% for HRM. However, these numbers don't clearly indicate the source of government incomes. It is likely that a higher proportion of the HRM transfers come from pensions than from social assistance. The situation is likely reversed for Dartmouth North.

### **Ownership**

In 2006, 64% of HRM population owned their own homes compared to 25% of those living in Dartmouth North. 17% of HRM dwellings have been built in the last 10 years compared to only 4% for Dartmouth North. The percentage of homes requiring major maintenance in North Dartmouth was 9%, only two percentage points higher than HRM at 7%.

Using 2001 Census figures, the relative cost and value of housing is not in keeping with income differences as shown above. The average value of homes in Dartmouth North in 2001 was \$100,100 compared to \$134,300 in HRM. Average rental costs were \$530 per month in Dartmouth North and \$660 in HRM.

The very high share of apartments is reflected in the number of people who have moved in the last five years. 52% of people now living in Dartmouth North have moved in the last five years. This is down from 63% that had moved within the previous five years. In 2006 in HRM, 41% of the population reported moving in the last five years.

### **Education**

27% of Dartmouth North's population has not completed high school and 10% have a university degree or higher. In HRM, 20% have not completed high school and 24% have a university degree or higher. 33% of the population has a post-secondary certificate or diploma in both Dartmouth North and HRM.

Dartmouth North has 6 schools<sup>7</sup> and a number of educational support facilities. A recent report<sup>8</sup> rated the schools in terms of educational areas, site conditions and support areas. To provide a comparative measure, we used these ratings to determine the overall condition of the schools on a scale from poor to fair or 1.9 to 2.3 out of 5 where 5 = excellent.. Dartmouth High appears<sup>9</sup> to have the poorest overall condition of schools included in the report. Enrolment is forecasted to steadily decline over the next 10 years for all but one of the schools.

The Nova Scotia Department of Education carries out regular assessments at all levels of education. For 2006, to provide a comparative measure, we ranked the literacy

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<sup>7</sup> Dartmouth Highschool, BiCentennial School, John Marten, John McNeil, Harbourview and Shannon Park

<sup>8</sup> "Imagine Our Schools" Halifax Regional School Board, November 9, 2007.

<sup>9</sup> Only the Dartmouth Family was converted to a numeric system. The background report was reviewed and based on this visual review the Dartmouth Family appeared to have lower overall ratings than the other Families of Schools.

assessments of the schools. Bicentennial and Harbourview ranked<sup>10</sup> in the bottom quartile of HRSB schools for literacy in Grade 6. While both Bicentennial and Harbourview showed some improvement over 2005, Bicentennial moved to a lower overall ranking compared to the previous year while Harbourview improved its overall ranking slightly. John MacNeil ranked close to the overall provincial ranking but well behind the average for HRSB schools. Shannon Park was the strongest of the schools in the Dartmouth North area. The impact of the French Immersion students at Shannon Park from outside the Dartmouth North area could not be determined.

Two of the elementary schools in the Dartmouth Family of schools were near the top of all schools in HRSB; however, two other schools were near the bottom of all the schools. The extreme results in such a small area need to be explored and rationalized.

## **Crime**

Halifax Regional Police is responsible for policing Dartmouth North, as part of the Dartmouth Division. Dartmouth North includes two police zones: Zone 5 and Zone 4. Zone 5 is bounded by Boland and Jamieson on the east side of the boundary and the Circumferential Highway on the west and north. A small number of the Dartmouth North residents are included in Zone 4. Crimes are reported as being against persons and against property. Crimes against the person include crimes such as assault, sexual assault, discharge of firearms with intent, robbery, and criminal negligence. Crimes against the property include crimes such as break and enter into homes and businesses and theft of motor vehicles.

In the three districts covered by the Halifax Regional Police (HRP), there were a total of 5,500 major crimes in 2007 which is a sharp decline from 7,500 crimes in 2005. In 2007, there were 3,094 crimes against the person and 2,453 crimes against the property. The incidence of crime for HRP in 2007 was 2,611 per 100,000 population overall, with an incidence of 1,456 for crimes against the person and 1,155 for crimes against the property. For comparison purposes, a relative index of the incidence of crime was calculated using the three year average of HRP incidence as a base of 100. This index allows comparisons of different sizes of jurisdiction over a period of time. The areas compared for this profile are under the Halifax Regional Police and the 2007 crime rates all show substantial improvement over the three year period covered.

Dartmouth North crimes appear to be above the overall HRP average. In Zone 5, there were a total of 574 major crimes in 2007 which is a slight decline from 657 crimes in 2005. In 2007, there were 330 crimes against the person and 244 crimes against the property. The incidence of crime for Zone 5 in 2007 was 4,570 per 100,000 population overall, with an incidence of 2,627 for crimes against the person and 1,943 for crimes against the property. On a relative basis the overall crime index rate for Zone 5 was

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<sup>10</sup> Ranks were done by ranking each of the low and high categories of the two tests. The lowest percentage of those not yet meeting expectations was ranked 1, while the school with the largest percentage of those exceeding expectations was ranked 1. The average of the four scores for each year was used to rank each school. Care should be taken in interpreting these results: they are simply one of several indicators that need to be considered when looking at the overall effectiveness of schools.

149.7 with an index of 167.2 for crimes against the person and 127.2 for crimes against the property. This means that the crime rate in Zone 5 was over 10% lower than in 2005, and was about one and a half times the overall HRP three year average.

### ***Voter Participation***

Voter turnout is a good measure of the extent of community involvement and a measure of social capital. In both municipal and provincial elections, Dartmouth North residents have had very low voter turnout.

In the municipal elections, only 36.6% of eligible voters in District 9<sup>11</sup> cast a ballot for Mayor<sup>12</sup> in 2004, which was up from 23.7% in 2000. Both of these results are the lowest for all 23 districts in HRM. Polling station returns show relatively low returns throughout the district ranging from a low of 24% participation to a high of 34%.

In provincial elections, Dartmouth North turnout in 2006 was 52.8% and 54.6% in 2003. This was the sixth lowest turnout for an electoral district in the province, which is a relative improvement up from second lowest in 2003. The four provincial Francophone electoral districts had the highest turnout at over 70% each. Within the Dartmouth North electoral district, turnout by polling station ranged from a low of 12.7% to a high of 66.4%. Dartmouth North Community Centre Polling stations were among those with the lowest voter turnout. Almost 20% of the votes in 2006 were cast at advance and special polls.

### ***Community Facilities***

Dartmouth North has a number of community assets such as public gardens, parks, a community center, and a library. Facilities are highlighted in this Brief because they are considered part of the neighbourhood fabric that can influence public participation, access to programs, and can create a sense of belonging in the community. As an example of this, the community center and library are discussed below.

Apart from the schools, Dartmouth North Community Centre is the major community facility located within the Dartmouth North area. The Centre includes the following services, activities and offices:

- HRM - Community Recreation Services Branch
- Dartmouth North Public Library
- A Public Computer Centre Job Search Centre
- Community Mental Health & Addictions Services
- Seniors Activities
- Halifax Regional Police Office

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<sup>11</sup> Virtually all of District 9 lies within Dartmouth North. A map of the polling station coverage area is not yet available to determine which polls are outside of the area.

<sup>12</sup> Because of acclamations in some districts, the number of votes cast for Mayor was used. These are generally just slightly higher than for council members.



Dartmouth North is served by both the Dartmouth North Library Branch and by Alderney Gate. The majority of the residents of Dartmouth North would see the branch located in the Community Centre as their main one. In 2006/07<sup>13</sup>, the branch hosted 112 program events with a total attendance of 3,345. Although only three of the events were directed to teens, they had an average attendance of 91. Their public use computers had a total of 17,391 bookings for the year, a decrease from 20,294 bookings in the previous year. There were 51,200 items checked out and 8,800 renewals of items. This was a decrease of almost 18% from the previous year. For 2007-08, the library has substantially extended its hours of operation from 33 hours per week in 2006-07 to 50 hours per week in 2007-08.

## **Focus Group: Social Implications of Poverty**

To gain some understanding of the challenges associated with poverty in Dartmouth North, the United Way of Halifax Region held a focus group session with people from the community. All attendees were either living in poverty or had recently experienced poverty related situations. The majority of the comments centered on: the challenge to get off social assistance, the stigma and social disenfranchisement of being poor, and the hopelessness for their future. At the request of the focus group, all discussions were record anonymously.

