

Hello Halifax!

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

November/December 2010

Dear Neighbours,



*Please Have a Safe,
but Fun Holiday
Season with your
Family, Friends and
Community!*



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

Facebook: Dawn Marie Sloane

Twitter: downtowndawn

Web Site: dawnslope.ca

I look forward to keeping you informed!

Dawn

Voted
Best Councillor
2003-2010

*Your Voice at
City Hall*

Important Numbers:

Dawn's Cell: 488-4812

Dawn's Fax: 490-4759

Lynn, my assistant: 490-7177

HRM Call Centre: 490-4000

Mayor's Office: 490-4010

Maureen MacDonald MLA: 455-2926

Leonard Preyra MLA: 444-3238

Non- Emergency Police: 490-5020

Superintendent Falkenham 490-5133

Downtown Halifax, Did You Know About....?



Citizens Guide to Municipal Services

Watch for your copy of the first annual Citizens Guide to Municipal Services, arriving via Canada Post during the week of December 6th.

Keep this Guide as a reference throughout 2011. We've consolidated information into one concise guide to be more cost-efficient and environmentally friendly.

It includes:

- Who to contact
- How to access services
- Online resources
- Householders Guide to Waste Management
- Green Cart & Garbage Collection Schedule
- Calendar of events, dates and deadlines

If you don't receive yours by the end of December, please call 490-4000 or download it online at www.halifax.ca/CitizenGuide

Public Open House for New Development

A public open house will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 between 6:00 and 9:00 pm, at Second Cup, 5435 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, to present information on the following development proposal:

File No. 16529: Pre-application by Westwood Developments Ltd. for a new retail/office building at 5489-91 and 5495 Spring Garden Road and 1515 Birmingham Street through the site plan approval process for Downtown Halifax.

Representatives of Westwood Developments Ltd. will be present at the public open house to discuss the proposal and to answer questions from the public.

The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend to seek information about the proposal and/or express any comments which they may have.

For further information, please contact Westwood Developments Ltd. at (902) 425-7500 or visit: www.westwoodgroup.ca/property/5495-spring-garden-road



Proposed Building for Birmingham and Spring Garden Road

Update on Issues that Concern You

Bio-Solids

Last week at our weekly Regional Council we were updated by staff on the municipal use of Class A Bio-Solids.

Many Councillors had concerns with respect to the safety of treated human feces on farm crops, grazing fields, and parks on municipal land.

Regional Council has requested Halifax Water to have an independent scientific study performed and that the sale and use of N-Viro Soil Amendment be suspended until the study is reviewed by Regional Council.

City Finances

Regional Council will be attending a two day session to discuss ideas brought forward from Councillors, Staff and Citizens with regards to the \$13.9 million short fall and the 2011-2012 budgets. The all day sessions will be held on December 13th and 14th. It's not too late to send me your ideas! Please email me at sloaned@halifax.ca

Committees of Council

On October 12, 2010 Regional Council adopted the move to six (6) Standing Committees of Council. Standing Committees will consolidate the terms of reference of a number of committees of Council, and will allow those committees to focus on broad initiatives under the mandate of the Standing Committees.

In addition to the Standing Committees, there are also:

- Regional Council Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions
- Community Council Advisory Committees
- External Boards & Committees

The Standing Committees of Council

Administration, Appeals, Community Planning & Economic Development, Environment & Sustainability, Transportation, Finance & Audit

Proposed Convention Centre

Following the second staff presentation on the proposed new downtown convention centre, along with presentations by [Dr. Heywood Sanders](#), [Scott Ferguson of Trade Centre Ltd.](#), and [Joe Ramia of Rank Inc.](#) on November 9, 2010, the following motion was passed by Council:

The motion, as moved by Councillor Linda Mosher, seconded by Councillor Steve Streach and approved by a 22-2 vote of Council, states that Regional Council:

- 1) Support the development of a new convention centre, pending the conclusion of successful negotiations with the Province and the Federal Government.
- 2) Direct staff to enter into negotiations with the Province based on the conditions included in the incamera presentation of November 9, 2010.
- 3) Not release the in-camera presentation until after any negotiations for a new convention centre are concluded.
- 4) Immediately release all public information on HRM's website.