

Hello Halifax!

From the Desk of Councillor Dawn Marie Sloane District 12 Halifax- Downtown

September Edition

Dear Neighbours,
It's been an electrifying summer filled with great family fun events since June, and I want to thank all of the volunteers and event organizers of these signature festivals. Our Canada Day, Natal Day, Pride, Buskers, and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch junior world championships had the streets and park areas buzzing with activity.

Council approved the Oval tender in July and the permanent surface will be able to be used for roller skating and ice skating. An Open House will be held in October and I'll let you know the date as soon as it is fixed.

Boundary Review has been completed and Regional Council will be decreased to 16 members. I will have more information on this and how you can voice your opinion within this newsletter.

If you are Internet savvy, you may want to join my social networking sites:

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Councillor Dawn Sloane

*Your Voice
at
City Hall*



The Old Burial Grounds on Barrington Street



Our Town Clock

Did You Know...

Update on Convention Centre

August 15th, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced a federal commitment of \$51.4 million to the [proposed convention centre](#) project for downtown Halifax. More information will be available soon.

Update on Gottingen Street

The old Met and Diamonds buildings have been demolished. New developments are slated for the site by the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Trust For more info on the Trust and their partners, <http://palhalifax.org/2011/03/housing-trust-of-nova-scotia>

Update on Barrington Street

Lots of changes on Barrington Street! E-Space is being worked on, Middle Spoon Dessert Restaurant has opened! NorthFace will be opening soon. Take a walk along the street and you will see other shops like Oddjects , Obaldee Wine Bar , Starbucks has taken up residency as well!

Update on Spring Garden Road

As the site preparation for the new library is underway, two other developments are concurrently taking shape at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Birmingham Street. Please be aware that Birmingham Street's businesses are still open and happy to provide you with the services they provide.

Update on Halifax Waterfront

WDCL has done an excellent job in revising the Nathan Greene park area and I am so pleased that they have continued with the wooden boardwalk along the whole area. There are new shops along the stretch of the boardwalk with new businesses that compliment our wonderful harbourfront



Regional Council Approves Stadium Analysis Phase 2 Study

(August 9, 2011) - Halifax Regional Council has approved moving forward with the Stadium Analysis Phase 2. This will include site selection and preliminary design for a potential stadium. The decision also grants approval in principle for the recommendations outlined in Stadium Steering Committee's final report, and approves an increase to the project budget of \$275,000 for the Phase 2 work.

The Phase 1 report, submitted by the Steering Committee, explores the need and financial viability of the construction and ongoing operation of a stadium, with the minimum requirement to meet the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 tournament. Key consideration was given for future sport tourism, major event hosting, community usage and access to the facility.

The report comes as a result of direction given by Council on February 8, 2011, for staff to proceed with a process to determine whether or not there is viability for the development of a multi-use stadium in the municipality.

Mayor Peter Kelly thanked the Steering Committee for its work and expressed anticipation for Phase 2 findings. "A stadium for HRM has been discussed for more than 20 years," said Mayor Kelly. "A Phase 2 study will once and for all provide a thorough and objective review of the business case for a multi-use stadium that will best serve the needs of our community."

The Stadium Analysis Steering Committee was selected in March to provide advice and direction to a staff technical team, develop and make recommendations to Council on a stadium business plan, operational plan, site selection, ownership model, facility design and construction methodology relative to achieving the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 minimum standards, and serve as the public face of the project for the community.

The Steering Committee has 13 members. Council representatives include Mayor Kelly, Councillor Dawn Sloane (Halifax Downtown) and Councillor Darren Fisher (East Dartmouth - The Lakes). In addition to committee chair Kim Mason, there are five other citizen positions. The committee also includes one representative from each of Sport Nova Scotia, Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic, the Department of Health and Wellness and the Department of Urban and Rural Economic Development and Tourism.

To view the reports and presentations, visit www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/110809cowAgenda.html.

Boundary Review Results and Public Input

The decision of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on the number of Districts and Councillors was released on July 27, 2011.

For the next election in October 2012 HRM is required to reduce the number of Districts (and Councillors) in HRM to 16 plus the Mayor.

[NSUARB Decision \(2.75 MB\)](#)

Based on the decision of the NSUARB, District Boundaries for the next Municipal Election in HRM will be substantially different than they are today.