A common disadvantage was the challenge of raising children as a single parents, and in particular single mothers, on social assistance. All the women in the focus group were single mothers (as young as 18 years old) with a minimum of two children. All relied on social assistance. However, the average of \$775 provided per month through assistance was not sufficient to cover rent, food, medicines, clothing and transportation. As one person stated: "I need schooling to get a better job to get off assistance, but with three children, how can I go to school or get a part time job? Going to school means childcare which I can't afford. Getting a job means working for close to minimum wage which is clawed back off my social assistance. It is a vicious circle...and I am caught." For all of the participants, the financial crunch is so severe that an unanticipated bill of \$50 (i.e. a bus pass, or higher than normal heating bill) results in the family living without food for a day or two. This means little or no risks can be taken to try and attempt schooling or jobs out of the community.

Other discussions include the impact of poverty on family health. Low income, either from minimum wage or social assistance, is not sufficient to provide a proper diet to children and parents. Inevitably, either the children or the parents, or both, do without proper nutrition. This is also apparent with the disparity in lunch programs at schools where some schools provide lunch and milk free of charge, others do not. As one parent stated: "My son is too embarrassed to say he doesn't have enough money for milk in the lunchroom, so instead says 'he doesn't like milk'. In the end, he will suffer either from the social stigma of poverty from peers in the school or from poor nutrition. There is little I can do to change this situation".

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<sup>13</sup> Library statistics are recorded from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the next year. 2007-08 usage numbers will be available in mid to late April.

Social disadvantage affects people of all ages. Seniors in the focus group expressed deep sadness for the challenges of living on low income. None of them ever expected to be in the situation of poverty at this late an age in life but through illness, or limitations on pensions, several of them are living in poverty. At their advanced age, the opportunity to work is not available. One senior, contrary to his/her ethics, has resorted to stealing food from the store.

For Canada's larger cities, recent research suggests that poverty is starting to concentrate in specific areas, and therefore, makes the issues systemic. Our focus group participants would agree with this outcome: those on social assistance tend to live where the rent is cheapest and the public transportation closest. Hence, in Dartmouth North, lower income families tend to group together either in apartment buildings or in specific neighbourhoods. The economics of their situation limits their ability to make other living choices and forces them into the least expensive areas.

All focus group participants agreed that a supportive and understanding community is critical to their health and well-being.

## **Case Study: Action for Neighbourhood Change**

### **Rationale**

Action for Neighbourhood Change (Action) is all about building stronger, more vibrant communities from the inside out. The purpose of Action is not so much as to achieve specific outcomes in housing or poverty as it is to fuel a sustainable, underlying process that would enable the community to achieve these outcomes. In this sense, Action is a place-based strategy that initially focuses efforts at the neighbourhood level, engages people to find out the issues that they are facing, and then creates a number of initiatives and structures to support the neighbourhood in healing and growing. Budgeting timelines for Action typically range from three to five years depending on the neighbourhood.

The place-based focus is justified in at least three ways. First, recent research shows that poverty is increasingly concentrating in specific neighbourhoods. Second, many of the issues associated with poverty such as low levels of education, high unemployment, and poor health also tend to be present in such neighbourhoods. Third, there is a growing interest in understanding how the combined neighbourhood conditions (physical, economic, and social) combine to shape the life of residents.

Action focuses on building collaboration with residents, businesses, elected officials, and organizations with an interest in changing the neighbourhood for the better which in turn will address poverty related issues.

Ultimately, place-based work addresses the web of conditions that make it difficult for neighbourhood residents to meet their needs. While Action seeks to improve the circumstances of individuals and families, it does so by mobilizing a collective effort to

improve the neighbourhood environment in which individuals and families live. At the heart of the approach is the belief that neighbourhood residents, with appropriate support, can develop a sense of pride in successfully addressing many of their underlying concerns and challenges. When neighbours know neighbours, neighbourhoods are healthier, safer and more active places to live.

## **Phased Approach**

Action is currently working in Dartmouth North, a community of about 14,000 people, comprised of six distinct neighbourhoods. Action's work consists of four phases, each requiring approximately 6 to 12 months. Each phase builds on the previous to create a ground swell of energy and enthusiasm in the community:

1. Building Understanding – Getting people and resources around the table.
2. Generating Commitment – Creating opportunities for those who want change
3. Taking Action – Providing seed grants to residents
4. Moving Towards Sustainability – Building and supporting the work

Action is currently in the transition between the Building Understanding and the Generating Commitment phases. Appendix B shows the logic model that is used in the implementation and evaluation of the above phases.

The Building Understanding phase uses grass roots resident engagement techniques to reach residents who are interested in doing more. Going door to door, holding many small meetings, focus groups, and surveys are all part of the techniques used to reach people in Dartmouth North. The scope of this phase requires a number of partners. Hence, Action has formed two multi-sector committees to help guide and support the work: A Data Learning Circle (DLC) and a Neighbourhood Advisory Committee (NAC). DLC includes representatives from local agencies (e.g. Boys and Girls Clubs, the Community Centre, regional government, and provincial government). The DLC function ensures the information gathered from Action remains in the hands of the community and can be used by the community to generate better outcomes. The NAC is a broader committee with representatives from Dartmouth North residents, local police, education, health, municipal government, and local institutions such as United Way.

Action's work so far has led to over 150 surveys of residents, 25 small community meetings, a focus group on poverty, commitments from local politicians to provide support when needed and from the provincial and municipal governments to support the work, and the financial support through philanthropy for neighbourhood grants.

## **Effective Practices**

Building on the success of work in Spryfield, the following effective practices are being used and fine-tuned:

1. take time to form relationships with residents
2. foster participation and leadership
3. involve other stakeholders
4. build on what already exists

5. share resources with credible partners
6. hire from the community
7. address issues residents care most about
8. use small grants for immediate results
9. encourage collaboration across sectors
10. stay involved three to five years

## **Next Steps**

This Brief is a significant first step in identifying the strengths and challenges facing Dartmouth North. The next step is to provide an in-depth analysis on the factors contributing to poverty and its implications. This would include greater analysis of income disparity, health statistics, and broader consultation with the public.

## **Appendices**

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## **Appendix A**

### **Statistical Overview**

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## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
<b>Population</b>								
Population	359,183		372,860		14,558		13,900	
Population change (prior Census))	4.7%		3.8%		-5.2%		-4.5%	
<b>Gender</b>								
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Number	172,745	186,435	178,895	193,965	6,999	7,559	6,675	7,225
Percentage	48%	52%	48%	52%	48%	52%	48%	52%
<b>Age Groups</b>								
0 to 9 years	21,515	20,790	19,215	18,645	851	849	715	640
	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%
10 to 19 years	23,655	22,950	23,575	23,125	669	705	570	620
	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%
20 to 34 years	38,435	42,170	38,385	41,615	2,127	2,333	1,865	2,010
	11%	12%	10%	11%	15%	16%	13%	14%
35 to 64 years	72,850	77,285	78,725	84,600	2,765	2,872	2,930	3,065
	20%	22%	21%	23%	19%	20%	21%	22%
65 to 74 years	9,940	11,620	11,370	12,885	355	440	390	460
	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
75+ years	6,355	11,625	7,625	13,095	220	320	230	380
	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%
<b>Economic Families</b>								
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total Families</b>	100,670		105,205		4,038		3,465	
<b>Married Families</b>	71,400	70.9	72,880	69.3	1,801	44.6	1,595	46.0
With no children at home	29,580	29.4	32,335	30.7	1,005	24.9	965	27.8
1 child at home	16,050	15.9	16,610	15.8	422	10.5	365	10.5
2 children at home	18,530	18.4	17,595	16.7	240	5.9	220	6.3
3 or more children at home	7,250	7.2	6,340	6.0	123	3.0	70	2.0
<b>Common-Law Families</b>	12,550	12.5	14,950	14.2	915	22.7	765	22.1
With no children at home	8,145	8.1	10,110	9.6	660	16.3	535	15.4
1 child at home	2,525	2.5	2,680	2.5	125	3.1	160	4.6
2 children at home	1,395	1.4	1,555	1.5	90	2.2	45	1.3
3 or more children at home	485	0.5	600	0.6	30	0.7	30	0.9

## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
<b>Lone-Parent Families</b>	16,720	16.6	17,365	16.5	1,350	33.4	1,070	30.9
Lone Male Parent	2,390	2.4	2,900	2.8	135	3.3	110	3.2
1 child at home	1,670	1.7	2,150	2.0	150	3.7	90	2.6
2 children at home	580	0.6	595	0.6	-	0.0	10	0.3
3 or more children	140	0.1	155	0.1	-	0.0	10	0.3
Lone Female Parent	14,325	14.2	14,470	13.8	1,205	29.8	955	27.6
1 child at home	8,985	8.9	8,945	8.5	785	19.4	615	17.7
2 children at home	4,010	4.0	4,260	4.0	315	7.8	300	8.7
3 or more children at home	1,330	1.3	1,260	1.2	140	3.5	45	1.3
<b>Total Persons in Private Households</b>								
<b>All Persons</b>	354,710		367,975		14,489		13,205	
Persons Living in Families	292,785	82.5	298,455	81.1	10,387	71.7	8,765	66.4
Persons not Living in Families	61,925	17.5	69,520	18.9	4,130	28.5	4,435	33.6
Living with Relatives	6,575	1.9	7,365	2.0	345	2.4	300	2.3
Living with Non-Relatives only	17,815	5.0	19,130	5.2	920	6.3	1,175	8.9
Living Alone	37,530	10.6	43,030	11.7	2,857	19.7	2,920	22.1
<b>Persons 65+ yrs</b>	37,205		42,190		1,320		1,365	
Persons Living in Families	23,080	62.0	27,025	64.1	765	58.0	800	58.6
Persons not Living in Families	14,120	38.0	15,160	35.9	570	43.2	570	41.8
Living with Relatives	2,270	6.1	2,330	5.5	50	3.8	95	7.0
Living with Non-Relatives only	660	1.8	775	1.8	30	2.3	75	5.5
Living Alone	11,195	30.1	12,055	28.6	485	36.7	370	27.1
<b>Population Groups (all persons)</b>								
Immigrant Status	355,940		369,455		14,543		13,250	
Non-Immigrant	329,605	92.6	339,835	92.0	13,668	94.0	12,465	94.1
Born in Province	244,860	68.8	249,320	67.5	9,750	67.0	9,380	70.8
Born Outside of Province	84,745	23.8	90,515	24.5	3,933	27.0	3,090	23.3
Immigrants	24,385	6.9	27,410	7.4	775	5.3	665	5.0
Non-Permanent Residents	1,950	0.5	2,205	0.6	60	0.4	65	0.5
Recent immigrants (last 5 years)	4,435	1.2	5,060	1.4	140	1.0	95	0.7
Visible minorities	25,090	7.0			1,790	12.3		
Aboriginal identity	3,525	1.0	5,320	1.4	384	2.6	325	2.4



## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
<b>Education Level (aged 20 and over for 2001 &amp; age 15 and over for 2006))</b>								
Total Reporting	267,080		309,265		11,447		11,365	
Less than High School	59,615	22.3	60,305	19.5	3,234	28.3	3,035	26.7
High School Graduation Certificate	55,295	20.7	72,535	23.5	2,695	23.5	3,275	28.8
Post-Secondary Certificate or Diploma	91,035	34.1	102,300	33.1	4,332	37.8	3,720	32.7
University Degree - Bachelor's or Higher	61,130	22.9	74,115	24.0	1,200	10.5	1,175	10.3
<b>School Attendance - 15 to 24 years</b>								
Total Reporting*	49,200				2,167			
Not attending	18,430	37.5			1,312	60.5		
Attending full-time	28,525	58.0			804	37.1		
Attending part-time	2,250	4.6			85	3.9		
<b>Labour Force Activity</b>								
<b>15 to 24 Years of Age</b>								
Total Reporting	49,205		52,410		2,177		1,940	
In the Labour Force	33,850	68.8	35,855	68.4	1,577	72.4	1,380	71.1
Employed	28,740	58.4	30,740	58.7	1,353	62.1	1,195	61.6
Unemployed	5,120	10.4	5,110	9.8	225	10.3	175	9.0
Not in the Labour Force	15,345	31.2	16,550	31.6	609	28.0	565	29.1
Participation Rate	68.8		68.4		72.4		71.1	
Employment Rate	58.4		58.7		62.1		61.6	
Unemployment Rate	15.1		14.3		14.3		12.7	
<b>25 Years of Age and Over</b>								
Total Reporting	240,650		256,860		9,998		9,450	
In the Labour Force	162,735	67.6	177,080	68.9	6,553	65.5	6,260	66.2
Employed	153,740	63.9	168,815	65.7	6,014	60.2	5,870	62.1
Unemployed	8,995	3.7	8,270	3.2	515	5.2	395	4.2
Not in the Labour Force	77,920	32.4	79,775	31.1	3,440	34.4	3,155	33.4
Participation Rate	67.6		68.9		65.5		66.2	
Employment Rate	63.9		65.7		60.2		62.1	
Unemployment Rate	5.5		4.7		7.9		6.3	

## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
<b>Income</b>	Average Income	Median Income	Average Income	Median Income	Average Income	Median Income	Average Income	Median Income
<b>Individuals</b>								
Total	29,586	23,209			21,794	18,640		
Male	36,695	30,703			25,614	23,213		
Female	23,002	18,170			18,225	15,719		
<b>Families</b>								
All families	64,913	56,274			40,113	35,400		
Couple families	71,473				51,207			
Male lone-parent families	44,542				29,644			
Female one-parent families	29,866				22,021			
<b>Households</b>								
All Households	56,361	47,106			34,568	28,240		
<b>Incidence of Low Income</b>								
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total - Economic Families</b>	100,405				3,925			
Low income	11,955	11.9			1,108	28.2		
Not low income	88,455	88.1			2,817	71.8		
<b>Total - Unattached individuals 15 years and over</b>	55,125				3,769			
Low income	20,135	36.5			1,490	39.5		
Not low income	34,990	63.5			2,280	60.5		
<b>Total - Population in private households</b>	354,420				13,940			
Low income	55,085	15.5			4,545	32.6		
Not low income	299,335	84.5			9,360	67.1		
<b>Composition of Total Income in Prior Year, Population aged 15+</b>								
		<b>Percent</b>		<b>Percent</b>		<b>Percent</b>		<b>Percent</b>
Employment income		76.6				71.9		
Government transfer payments		10.8				18.7		
Other		12.6				9.4		

## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
<b>Total Occupied Dwellings</b>	144,435		155,135		7,283		7,240	
<b>Type of Occupancy</b>								
Owned	89,190	61.8	99,245	64.0	1,720	23.6	1,805	24.9
Average Major Monthly Payments (\$)	823				657			
Rented	55,210	38.2	55,850	36.0	5,544	76.1	5,080	70.2
Average Gross Monthly Rent (\$)	657				531			
Band Housing	30	0.0	30	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Type of Dwelling</b>								
Single Detached Houses	75,760	52.5	80,000	51.6	1,590	21.8	1,495	20.6
Semi-Detached/Row/Duplex	20,825	14.4	22,270	14.4	675	9.3	640	8.8
Apartments	44,430	30.8	49,050	31.6	5,003	68.7	5,105	70.5
Movable Dwellings	3,065	2.1	3,530	2.3	40	0.5	40	0.6
<b>Average Value of Dwellings (\$)</b>	134,286				100,063			
<b>Dwellings Requiring Maintenance</b>	144,435				7,283			
Regular Maintenance Only	93,125	64.5	100,560	64.8	5,030	69.1	4,195	57.9
Minor Repairs	40,295	27.9	43,960	28.3	1,718	23.6	2,085	28.8
Major Repairs	11,010	7.6	10,605	6.8	540	7.4	615	8.5
<b>Period of Construction</b>								
Before 1946	18,575	12.9	17,860	11.5	577	7.9	655	9.0
1946-1960	21,095	14.6	21,325	13.7	1,505	20.7	1,620	22.4
1961-1970	21,055	14.6	20,340	13.1	1,738	23.9	1,270	17.5
1971-1980	29,995	20.8	28,565	18.4	1,285	17.6	1,120	15.5
1981-1990	29,335	20.3	28,735	18.5	1,495	20.5	1,330	18.4
1991-1995	12,150	8.4	12,335	8.0	485	6.7	530	7.3
1996-2000	12,230	8.5	12,055	7.8	210	2.9	225	3.1
2001-2006	n/a		13,910	9.0	n/a		80	1.1

