



### **Getting R Done**

It is interesting to hear the perspective one gets from within and outside their community and how our Town is perceived by residents versus visitors.

There has been a lot going on over the past 15 months or so in Russell. A substantial addition has been completed at the hospital, the Russell Regional Multiplex is nearing completion, the Main Street Revitalization Initiative will be done its construction this summer, the Assisted Living Initiative is moving forward hoping to break ground very soon and Russell has seen a virtual explosion in the demand for residential property and new house construction (17 lots sold or committed in MacIsaac Crescent alone). In fact one would have to go back to the late 1970's or maybe even the mid 1960's to find a time when our community was progressing so quickly.

Even as our Town grows we have people who can find fault, question motives and point fingers, especially when construction time lines don't meet their expectations. In the bigger picture these complaints are but background noise to the larger issue of ensuring our community and region moves forward. Yes there are times when things could have been done differently but hindsight is 20/20. It is much harder to make decisions and choices when one doesn't know how things will end up. In fact change can be difficult sometimes very difficult but it doesn't mean that all change is bad or that it isn't worth doing.

Next time you are at a meeting or visiting friends or relatives out of town, ask someone from outside Russell what they think about what we have done or where we are going. My guess, they will be very impressed by the Little Town with the "Got R Done" attitude. In fact we have visitors come to our community regularly to check out the Arches and soon they will come to participate in events at the Multiplex. The quality of life will lead to more residents and the retention and enhancement of services. Community development isn't rocket science, its hard work, vision and commitment. Thankfully Russell is filled with people who possess exactly those characteristics.

For further information on the progress of the Russell Regional Multiplex please visit the Town of Russell website at [www.russellmb.com](http://www.russellmb.com) . If you have any questions or comments regarding the facility please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Multiplex Funding Campaign Committee. The Committee members are Chris Radford, Bruce Christopher, Alan Stanchuk, Symantha Dunn, Keith Popp, Eldon Montgomery, Gerald Keating and Terry Rolfe.