

COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG

LOWER SACKVILLE DISTRICT 15 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPRING 2019



DEAR RESIDENTS,

With another Nova Scotia winter behind us, the usual ramping up for spring and summer events and improvements are underway. In this newsletter, I am

happy to announce some exciting new initiatives and services coming to our community. Over the past year, I worked with municipal staff, community groups and other levels of government to bring much needed changes to our infrastructure and community outreach programs. Some of these programs are the first of their kind to the municipality, and I am very excited to be sharing them with you.

As always, I thank you for your support. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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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HOMELESSNESS PROJECT WARMING CENTRE—GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Sackville Area Warming Centre opened its doors this past winter. Their operating hours are Thursday and Friday nights from 10pm–5:45am for up to 7 people at any one time who are 16 years of age and over. They will stay open until the end of the first week in May, unless the weather is very cold necessitating them to continue. They provide hot drinks, soup and sometimes other snacks, in a warm, safe environment. Guests can self-refer or be referred by an agency and should come to the back door of Gateway Community Church, 10 Beaver Bank Road. The team will do an intake process with each person and welcome them into their space. The service area is not only all of Sackville, but also includes Beaver Bank, Wellington, Waverley, Fall River, and Bedford.

For more information about the warming centre, or becoming a volunteer, please contact SAWCconnect@gmail.com.

EMERGENCY WARMING CENTRE—SACKVILLE LIBRARY

The Emergency Management Division has partnered with the Halifax Library to create a space that those in need can get to if they need to protect themselves from extreme temperatures. This is not just for those winter moments, but also during those brief extreme hot moments that we have here in the Municipality. We became aware of pockets of vulnerable populations throughout the Municipality where there was a lack of safe spaces for some of our citizens to go. Luckily while working with other Business Units and local Councillors, it was a well-supported idea. The Sackville Library will be the first ever center in our Municipality where we can open the doors to citizens at need with pre-determined criteria and support it with both staff and volunteers.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON GLENDALE DRIVE

I am happy to say that marked crosswalks across Glendale Drive at Smokey Drive and Rankin Drive will be installed to provide pedestrian connectivity to the Sackville Greenway Trail. Municipal staff will be installing two RA-5 lights across Glendale Drive at Rankin Drive and Smokey Drive in the 2019 construction season. RA-5 crosswalk lights include pedestrian pushbuttons and both overhead and side mounted flashing lights. These lights will be the same as what was installed along Glendale over the last few years at Chandler, Pinehill and Raymond. This will greatly increase pedestrian visibility and safety while crossing Glendale.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF SACKVILLE HIGH 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2019 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!

THE DEN—ACADIA CENTRE

Since opening its doors at the end of November, an average of 60 youth per week have attended the drop-in program that runs Monday through Wednesday. Committed to a youth-led approach to service provision, the youth have been taking an active role in making The Den a safe and inclusive space for all. Each month the youth come together as a community to set/review community standards for the space and brainstorm what programs they would like to take place.

Beginning in April the following programs will run in The Den:

P.O.S.S.E: Peer Outreach Support Services and Education

POSSE is a youth leadership development, human rights & harm reduction peer outreach project for youth, by youth, between the ages of 15–30 years.

Every Thursday 6–9 p.m.

Mental Health First Aid:

Hosted by Bedford Sackville Community Health Teams
April 24th, 4:30–8:00 p.m. Weekly until May 16th.



PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOWER SACKVILLE

Please be advised that municipal staff will make every effort to design, tender and complete the street and walkway work in 2019; however, unforeseen circumstances may arise which could have an impact on the scheduling of the projects, and potentially cause delays to 2020. It is our intention to complete this list in 2019.

Recapitalization

Fultz House Ln — Bedford Bypass to Memory
Memory Ln — North End to End of Pavement
Mulberry Crt — Sycamore to Cul De Sac
Quaker Cres — First Lake to Loops Itself
Quinn Dr — Polara to Quaker
Queens Crt — Quaker to Cul De Sac
Raymond Dr — Sycamore to Glendale
Sycamore Crt — Sycamore to Cul De Sac
Sycamore Ln — Riverside to Raymond

Planer Patching

Balsam Circ — Riverside to Loops Itself
Cobequid Rd — First Lake to Windsor Junction
Rankin Dr — Glendale to Loops Itself
Skyridge Ave — Prince to Pinehill

Crack Sealing

Balsam Circ — Riverside to Loops Itself
Beaver Bank Rd — Sackville to Windgate
Kaye St — Pinehill to Prince
Rankin Dr — Glendale to Loops Itself
Riverside Dr — Sackville to Lennox
Sampson Dr — Stokil to Stokil
Skyridge Ave — Prince to Pinehill
Smokey Dr — Glendale to Stokil
Tamarack Circ — Aspen to Loops Itself

Walkways

74 Quaker Cres to Queens Crt
77 Quaker Cres to Cavalier Dr
129 Quaker Cres to Sobeys
Smokey Dr to Ecole due Grand-Portage

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.

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.

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.

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.



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2019 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.



Rachel Donovan



Allan Smith



Acadia Recreation Club Society—
Don MacLennan and Colin Campbell

NEW LEFT TURN SIGNALS AT BEAVER BANK ROAD AND WALKER AVENUE

Thank you to the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) and MLA Brad Johns for helping to press the importance of improving safety at the intersection of Beaver Bank Connector and Old Sackville Road, by installing the infrastructure required for left-turn signals at this intersection. The province is also considering a lower speed limit for this area.

LIBRARY KITCHEN

Sackville Public Library is currently in the process of installing a new Library Kitchen. The kitchen, located in the Fenerty Programming Room, will provide community members with the opportunity to attend or host food based programming. With the increase to community based food needs, Halifax Public Libraries introduced the Library Kitchen at Sackville Public Library to provide exciting and accessible programs and events to community members. The Library Kitchen will bring together local community groups to discuss food literacy with the opportunity to learn from local chefs, dietitians and food-focused organizations. Just like in any kitchen, the possibilities will be endless!



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 2nd from 12-1 pm. For more information on Fultz House Museum events please visit their website at www.fultzhouse.ca



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