## Selected Demographic Statistics from the 2001 and 2006 Census of Population

	Halifax Regional Municipality				Dartmouth North			
	2001		2006		2001		2006	
	Last 12 Months	Last 5 Years	Last 12 Months	Last 5 Years	Last 12 Months	Last 5 Years	Last 12 Months	Last 5 Years
<b>Mobility</b>	(percent of population)				(percent of population)			
Non-Movers	83%	54%	85%	59%	71%	37%	79%	48%
Movers	17%	46%	15%	41%	29%	63%	21%	52%
Moved within Municipality	12%	30%	11%	27%	22%	42%	16%	38%
Moved from within Province	2%	5%	1%	4%	3%	8%	2%	6%
Moved from within Canada	3%	9%	2%	8%	4%	12%	2%	7%
Moved from outside Canada	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%
<b>Method of Transportation</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Reporting	170,215		186,420		7,155		6,850	
Car, truck, van as driver	115,830	68.0	121,400	65.1	3,835	53.6	3,485	50.9
Car, truck, van as passenger	16,270	9.6	19,830	10.6	642	9.0	660	9.6
Public transit	16,905	9.9	22,115	11.9	1,607	22.5	1,765	25.8
Walked to work	17,520	10.3	18,845	10.1	790	11.0	715	10.4
Bicycle	1,560	0.9	1,825	1.0	95	1.3	70	1.0
Motorcycle	200	0.1	240	0.1	20	0.3	-	0.0
Taxicab	640	0.4	520	0.3	55	0.8	70	1.0
Other method	1,290	0.8	1,640	0.9	20	0.3	30	0.4

**Source:**

Statistics Canada's 2001 and 2006 Census of Population, with P-census

## Halifax Regional School Board Schools Overview

Family: Dartmouth High

School Name:	Dartmouth High	John Martin Junior High	Harbour View Elementary	John MacNeil Elementary	Shannon Park Elementary	Bicentennial	Crichton Park Elementary	Hawthorn Elementary	Prince Arthur Junior High	South Woodside Elementary	Woodside Elementary	Southdale-North
<b>School Profile</b>												
Grades Housed	Gr. 10-12	Gr. 07-09	PR-06	PR-06	PR-06	PR-09	PR-06	PR-06	Gr. 07-09	PR-06	PR-06	
Enrolment Sept. 2007	1105	222	245	207	484	317	234	187	460	141	345	
Projected Enrolment Sept 2017	722	428	376	0	369	0	234	292	345	135	302	
Capacity (Dept of Educn)	1260	480	704	264	638	510	286	418	630	242	418	
Revised Capacity (CS&P Architects)	1260	399	638	198	572	444	220	352	549	176	352	
Utilization Rate (Prov Std) 2007	88%	46%	35%	78%	76%	62%	82%	45%	73%	58%	83%	
Utilization Rate (Rev Std) 2007	88%	56%	38%	105%	85%	71%	106%	53%	84%	80%	98%	
Utilization Rate (Rev Std) 2017	57%	107%	59%	0%	65%	0%	106%	83%	63%	77%	86%	
Building Area (sq.ft.)	143,044	71,332	77,311	25,053	59,850	64,749	27,075	41,498	62,665	27,232	52,500	
Sq Ft/Student	129	321	316	121	124	204	116	222	136	193	152	
No. of Storeys	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	
Elevator (Y/N)	4	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Condition of School - Overall (0 = none, 1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.1	
Date of Construction/Renovation	1959 ('61, '67 additions)	1963	1946, 1972	1968	1952, 1965	1951, 1963, 1975	1960	1971	1955, 1967	1959, 1979 addition	1953, 1960	
<b>Dartmouth North Students</b>	<b>some</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>all/most</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>some</b>	<b>some</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>none</b>	
<b>Site Condition</b>												
<b>Educational Areas</b>												
Classrooms												
Other Instructional Areas												
Library												
Gymnasium												
<b>Support Areas</b>												
Administration/Student Services												
Cafeteria/Food Services (none)												

**Source:**

Imagine Our Schools  
Background Report Rev Nov 9, 2007  
Final report March, 2007  
CS&P Architects

The recommendations in the consultants' final report are reflected above. These recommendations have not been accepted by the HRSB. Staff of HRSB have made alternative recommendations and hearings on the report are being held in March 2008. The Board is expected to consider the report at a meeting in Early April, 2008.

**Halifax Regional School Board  
Elementary Literacy Assessment Results  
Grade Six Students**

Family: Dartmouth High

School Name:	Nova Scotia		HRSB		Bicentennial		Crichton Park Elementary		Harbour View Elementary		Hawthorn Elementary		John MacNeil Elementary		Shannon Park Elementary		South Woodside Elementary		Southdale-North Woodside		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	9976	9523	3879	3780	17	25	49	39	40	30	39	30	29	29	56	49	18	16	66	55	
<b>Number of Students</b>																					
<b>Reading (% of students)</b>																					
Not Yet Meeting Expectations	12	16	10	11	35	44	2	0	33	20	0	7	10	21	5	6	6	13	15	25	
Meeting Expectations	71	65	70	67	53	52	49	72	63	73	46	57	83	62	75	59	83	69	73	62	
Exceeding Expectations	17	18	20	22	12	4	49	28	5	7	54	37	7	17	20	35	11	19	12	13	
<b>Writing (% of students)</b>																					
Not Yet Meeting Expectations	21	12	18	9	35	24	8	3	40	17	5	3	17	7	16	12	17	13	29	36	
Meeting Expectations	33	30	32	28	24	28	20	21	43	27	26	17	41	45	34	14	33	19	38	25	
Exceeding Expectations	46	58	50	63	41	48	71	77	18	57	69	80	41	48	50	73	50	69	33	38	
<b>Reading Rank</b>																					
Not Yet Meeting Expectations	62	64	49	47	89	87	14	1	87	72	3	23	51	76	28	22	36	55	75	82	
Exceeding Expectations	51	59	37	42	72	88	3	21	89	83	1	8	85	61	36	13	74	53	70	74	
<b>Writing Rank</b>																					
Not Yet Meeting Expectations	62	68	49	55	87	87	8	14	88	80	3	12	46	45	39	62	45	72	79	90	
Exceeding Expectations	53	55	42	46	67	77	4	8	91	61	5	4	63	74	40	20	41	29	82	87	
<b>Average Rank</b>	57	62	44	48	79	85	7	11	89	74	3	12	61	64	36	29	49	52	77	83	

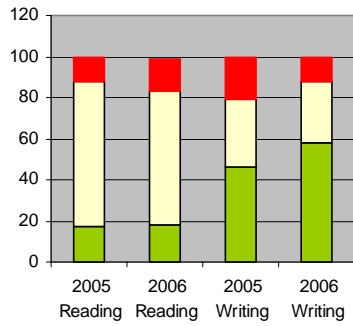
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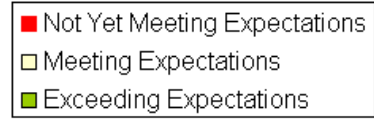
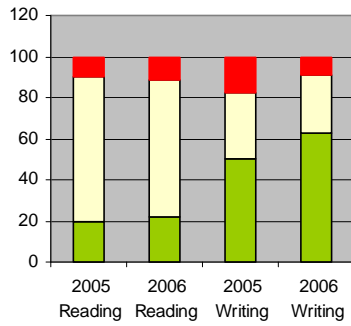
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## HRSB – Dartmouth High Family of Schools Elementary Literacy Assessment (Grade 6 Students)

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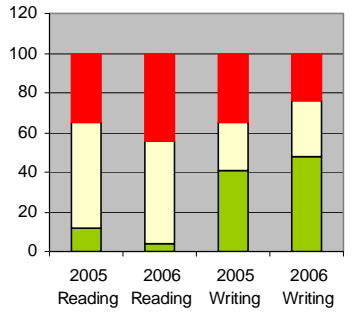


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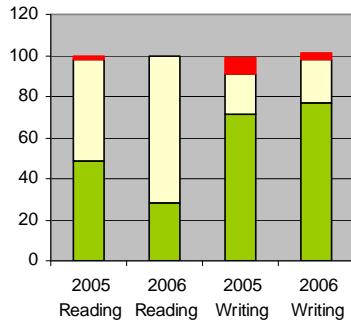


