



COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG DISTRICT 15 - LOWER SACKVILLE

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2017



Dear Residents,

Another exciting summer season is upon us. There is lots happening from capital projects and upgrades in our community with new sidewalks, street recapitalization, and greenway expansions, to a new community food garden at Acadia Park. Plans are also underway for Sackville Patriot Days, and other civic events, as well as the many "Canada 150" events that will celebrate Canada's 150th Confederation Birthday, just to name a few.

There are numerous resources available to find out what is happening in our municipality. Information on recreation services and programs, and the agenda items/decisions at Halifax Regional Council can be found on our website www.halifax.ca

It was truly an exciting year on council. Particularly in the areas of extending pilot projects for our residents. The low income bus pass program was extended for another year, the Mobile Food Market Program was extended due to its success and positive feedback from residents, and the Membership Loan Pilot Program that provides Sackville Public Library users access to free Sackville Sports Stadium passes was also extended for another year. Thanks to public feedback, and the response to the needs of the community, these programs are continuing.

I believe one of the keys for growth in our communities is when residents weigh in on issues and provide input that is important to them. There are many ways for you to make us aware of your concerns or ideas. Our website Halifax.ca is being upgraded to serve you better. In the coming weeks the municipality will launch its new website, designed with two main objectives in mind: (1) to deliver enhanced information and online services; and (2) to improve accessibility to municipal services by making it easier for citizens and businesses to do what they need to do quickly and easily. In addition to improved site navigation and better responsiveness for mobile devices and tablets, the modernized website will use best-in-

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HOW CAN WE HELP?

CALL CENTRE

Call 311 toll-free from anywhere throughout HRM and our friendly and knowledgeable agents can provide you with a wide variety of municipal information and services in over 150 languages using a telephone interpretation service. Hours of operation: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

CALL MY OFFICE

For assistance with municipal issues, please contact my Constituency Coordinator, Nadine Yuriev by email at Nadine.Yuriev@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.1577.

CONTACT ME

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STAY CONNECTED

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STAY INFORMED

Visit my web page for up-to-date information on HRM related issues at halifax.ca/District15/

Police Non-Emergency 902.490.5020

Fire 902.490.5530

Mayor's Office 902.490.4010

Council Office 902.490.4050



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Due to Canada Post distribution areas, some residences which are not in District 15 may receive this newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this may cause and hope you still find the information useful.

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class software helping ensure the municipality continues to evolve and transform the delivery of online services.

I encourage you to contact HRM through our Customer Contact Centre at 311 or myself directly anytime.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Steve

NEW PROGRAM INCREASES ACCESS TO SACKVILLE SPORTS STADIUM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A pilot program designed to encourage healthy, active living by providing Sackville Public Library users with access to free Sackville Sports Stadium passes went swimmingly, and has now been extended until March 31, 2018.

Supported by Thrive Nova Scotia, the Membership Loan Pilot Program was initiated to reduce barriers and increase access to Sackville Sports Stadium programs and services by providing a free trial for interested residents. The pilot program was implemented from January 1 to March 31, 2017, and enabled residents with a library card to try a variety of programs and services at the Sackville Sports Stadium by signing out a free, two-week pass. The passes were valid for unlimited individual or family access to the Sackville Sports Stadium fitness centre, group exercise classes, public swims and skates for a two-week consecutive period.

Upon evaluating the results of the pilot program, the municipality decided to extend the program as part of a continued effort to increase access to healthy, active living options for residents.

For more information on how to sign out the passes, visit www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.

For information on the programs and services offered at the Sackville Sports Stadium, visit www.sackvillesportsstadium.ca.

2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR LOWER SACKVILLE

Capital improvements in Lower Sackville includes:

- New sidewalks for Cobequid from Judy Anne Court to Suckerbrook Court, and on Glendale Drive from MacDougall to Metropolitan Avenue.

Street recapitalization will include:

- First Lake Drive from Crimson to Cobequid,
- Glendale Drive from Riverside to 150m SE of MacDougall,
- Lydgate Drive from Metropolitan to Lumsden,
- Lynneville Drive from Lydgate to Lennox,
- Cobequid Road from Glendale to First Lake,
- Kipling Drive from Maplegrove to Riverside,
- Lumsden from Lydgate to Lynneville,
- Marie Drive from Maplegrove to Kipling.

We also have a budget of \$1,320,000 for the Sackville Greenway Project. There will be a new greenway segment from Crimson Drive to Sackville Lakes Park Parking Lot.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2017

Each year, HRM presents an award to outstanding grade 9 students in the Municipality. The recipients are chosen based on qualities of leadership in the school and community, and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled. I would like to congratulate **Ryan Hogan from Sackville High School** (photo below) for receiving the award this year.





