

2014 Update to HRM Environment and Sustainability Committee

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- HRM's Community Energy Plan Objectives
 - 1. Residents to have increased energy choices
 - 2. Businesses to reduce cost of business
- Heritage Gas' Efforts to Improve Access to Residents, Businesses and Institutions
 - Residential Retrofit Assistance Plan aids only residential
 - Portfolio / EOI aids all customer expansionsExample of Duncan / Walnut
 - Enhanced usage of the HRM Orphan fund



Duncan/Joint Paving Project

Old process:

Needed enough customer commitment to pass F/T *prior* to construction (1 to 1 ratio of revenue to costs)

Tested prior to new tools \$320,000 revenue shortfall

New process:

Count 50% expressions of interest (EOI)

Residential Retrofit Assistance Plan - allows funds to support revenue shortfall

Current FT results \$29,000 revenue shortfall

Better message – We are coming



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Community Energy Plan

"HRM to demonstrate community leadership" through potential policy reviews

- Review of Subdivision by-law
- Review of Land Use by-law
- Review of HRM by Design in Capital District
- Independent Review of Alternate Energy Choices
- Update to the Regional Plan
- Advocate for increased natural gas availability



Heritage Gas Update

- In 2013, activated 357 residential customers and 364 commercial/institutional customers
- In 2013, installed 20 km of new main and over 700 services
- Total 340 km of pipe since 2003
- √ 5,200 customers since 2003
- Serving ~20,000 HRM homes, businesses, and institutions



Heritage Gas Update

- Total 25 km of new mains planned for 2014 in HRM
- **2014** target − activate over 900 new customers
- HRSB 10 schools will provide access for neighbouring residents in 2014 and 9 in 2015.
- Web page shows current plans for specific main extensions
- 2013 National award for Corporate Safety from Canadian Gas Association