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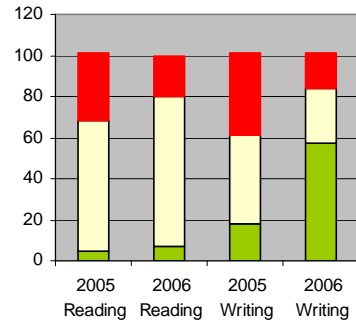
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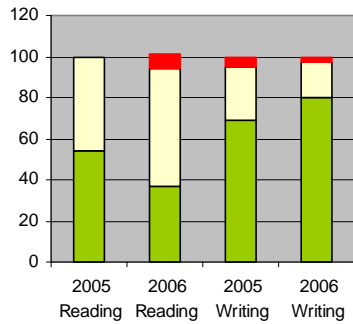
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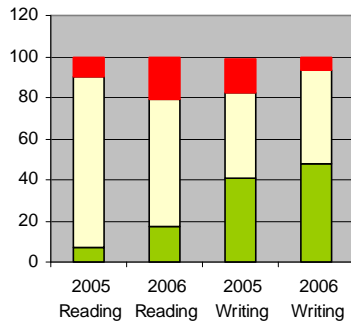
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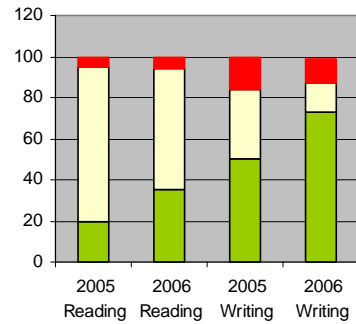
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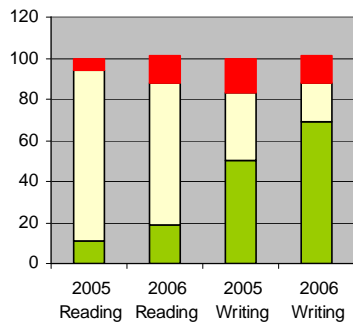
**John MacNeil Elementary**



**Shannon Park Elementary**



**South Woodside Elementary**



**Southdale-North Woodside Elementary**



## HaLifax Regional Police Summary Report

	2005	HRM - Metro			Dartmouth East			Zone 4			Zone 5		
		2006	2007	3 yr avg	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
<b>2006 Census Population</b>													
Total Population	212,449	212,449	212,449	212,449	65,855	65,855	65,855	8,461	8,461	8,461	12,561	12,561	12,561
Dartmouth North residents included in the Zone								1,339	1,339	1,339	12,561	12,561	12,561
<b>Major Reported Crimes - Specified Offence Types Only</b>													
Crimes Against the Person	3,493	3,416	3,094	3,334	1,233	1,215	1,126	172	154	149	357	370	330
Crimes Against the Property	4,011	3,271	2,453	3,245	1,393	1,084	955	208	142	116	300	271	244
<b>Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>7,504</b>	<b>6,687</b>	<b>5,547</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>Incidence of Crime based on total 2006 Census of Population</b>					(rate per 100,000 population)								
Crimes Against the Person	1,644	1,608	1,456	1,569	1,872	1,845	1,710	2,033	1,820	1,761	2,842	2,946	2,627
Crimes Against the Property	1,888	1,540	1,155	1,527	2,115	1,646	1,450	2,458	1,678	1,371	2,388	2,157	1,943
<b>Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>3,532</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>3,988</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>4,491</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>4,570</b>
<b>Crime Index Based on HRM Historical Average</b>					(HRM index = 100 for 3 year average of incidence of crime for 2005 to 2007)								
Crimes Against the Person	104.8	102.4	92.8	100.0	119.3	117.6	108.9	129.5	116.0	112.2	181.1	187.7	167.4
Crimes Against the Property	123.6	100.8	75.6	100.0	138.5	107.8	94.9	160.9	109.9	89.8	156.4	141.2	127.2
<b>Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>128.8</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>147.6</b>

Source:  
Halifax Regional Police  
Custom Report from CCJS, Statistics Canada  
March, 2008

Crimes Against the Person include crimes such as assault, sexual assault, discharge of firearms with intent, robbery, and criminal negligence.

Crimes Against the Property include crimes such as break and enter into homes and businesses and theft of motor vehicles.



## Halifax Regional Municipal Elections Turnout

### Percentage of Eligible Voters who Voted

Links are to related maps.	Council		Mayor	
	Oct 2000	Oct 2004	Oct 2000	Oct 2004
District 1 - Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley	42.7	54.6	42.3	54.5
District 2 - Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank	45.2	58.6	45.1	58.6
District 3 - Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook		43.4	29.2	44.2
District 4 - Cole Harbour		48.2	25.2	48.4
District 5 - Dartmouth Centre	32.2	50.5	32.5	50.5
District 6 - East Dartmouth - The Lakes	35.1	52.2	35.6	52.3
District 7 - Portland - East Woodlawn	45.8	54.1	45.9	54.1
District 8 - Woodside - Eastern Passage		42.3	30.1	43
District 9 - Albro Lake - Harbourview	23.3	36.1	23.7	36.6
District 10 - Clayton Park West	43.1	42.2	43.5	42.3
District 11 - Halifax North End	40.1	45.8	40.5	46.1
District 12 - Halifax Downtown	30	35.8	30.4	36.8
District 13 - Northwest Arm - South End	33.8	47.3	33.9	47.9
District 14 - Connaught - Quinpool	37.9	46.5	38.2	47
District 15 - Fairview - Clayton Park		43.5	31.3	43.7
District 16 - Rockingham - Wentworth	36.1		36.4	46.9
District 17 - Purcell's Cove - Armdale	40.2	53.1	40.8	53
District 18 - Spryfield - Herring Cove		46.1	27	46.2
District 19 - Middle & Upper Sackville - Lucasville	30.8	49.1	31	49.4
District 20 - Lower Sackville		48.9	30.4	49.4
District 21 - Bedford	46.9		47.3	55
District 22 - Timberlea - Prospect	41.2	54.9	41.5	54.9
District 23 - Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets	47.8	54.7	47.6	55.3
Halifax Regional Municipality Map		<b>47.7</b>	<b>approx 36%</b>	<b>48.4</b>

