



District 10

Clayton Park West

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Committees I Serve On

- Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- Cultural Advisory Committee
- Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Committee
- Emergency Measures Advisory Committee
- HRM Urban Design Task Force
- Neptune Theatre Foundation
- Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee
- Volunteer Award Recipients Committee
- 2011 Canada Winter Games Bid Planning Committee
- Halifax Watershed Advisory Committee
- Mainland North Drug Awareness Committee

I also serve on the Chebucto Community Council (Vice Chair).



Dear Residents:

What a busy and exhilarating 2007 it has been! I have had the opportunity to serve on several committees and boards of which I have found each to be a means of learning a wealth of information. The contribution and expertise of these volunteers helps the staff of HRM to make better decisions regarding a variety of issues; such as, the Halifax Watershed Advisory Committee whose members look over future development plans and recommend procedures to staff and the developer that will ensure the protection of our lakes and water.

One of the biggest successes this year was winning the bid for the Canada Winter Games 2011. We hear the term “a well-oiled machine” and that is exactly how the Halifax Bid Committee worked. It was a pleasure to be on that committee and to see them in action. HRM decided to bid on the Games just six months prior to the deadline. The committee put together a phenomenal presentation to the federal Canada Games Committee that knocked their socks off. I could see the delight and amazement on the faces of the visiting committee. I just wish the residents could see how the Bid Committee worked. I was very proud of them.

By winning this bid, District 10 will now have a large field house on the Mainland Common that will support a variety of sports. Along with the recreation centre, the soccer and baseball fields, a library, the 600 seat Bella Rosa Theatre at Halifax West High School, and Stratford Park Gardens, we are now turning into a wonderful community that will be enriched with our many culturally diverse neighbours, our cultural and sports facilities, and our beautiful parks and gardens. This is what makes a community and I hope our residents and neighbours will work together to support and enjoy these facilities.

My husband and I will be travelling to Hamilton to spend Christmas with our family. On that note, the very best to all of you and your families during the holidays and in the new year.

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Theatre Halifax



Bella Rosa Arts Centre (photo taken from balcony)

Come see our new 600 seat community theatre located in Halifax West High School.

Below is a list of upcoming events for you to enjoy!

Saturday, November 24 - Holidays and Harmony

Presented by The Millstream Chorus and Guests

Showtime: 7:30 PM

Admission: \$14.00

For tickets please call - 832-9358, 461-2733, 431-1820 or 457-3239

Sunday, December 2 – A Kilted Christmas

Presented by the Amethyst Scottish Dancers

Showtime: 2:00 PM

Admission: \$15 Adult, \$10 Seniors and Students

For tickets please check: www.amethystscottishdancers.com or 457-3239

Friday, December 22 – Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Presented by REBAW Productions

Showtime: 7:00 PM

Admission: \$ 25.00

For tickets please check – www.rebawproductions.com or 457-3239



Wadid Fares, Councillor Mary Wile - Presenting \$10,000 cheque to Theatre Halifax

District 10 Discretionary Fund Contributions

Friend of Halifax West Musicals
 Mobility Cup 2007
 Glenbourne Social Committee
 Parent Teacher Association
 International Childrens Games
 Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia
 NS Provincial PeeWee Lacrosse Team
 Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Assoc.
 Feed Nova Scotia Canstruction
 The Uganda Canadian Association
 Clayton Park West Neighbourhood Watch
 Mainland North Drug Awareness Committee
 Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee

District 10 Capital Fund Contributions

Stratford Way Park Improvements
 North West Trails, Mainland Common
 Mainland Commons ballfield upgrades
 Park Closure Signs
 Centennial Rink, Storage Box for defibrillators
 Park West School Playground Project
 Fisherman's Cove
 Neighbourhood Watch signs
 Bella Rosa Theatre, Halifax West High School

2007 HRM Capital Projects for District 10

Lacewood Dr. West - Radcliffe to Parkland
 (surface seal)
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 (surface seal)
 Lakelands Blvd. - Trunk 3 to Chain Lake Dr.
 (paving resurfacing)
 Chain Lake Dr. West - Ash Lake Crt. to Lakelands Blvd
 (paving renewal)
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 (paving resurfacing)

Uganda Independence Day Celebration



*The Girls Dance Group performing:
 Erica Nibasheka (left), Karen Ssebazza (right), Stephanie Ssebazza (middle)*

Citizenship Awards - 2007



Councillor Mary Wile, Lam Do, Mayor Peter Kelly

Earlier this year, Council presented Citizenship Awards to junior high school students who have shown special qualities of leadership in their schools and community. I was pleased, along with Mayor Peter Kelly, to present an award to Lam Do, a student of Park West School.

Stratford Park Development

Members of the community are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the future phases of the Stratford park development. At this meeting, staff will be presenting a plan of the complete park.

During the past year, the park has lost its wasteland looks with the addition of lawn and the construction of the Korean Veteran War Memorial Garden. However, plans are to extend the existing development and add other park amenities to better provide enjoyment to citizens of all ages.

