

COUNCILLOR STEVE STREATCH

WAVERLEY-FALL RIVER- MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2020



GREETINGS,

As we near the midpoint of summer and children prepare to return to school, I think we can all agree the year 2020 is one we will never forget. The worldwide pandemic and spread of COVID 19 has forced a new normal and changed the way we function as a society

and interact. However, during these difficult times government and the business of the people must continue. Ministerial orders dictated that Halifax Regional Council meetings, hearings and committees be held online. Since March, my colleagues and I have continued to work in this manner. As of July 29th these restrictions have been lifted and meetings will soon resume in person. Prior to this, HRM's 2020/21 budget debates had been completed and were ready for final approval. We were in good fiscal shape and many projects and initiatives were in the works, including several in District 1.

That all very quickly changed however, and facing a multimillion-dollar gap, Council and staff had to go back and start over again. Very difficult decisions and cuts were needed to bring forward a renewed budget. That budget has now been passed and staff are working within the confines and parameters approved by Council.

Our communities had to be part of that solution, all the while not compromising public safety or the basic services that make up the core mandate of your municipal government. I have requested that all public meetings and hearings on future developments in our district be deferred until we can once again meet in person providing for greater democracy. Several initiatives and projects had to be postponed this season, including the planning of an artificial sports field in Fall River and a recreational playground/splash pad for the Musquodoboit Valley; not cancelled, only delayed. It is my intention to reactivate both during HRM's upcoming budget discussion to begin later this fall.

Several works projects, curb replacements and regional upgrades have also been deferred as the budget needed to be reduced. Weekly green bin pickup had to be cut back to bi-weekly for many communities and service levels reduced in other areas.

In as much as these short-term cuts are painful for us all, there are bright spots for our area. As your Councillor, I am pleased to advise approval for several local community projects that will directly benefit our district, many of which are listed within.

Regarding traffic and safety concerns, several initiatives are underway or have recently been completed; including a marked crosswalk with flashing beacons at Coach Avenue, Schwarzwald Subdivision and Hwy #2, reduced speed limits on Hwy #2 from Sobeys to Holland Road and for the very first time in our district, traffic calming measures (speed tables, etc.) have been introduced on several residential streets in Fall River Village. This pilot project will provide our staff with valuable information and open the door to similar installations on several other subdivision streets from Waverley through Fall River.

I also want to advise that the recently installed central water system in Fall River has been transferred to Halifax Water, who will maintain, operate and work with us as we plan future expansion phases. This 16 inch main trunk line has enough capacity to supply all local subdivisions. Expansion and planning discussions will start early next year.

I was very pleased, with support of Mayor and Council, to lobby and to see budget approval by the provincial government to replace the damaged Dillman Bridge in Meagher's Grant.

The challenges of the pandemic have also highlighted the absolute importance of connectivity and equitable high-speed internet for many of our rural and under served communities. Currently, a decision is pending regarding Develop Nova Scotia's award of a contract for Zone 7, north-eastern HRM which includes the Musquodoboit Valley and the Eastern Shore. As your Councillor, I worked to support the appropriate plan and technology to deliver these services to our communities and residents. We eagerly await their decision.

In closing, I want to tell you that I am very proud to be your representative at City Hall and as your Councillor I respect the views, needs and wants of all residents throughout our district and I continue to work on your behalf.