SUMMER OFF-LEASH PARKS AND SPORTS FIELDS

Provided owners can control their dogs so they do not interfere with people or other dogs, dogs are allowed off leash: To date, there are 8 designated off-leash areas in municipal parks. In addition, certain sports fields are permitted to be used for off-leash activities.

In Sackville, the Eddie LeBlanc sports field #3 on First Lake Drive, is an off leash area for the summer, from June 1 to November 1, from 5 am to 10 pm.

Off leash area users are required to abide by the following rules:

- Dogs must be on leash unless signs indicate otherwise.
- Dogs must have current municipal tags.
- You must carry a leash.
- Your dog must come to you when called.
- You must keep your dog within sight.
- You will be held responsible for any damages or injuries caused by a dog in your care.
- Dogs must not interfere with other park users.
- Aggressive dogs, female dogs in heat, and puppies under three months old are not permitted in off leash areas.
- You must pick up your dog's waste immediately

For a complete list of designated off leash parks throughout the municipality, please visit www.halifax.ca/rec/OLPS/
Please note: Municipal and Provincial walking paths are NOT off leash.

SUMMER FUN AROUND THE MUNICIPALITY



Looking for something fun to do this summer? HRM has over 50 **Community and Recreation Centres** around the municipality. Our recreation services offer a variety of recreation programs to children, youth, adults, and seniors all year. For summer recreation activities with HRM, please visit www.halifax.ca/rec or call 902-490-6666.



For a complete list of **Civic Events** around the municipality, please visit our events page at www.halifax.ca/events.

SACKVILLE Patriot Days

JUNE 24-JULY 1, 2017

Sackville Patriot Days is a community, family-oriented celebration organized around Canada Day. At the core of the Patriot Days celebration each year is a Canada Day Parade down Sackville Drive, a free concert at Kinsmen Park and a fireworks display over First Lake, along with many other family friendly events for everyone! For more information, and list of events, please visit www.patriotdays.ca



Fultz House Teas



Starting the first Tuesday after Canada Day, the Fultz House Museum will host weekly teas. Please join Councillor Blackburn and me as we host the first tea on Tuesday, July 4th from 12-1 pm. For more information on Fultz House Museum events please visit their website at www.fultzhouse.ca





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THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

The Residential Property Tax Exemption Program will open for the 2017 program year effective June 1st, 2017. Applications have been mailed to all applicants who applied to the program last year. The program is open from June 1 until December 31st of each year. This program is available for all residents who own their home and have a gross household income under \$33,000. Applicants are required to provide proof of income in the form of their recent Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada—the one filed in 2017 for the 2016 Tax year for all residents over the age of 18 living on the property. Applications can be picked up at the nearest Customer Service Centre and/or a fillable form can be found online at <http://www.halifax.ca/taxes/exemption/index.php>

FIRST LAKE AREA AMENITIES

One of the most condensed areas in Lower Sackville for amenities is First Lake Drive/Glendale Drive area. With 10 of the major venues that we have to offer, including trails, stadiums, sports and recreation facilities, many of Sackville residents find their way there at some point. Below I've highlighted these amenities, and their contact information.

Sackville Sport Stadium902-869-4141
Splash Pad – First Lake Beach...Opens July 1st
Kinsmen Club of Sackville902-865-6042
Sackville Arena.....902-865-8898
Taiso Gymnastics902-865-8798
Sackawa Canoe Club.....902-252-7225
Eddie LeBlanc Sports Field.....For bookings call 311
Sackville Lakes Park Trail
Glen Slauenwhite Trail
Met Field/Skate park

211 NOVA SCOTIA

211 is a free, confidential information and referral service that can connect you to thousands of programs and services offered by local community groups, non-profits and government departments across Nova Scotia. The service helps Nova Scotians by reducing the frustration of trying to find the right community or social resource across multiple sources.

BEACON HOUSE

The Mission of Beacon House is to provide food, clothing and programs for those in need in our community in a caring and compassionate manner. Beacon House has been a source of assistance since 1985, helping families and individuals in the Bedford/Sackville/Fall River/Hammonds Plains area who have been faced with financial hardship as a result of job loss, reduced employment, medical issues, psychological or physical challenges, and many other life events that impact their ability to provide basic needs for themselves and their families. This past May, I was happy to support the Beacon House with a donation of \$7000 from the District 15 capital funds for their donation drop off area expansion. Donations and volunteers are always needed. For more information, please visit their website at www.beaconhouses.org



Paul Russell (middle) recently received the Sackville Volunteer of the Year award. Here he is shown with his partner, Donna MacQueen (left); his daughter, Laura Russell; and Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association.

