

COUNCILLOR MATT WHITMAN

HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARETS DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

WINTER 2019



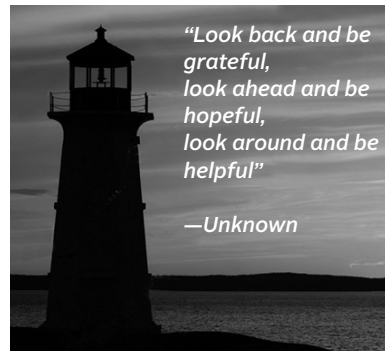
Dear Residents,
As we welcome 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the year that passed and express my gratitude.

2018 was another successful year. All areas in district 13 held successful community events and many enhanced their liveability through municipal improvements.

Personally, 2018 was a year of many accomplishments, defeats, and a brush with death...literally. I deeply thank you, the community, for your overwhelming support, prayers, and acts of kindness over the past Summer and Fall while I recovered from my motorcycle accident. Your thoughtfulness means the world to me, and I am truly humbled by the love I was shown.

As we look to the year ahead, I encourage all of you to be grateful, hopeful and helpful. I look forward to continuing to represent you in 2019 as your voice on Regional Council and as your advocate when it comes to the health, safety, and economic stability of our community.

I wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



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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.

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 District 13.



Ailie Sutherland



Alex MacAulay



Nicholas Horne

EMERA OVAL OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON

Get outside and enjoy a skate on the Emera Oval. The Emera Oval is an outdoor skating surface equivalent in size to 3 NHL hockey rinks. It is the largest outdoor, artificially-refrigerated ice surface east of Quebec City. The Oval boasts amenities and comforts that include a pavillion building with indoor washrooms, a skate rental area, and indoor warming room. You can borrow equipment such as helmets, hockey skates, figure skates, speed skates, sledges and snowshoes in the winter. All children, 12 and under, must wear a CSA multi-impact hockey helmet in the winter. Rentals are FREE with a valid Government issued photo ID. The Emera Oval is located on the Halifax North Common at the corner of North Park Street and Cogswell Street. For more information, Contact the Emera Oval

Email: skateHRM@halifax.ca

Emera Oval Hotline: 902.490.2347

311 CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

The 311 HRM Citizen Contact Call Centre is a great resource for our residents to find information and raise concerns about our municipal services and operations. In July, the 311 call centre changed its hours of regular operation. The new hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Residents can still obtain transit and garbage/recycling information by selecting the automated self-service options after hours and service requests can also be submitted online anytime at halifax.ca/home/311. Please contact our call centre to report any municipal issues in your area so we have a record and can remedy the situation as soon as possible.

NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY

Each year, Nova Scotia Heritage Day, on the third Monday in February, honours a notable Nova Scotian. The holiday has a "rolling" honouree; it changes every year. For 2019 we are honouring Maud Lewis. A world famous folk artist, Maud Lewis painted scenes that evoke feelings of innocence and child-like exuberance that is as enduring as the spring times she loved to paint.



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2018

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 Olivia Thurier and Courtney Mason on receiving the award this year, and I look forward to hearing great things from Olivia and Courtney in the coming years.



Olivia Thurier



Courtney Mason

HUBBARDS BLACK POINT FIRE SERVICES UPDATE

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency and Hubbards Fire Department are in the initial phase of developing an Automatic Aid Agreement (the Agreement) that will provide a joint response in both jurisdictions. Both parties are eager to see this come to fruition although there is still plenty of details to sort out.

Part of the Agreement includes determination of defined boundaries for dual response to all incidents requiring a fire department to respond to fire emergencies, emergency medical calls or any other emergency incident where an emergency response is required by a local fire department.

The primary goal of this Agreement is to improve the response capabilities of both Departments in providing effective and efficient services to the residents of Hubbards and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Both departments have been actively engaged in consultations to ensure essential elements are covered to meet expected service delivery objectives and safety requirements. This includes conducting an equipment inventory and policy review, identifying opportunities for joint training initiatives, and formalizing radio and dispatch protocols for effective communication.

Once both parties are satisfied with the operational and safety components of the agreement, it will need to be vetted through the appropriate approval processes for consideration. The intent is to provide a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week cost neutral solution to support each other.

I am optimistic about these recent developments and excited for this partnership opportunity with our neighbours.



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