## Nova Scotia Provincial Election Results

Electoral District	August, 2003				June, 2006			
	Names on Official List	Electors Voted	Turn out	Rejected Ballots	Names on Official List*	Electors Voted	Turn out	Rejected Ballots
Annapolis	12,540	8,921	71.1%	24	13688	8324	60.8%	18
Antigonish	13,124	10,270	78.3%	49	14352	9636	67.1%	46
Argyle	5,845	4,918	84.1%	32	6673	4688	70.3%	20
Bedford	14,976	9,412	62.9%	35	16601	9700	58.4%	13
Cape Breton Centre	11,519	7,788	67.6%	30	11786	8024	68.1%	29
Cape Breton North	13,288	8,711	65.6%	74	14075	8539	60.7%	40
Cape Breton Nova	10,279	6,982	67.9%	36	10261	7107	69.3%	24
Cape Breton South	15,299	9,753	63.8%	42	15894	10123	63.7%	46
Cape Breton West	13,007	8,779	67.5%	44	14215	8831	62.1%	34
Chester-St. Margaret's	12,680	9,294	73.3%	41	14857	9284	62.5%	27
Clare	6,504	5,833	89.7%	70	7066	5826	82.5%	50
Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley	11,372	7,342	64.6%	45	13195	7527	57.0%	25
Colchester North	11,798	7,394	62.7%	27	13195	7494	56.8%	19
Cole Harbour	15,131	9,025	59.7%	36	14651	8684	59.3%	16
Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage	11,124	6,859	61.7%	26	12139	6360	52.4%	15
Cumberland North	12,342	7,482	60.6%	42	13564	7447	54.9%	40
Cumberland South	9,303	6,880	74.0%	48	10341	6644	64.3%	23
Dartmouth East	14,522	8,960	61.7%	33	14232	8867	62.3%	23
Dartmouth North	13,192	7,198	54.6%	38	13129	6927	52.8%	26
Dartmouth South-Portland Valley	14,964	8,925	59.6%	50	15761	9386	59.6%	35
Digby-Annapolis	9,065	5,885	64.9%	34	10075	5971	59.3%	12
Eastern Shore	9,918	6,859	69.2%	33	11358	7045	62.0%	8
Glace Bay	12,856	8,162	63.5%	49	12347	7751	62.8%	28
Guysborough-Sheet Harbour (includes satellite Returning Office)	8,141	6,845	84.1%	36	9734	6793	69.8%	21
Halifax Atlantic	14,893	8,915	59.9%	19	15298	8439	55.2%	51
Halifax Chebucto	13,437	8,402	62.5%	42	13871	7819	56.4%	33
Halifax Citadel	12,499	8,176	65.4%	29	14322	7292	50.9%	26
Halifax Clayton Park	16,437	8,863	53.9%	36	18716	9140	48.8%	18
Halifax Fairview	13,619	7,540	55.4%	39	13812	7152	51.8%	22
Halifax Needham	13,484	7,439	55.2%	59	14750	7353	49.9%	32
Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville	13,867	8,104	58.4%	29	16209	8827	54.5%	12
Hants East	13,988	8,433	60.3%	38	16263	8886	54.6%	18
Hants West	12,424	8,424	67.8%	36	14030	8609	61.4%	29
Inverness (includes satellite Returning Office)	11,550	10,606	91.8%	60	14930	10554	70.7%	48
Kings North	13,045	8,128	62.3%	35	13937	8316	59.7%	21
Kings South	13,399	8,937	66.7%	47	15564	8980	57.7%	39
Kings West	12,796	8,308	64.9%	59	14343	8457	59.0%	14
Lunenburg	11,670	8,090	69.3%	36	13141	8056	61.3%	22
Lunenburg West	12,722	7,895	62.1%	54	13479	8432	62.6%	15
Pictou Centre	12,198	7,834	64.2%	42	12553	7452	59.4%	27
Pictou East	10,140	7,492	73.9%	29	11694	7541	64.5%	24
Pictou West	9,612	7,787	81.0%	45	11105	7639	68.8%	37
Preston	6,591	4,172	63.3%	19	7288	4419	60.6%	21
Queens	8,987	6,199	69.0%	41	9800	6215	63.4%	45
Richmond	8,267	5,991	72.5%	58	7872	5639	71.6%	32
Sackville-Cobequid	14,504	8,573	59.1%	22	14347	8235	57.4%	21
Shelburne	10,724	7,649	71.3%	30	11688	6751	57.8%	29
Timberlea-Prospect	13,141	8,438	64.2%	25	14805	8431	57.0%	12
Truro-Bible Hill	14,401	8,239	57.2%	42	14843	7876	53.1%	26
Victoria-The Lakes	7,433	6,269	84.3%	1	9288	6339	68.3%	18
Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank	12,842	8,354	65.1%	15	14050	8165	58.1%	13
Yarmouth	11,797	8,279	70.2%	35	12849	8060	62.7%	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>623,256</b>	<b>410,013</b>	<b>65.8%</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>678036</b>	<b>406052</b>	<b>59.9%</b>	<b>1363</b>

**Nova Scotia Provincial Election Results  
PED # 19 - Dartmouth North**

August 2003					June 2006				
Polling Station	Names on Official List*	Electors Voted	Turn out	Rejected Ballots	Polling Station	Names on Official List*	Electors Voted	Turn out	Rejected Ballots
1 St. Anthony's Hall	324	104	32.1%	0	1 St Anthony's Church Hall	361	125	34.6%	1
2 St. Anthony's Hall	186	34	18.3%	0	2 St Anthony's Church Hall	150	51	34.0%	0
3 St. Anthony's Hall	245	57	23.3%	1	3 St Anthony's Church Hall	208	47	22.6%	0
4 St. Anthony's Hall	215	81	37.7%	1	4 St Anthony's Church Hall	241	79	32.8%	1
5 St. Anthony's Hall	414	198	47.8%	2	5 St Anthony's Church Hall	376	199	52.9%	1
6 Dart N Com Ctr	338	67	19.8%	2	6 Dart N Com Ctr	337	67	19.9%	0
7 Dart N Conn Ctr	295	107	36.3%	0	7 Dart N Com Ctr	253	67	26.5%	0
8 Dart N Corn Ctr	257	83	32.3%	0	8 Dart N Com Ctr	274	59	21.5%	0
9 Dart N Com Ctr	259	85	32.8%	0	9 Dart N Com Ctr	273	73	26.7%	0
10 Dart N Com Ctr	335	71	21.2%	1	10 Dart N Com Ctr	385	49	12.7%	0
11 Dart N Corn Ctr	222	53	23.9%	0	11 Dart N Com Ctr	217	58	26.7%	0
12 John Martin Jr High	245	86	35.1%	0	12 John Martin Jr High	271	99	36.5%	1
13 John Martin Jr High	334	125	37.4%	1	13 John Martin Jr High	365	129	35.3%	0
14 John Martin Jr High	176	80	45.5%	0	14 John Martin Jr High	241	67	27.8%	0
15 John Martin Jr High	201	85	42.3%	2	15 John Martin Jr High	231	81	35.1%	0
16 John Martin Jr High	325	154	47.4%	0	16 John Martin Jr High	355	131	36.9%	0
17 John Martin Jr High	205	94	45.9%	0	17 John Martin Jr High	220	85	38.6%	1
18 John Martin Jr High	201	100	49.8%	0	18 John Martin Jr High	320	141	44.1%	0
19 Northbrook School	255	138	54.1%	0	19 Northbrook School	292	157	53.8%	0
20 Northbrook School	484	213	44.0%	0	20 Northbrook School	323	144	44.6%	0
21 Northbrook School	265	144	54.3%	4	21 Northbrook School	328	209	63.7%	0
22 Northbrook School	418	184	44.0%	0	22 Northbrook School	381	151	39.6%	1
23 Northbrook School	419	212	50.6%	0	23 Northbrook School	373	177	47.5%	0
24 St. Anthony's Hall	226	88	38.9%	1	24 St Anthony's Church Hall	243	103	42.4%	1
25 Northbrook School	315	142	45.1%	0	25 Northbrook School	298	134	45.0%	0
26 Northbrook School	263	120	45.6%	0	26 Northbrook School	233	115	49.4%	1
27 Emmanuel Ang Ch	246	60	24.4%	1	27 SonLife Community Church	205	31	15.1%	0
28 Emmanuel Mg Ch	367	173	47.1%	2	28 SonLife Community Church	410	140	34.2%	1
29 Emmanuel Ang Ch	345	131	38.0%	1	29 SonLife Community Church	366	137	37.4%	0
30 Emmanuel Ang Ch	202	120	59.4%	0	30 SonLife Community Church	272	132	48.5%	0
31 Emmanuel Ang Ch	267	117	43.8%	0	31 SonLife Community Church	321	150	46.7%	2
32 St Andrews Pres Ch	278	134	48.2%	0	32 St Andrews Pres Ch	264	121	45.8%	1
33 Emmanuel Ang Ch	161	76	47.2%	0	33 St Andrews Pres Ch	330	85	25.8%	0
34 St Andrews Pres Ch	380	105	27.6%	1	34 St Andrews Pres Ch	287	176	61.3%	1
35 St Andrews Pres Ch	249	134	53.8%	2	35 St Andrews Pres Ch	301	174	57.8%	0
36 St Andrews Pres Ch	312	186	59.6%	2	36 St Andrews Pres Ch	237	133	56.1%	0
37 St Andrews Pres Ch	238	134	56.3%	0	37 St Andrews Pres Ch	319	187	58.6%	0
38 St Andrews Pres Ch	334	166	49.7%	0	38 St Andrews Pres Ch	323	190	58.8%	0
39 Crichton Park School	336	210	62.5%	1	39 Horizon Estates	265	163	61.5%	3
40 Crichton Park School	346	173	50.0%	0	40 Kingswood Apartments	321	213	66.4%	1
41 Crichton Park School	354	165	46.6%	1	41 Dart Sportsplex	388	232	59.8%	0
42 Crichton Park School	398	240	60.3%	2	42 Dart Sportsplex	339	190	56.1%	0
43 Crichton Park School	290	197	67.9%	0	43 Dart Sportsplex	372	138	37.1%	1
44 Crichton Park School	373	162	43.4%	0	44 Dart Sportsplex	260	131	50.4%	0
45 Crichton Park School	294	158	53.7%	0					
Adv 1 Dart N Corn Ctr		446		1	Spec Dartmouth Shopping Centre		450		1
Adv 2 Northbrook School		375		0	WIB Returning Office		108		2
Spec Returning Office		557		1	Adv 1 Dart N Com Ctr		467		3
WIB Returning Office		74		8	Adv 2 Northbrook Comm Centre		382		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.192</b>	<b>7.198</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13129</b>	<b>6927</b>	<b>52.8%</b>	<b>26</b>