Some features being considered are a bocci court and an adjacent pergola, trees, perennials, shrubs, patios, paths, lighting, and access to the park from Wembley.

Your input and support are necessary so that staff and I will know how best to meet your needs.

**Meeting Location: Halifax West High School,
Room A244, Conference Room**

Date: November 21, 2007

Time: 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.

For more information please contact: Therese Delorme, Parkland Planner, at 490-4429, or delormt@halifax.ca.

Mainland Common Recreation Centre

I wanted to share with you the update on the Mainland Common Community Recreation Centre. As you are no doubt aware, HRM has been awarded the 2011 Canada Winter Games and as a result, the opportunity exists to incorporate the community centre into the major Canada Games legacy facility. Staff have been meeting with Provincial staff over the past several months to develop a facility that creates a premiere legacy of the Games and a first class community recreation centre. I am pleased to let you know that discussions with all three levels of government are currently underway to secure additional funding for this facility. Everyone is eager to see this project get started and we are optimistic an announcement will be made in the near future.

Once the announcement is made, the plan is to hold an open house in late fall. The open house will allow the community to provide feedback on the facility. We welcome everyone to attend. We are excited that the facility will be open in early 2010 – well in advance of the 2011 Canada Games event.

While views around the new centre have been diverse we are confident that the end result will be a community recreation centre that the community will be proud of and that will meet the needs of the broadest community, including youth, families, and seniors.

Solid Waste Resources - Residential Bag Limit Changes- Effective Nov 5, 2007



Residents who currently receive municipal curbside collection services who live in a house (single family dwelling), or unit in a semi-detached house, rowhouse or townhouse are affected by this change. Effective November 5, 2007 the new bag limit is 6 bags or containers every two weeks.

Multi-unit apartment limits are not changing. Five (5) bags or containers are still allowed per unit (i.e., a 4 unit apartment property building - limit is 20 bags or containers). Materials must be curbside by 7:00 am to ensure collection.

District Statistics

According to the latest census data, Clayton Park West's population rose to nearly 15,000 people last year from just over 11,000 people in 2001. That translates to a 36.4 per cent increase, and the biggest jump in population in HRM.

Belcher's Marsh

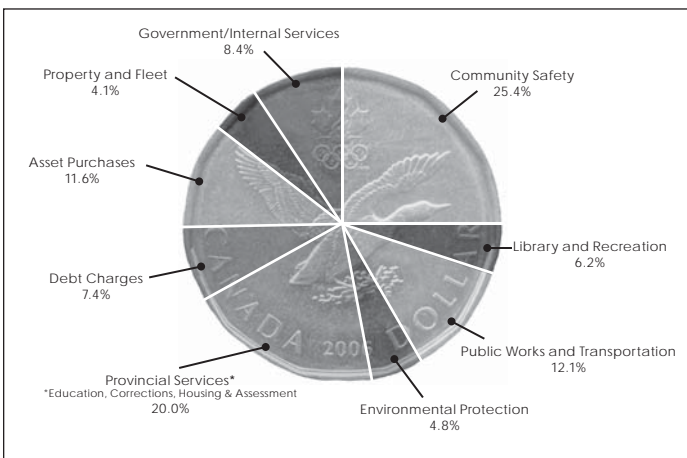


Belcher's Marsh Committee



Belcher's Marsh signage

Where Are My Tax \$ Spent?



Rebuilding the Municipal Tax System in HRM

Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) Tax Reform Committee (TRC) completed public workshops in the spring of 2007. At the workshops HRM staff and the TRC gathered input from citizens to help determine ideas for rebuilding the municipal tax system. A summary report is available at www.halifax.ca/taxreform. In the Fall of 2007, the TRC will present options for tax reform to Council. Additional public consultations will follow.

The TRC is encouraging citizens to get involved in the tax reform process by submitting ideas and input to the website (listed above), by calling 490-4886 or e-mail taxreform@halifax.ca.

For further information on the 2007/2008 Capital and Operating Budgets, please visit the HRM website at www.halifax.ca/budget or call 490-4000.

Contact Numbers

HRM Call Centre - Open seven days a week 7:30a.m. to 11:00 p.m	490-4000
Mayor's Office	490-4010
Councillors' Support Office	490-4050
Geoff Regan, MP - Halifax West	426-2217
Diana Whalen, MLA, Halifax Clayton Park	424-8637
Water Commission	490-4820
24hr Police Non-Emergency	490-5020
Fire Non-Emergency	426-8691
24hr Lake Ice Thickness Line	490-5020

HRM Customer Service

HRM's Call Centre Agents are waiting to serve you seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Just call 490-4000. This is your one stop call centre regarding any issue you have such as by-law enforcement, solid waste schedules, animal control, planning matters, bus schedules, property taxes and complaints. If you are calling from outside the local area, please dial our toll free number 1-800-835-6428. If you require the use of a TTY/TDD line, please dial (902) 490-6645.



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