Councillor Steve Streach, District 1
Waverley, Fall River, Musquodoboit Valley

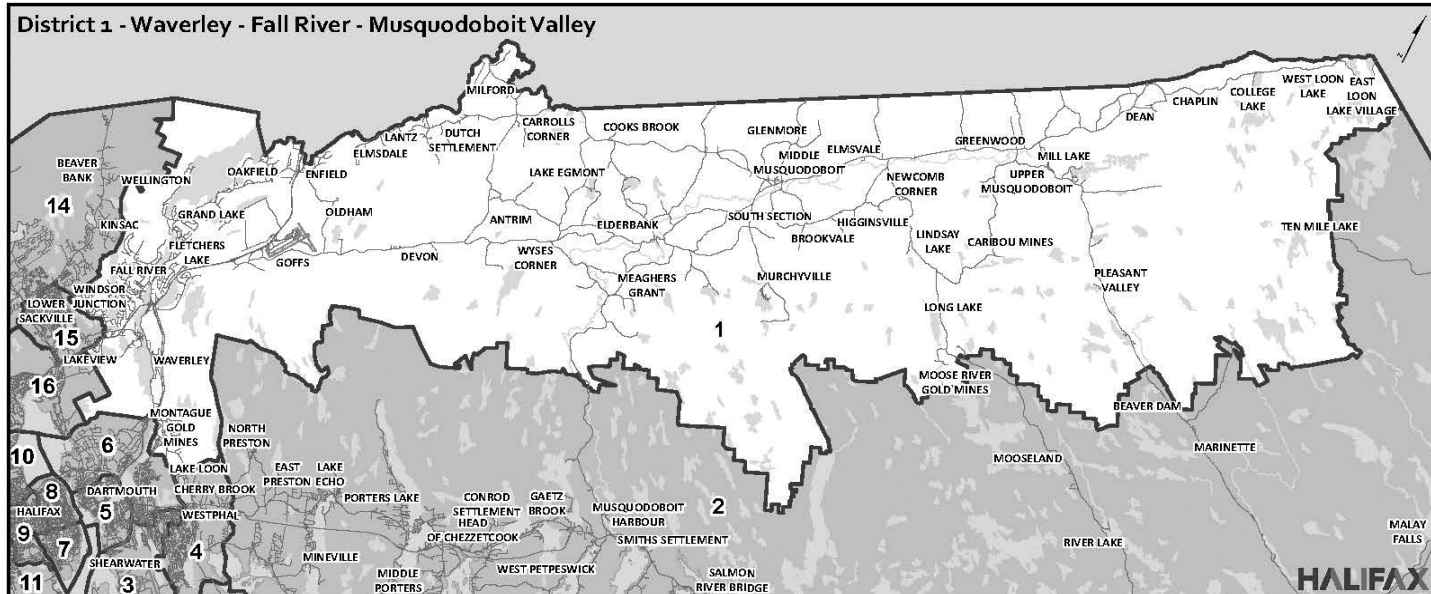
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District 1 - Waverley - Fall River - Musquodoboit Valley



ABOUT DISTRICT 1:

District 1 has a population of nearly 22,000 residents and is made up of urban, suburban and rural communities. Starting at Barry's Run in Dartmouth, the urban end of our district, home to several subdivisions, picturesque lakes and Montague Gold Mines, it extends to Lakeview.. District 1 continues through to Waverley, a community with a rich heritage and home to the Cheema Aquatic Club, known for producing high caliber national and Olympic Team athletes. The centrepiece of the community being the Village Green and bandstand. Originally founded on gold mining, this corridor grew around the Shubenacadie Canal and the former system of locks. Local history is proudly displayed at The Waverley Heritage Museum.

Fall River, a traditional Mi'kmaq territory prior to European settlement, gets its name from a stream running between Miller Lake and Lake Thomas, whose waterfall supplied power for several local mills during the 19th century. Today, it's a growing, vibrant center made up of generational families, suburban subdivisions and many new residents. Surrounded by the communities of Windsor Junction, Fletcher's Lake and Wellington, it is home to Ashburn Golf Course and the Gordon R. Snow Community Centre, a regional HRM facility, which features a large skate park, gym, and water access. The Grand Lake/Oakfield area, with its scenic drive, natural surroundings and outdoor activities, features Oakfield Golf and Country Club, Laurie Park and Oakfield Park. They are both popular destinations within HRM. The area also includes a volunteer run community centre and large outdoor recreational playground.

The Goffs, Enfield corridor is home to the award-winning Halifax Stanfield International Airport, one of Halifax's largest employers and a worldwide access point for travel and cargo

services. This area also features AirLanes Golf Course and the Old Guysborough Road, one of the oldest in Nova Scotia, originally a colonial military road from Halifax to Guysborough. The Dutch Settlement and Carroll's Corner area is home to the National Gypsum Quarry, a significant employer and international producer of gypsum related products, it's one of the largest open pit mines in Canada. Also included is the Carroll's Corner Community Centre and widely enjoyed Mastodon Trail. Within the rural commuter shed, this area contains many single-family homes and small businesses. The north-eastern portion of our district extends to the municipality's boundary and is comprised of the Musquodoboit Valley, recognized as the agricultural belt of HRM and is based on the traditional industries of farming, forestry and mining. Settled along the Musquodoboit River, which flows from Dean through Meagher's Grant, to the ocean. The valley is home to the historic Bicentennial Theatre, our districts only hospital and the Halifax County Exhibition. Features such as River Oaks Golf Course, wilderness areas and parks, make the valley a popular eco-tourism destination.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

I serve on the following boards and committees:

- North West Community Council
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Grants Committee

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DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDING

District Capital Funds can provide a grant to any non-profit organization or charity or provide funding for HRM projects that are in the HRM departmental operating or capital budget or proposed by the Councillor. During my time as Councillor for District 1, I've had the opportunity to support many worthy organizations and projects. Here's some of what I've supported thus far from 2016 to 2020. Many community groups and organizations will continue to receive our much-needed support in the future.