## Library Usage and Activity

### Dartmouth North

	2005-06	2006-07	Inc/Dec
Hours open	1,669	1,684	0.90%
Gate Count	68,370	60,381	-11.68%
New Registrants	317	262	-17.35%
Circulation	72,905	60,005	-17.69%
Items Checked Out	61,957	51,186	-17.38%
Items Renewed	10,948	8,819	-19.45%
Items circulated per hour	44	36	-18.43%
Items returned (Checkins)	76,387	63,278	-17.16%
Requests placed (Horizon)	5,382	5,812	7.99%
Requests resolved (picked up)	15,756	14,109	-10.45%
Information activities	9,001	8,012	-10.99%
Information Questions	4,238	3,783	-10.74%
Staff-mediated holds	3,603	2,347	-34.86%
Shelf Checks, Retrievals	1,160	1,882	62.24%
Information activities per hour	5	5	-11.78%
Programs/Tours:Adult	34	39	14.71%
Programs/Tours Attendance:Adult	611	832	36.17%
Programs/Tours:Youth	82	73	-10.98%
Programs/Tours Attendance:Youth	2,669	2,513	-5.84%
Total Computer Bookings	20,294	17,391	-14.30%
PUC Bookings	20,294	17,275	-14.88%
Wifi Use Computer Connections	NA	116	

### Program Breakdown

	Pre-school	School-Age	Teen	Adult	Total
Programs Offered	39	31	3	39	112
Attendance	1,408	832	273	832	3,345
Avg prog attendance	36	27	91	21	30
Census of Population	2001	2006			
All Ages	8816	7510			
5 to 14 years of age	839	635			

### Alderney Gate

	2005-06	2006-07	Inc/Dec
Hours open	3,002	2,989	-0.45%
Gate Count	359,243	339,811	-5.41%
Total New Registrants	3,851	3,460	-10.15%
AG new registrants	2,357	2,104	-10.73%
ebranch new registrants	1,494	1,356	-9.24%
Circulation	460,789	441,623	-4.16%
Items Checked Out	377,587	358,205	-5.13%
Items Checked Out by Staff	273,711	258,969	-5.39%
Items Self-Checked	103,876	99,236	-4.47%
Items Renewed	83,202	83,418	0.26%
Items circulated per hour	153	148	-3.73%
Items returned (Checkins)	423,443	410,639	-3.02%
Requests placed (Horizon)	15,619	17,051	9.17%
Requests filled (picked up)	66,966	68,058	1.63%
Information activities: Adult	31,793	28,914	-9.06%
Information Questions: Adult	21,254	19,426	-8.60%
Staff-mediated holds: Adult	4,699	2,748	-41.52%
Shelf Checks, Retrievals: Adult	5,840	6,740	15.41%
Information activities per hour:Adult	11	10	-8.64%
Information activities: Youth	11,987	10,963	-8.54%
Total Information Questions: Youth	9,755	8,995	-7.79%
AG Information questions: Youth	7,688	7,208	-6.24%
ebranch Information questions	2,067	1,787	-13.55%
Staff-mediated holds: Youth	583	393	-32.59%
Shelf Checks, Retrievals: Youth	1,649	1,575	-4.49%
Information activities per hour: Youth	4	4	-8.13%
Programs/Tours: Adult	79	97	22.78%
Programs/Tours Attendance: Adult	1,910	2,203	15.34%
Programs/Tours: Youth	250	272	8.80%
Programs/Tours Attendance: Youth	9,517	10,398	9.20%
Total Computer Bookings	76,835	80,073	4.21%
PUC Bookings/Attendance	76,835	78,203	1.78%
WiFi Use Computer Connections	NA	1,870	
IT Learning Ctr Bookings (Groups)	94	79	-15.96%
Meeting Room Bookings	2,141	1,593	-25.60%

### Program Breakdown

	Pre-school	School-Age	Teen	Adult	Total
Programs Offered	194	77	1	97	369
Attendance	7,748	2,645	5	2,303	12,701
Avg prog attendance	40	34	5	24	34

## Appendix B

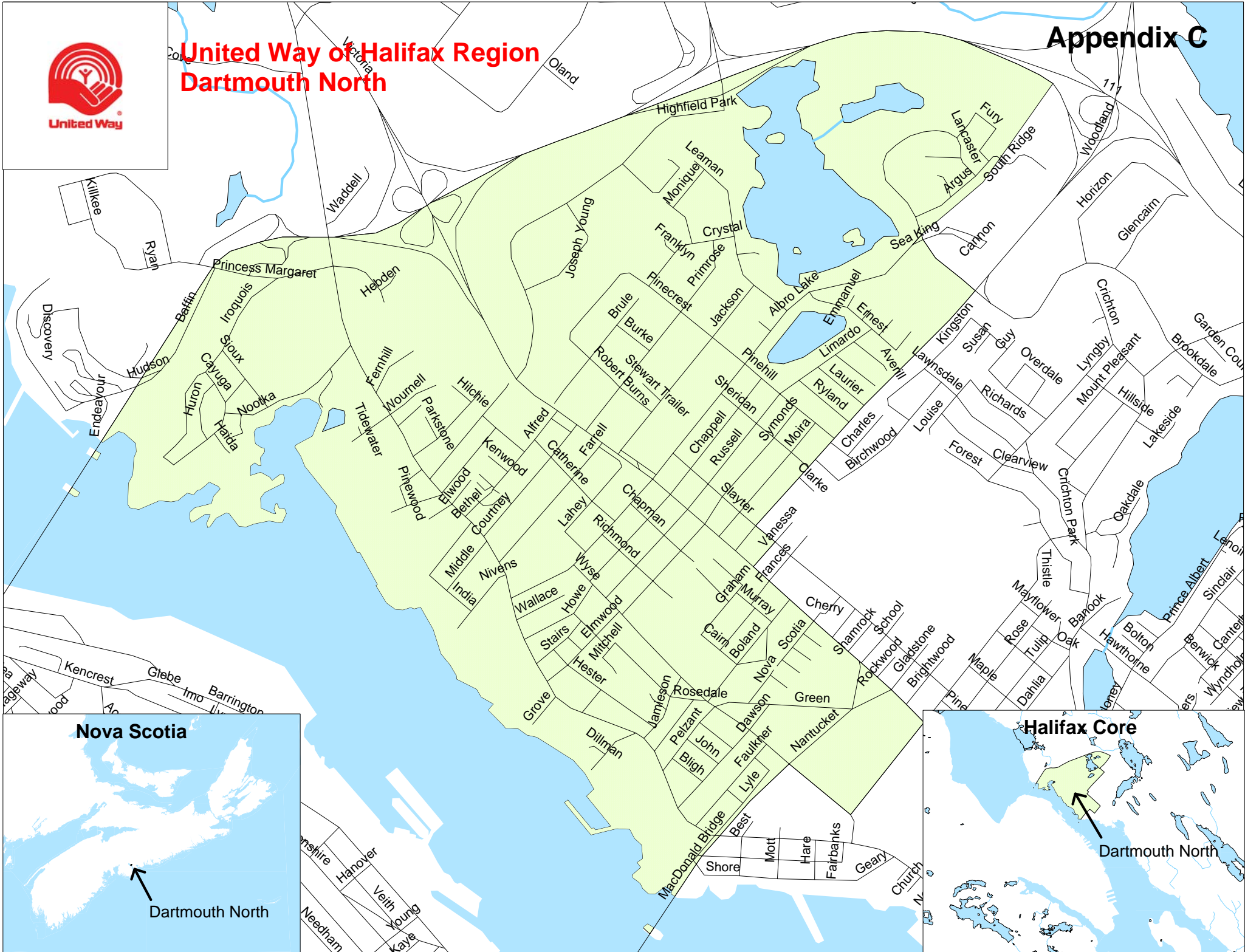
### Action for Neighbourhood Change Logic Model

