



COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG DISTRICT 15 - LOWER SACKVILLE

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL/WINTER 2018



Dear Residents,

It is always a pleasure for me to issue my bi-annual newsletter and communicate the upcoming events, accomplishments and improvements in Lower Sackville. There is no shortage of exciting things

happening in our community as of late. This past summer and fall, we saw the completion of active transportation trails, new playgrounds, recreational additions such as the new Charles Fenerty Bandstand at Acacia Park and what I consider to be the most exciting, the grand opening of the Sackville Youth Centre in Acadia Centre on November 29th.

Businesses are growing and thriving as well. In 2018 alone, 11 new businesses have opened in Lower Sackville. It is always encouraging to see the entrepreneurial spirit alive and well. Without the dedication of our HRM staff, residents and volunteers in our community, we would not have such a robust, family oriented, and active place to call home. I would like to thank everyone for your support and hard work, and for making Lower Sackville such vibrant place to live.

I would also like to wish you the very best of the Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year.

Steve

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.

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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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SENIORS SNOW REMOVAL



YMCA Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program—in partnership with the city of Halifax—for seniors and persons with disabilities. This program provides a subsidized snow

removal service to create safe access. The YMCA pays all service fees directly to the contractor on behalf of program participants.

The YMCA will oversee the clearing of the following areas; however, it is the responsibility of the participant to ensure that all areas are free from obstructions:

- Front and back steps
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Access to fuel tanks

Program Eligibility

YMCA Senior Snow Removal is available to all seniors who are sixty-five years of age or more and persons with disabilities who reside in the Greater Halifax/Dartmouth area, and meet the following criteria:

- The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- The participant may not be a landlord.

For more information please call (902) 483-3678

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 or call 311. The Halifax Parking Ban can be enforced 1–6 a.m. December 15 to March 31.

SACKVILLE YOUTH CENTRE



Since being elected in 2012, I've been interested in the development of a HRM 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 on March 6, 2018, Regional Council approved a one-year pilot project to establish a collaborative, multi-agency, multi-service youth centre in the Acadia Centre in Sackville.

Over the last several months Parks & Recreation staff, stakeholder representatives from the IWK Community Health Team, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Opportunity Place, the Boys and Girls Club, the Sackville Library, Laing House and the YMCA have completed a substantial amount of work and planning for the pilot. After months of hard work, and collaboration, I'm happy to announce that the grand opening and naming contest for the Youth Centre will be held Thursday, November 29th from 6-7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

For more information on the Youth Centre, you can contact Sharon Martin, Manager of Youth Programs at martins@halifax.ca—902-490-4567.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



This past June, the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners held a swearing in ceremony for our first Indigenous member. **Anthony (Tony) Thomas** is a member of Sipekne'katik First Nation, and a resident of Sackville. Tony brings a

wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, as well as being the first representative for First Nations on the Board of Police Commissioners in Halifax. Welcome Tony.



CANNABIS AND SMOKING

The Federal Government has approved recreational cannabis use effective October 17, 2018. The following information table outlines the three levels of government and their responsibilities in relation to Cannabis regulations. Also, changes to the Nuisance By-Law N-300 restricts all smoking and vaping on municipal property. Designated smoking areas (DSAs) on municipal property have been identified and marked. We are also accepting requests for additional DSAs. For more information on the location of DSAs and cannabis and smoking in Halifax, please visit www.halifax.ca/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/by-law-standards/cannabis-smoking-halifax or call 311.

Cannabis Regulation: Government Responsibilities		
Federal Government	Provincial Government	Halifax Regional Municipality
<p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession limits • Types of Cannabis products permitted • New Criminal Offences • Packaging and labelling • Serving Sizes and potency • Ingredients • Production • Advertising • Impaired driving • Medical cannabis • Age limit (Federal) • Public Health • Education • Taxation • Home cultivation • Regulatory compliance 	<p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale and distribution • Retail model • Retail locations and rules • Possession • Social consumption • Public health and safety • Protecting youth • Deterring unlawful activities • Cultivation, propagation and harvesting • Taxation 	<p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public safety • Locations of commercial production and testing facilities • Impacts on Neighbourhoods • Enforcement • Home cultivation • Social consumption (where cannabis can be consumed) • Education
<p>Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis Act • Laws for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada 	<p>Regulations:</p> <p>Cannabis Control Act</p>	<p>Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law amendments • Nuisance By-law • Municipal Parks By-law • Land-use By-law(s)

2019 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Do you know a volunteer in your community who deserves recognition? The nominations are now open for the 2019 HRM Volunteer Awards. The deadline for nominations is Monday, December 17, 2018 and the tentative date for the 2019 Volunteer Award Ceremony is April 10, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Shirley at shirles@halifax.ca or 902-869-4202.



Volunteer Awards 2019

 Nominate someone now for the 2019 Volunteer Awards

Deadline for nominations:
Friday, December 17, 2018

For the nomination application or for inquiries please visit Halifax.ca/volunteerawards

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2018 HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Every year, Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who have volunteered in local communities. Congratulations and many thanks to the recipients from Lower Sackville.



Bob Purcell



Mallory Hookey



Wilma Treen

COMPLETION OF THE SACKVILLE GREENWAY TRAIL

The Sackville Greenway is a great addition to the Sackville Active Transportation trail system, and improves access to local communities. The trail connection between Old Beaver Bank Road to Glendale Drive and down along the Sackville River to the Lion's Club was completed this past summer, with our grand opening held on September 29th. This is a wonderful way to connect our community and promote Active Transportation.



L/R: MLA Brad Johns, Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Dave Waugh—Sackville Lions Club, Walter Regan—President-Sackville Rivers Association, Michelle Champniss—Executive Director Sackville Business Association, Beth Pattillo—Chair NS Trails, Councillor Steve Craig, Blair Eavis—Sackville Lions Club.

Happy Holidays



SACKVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Please join us for the 11th Annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, November 30th, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Acadia Hall—650 Sackville Drive.

There will be live entertainment, treats, and a visit from Santa! We will have Holiday songs & stories inside the Sackville Library before the Annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting begins!