

Councillor Steve Craig

District 15

Lower Sackville



Dear Residents,

This monthly E-newsletter is to provide you with an overview of regional and local news items that you may find of interest.

In this month's overview, you will find information on Transit surveys, Holiday events, snow operation information, and much more!

Respectfully,
Steve

TALK TRANSIT

On October 22, 2018 Halifax Transit launched Talk Transit – a platform for current and potential transit users to let us know their thoughts on important transit topics. Every month, registered users will receive an email notifying them of the topic we're looking to get feedback on and directing them to the new survey. Surveys will be open for a month, and when one closes another will open. After each

survey closes, we will be creating a report on results and publishing that for residents to see.

There's also an ongoing survey on Talk Transit asking residents what they want to talk about next. At any time, residents can go on and either select from the topics we're thinking of surveying on or make suggestions of their own.

We recognize that an important piece of this is giving all residents the opportunity to fill out surveys, so we will be supplementing this digital survey with in-person surveys once we identify (via basic information in registration form) where gaps are in respondents.

If residents are interested in providing feedback to Halifax Transit, we encourage them to register at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/talktransit

HEADS UP HALIFAX AND CROSSWALK SAFETY AWARENESS

Heads Up Halifax is a campaign designed to help raise awareness about the responsibility shared by drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians when it comes to crossing the street safely.

We'll also be looking for some bright ideas from the public to make crosswalks safer for everyone.

Let's put our heads together, Halifax

We believe our communities can do amazing things, so we're asking you: how can we improve crosswalk safety? This year's initiative is all about finding new ideas to promote crosswalk safety awareness and encourage safer behaviour. If you want to make a real difference in your community, here's your chance — funding is available to bring the best ideas to life!

The deadline to submit is **January 3, 2019**. Our judges will evaluate and announce the winners in March 2019. Funding for successful proposals will begin in April 2019. Please send your PDF form and any attachments to headsup@halifax.ca, or mail a hard copy to:

Halifax Regional Municipality, PO Box 1749,
Halifax NS, B3J 3A5 Attn: Heads Up
Halifax/Corporate Communications

What if I have other questions?

If you have any other questions about the initiative or your submission, please email headsup@halifax.ca.

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.

SNOW CLEARING

The municipality's extensive Winter Operations program uses in-house and contracted operators as well as equipment. With each weather event, crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometres of streets. Stretched end to end, that's the same distance as driving from Halifax to Winnipeg. Crews also clear about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks and approximately 2,300 bus stops across the Halifax region.

This requires a coordinated, strategic approach. Streets and sidewalks are prioritized based on several criteria, including:

- Frequency of use by commuters
- Access to important infrastructure, like hospitals and schools
- Whether they're on major bus and transportation routes.

The municipal service standards identify priority levels and timelines for clearing [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#). Before bad weather hits, municipal and contracted crews are out preparing the streets and sidewalks to help people travel safely. Crews clear and remove snow in line with best practices across the

country, adapted to the Halifax region's unique climate and conditions.

Service standards

The municipality is committed to keeping our streets and sidewalks clear and safe from snow and ice. However, given the Halifax region's expansive geography, it takes time for crews to get to all areas. Crews work as fast as they safely can in difficult conditions and plan their routes according to the priority levels and timelines approved by Regional Council.

Before contacting 311 to report snow and ice clearing issues, **please check the service timelines for streets and sidewalks** to confirm when clearing should be completed. If clearing efforts are still within the timelines, residents should not contact 311 as the agent will be unable to dispatch any crew. Please wait until the service timeline has expired before contacting 311. This will ensure those trying to contact 311 with urgent issues are able to reach an agent.

For more information on our Winter Operations please visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/winter-operations/snow-clearing>

NEW YEARS LEVEES

Ring in the new year at one (or more) of the Levees in Sackville and around the HRM.

Knights of Columbus

12-2 pm

252 Cobequid Road

City Hall – 1841 Argyle Street Halifax

9:00 – 10:30 am

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL EVENT

Please join us for a free community meal sponsored by the Community Outreach Meal Event at the Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive on December 20th from 4:30 - 6 pm. They will be serving a ham dinner with desert.