



District 10

Clayton Park West

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Committees I Serve On

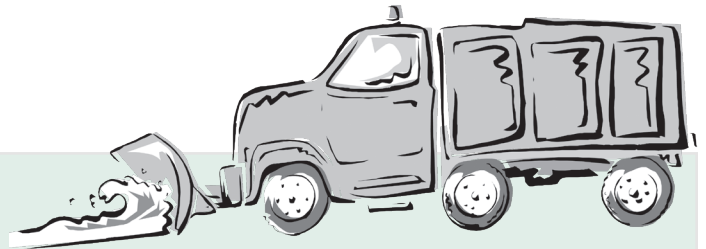
- Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- Appeals Committee
- HRM Urban Design Task Force (Ad Hoc)
- 2011 Canada Winter Games Board
- Clayton Park West Neighbourhood Watch
- Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee
- Bayers Lake Business Association
- Centennial Rink Commission Board Member
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Dear Residents:

Greetings and a warm welcome to new residents and businesses residing in District 10. I am honoured and proud to be your representative on Regional Council. As your HRM Councillor, I will be your advocate when you are dealing with municipal issues so please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to assist you.

I extend best wishes to you and your families for a very happy and memorable holiday and wish you a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

Mary Wile



The Winter Months

It's that time again to worry about the winter conditions on our streets and roadways. Councillors have met with staff and discussed issues relating to snow removal. In an effort to improve services some new contractors will be in place this winter season. Each year HRM staff adds more streets and sidewalks to the maintenance list due to new developments. If you are interested in information on snow standards, please check the HRM website at www.halifax.ca.

Citizenship Awards

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes Junior High School students who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen as a way of promoting awareness of municipal government. The 2009 citizenship award recipients from District 10 are Alessandro LoPresti, Park West School; Jillian Steele, Sacred Heart School of Halifax; and Richard Patrick, Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart. Congratulations to Alessandro, Jillian and Richard on your great efforts.



Volunteer Awards

Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contribution to our community. Congratulations to District 10 resident Peter van der Horden on receiving the HRM Volunteer Recognition Award.



Canada Winter Games 2011



It has been a busy and exiting 2009. As residents of Clayton Park West, we have been fortunate to be chosen as the home for the Canada Games Centre. Throughout the year we have watched the construction of the centre develop into a magnificent facility. It will be enclosed by this winter and work will begin inside with the goal to have it completed by the end of 2010.

You can see the latest developments of the Canada Games Centre at www.halifax.ca/CanadaGamesCentre/webcamera.html. The website is updated daily!!

This will be the first time in 24 years the province has hosted the Canada Games and the second time ever in Halifax. As the HRM representative on the Board of the Host Committee for the 2011 Canada Winter Games, I have been involved in the planning of these games. It is exciting to see the progress. I work with an excellent group of board members from the business, government, sports, and military community as well as a fantastic and hard-working staff.

The Canada Winter Games will soon be looking for volunteers from the ages of 14 and up to assist in a variety of venues at the Games. It will be a great experience for everyone, especially the younger members. We will be relying on volunteer support from more than 1,000 students, who will act as minor officials throughout the games. You can obtain a volunteer form, which will be launched in January 2010, on the website of the Halifax 2011 Canada Games at www.CanadaGames.ca. Besides the impact on the sporting community, the games are expected to create approximately \$80 million in economic spinoffs for the local economy.

Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch meets on a regular basis to discuss issues within our District. Under the capable chair of Shelley Cahill, the Good Neighbours, Great Neighbourhoods program has been introduced. This program's mandate is to encourage the members of our community to work together to develop District 10 into a friendly and supportive neighbourhood.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Neighbourhood Watch Program, please contact Shelley at 443-2323.

Graffiti

On the note of Good Neighbours-Great Neighbourhoods, one of the most disturbing sights is the damage created by those who are determined to disfigure the walls of our schools, churches, recreation centres, playgrounds, and private homes – and for what purpose? The problem is not only with graffiti but also with posters being placed on mail and telephone boxes and power poles – all of which are private property. The fine for graffiti can be as high as \$2000 and/or six months in jail. The fine for posters can be as high as \$250. If these are not removed, more and more will be added and eventually our community will begin to look unsightly.

2009/10 Sidewalk and Paving Renewals

The following projects have been approved as part of the 2009/10 Capital Budget:

- Dunbrack Street E & W - Willett to Lacewood (paving resurfacing)
- Horseshoe Lake/Chain Lake Drive E & W - Susie Lake to Lakelands (paving resurfacing)
- Langbrae Drive - Chipstone to Turnberry (thin overlay)
- Langbrae Drive - Dunbrack to Chipstone (thin overlay)
- Langbrae Drive - Turnberry to Chelton Wds (thin overlay)
- Main Avenue - Dunbrack Street to existing (new sidewalk)
- Turnmill Drive - Radcliffe to Langbrae Drive (surface seal)

Remembrance Day

I would like to thank the more than 500 residents who attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Korean War Veterans' Memorial at Stratford Way Park. The veterans were very touched and humbled by this wonderful attendance. My thanks go out as well to the Scouts and Guides who contributed to the ceremony. You did a fine job and your homemade wreath and cards to the veterans were wonderful.



Public Meetings

There have been several public meetings held in our District. We have had meetings on pathways, developments and the future connection of Regency Park Drive and the Washmill Lake Underpass. Also, the Chebucto Community Council meets the first Monday of every month at the Keshen Goodman Library. All are welcome.

Interesting Tidbits

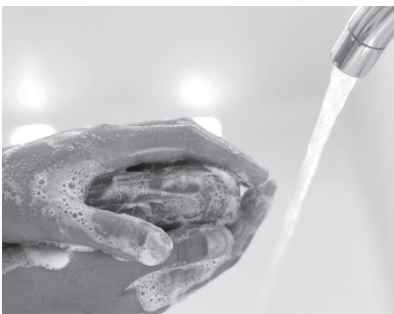
HRM is piloting a new street lighting project using LED lights which is expected to provide 40-50 percent energy reductions and the bulbs last four times longer.

The NS Motor Vehicle Act, Section 100D(1) states that it is an offence to use a hand-held cellular telephone or engage in text messaging on any communication device while operating a vehicle. Tickets for the first offence are \$164.50 and increase to \$337 for a third offence.

Contact Numbers

HRM Call Centre - Open seven days a week 7:00a.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	490-5530
24hr Lake Ice Thickness Line	490-3577

**H1N1
Influenza A
(aka Swine Flu)**



Halifax Regional Municipality does not have a public health mandate. Please refer to the Capital District Health Authority at

www.cdha.nshealth.ca for all information regarding the H1N1 flu. Also see the NS Department of Health Promotion and Protection at www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/h1n1/ for additional information.

HRM Customer Service

HRM's Call Centre Agents are waiting to serve you seven days a week from 7:00 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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 Sign up your neighbourhood association and connect with other Great Neighbourhoods across HRM!
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