



OUR MISSION

It is our aim to advocate for, plan, and build a safer Hubbards through the creation of pedestrian-friendly streets with sidewalks. This will foster physically-active lifestyles, economic growth, and tourism in our beautiful community.

These sidewalks will be the first step in building a safe and accessible community for us all.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Everyone in our community will benefit from safer roadways. Children will be able to safely walk to school. All pedestrians, including families with strollers and folks with mobility issues, will be able to safely access local amenities and businesses.

WHO ARE WE?

Members of the Hubbards Streetscapes Project Team proudly call Hubbards home.

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Introduction of Transportation Challenges

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Through online and in person conversations it was identified that common themes of safety and accessibility are of concern for residents and seasonal visitors alike. It became clear that a collective vision was present - *A safe and responsible Hubbards built to support an active lifestyle community.* From this discussion we were able to identify 10 safety challenges in Hubbards with respect to traffic, intersections, and crossing.

As a true grassroots organization, our mission is to advocate for, plan, and deliver on a safer, pedestrian friendly community in Hubbards. Our focus has been on the integration of sidewalks, boardwalks, crosswalks, and/or widening of shoulders however, we are also considering other creative solutions. We hope that our friends, family, and vacationers of all ages can enjoy our area as an active living community making it more accessible. Our organization has been moving very quickly but we want to make sure we engage all potential partners as we thoughtfully consider the evolution of our community.

Top 5 Challenging Spots on the Chester Municipal Side:

1. Misaligned “4-Way Stop”

Intersection of Highway 329, Highway 3, and entrance to the Independent Grocer/Hubbards Mall

This intersection serves as the gateway to the community as residents, vacationers, and folks treating our community as a thoroughfare, enter from the direction of exit 6, off of Highway 103. As drivers enter the speed limit decreases from a 70 km/hr zone to 50 km/hr however without a redesign of the roadway, many do not heed the change in speed. A misalignment of roadways as drivers enter Highway 3 from either Highway 329 or the Independent Grocer/Hubbards Mall causes confusion for drivers as to whose turn it is to pull out and creates an unsafe driving situation. Busier activity from the Daycare, Hubbards Barn, Hubbards Mall, Gas Station, etc. make this a primary concern for our committee. We believe that a realignment could be tough because the owners of the Hubbards Mall installed a septic field nearby.

2. 10 Beaches Entrance:

During conversations with the residents from this community it was identified that brush clearing is a necessity. They also feel that as their road is gravel it does not lend them to be able to pull out in a safe fashion when exiting their community. In addition, there is a bus stop located there that is unsafe for waiting passengers as cars often drive too fast around the corner and have challenges stopping properly for the children. Residents

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have suggested new signage, flashing amber lights, and a 50 km/hr speed limit extending from Hubbards past the entrance to their residential site.

3. Intersection of the Fox Point Front Rd and Highway 329:

The line of sight is a particular challenge as drivers come from all three directions towards this intersection. This intersection nestles between winding turns which drivers can treat as an exciting slalom and a steep blind hill on the Highway 329. A divide in direction and entrance, without curbing, causes drivers to frequently enter on the wrong side or treat this as a turn around location. From the intersection of the Fox Point Front Rd. and Hwy 329 (and several other spots along the Fox Point Front Rd) the shoulder is non-existent due to overgrowth which causes pedestrians to cross to the wrong side of the road for walking.

4. Crossing at the Hubbards Sailing Club:

Although programming is seasonal Hubbards Sailing Club is considered one of the most vibrant sailing schools in the province. In 2014 they were nationally awarded as having Sail Canada's instructor of the year and in subsequent years have been provincially recognized as well. They have the most participants of any club in Nova Scotia, having as many as 70 sailors attend their sessions in a given week. With parking across the street sailors, staff, and parents cross the road just past a blind hill to get to the Club facility. While the speed limit does decrease to 60 km/hr in this area there is little warning of the change in limit, resulting in many drivers driving unsafely past the Club and parking area.

5. Drainage problem at the Hubbards Firehall:

Where the parking lot meets the shoulder on Highway 329 there are constant drainage issues. The Firehall and its parking lot sits elevated from the road. Water from the neighbouring properties contribute to flooded and blocked drainage after major rainfall. This becomes even more of an issue in the winter months when runoff freezes causing slippery conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike. We are hoping that solutions could be investigated to improve upon drainage and overall safety of the entrance to the Firehall.

Top 5 Challenging Spots on the Halifax Municipal Side:

1. Crossing at the Shatford Elementary School:

Our committee has sourced funding for permanent speed radar signs at this location, but is stalled at tendering. Is it possible to identify the reason for stalled progress and advise

the committee on how to move this project forward prior to the start of the new school year?