Component	Strategies	Outputs	Initial Outcomes	Long Term Outcomes	Measures
<b>Building Understanding And Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one on one conversations and many small meetings with residents and organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential leaders identified</li> <li>collection of community stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residents and organizations know about Action</li> <li>residents get to know other residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residents and organizations are involved with Action</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># and % of residents who know about Action</li> <li># and % of residents who participate in Action</li> </ul>
<b>Generating Commitment and Mobilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>small meetings</li> <li>bonding between groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>energy to 'get moving'</li> <li>vocal desire to start neighbourhood projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residents work together to achieve project goals</li> <li>residents get to know other residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increased social capital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># and % of residents who know their neighbours</li> <li># and % of residents who identify increased knowledge of their community</li> <li>% voter turnout in municipal elections</li> <li># and % of residents who perceive their to be a sense of community</li> <li>community action strategies, outcomes and measures identified by residents</li> </ul>
<b>Taking Action and Capacity Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>small grants</li> <li>knowledge/data network</li> <li>training and learning networks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>short term projects</li> <li>community profiles</li> <li>workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residents and local organizations know their community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resident leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of local projects with residents collaborating with government and business</li> <li># of local residents involved with the governing of local organizations and institutions</li> <li># and % of residents who believe that they can influence the future of their neighbourhood</li> <li>community action strategies, outcomes and measures identified by residents</li> </ul>
<b>Systems of Support (Creating Sustainability)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advisory committee</li> <li>Dartmouth North Service Providers</li> <li>resource development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resources are identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resources are made available to residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resident initiatives are supported by organizations and institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of organizations and institutions supporting locally led initiatives</li> <li>are political leaders supporting locally led initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Community Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by local residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by local residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by local residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by local residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by local residents</li> </ul>



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## Appendix C



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Halifax Core

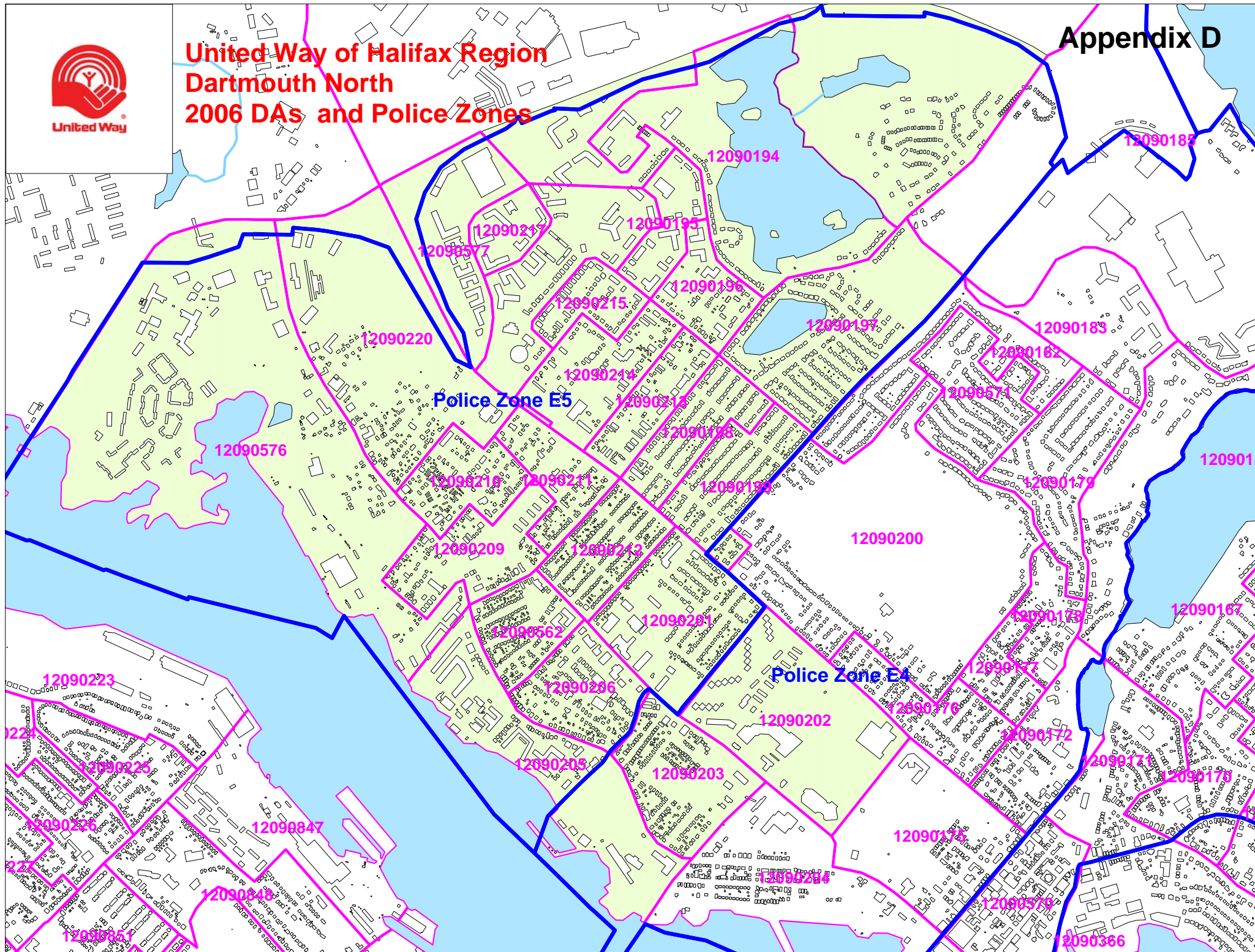
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# United Way of Halifax Region Dartmouth North 2006 DAs and Police Zones

Appendix D



## Appendix E

### The Tip of the Iceberg

The planning and research that went into this document identified many more potential local and other data sets that could be used to get a fuller profile of Dartmouth North. Some of these data sets will be available over the next few months:

- Library patron profiles and usage, by branch (promised for mid April)
- 2006 literacy results for both elementary and junior high schools, by school (to be publicly released in April)
- Federal voting results by polling station (sometime in April)
- Income data for 2006 Census (May)

Income distribution as a measure of disparity is an important variable that must be explored. The Census suppresses this data at the DA level, but it is available at the CT level. While this would not cover all of the residents of Dartmouth North it would provide very good coverage. Shortage of time did not permit exploring this data with the 2001 Census, although we have the information. Better and more current data is also available through Statistics Canada's Small Area Administrative Data Division. The taxfiler data has much more detail on employment income as well as the types and amount of government transfer payments. In particular, data for family type will show the harsh realities for female-lone parents. The cost of this data for local groups is prohibitive.

Housing data is also a must and there is considerable information available, but the cost and access to the data may be prohibitive for local groups. CMHC and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services Housing Division have considerable detailed data.

The Population Health Research Unit (PHRU) at Dalhousie University have access to individual medical and other records and can summarize them by postal code. In 1999, PHRU prepared an overview report of Dartmouth North that included Health data from several of its extensive databases. Looking at the health and use of the health system of Dartmouth North in context of both Dartmouth and HRM would be an important part of any assessment of the effects of social disadvantage. PHRU works on a fee for service basis and would charge for any work done.

Preliminary discussions with staff of the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) and the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) have identified many potential data sets and information that would be both valuable and essential for neighbourhood planning. In addition to there being no single source or repository of these data, there is also an apparent reluctance to share the data. For example, all education data used in this report was taken from web resources, mainly .pdf documents. HRSB was either not able or not willing to provide any data. HRM provided requested digital boundary files (police and HRM buildings) in a very timely manner. Similarly the Halifax Regional Police also



provided key crime statistics. There is considerable additional analytical potential from pursuing these resources in more detail.

In carrying out this work, United Way of Halifax Region executed several data sharing arrangements with HRM and the provincial government. All data was provided at no cost to United Way. In addition, several data sets and software packages were purchased to enable the completion of this work. For this purpose, data is defined as lists, statistics and geographic based information – e.g. digital boundary files.

The above are a sample of the potential data sets and additional analysis that have been identified from the work done to prepare this document. Realizing the potential will require negotiation, time and even some financial effort to overcome both the technical and jurisdictional issues related to accessing and sharing of data.

The reality is that little is likely to be accomplished in actually alleviating the poverty of Dartmouth North residents; however, alleviating the conditions and isolation that relative poverty often imposes is a realizable outcome. Developing an atmosphere of trust and sharing through reasonable community supports can lead to better living conditions and a safer healthier community. Using the best information available will assist in a common understanding of both the nature and depth of issues faced by this neighbourhood. It improves the potential for working on a common vision and leveraging existing funds to maximum advantage, rather than continuation of piecemeal solutions.