The next steps:

- The next step is for HRM to determine the district boundaries based on 16 districts in HRM.
- HRM is required to make the final submission on polling district boundaries to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The Board will also hold public hearings before making the final decision on the polling district boundaries (not the number of districts - that has already been determined with the decision of the NSUARB).

Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Schedule (NSUARB-MB-10-06)

HRM files their submission on polling district boundaries to the NSUARB	Friday October 21, 2011
Deadline for request to speak at the evening hearings of the NSUARB ((Monday Nov 7th 7pm)	Monday October 31, 2011
Deadline for letters of comment to the NSUARB	Monday November 7, 2011
NSUARB Hearing Dates	Monday November 7, 2011 Continued on Wednesday Nov 9th and Thursday Nov 10th if required

Anyone interested in making a written submission or speaking at the NSUARB hearing should contact the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board at:

PO Box 1692, Unit M, Halifax NS B3J 3S3

or (902) 424-3919

or email: uarb.board@gov.ns.ca

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT and will help HRM in determining the 16 polling district boundaries.

HRM residents have an opportunity participate on an online survey and provide input on several options for boundary changes.

Due to response, the deadline for the survey has been extended to Friday, October 14th.


Two scenarios are proposed for the district boundaries. Each scenario presents a different approach to meeting the legislated requirements for polling district boundaries.

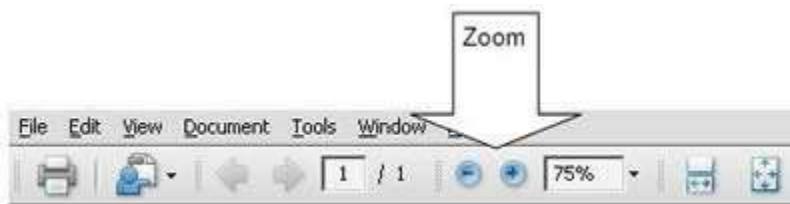
Maps for each proposed scenario are listed in the table below. There are two levels of detail provided:

1. **Full Maps of HRM** which show the proposed boundaries, community names, and some street names.
2. **Current District Maps** which show the existing district, the proposed boundaries, and the majority of street names.

The Current District Maps display:

- the current district in grey;
- the proposed boundaries for each scenario via the red lines;
- the red letters (A, B, C,...) which correspond to the [voter count table](#)

Scenarios are in PDF format.  By using the PDF tools available to you in Adobe Acrobat, you will be able to zoom in to the specific area of HRM you are interested in. Use the scroll-bars at the side and bottom of the image to move around.



Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Full HRM Map	Full HRM Map
Current District Maps:	
District 1	District 1
District 2	District 2
District 3	District 3
District 4	District 4
District 5	District 5

District 6	District 6
District 7	District 7
District 8	District 8
District 9	District 9
District 10	District 10
District 11	District 11
District 12	District 12
District 13	District 13
District 14	District 14
District 15	District 15
District 16	District 16
District 17	District 17
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<u>Scenarios - Voter Counts and Percentage Deviation</u>	

Final boundary decisions will be made based on public feedback, legislated requirements, and what is possible to accomplish given how polling districts must be determined.



[Map of the current 23 district boundaries \(7.25 MB\)](#) 

[Map of projected 2012 voters by community \(6.04 MB\)](#) 

Written submissions may also be made to the [Municipal Clerks Office](#).

Contact the Clerks Office

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As a result of this decrease in Council, the boundaries will be changing. Here is the current boundary of District 12 Halifax- Downtown

New Library Update:



Archaeological dig has concluded, and the construction will commence within the next week.

The Central Library site has an interesting history. Bellevue House, the home of the British Army's Commander-in-Chief for Halifax once stood near the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street. Archaeologists will monitor the removal of asphalt and earth in layers to watch for signs of historic structures and/or artefacts. If these are discovered during the initial assessment, the archaeology team will begin a more detailed excavation process to study, record and preserve the discovered items. All items become the property of the Province of Nova Scotia which assumes long term curatorial responsibility for all archaeological artefacts. The archaeological investigations at the central library site will be conducted under the terms of a Heritage Research Permit issued to Cultural Resource Management Group Limited by the Heritage Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.