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***Letter to the Editor: Hats off from the GMCC to the Snow Removal operators in Dieppe, Moncton, Riverview***

Spring may have arrived on the calendar but all things green are still buried under a dozen or more feet of snow. Snow that has been accumulating at atrocious levels for the past 3 months.

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce knows all too well that one of the most welcome sites over the past weeks and months in the tri-community area was a snow plow. Whether you are a business owner, employee or commute on our cities streets to work and school, we all relied heavily on plow drivers to rescue us from the siege we have called winter this year.

The GMCC would like to applaud the snow removal operators in all three of our communities for the countless hours they have put in over the past few months. Many endless days and nights and wee hours of the morning were spent clearing our city and town's streets so businesses could open their doors, employees could get to work and when it was "safe enough" our youth could get to school.

And snow removal efforts are not solely based on storm days as the after effects of a storm can go on for weeks. Our heroes on tractors, plows and trucks kept plugging away, opening roads, widening roads, cutting back snowbanks, moving loads of snow out to the snow dump for days on end.

This week's announcement that some snow clearing budgets have been overspent certainly comes as no surprise. During the past months snow banks grew to towering heights. They have become such monstrosities that CBC's Rick Mercer started referring to the Atlantic Canada as "Snowbank".

Although the amount of snow that we received this winter could be seen as depressing, frustrating, even maddening somehow it brought our communities together. Initiatives like citizens shovelling out fire hydrants and people helping one another out pushing cars and helping the elderly clear out walkways are just a few examples of our resilience. It goes to show that in Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview when the going gets tough, the tough grab a shovel and "dig in". Just another great reason to live and work in Greater Moncton.

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