



DISTRICT 5 NEWS

Dartmouth Centre - Halifax Regional Municipality

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Dear Residents of District 5

It is my pleasure to send you this newsletter updating you on issues happening in District 5 and HRM. I hope you find the information interesting and useful to you.

There are a number of new initiatives taking place in HRM with the main ones centering around the Regional Plan. For information concerning the Regional Plan, including meetings, you can call 490-5857, e-mail regplan@halifax.ca or check the HRM Website at www.halifax.ca.

I extend a warm welcome to all new residents to District 5. If you have any concerns or issues, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Have a safe and happy summer!

How to Contact Me

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Email..... mcclusg@halifax.ca

HRM General Information 490-4000

Seven days a week
7:30am - 10:00pm

General information is also
available on the internet at:

www.halifax.ca.

Boards and Committees

I currently serve on the following Boards/Committees:

- Alderney Landing Project (Board of Directors)
- Appeals Committee
- Audit Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- HRM Capital District Commission
- Capital District East Business Commission
- Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Committee
- Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee

Harbour East Community Council

The Harbour East Community Council meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Former Dartmouth City Hall, 90 Alderney Drive. If you require information you may contact Sheryll Murphy at 490-6517 or visit our website at www.halifax.ca or call the Community Council information line at 490-6080. As the Community Council is part of the public participation process, all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Community Information Radio

Want to know where the latest road construction is taking place? Where traffic is tied-up due to motor vehicle accidents? How the traffic is moving on the two bridges? For all of this and more...tune into Community Information Radio at 97.9 FM on your radio dial. Get up to the minute details every hour on what is happening in HRM.

Projects in District 5 for 2006/07

Many streets in District 5 are in poor condition but the budget will only permit the following projects for District 5, which have been approved by Council. I'm trying!

Sidewalk Renewals

Lorraine Street (Birchwood to Woodland) E
 Lorraine Street (Birchwood to Woodland) W
 Lyngby Avenue (Forest to Clearview) S
 Mott Street (Fairbanks to Shore) S
 Mott Street (Fairbanks to Windmill) S
 Queen Street (Dundas to Victoria) N
 Berwick Street (Sinclair to Canterbury) E
 Prince Albert Road (Hawthorne to Bolton) N
 Prince Albert Road (Bolton to Nowlan) N

Resurfacing

Birchwood Terrace

Paving Renewals

Cranston Avenue (Benview to End)
 Regent Drive (Centre to End)

Thin Overlay Category

Lyngby Avenue (Forest to Crichton Park)
 Lorraine Street (Birchwood to Woodland)
 Forest Road (Thistle to Lyngby)

By-Law Update

In October 2005, the Province approved a request from HRM to allow for progressive fines to be imposed on individuals who violate **HRM By-Law N-200 Respecting Noise**. Previously, the out of court fine amount was \$215. The new out of court fine amounts are \$445 for a first offence, \$905 for a second offence and \$1250 for a third or subsequent offence.

Dartmouth Pedestrian Bridge

Finally, tenders have been called to complete a pedestrian bridge over Lake Banook. I have committed \$25,000 from the District 5 Capital Account towards completion of this project. Construction should commence this summer.

Maynard Lake Cleanup



On Saturday, April 22, I had the pleasure of participating in Earth Day along with many other volunteers including Peter Duffy from the Chronicle Herald. As part of Earth Day over 93 people gathered to help in the Maynard Lake

Cleanup. Over 50 bags of garbage were collected.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the Maynard Lake Cleanup a success. I encourage all residents to "dunk their junk" and help make every day **Earth Day**.



Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillor McCluskey serve the seniors at the Mayor's Tea for members of the Dartmouth Senior Citizens Club at Findlay Community Centre on April 20th.