2. Intersection of Schwartz, Shankle, Shore Club Rd. - Intersection and bridge pedestrian space:

Many individuals walk this bridge and have safety concerns regarding sightlines as they walk around its corners. Overgrown brush makes it challenging for cars to see pedestrians walking on the bridge. Overgrowth continues to be a challenge along Shankle Rd. and Shore Club Rd. Community volunteers took it upon themselves to clear the sightline as best they could on Shankle Rd. Although not nearly as busy as the Intersection at Highway 329-Highway 3-Hubbards Mall, the intersection of Shankle Rd-Shore Club Rd-Schwartz Rd has some of the same issues regarding misalignment. We propose that a representative evaluate this intersection and identify the appropriate resolution.

3. Several shoulder washouts:

There is significant washout along Highway 3 extending from the JD Shatford Memorial Library to the Old Post Rd. by the entrance to St. Anthony's Church. This area could be fixed with some new gravel and maintenance, but it is a repeated problem happening many times a year and would benefit from new drainage design.

4. Station Rd, Hwy 3, and Yacht Club Rd. Intersection/Crossing:

Unclear road markings and narrow shoulders make the entrances to the Post Office, JD Shatford Memorial Library, Waterfront and Hubbards Cove Coffee unsafe. Sightlines are limited due to these facilities being located at the top of a hill. This area is regularly used by community members and visitors due to the number of shops and facilities located here. In addition surrounding spaces are often used for large gatherings including the Remembrance Day Ceremony, which creates confusion and challenges for vehicles and pedestrians. We also propose that a representative evaluate this intersection and identify the appropriate resolution.

5. Brush cutting for the Shore Club Rd:

We'd like to draw attention to the steep hill and bends on Shore Club Rd. while recognizing that there are other challenges with pedestrian traffic that require attention. This road poses one of the most difficult walking terrains in Hubbards yet it is walked daily by many residents, vacationers, and tourists. At one end of this iconic road you find yourself a historic church, The Anchorage, the community gazebo and park, while at the other end you find yourself at The Tuna Blue, Hubbards Campground, the famous Shoreclub, and the extremely popular Hubbards Beach. The road is a busy spot with

campers, cars, residents, cyclists, pedestrians, and yet there is very little space for active transport.

Once again I just want to thank you again for meeting with us. A project such as ours can be challenging for community members to pursue but with guidance from the municipality, the provincial government, the federal government, and of course government bodies such as yourselves, it all becomes more than possible, it can become a realization.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. We have just launched a web page www.onehubbards.org for further contact information.

Thank you for your consideration,



Matt Morash
Chester Municipal Chair



Melanie McIvor
Halifax Municipal Chair

On Behalf of the Hubbards Streetscape Project

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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENT

October 17th from 10am-12pm



Join us for a socially distanced clean-up event! Get your family together and fill a garbage bag with litter from our community's roads and pathways. When your bag is full, take a picture with it and post it on your Facebook page with the tags **#OneHubbards** and **#OneCleanHubbards** to be entered to win a prize pack. One entry per family! Lastly, put the bag out on your next garbage day with your household garbage, knowing that we're a step closer to **#OneCleanHubbards** for all!

Testimonial

CAROL SIMMS



I am a walker, hiker and biker. Lately I have been walking a lot on the Rails to Trails because I do not feel safe walking on our roads in Hubbards. I have a personal interest in this project: When I was a teenager, I lived in a small community much like Hubbards, with a similar landscape. My friend and I were on our way home holding hands, me on the outside. We heard a car coming, so my friend put me on the inside and we stepped off the road onto a narrow shoulder. The next thing I knew my friend's hand was ripped from mine, and I saw him flying in the air. I felt the car brush against my side. That was the last time I saw my friend alive. He was killed instantly. It was proven in court that speed and alcohol were contributing factors against the driver in the accident. It took me along time to get over this horrific accident. I really don't know if one ever does. It is no wonder when my girls were young, walking and biking to school and around the community, I was overly concerned for their safety. Now I worry about my six Grandchildren who love to walk and bike around Hubbards. Only today, there are more cars, and many don't adhere to the speed limits. I don't feel lowering the speed limit will discourage speeders. With some (a small majority, I might add) they are going to speed regardless. It only takes one irresponsible driver. So personally, whatever it takes,

I am in favour of sidewalks in our community, or at the very least, widening the shoulders of our community roads so we citizens of Hubbards

My name is Carol Simms, and I have lived in Hubbards for almost 50 years.

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can be safe. Just ask me if I am in support of
Hubbards Street Scapes Project?
~ July 29, 2020 (shared via Facebook)



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Testimonial

KATE BROWN

My name is Kate Brown (formerly Harnish) and I grew up in Hubbards on Hwy 329 just past the fire station. After living in Halifax for a number of years, my husband and I moved back to Hubbards. We built a house next to my parents on Hwy 329 and plan to raise our two kids here. When I was growing up I went to Shatford Elementary School, which was then, and still is now, considered out of area for where I live even though it's in the same community. There wasn't a bus that would pick my brother and I up, so my mother drove us the 2.2 kilometers to and from school everyday, and as a kid I never thought much of it.

