



STEVE CRAIG
COUNCILLOR DISTRICT 15
LOWER SACKVILLE



DEAR RESIDENTS

Over the past five years as your elected official, I've had the pleasure of doing work I believe has benefited the citizens of Lower Sackville and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

I commit to you that over the next three years I will continue to serve to the best of my knowledge and ability with enthusiasm, openness, respect and a "can do" action-oriented attitude.

Now that my year long role as Deputy Mayor is complete, I will be focusing on my passion for healthy and livable communities, citizen engagement, social issues of diversity and inclusion, youth centric programs and infrastructure, as well as serving on the Board of Police Commissioners.

This past construction season, municipal staff completed a record number of street and sidewalk infrastructure improvements. I am particularly pleased with the active transportation and sidewalk work done on Cobequid Road, as well as the pedestrian crossing lights at Raymond Drive and Glendale Drive.

With construction season over, and winter operations at the ready, I encourage you to keep handy the municipal Street Clearing Timeline Chart provided here to reference over the winter months. In previous years three different companies cleared snow in Lower Sackville. This year Dexter Construction is responsible for all Lower Sackville's snow clearing of streets, sidewalks, paths and bus stops. I've met with HRM and Dexter staff and am confident we have everything needed to do a good job – we just have to convince Mother Nature to help a little.

Since November, Regional Council has been in the process of preparing the 2018-2019 operating and capital budgets. I encourage you to participate in the process and help shape your budget. The meetings are set and can be viewed at halifax.ca. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings and take the opportunity to talk directly with Regional Council members on the budget.

My wife Shari and I wish you a very Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings, and health and happiness in 2018.

Sincerely,

HOW CAN WE HELP?

CALL CENTRE

Call 311 toll-free from anywhere throughout Halifax Regional Municipality 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.

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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



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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District Capital Funds

Councillors receive a \$94,000 annual budget to use in their District for community development and infrastructure projects. This taxpayer funded budget is used to assist organizations and results in benefits to both the group and the community they serve. Providing the requests meet the criteria stated in the district capital fund policy, I make the final decision on fund distribution in Lower Sackville. These contributions could be the only way a group could achieve its goals, or complete a project. Being involved in so many organizations before I became a Councillor, I understand the challenges faced by community groups and I use the money to help many organizations. Please check halifax.ca/councillors/councillor-funds.php or call my office at 902-490-1577 to get information on the criteria and procedure to make a request.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) helps with the cost of home heating for low-income Nova Scotians who pay for their own heat.

- Rebates range from \$100 to \$200. You can apply between now and March 31, 2018.
- To qualify for the rebate, you must pay for your own heat and meet 1 of the following criteria:
- have a net income of \$29,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependents
- have a combined net income of \$44,000 or less and live with kids, dependents, or other adults receive income assistance from the Department of Community Services
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement or the Allowance from Service Canada

If your personal or financial situation has changed since last year, you may still qualify. Examples of changes include becoming widowed, getting divorced or legally separated, losing your job, or having the custody of your children change. Contact Service Nova Scotia to find out if you qualify.

For more information visit novascotia.ca/programs/heating-assistance-rebate-program/
Or call Service Nova Scotia at 902-424-5200

Snow Operations

Winter weather is already upon us and with it the need for snow clearing programs to kick in to gear. The Halifax Regional Municipality's Winter Operations program is fully prepared and ready to deal with snow clearing of our almost 3,800 kilometres of streets, 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks and 2,295 bus stops. Our crews consist of both in-house and contracted operators and equipment.

311

311 staff members are on hand to respond to emails from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; however, the 311 centre operates from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sundays.

311 is available after-hours for urgent requests for transportation, road operations, or animal services. Residents are advised that if they contact the municipality about snow or ice removal on a street or sidewalk while we're still within the timelines identified in the service standards concerns will be recorded but crews will not be dispatched, as it is expected that they will get to all areas as they are able.

Residents are encouraged to report any issues once the timelines have expired.

Winter Parking Ban

Think Before You Park: Where and when you park during the winter can have a big impact on snow clearing. The municipality has enhanced its winter parking enforcement, so plan ahead. Learn more about parking bans and how to sign up for notifications at halifax.ca/snow. The Halifax Parking Ban can be enforced 1 - 6 a.m. Dec. 15 - Mar. 31.

Slow down signs

I would like to thank everyone who requested to have the "Slow Down For Us" signs on your lawns in Lower Sackville. If you would like one for your lawn, please contact me directly. Please be informed that the District 15 "Slow Down For Us" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic, or make children safer on the streets, they are simply a reminder to slow down.