Steps to Deter Auto Theft

No one is immune to vehicle theft but here are a few tips for citizens:

- Always close and lock your doors and windows before you leave your vehicle. Never leave it running and never leave your keys in your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view.
- Don't hang keys in the home where they are visible through windows. Rather, keep them in a secure place.
- Don't leave vehicle registration or insurance cards in your vehicle when it is unattended. This information is valuable to organized theft rings through which they may impersonate you.
- Park in a well lit and well traveled area in plain view with no obstructions.
- When parking, be aware of your surroundings. If you see someone who seems to be watching you, make eye contact to let them know you have seen them and get a license plate if they are in a vehicle.
- Turn your wheels to the side when you park, which will make your vehicle more difficult for thieves to tow.
- When parking in lots, do not leave your keys with parking attendants.
- Consider using anti-theft devices, a car alarm, GPS tracking devices and/or an immobilizer. When triggered, immobilizers shut down the vehicle's electrical and fuel system.
- Inform police of any activities or vehicles that appear suspicious.
- Never put your name or address on your house or car keys.
- Park your vehicle facing the street, where anyone tampering with your vehicle is more likely to be seen.
- Check your license plates frequently, to ensure they have not been lost or stolen.

Street Lights

If you see any street light that is not working or stays lit all the time, please call me to advise me of the situation. Note the civic address of the property nearest the affected street light.

Volunteer Recognition

Each year, communities all across Canada celebrate International Volunteer Week from April 23 to 29. The primary purpose of this specially designated week is to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the causes in which they believe. Volunteer Week also serves to reinforce the human values that volunteering represents and increase awareness of the vital importance of volunteerism to our communities.

The following District 5 citizens were nominated by their respective organizations:

Allan Billard
David Ryder
Geoffrey Sykes
Bill Harris
Todd Hacquoil

Congratulations and thank you to the 2006 recipients. I also extend a thank you to all other volunteers in District 5. Your work has helped build a stronger community.

Blue Nose Marathon



The 3rd Annual Blue Nose International Marathon will be held the weekend of May 20th and 21st in Halifax and Dartmouth. Plan now to join thousands of runners, walkers, volunteers and spectators out on the streets. The race route will be going through your neighbourhood. What better way to have an early-summer street party than to gather your neighbours and cheer on runners and walkers.

The route will travel through District 5 as follows: Woodland Avenue, right to Glen Manor Drive, through MicMac Mall area to Highway 111 overpass and over the overpass to Shubie Park area. From Waverley Road to Prince Albert Road past Lake MicMac and past Lake Banook, and head up Maple Street. At the top of Maple Street, head toward Macdonald Bridge to return to Halifax.

For more information, visit www.bluenosemarathon.com, e-mail info@bluenosemarathon.com or call the event office at 496-1889.

Financial Assistance for Recreation Programs

KidSport



What is KidSport? KidSport is a national children's charitable program that helps disadvantaged kids overcome the barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport. KidSport Nova Scotia provides funding of up to \$300/year/child for sport registration and/or equipment. For

information on KidSport, call 425-5454, Ext. 350, email kidsport@sportnovascotia.ca or check the website at www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport/.



HRM Kids

What is HRM Kids? The purpose of HRM Kids is to provide assistance to as many children and youth as possible who, due to lack of funds, are not able to participate in sport, art, cultural and recreational activities.

Parents – is lack of money stopping you from enrolling your child in one of the many recreation programs offered in Halifax Regional Municipality? It is now possible for your child to join the baseball team, go to camp, play basketball, take an art class or enroll in a baby-sitting course.

HRM Kids works to eliminate barriers to participation. For further information please call: Peggy at (902) 876-4364 or check the HRM website at www.halifax.ca.



Natal Day Parade

Contrary to my request, the Natal Day parade will once again be one parade which crosses over the bridge. I would appreciate your opinion on the parade by calling me at 490-7033 or e-mailing me at mcclusg@halifax.ca.

Police Related Issues Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

To file a complaint which requires a Police Response
490-5020

To file a report without Police Response or to add information to a report.
490-5016

To inquire about a report
490-5419

General Inquiries
490-5016

Crime Stoppers - TIPS
422-8477

Crime Stoppers - Toll Free
1-800-222-8477

Chief of Police, Frank Beazley
490-6500

Seized Vehicle Inquiries
490-5146/5109

Animal Control
468-9219

Bullying Hotline
490-SAVE (7283)

Bylaw Enforcement
490-4000

Parking Ticket Inquiries
490-5160

Special Enforcement Section
490-5130

Victim Services
490-5300

East Division - Community Office/Constables
490-5171

East Division - Inspector
490-5172

East Division - RCMP
490-5172



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