Now that I have children of my own and am preparing to send my oldest to primary at Shatford in September, I can see why my mother chose to drive us. The roads just aren't safe for children to walk to school. Luckily last year, a bus stop for Shatford students was secured at Through the Years Daycare which relieves some of my worry, and the addition of sidewalks on the Lunenburg

County side of Hubbards have made that stretch so much safer, but because of washout, poor visibility, and narrow road sides on the Halifax County side of the line, I would not feel safe having my kids walk/bike to school on their own.

Before the sidewalks were added in Lunenburg County I remember how scary that stretch of road was for children to walk on. There was next to no shoulder, poor visibility and vehicles drove fast. It was not unlike the road shoulder and walking conditions that currently exist on the Halifax County side of Hubbards. The addition of sidewalks was one of the best things I have seen added to our community. I plan to live in Hubbards for the rest of my life and I want to know that my children can be safe here, and a big part of that will be knowing that they can safely get to and from school.

Hubbards is a thriving community and is a popular tourist destination. We have so much to offer for both long term residents and tourists alike, but safety for everyone needs to be prioritized. I have seen firsthand how the addition of sidewalks can improve the community and I hope to see it continued throughout the rest of Hubbards.

The team at the Hubbards Streetscape project is incredible and they have already achieved so much in a short amount of time. I can't wait to see the changes that they will bring about. Now is the time and this is the group to do it!!

~ July 22, 2020 (shared via Facebook)



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Testimonial

MAGGIE MCCULLEY

decided we needed a trailer of our own. Hubbards has always been very special to me and I wanted my kids to grow up here like I did, and to have the freedom we had as kids in Hubbards. As kids we would walk or bike to the Penny Pincher and Katie's restaurant, and then later to the Outback. We had so much freedom, and we never worried about the roads and how unsafe they were. Now as a parent I can't help but worry when my girls are on the main roads. Especially without a parent. My Husband loves taking the girls biking on the trails but it would be great to let them bike with just their friends too. The roads are getting busier, and cars speed around blind turns constantly. Sidewalks would be amazing for Hubbards and would help to keep our kids safe. I am so happy to call Hubbards home and would love to let my kids have the same freedoms I had in this wonderful place without having to constantly worry. I am 100% on board with Hubbards Streetscape project and feel these changes would make a humongous difference for this wonderful little community.

~ August 17, 2020 (shared via Facebook)

Hi I'm Maggie McCulley. I grew up spending my summers in Hubbards Campground, and later got married at the Barn. 11 years ago my Husband Stuart and I had our first daughter and



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PATTRICK DUNPHY

Tourism should be a major contributing factor as a way to keep our young in the community by providing summer jobs, also to developing new and varied business.

This can only be accomplished if all levels of government work together to provide the necessary infrastructure required.

Hope this will happen sooner than later.

Cheers

Patt Dunphy BPED's '73

~ July 16, 2020 (shared via Facebook)

I have been in the Hubbards community since 1983, first as a cottager, since '05, as a full time resident.

My experiences have been many over the years as far as safety on our roads is concerned.

I watched with delight, the construction of a side walk along the stretch of the highway by the Market, only to see when finished, it was only to the Fox Point Road entrance.

How sad I felt, as I'd hoped this much needed sidewalk would possibly continue through at least to the school, alas, not the case.

The shoulders here are very treacherous and totally unsafe for the children that must use them on a daily basis and discourage walking by our seniors and the general public.

The speed limits do not seem to decrease speeders and there are no systems in place to encourage them to slow down.



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Testimonial

STEPHANIE BLOISNAIR

I attended Shatford Memorial Elementary school as a child. At that time, there were crossing guards to help children safely cross the road as even then, people drove too fast. I have been back in the area for seven years. I attended school and then began my job at Through the Years Daycare. In 2016, after having my daughter, I returned to work when she was eight months old. This is when I began walking back and forth to work while pushing the stroller. I then had a son in 2018, so now the stroller is a double one and there is even less room for it on the shoulder of the road.

I have had many close calls and three very close calls recently while walking to work with my children in the stroller. One of which resulted in the double stroller I was pushing to be knocked out of my hands. It then fell over a three foot slope and into someone's driveway. Luckily no one was injured. Each day is a worry as we have to walk on Highway 3 to get to the daycare.

I am looking forward to raising my children in the Hubbards community as we have an amazing community! I just wish it was safer for children and adults walking and riding bicycles on the roads. I am excited to be a part of this initiative to take the next step forward for our community.

~ July 17, 2020 (shared via Facebook)

Hi! My name is Stephanie Blois and I am a mother of two children, age four and age 20 months. I have been working full time as an Early Childhood Educator and Curriculum Facilitator at Through The Years Daycare for six years.



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