



COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG
COUNCILLOR DISTRICT 15
LOWER SACKVILLE



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Summer is finally here, and we are all busy ramping up for vacations, events, festivals, and celebrations. There is lots going on this time of year in Halifax and here at home in Sackville. Please check out our schedule of events at halifax.ca/recreation/events to fill up your calendar with fun for the whole family.

Just like every spring and summer, we are also looking forward to a full list of capital improvements to our streets and parks in Lower Sackville. Not to be outdone by pylons, and asphalt, we are also looking forward to exciting social initiatives in our community. The new Youth Drop In Centre will be up and running this fall in Acadia School, the community garden in Acadia Park is coming into its second summer for our gardening enthusiasts, and planning and completion of various active transportation projects is underway. Also, please check out the beautiful new mosaics in Acadia Park, one which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the two great roads of Sackville, and the other to portray the history of Acadia School. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the Rotary Club of Sackville for your incredible vision, spirit and commitment to this project, as well as the hundreds of residents who helped with the painting of the mosaic tiles. A job very well done!

I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Steve

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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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One of the six Council priority areas is Healthy Livable Communities. This past year, Regional Council initiated processes that aim to improve and address the concerns and requests from residents.

In March, Council directed staff to begin the process to consider amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land-use by-laws as necessary, to simplify, consolidate and remove barriers to the development of secondary suites (In-law suites) and backyard suites. A public participation program will be initiated to engage the community on this matter. The goal Council has in mind is in part to address the problem of affordable housing, and the ability for residents to be able to downsize while remaining in their own neighbourhoods.

Regional Council also requested a staff report considering the policy amendments required to allow for the keeping and raising of egg-laying hens/chickens in all residential zones for personal household food supply. Both reports are expected to be presented to Council in October 2018.

Subscription Only Flyer Delivery

In April, Halifax Regional Council directed staff to draft a by-law to regulate flyer delivery, including delivery standards and a requirement to not deliver flyers to properties that have a “no flyers” sign posted. Council also directed staff not to include a mandatory “opt-in” only deliver option as part of the by-law and directed staff to work with the flyer distributors and publishers to implement and evaluate a pilot project of flyer boxes to replace end of driveway delivery in rural areas. This is in response to the complaints and concerns over the years about flyer distribution practices. We have heard from many residents that such newspapers and flyers are unwanted and are a nuisance. Concerns have been expressed that unwanted materials can accumulate while residents are away (flagging an empty house), that they are a waste of resources, and can result in litter if not collected from the end of the driveway.

Congratulations Graduates of Sackville High 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2018 graduates of Sackville High. Your hard work and dedication has paid off, and you are off to an exciting new chapter in life. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours!



Citizenship Awards 2018

Each year, Halifax Regional Municipality 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 Grayson Walker from Sackville High School for receiving the award this year.



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 3rd from 12-1 pm. For more information on Fultz House Museum events please visit their website at www.fultzhouse.ca

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Youth Drop In Centre

Since being elected in 2012, I've been interested in the possibility of creating a municipal multi-service centre for youth in the Sackville area. Many fabulous groups strive to help youth in their own ways; however, I have always felt that Sackville needed a designated space for wide ranging, comprehensive youth programming to complement what is already in place. After many discussions with staff and various stakeholders, the idea was put in motion, and in February 2017 the motion for a staff report outlining the benefits, opportunities and challenges of establishing a multi service youth Centre in Sackville was approved.

In January 2018, staff recommended a one-year pilot project scheduled to begin in the fall. This provides an opportunity to re-purpose existing municipal owned space into a multi-agency, multi-service collaborative

centre for youth programming and service delivery. This one-year pilot project will establish a collaborative multi agency, multi service Youth Centre at Acadia School in Sackville. At the end of one year, staff will return to Council with a report evaluating the pilot project, there by allowing Regional Council to decide whether to continue with the program at Acadia School in Sackville and/or whether the program should be expanded to other communities within the municipality.

The main goals of the youth centre are to remove barriers of access around mental and physical health, provide and implement various drop in programs, create youth services that are inclusive for all youth, design physical spaces that are open and welcoming to youth and use partnerships to deliver on non-municipal run programs and services.

In April 2018, Regional Council approved the staff recommendation to allot \$65,000 for a youth centre pilot program.