Capital Projects

Glendale Drive Capital Improvements

In the past three years, we have seen many capital improvements to Glendale Drive, completed by both Halifax Water and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Pedestrian Safety

Crosswalk sign/lighting upgrades and road widening was completed at the intersections of Glendale Drive and Chandler Drive, Glendale Drive and McGee Drive, and Glendale Drive and Pinehill Drive. The new crosswalk infrastructure, which we call RA-5, includes pedestrian pushbuttons and both overhead and side mounted flashing lights. This will greatly increase pedestrian visibility and safety. The crosswalk at Raymond Drive crossing over to Sackville High School is being improved now with RA-5 infrastructure in conjunction with the new sidewalk.

Traffic

To improve traffic flow, we have installed three left turn lanes from Glendale Drive onto Rankin Drive, Chandler Drive and Pinehill Crescent.

Installation of New Crosswalks

Numerous requests have come in over the years for a crosswalk at Smokey Drive and Glendale, which have been forwarded to our Traffic Authority staff for their consideration. I am happy to say that a marked crosswalk across Glendale Drive at Smokey Drive will be installed to provide pedestrian connectivity to the Sackville Greenway Trail after the upgrades to the trail are complete. The simple installation of signs and paint alone will not be appropriate at this location, and a crosswalk treatment that includes pedestrian-activated flashing amber beacons is recommended. The installation will be programmed into a future capital budget. The work will likely take place during the 2018/19 construction season due to the associated design work and procurement that is required for the installation.

Stormwater Systems

In conjunction with other capital projects along Glendale Drive, Halifax Water has completed several stormwater system upgrades as well. These include new culverts and pipes to direct and ensure that stormwater flows from private property and HRM infrastructure into First Lake. Large stones have also been strategically placed to mitigate erosion.

New Sidewalk

One of the bigger capital projects to happen along Glendale is the new sidewalk installation from Metropolitan to MacDougall on Glendale.

Cobequid Road

This construction project includes installation of a 3-meter-wide asphalt Active Transportation trail from Judy Anne Court to Sucker Brook Road. The greenway trail includes a 1.5-meter sod boulevard, concrete curb and gutter, and new storm infrastructure. The existing concrete sidewalk west of Judy Anne Court, and the First Lake Glen Slauenwhite Trail continues from the cul-de-sac at the end of Sucker Brook Road.

Circle of Safety

At the request of residents over the past few years for a safer passage around First Lake with sidewalks, Council approved the construction of a sidewalk from Suckerbrook Road to First Lake Drive. This will be completed in the spring of 2018.



Councillor Steve Craig presents Sackville High students Veronica Roy & Connor Adams the Lieutenant Governor Award for academics, leadership and service. Congratulations Veronica and Connor!



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Street clearing timelines

Note: *Exceptional weather conditions may require more time for clearing than indicated in the chart below.*

Street type	When clearing begins	When clearing should be completed	What clearing should look like
Main arterials (Priority 1)	After 2 cm of snowfall	12 hours from end of weather event to full driving lanes	Bare pavement driving lanes
Halifax Transit routes and collector roads (Priority 1)	After 2 cm of snowfall	12 hours from end of weather event to 3 metre centreline	3 meters centreline bare
Residential streets with greater than 10% slope that serve as snow routes for Halifax Transit (Priority 1)	After 4 cm of snowfall	12 hours from end of weather event to 3 metre centreline and a lane width	Centreline bare
Residential streets (Priority 2)	After 10 cm of snowfall	Cut-throughs completed within first 6 hours and repeated every 8 hours during extended periods of snow	Cut-through
Gravel roads and private lanes (Priority 2)	After 10 cm of snowfall	24 hours from end of weather event to snow-covered, passable state	Snow covered, passable

Sidewalk clearing timelines

Note: *Exceptional weather conditions may require more time for clearing than indicated in the chart below.*

Downtown Halifax & Dartmouth (Priority 1)	After 5 cm of snowfall	12 hours from end of weather event	Before
Main arterials (Priority 1)	After 15 cm of snowfall	12 hours from end of weather event	See above
School drop-off zones and Halifax Transit routes (Priority 2)	After 15 cm of snowfall	18 hours from end of weather event	See above
Residential streets/walkways (Priority 3)	After 15 cm of snowfall	36 hours from end of weather event	See above
Intersections/bus stops	After sidewalks are completed	48 hours from end of weather event	