

Bridge Commemoration inspired by history project

by Jim Morrow

Victoria-The Lakes MLA Keith Bain and Minister Of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Bill Estabrooks, helped Grace Eyking unveil new highway signs which are to be



Grace Eyking, a Grade 5 student at Boularderie Elementary did a history project on the Seal Island Bridge which inspired special recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bridge. Two commemorative signs were unveiled June 7 at Boularderie Elementary and have been erected on both sides of the bridge.

every day out their window and now they'll have a greater understanding of its history."

The bridge, officially known as the Great Bras d'Or Crossing, is visible from the school. It was completed in

erected on either side of the Seal Island Bridge recognizing the 50th anniversary of the structure which spans the Great Bras d'Or Channel.

The idea of a commemorative ceremony was suggested by Grace Eyking, a Grade 5 student at the school, who wrote a heritage project about the bridge.

"Grace was really on the ball to come up with this idea," said Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, who is a former history teacher. "These students see this bridge

1961 at a cost of about \$4,652,850. The construction of 23 kilometres of approach roads increased the total cost to about \$6-million. It is a crucial link in the Trans Canada Highway between Sydney and Baddeck.

MLA Bain said he was nine years old when the bridge was completed. "I remember being there. It was something that has stayed in my mind for the last 50 years."

Minister Estabrooks told the students that they will be able to say that they were there when the bridge was 50 years old.

Get up, get out & get fit

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more active and to adopt a healthier lifestyle at home, at work, at play and in our community.

"Vince will also assist in the development of Age Friendly Community programs and activities to the benefit of all residents. Active Transportation programs will also be developed by the County and they will play a role in making our communities healthier and more active."

Mr. Forrestall said he will be using the existing strategic plans the County has already developed.

"I am planing to work with community groups and leaders and bring them together to learn and build on their strengths while trying to mitigate their constraints. From their feedback I will to

develop a physical activity plan."

He is hoping to see an 10% increase in physical activity from his efforts.

Mr. Forrestall will be relocating to the County with his wife Carolyn, and 10-month old daughter, Jenna, while older daughter June lives in the Annapolis Valley.

Warden Bruce Morrison welcomed Vince to his new position at the monthly Council session in Neil's Harbour on June 13th. The Warden challenged Vince to do what he could to encourage Municipal staff and Councillors to adopt a more proactive lifestyle and reap the benefits of healthier lives. Over the first year of his position Vince will develop a plan to gather information and develop programs to assist all our residents to get up, get out and get fit.

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