Since we are still in the planning stages, below is a bird's eye view of the project:

- Approximately 2000 square feet has been designated to house the Multi Service Youth Centre.
- The Centre will be located in the lower level of 636 Sackville Drive in the municipal building.
- There will be a large multi purpose room as well as kitchen area, a small meeting or group space, as well as two offices available for staff.
- A first planning meeting of the stakeholder group took place on March 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to scope out the work needed to be done before the Centre opens in the fall. The stakeholder group includes the Boys and Girls Club, Laing House, the YMCA, Halifax Public Libraries, Opportunity Place, IWK Community Mental Health Team, Cobequid Youth Health Centre, and municipal Parks & Recreation
- In the coming months, the stakeholder group will work on the following:
 - Develop a youth outreach plan
 - Develop a recruitment plan for a youth advisory group
 - Create a schedule of programs and services
 - Create an evaluation tool for the Pilot

I will be keeping you up to date on any new information on the youth centre as it becomes available from staff. For more information on the youth centre and/or to get involved, please contact

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Sackville Patriot Days 2018 June 23rd - July 2nd

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 firework display over First Lake, along with many other family friendly events for everyone! For more information, and list of events, please visit the Sackville Patriot Days Facebook page for the complete schedule.



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Community Garden Update

The Sackville Community Food Garden is excited to welcome both new and returning gardeners to year 2 at Acadia Park! Their food security efforts in Sackville have expanded to include the Square Roots Food Bundle service, which offers 10lbs of Nova Scotia produce, for either \$5 or \$10. You can look forward to these events on the last weekend of every month. Their partnerships with community groups continue with groups such as the Sackville Library, Community Health Team, Building Futures, and the Memory Lane Family Place. Check out their Facebook page for all events and [news @ SackvilleFood](#). You can also reach out via email at sackvillefoodgarden@gmail.com, or call 902.488.5590 for more information. See you at Acadia Park!



Active Transportation

Summer is here, and getting out and getting active is a big priority for most people. As part of the Making Connections: 2014-19 Halifax Active Transportation Priorities Plan, the Halifax Regional Municipality is developing an integrated network of bicycle lanes that will eventually span the entire region. Encouraging active transportation promotes improved personal health and recreation, helps manage traffic congestion, reduces emissions and supports municipal objectives for creating healthy communities. Halifax's Active Transportation program wants you to bicycle, walk and use other "human powered" ways to move through the municipality. This plan outlines where and how the municipality plans to build new active transportation greenways, sidewalks and enhanced bicycle facilities. The future vision is a regional greenway and bicycle network that spans across the municipality. For maps and information on the Active Transportation Priority Plan, visit halifax.ca/transportation/transportation-projects



Capital Projects for Lower Sackville

Below is the approved list of capital projects in Lower Sackville for 2018/19. This list includes any carryover work from 2017/18 as well as new projects. I realize there are many streets in very poor condition. We are addressing as many as we can, however, it would take all the Halifax Regional Municipality's budget for the next five years to do all the work required in Lower Sackville. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we do what we can each year.

Street Recapitalization

Cockburn Crt. – Cockburn to Cul De Sac
Cockburn Dr. – Mayfair to MacDougall
Fultz House Lane – Bedford Bypass to Memory Lane (Potential Projects List)
Mayfair Ave – Raymond to Raymond
Memory Lane – North End to End of Pavement (Potential Projects List)
Ridgeview Dr. – Belleshire to Cul De Sac
Steeves Crt. – Cockburn to Cul De Sac

Crack Sealing

Chandler Dr. – McGee to Caudle Park
Glendale Dr. – Cobequid to Civic 61
Glendale Dr. – Pinehill to Chandler
Old Sackville Rd. – Sackville to Walker Connector
Prince St. – Pinehill to Belleshire
Sackville Dr. – Florence to Beaver Bank
Walker Ave. – Civic 27 to Old Sackville

Asphalt Overlays

Skyridge Ave. – Sackville to Prince

Planer Patching

Old Sackville Rd. – Sackville Cross Road to Walker Connector

Active Transportation

Beaver Bank Road to Canopy Creek (Planning and Design)
Crimson Dr. to Sackville Lakes Park -New Greenway segment (2017 Carryover)
Fort Sackville Walkway & Bedford-Sackville Connector
Sackville Greenway (2017 Carryover)

Walkways

Ridgeview Dr. to Prince St.

New Playground Structure and Park Enhancements

Judy Ann Court Park Playground Replacement – Lower Sackville
Kinsmen Park Playground Replacement – First Lake Dr., Lower Sackville
Park Bridge Upgrade – William Henry Harry Little Park West