

Stephen Dempsey
Opening Remarks (Beginning of Program) – FINAL DRAFT
Building our Future, featuring Lance Secretan
November 9, 2006

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Dempsey and I am the President and CEO of the Greater Halifax Partnership

Welcome to the fourth and final instalment of this year's Building our Future speaker series

The Partnership is the economic growth organization for Greater Halifax

We are committed to raising awareness on leading issues that impact the growth of our economy

Today we're talking about achieving a community vision through great leadership

Good leaders plan, but
Great leaders dream

And I know that in order for our economy to realize its full growth potential, we all need the courage to dream

Fred MacGillivray is a dreamer

His dreams have led to big event wins for Greater Halifax

World profile

Community excitement and engagement

Not to mention significant economic benefits

His dreams, I believe will lead Halifax to host the 2014
Commonwealth Games

Conscious dreams are the road map to where we are going

That can only be achieved with planning, collaboration and
commitment.

Once a community has a shared vision, leaders must work
to ensure a process is in place that will lead to success

Without this shared vision, it is difficult to take the next steps towards growth for the future

We have already begun to dream of what our community can be

Our HRM Economic Strategy is just one example of defining a future vision.

This vision and the goals that support it are attainable, but the road to success will not be easy.

This is why leadership is critical.

The kind of future we envision requires courage and the ability to make tough decisions

That is why we have brought Dr. Lance Secretan here today

We are going to be finishing up a few minutes later today.

Lance's presentation will take us to 1:45

Lance, I'm really looking forward to hearing your own approach to Conscious Leadership

And about the importance of having a shared vision for our community (PAUSE)

Ladies and gentlemen

This afternoon, I'd like you to think about three questions ...

What is your dream for Greater Halifax?

What is the shared dream for our community?

How can we as business leaders unite to make these dreams a reality?

I would now like to call on Dan Leger, Director of News Content, The Chronicle Herald to bring greetings on behalf of our presenting partner

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Thank you Lance.

You've certainly given us a lot to think about today.

(Present Gift)

Lance will also be available at the back of the room to sign copies of his books – ONE, The art of conscious leadership and INSPIRE, what great leaders do.

Finally, I encourage you to look at today's edition of The Chronicle Herald.

You will find two pages dedicated to the topic of visionary planning and conscious leadership.

Thanks to our Building Our Future partners – Presenting partner, The Chronicle Herald. Other partners: the Halifax International Airport Authority, Mount Saint Vincent University, Office Interiors and RBC Financial Group. For the important role you are playing in advancing our economy.

Please stay tuned.

We are working to finalize the line-up for next year's Building our Future series.

And we'll be back to you with more details early in the new year.

Thank you and enjoy your afternoon.