

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 Sackawa Canoe Club Funding, Street maintenance, and more.

Respectfully,
Steve

SACKAWA CANOE CLUB RECEIVES INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Investing in recreational infrastructure helps communities come together and stay active. The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia recognize that strategic investments in recreational infrastructure play a key role in

supporting dynamic communities while creating good jobs that help grow the middle class.

Darrell Samson, Member of Parliament for Sackville–Preston–Chezzetcook, on behalf of the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia; Steve Craig, Councillor for District 15, Lower Sackville, Halifax Regional Municipality; and Shane Feriancek, Sack-A-Wa Co-Comodore, on February 12th, announced the construction of the Sack-a-Wa Multipurpose Training Facility, a new multi-purpose recreation and sports complex.

Once complete, the new 9,200 square foot sports and recreation centre will service the communities of Sackville, Beaver Bank, Mount Uniacke, and Hammonds Plains, as well as the greater Halifax Regional Municipality. The facility will provide sport and community programming for residents, visitors, seniors and persons with disabilities of all ages, meeting the needs of a growing community.

It will also provide a year-round training centre for the canoe club and local paddling programs, improved boat storage, and community event space that will increase economic opportunities in the region.

The Government of Canada is contributing over \$436,000 through the National and Regional Projects. The Government of Nova Scotia is contributing over \$722,000, with the Halifax Regional Municipality providing \$75,000 in funding. The Sack-a-wa Canoe Club is providing the remainder of project funding and donations in kind.

I would like to thank co-Comodores Angela Clark and Shane Feriencek for delivering on Sack-A-Wa's Canoe Club's vision of the first truly designed permanent training centre and club house on the shores of First Lake, Lower Sackville since being established in the 1980s. I am pleased to have been involved from the beginning, providing District 15 Capital Funding of \$72,000 for the consultant's report, concept plans, and construction."

STREET - REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

Report a pothole or sinkhole on HRM owned streets or sidewalks.

Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of the road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt under the hole.

Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into it, you can't see any pavement.

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair/report-a-pothole>

International Women's Day 2019

Celebrating Women Across the Diversity Spectrum in the fields of Science, Math, Technology, and Innovation

Friday, March 8 | 1–4 p.m. | Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Theatre, 5440 Spring Garden Rd

Featuring keynote speaker:

Dr. Rita Orji

Asst. Professor Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University



This event is presented in partnership between The African Nova Scotian and Racially Visible Women's Network, Halifax Regional Municipality's Office of Diversity & Inclusion, and The Halifax Central Library.

All are invited to this free event! Come enjoy a host of activities including information booths, door prizes, entertainment, and healthy snacks. Please email Lillian Ash at ashli@halifax.ca to confirm your attendance.



Visit halifax.ca/IWD for details



THINKING OF STARTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Many community gardens in Halifax are operated by residents on land owned by the municipal government. These are small-scale sites operated by non-profit societies for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Growing produce for:
 - personal consumption
 - donating to local food causes

- generating revenue to reinvest in the community garden

2. Production of a floral or landscape display

3. Demonstration gardening or other related instructional programming.

Community gardens can include vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, native and/or ornamental plants established and operated within existing municipal regulations, bylaws and assessments.

A community garden must have a “common area” with shared upkeep and may include individual garden plots. Community gardening differs from urban agriculture (urban farms), which is an industry that produces agricultural products for distribution to local markets.

To start a community garden, you must be a non-profit group and submit an application before the [March 15 deadline](#). This ensures there is enough time for staff to review and work with you on your request.

For more information, check out the [community garden handbook](#) [PDF]. If you're ready to apply, fill out the [application form](#) [PDF] and send it to Darren Hirtle, Community Developer, at 902.490.4865 or hirtled@halifax.ca

SACKVILLE LIBRARY IS GETTING A NEW KITCHEN

Renovations to create a new Library Kitchen at Sackville Public Library have started! The [Library Kitchen](#) will provide exciting programs and events to community members. The branch will remain open with no impact to service.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO KNOX UNITED CHURCH

I was happy to partner with Councillor Lisa Blackburn to donate district capital funds to Knox United Church for the purchase and installation of a new elevator.

The addition of an elevator makes the facility more inclusive and accessible for all to attend events such as the monthly Community Outreach Meal Events (C.O.M.E.) – a free meal for anyone who chooses to attend; take-out is also available.



Sackville Rivers Association
Presents a Talk


**“Tackling Climate Change
Flood Risk:
One Community at a Time?”**
By Climate Change Meteorologist
Gary Lines

An aerial photograph showing a residential area that has been flooded. The water is murky brown and has surrounded several houses, leaving only the roofs and some trees visible. The houses are white and the surrounding area is green with trees.

**When: Thursday, March 7th, 2019
7:00 pm**

**Where: Sackville Heights Community
Centre
45 Connolly Rd, Middle Sackville, NS**

Further Info: 902-865-9238

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