



# New roads, new jobs, new prosperity

The land between Saint John's Westmorland Road, McAlister Drive and Rothesay Avenue is one of the most rapidly developing commercial districts in N.B. As commerce has grown, so has the traffic – which makes the opening of a new road in the area big news.

Retail Drive, which opened Thursday, will serve the growing East Point shopping complex and a soon-to-be completed 118-room hotel, and reducing congestion on major thoroughfares. It's good news.

Not everyone is pleased with the road, but if there ever was a commercial development that pleased all its neighbours, we haven't heard about it. The road's design was approved following the usual, open public process; and it serves the needs of the city as a whole.

In recent weeks, residents have engaged in a lively debate over recreation facilities. The consensus is that Greater Saint John is greater than the sum of its constituent parts; development in one community inevitably pays off for those who live elsewhere. This applies to new shopping malls as well as ice rinks.

The benefits of commercial development are being felt across the city. At the end of the working day, that's what most residents want.