2016/2017

Frame Subdivision Homeowner Assoc. – Install of railing on community decking	\$1500.00
Upper Musquodoboit Community Association – New well at Upper Musquodoboit Hall	\$5000.00
Waverley Community Association – Waverley Heritage Museum upgrades	\$5000.00
Moose River Gold Mines Museum – Facility upgrades	\$5000.00
Musquodoboit Enterprisers – Meeting hall renovations	\$2830.00
Fall River Minor Football – Hydroseeding for football field	\$5000.00
Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Club – New flooring at hall	\$10,000.00
Riverline Activity Centre Association – Activity centre upgrades, Dutch Settlement	\$10,000.00
Waverley Manor Seniors Group – Picnic tables	\$350.00
Keloose Association – Picnic tables and signage	\$4522.00
Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Repair to Lock 4 of Shubie Canal	\$3000.00
Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Dept. – Parking lot and tennis court repair	\$5000.00
Fall River Saturday Night Jam Session Society – Purchase of TV	\$2000.00
Carroll's Corner Community Centre – Building supplies	\$10,000.00

2018

Fall River – Dock project	\$8916.45
Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre – lighting and theatre supplies	\$5000.00
Fall River Area Business Association- Fall River beautification project and community flower baskets	\$8637.12
Cheema Aquatic Club – new canoes and wharf for club	\$10,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion, Dieppe 90 Branch, Waverley – new heat pumps	\$10,000.00
Dutch Settlement Home and School – accessible swing	\$1080.69
Lakeview Fireman's Association – heat pump for building	\$4025.00
MusGo Riders Valley – Sheet Harbour Cooperative Ltd. – Local transit	\$4500.00
Fall River Garden Club – Supplies for garden	\$2000.00

St. James United Church – Playground improvement	\$2000.00
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2019

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 147, Caribou – automatic external defibrillator machine	\$2500.00
Middle Musquodoboit Valley Health Foundation – Ultrasound machine	\$5000.00
Fall River Saturday Night Jam Session – Sound equipment	\$2000.00
Fall River & Riverlake District Lions Club – New barbeque	\$500.00
Waverley Community Association – Playground equipment	\$10,000.00
Parish of Christ Church Hall – New heat pump	\$5000.00
4-H Youth Nova Scotia – Computer Equipment	\$5000.00
Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch – New outdoor sign	\$2250.00

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Fall River Minor Football Assoc. – Field upgrades	\$2000.00
St. James United Church – Wooden playground repair	\$1545.35
26th Halifax Scout Group Committee – Window for cabin, Miller Lake	\$780.00
Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre – New microphones	\$4200.00
Waverley Amateur Athletics – Security cameras for MacDonald Sports Park	\$3500.00
Middleton United Church – Community garden supplies	\$2000.00
Musquodoboit Valley Weeders – Gardening supplies	\$500.00
Musquodoboit Enterprisers Seniors Group – Supplies for building	\$1000.00
Musquodoboit Rural High School – Community welcome banner and signs	\$1700.00
Lockview High School – Caps and gowns for graduation	\$9000.00
Roots and Boots Forest School Society – Supplies and signs for school	\$2500.00
Dartmouth Trail - Shubenacadie Trail signage	\$5000.00
Riverline Activity Centre Association – Heat pumps	\$18,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion, Dieppe 90 Branch, Waverley – Phase two of heat pumps	\$10,000.00
Middleton United Church – Water and sewer hookup	\$14,000.00



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On behalf of Halifax Regional Council, I want to extend sincere congratulations to all the youth upon your high school graduation this past June. Although, many of the regular graduation traditions couldn't take place this year, students, teachers and parents remained in high spirits and celebrated accordingly. The Musquodoboit Valley Rural High School hosted a community walk and celebration to recognize graduates. Lockview High School parents and community members celebrated at an outdoor event held at Scotia Speedworld. I was truly honoured and pleased to support students from both of our local high schools, financially and otherwise. Your achievements during a very difficult year have made us all very proud.



COMMUNITY CLEANUPS: DITCH DIVERS

Fall River Community members and brothers, Tim and Tony Hart have been busy the last couple of months. During COVID-19, they set out to achieve a goal – to clean up the areas of Waverley, Wellington and Fall River in and they've done an amazing job at achieving what they were determined to accomplish. As well as spreading awareness surrounding litter issues, they've become well known in the community for their good deeds and as Councillor, I was happy to assist with providing funds to purchase supplies. Congratulations on a job well done. Keep up the good work!



Community Cleanup Information:

Did you know that you can organize your own litter collection community clean up? Everyone knows they shouldn't litter, but there are still some who ignore the message or overlook the impact of what may seem like small or unnoticeable actions. Litter accumulates. It's ugly. The culmination of small transgressions by litterers – even those that happen by accident – looks bad in our community. One piece of litter turns to two, then three, and more. We are each responsible to stop litter before it starts.

The only place litter belongs is in a garbage can, organics or recycling bin. If there isn't a bin close by, take it with you. Don't leave it for another person (or animal) to pick up.

More information - go to: <https://www.halifax.ca/litter>.

HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: 2020 RECIPIENTS

I'm happy to announce that the following groups in District 1 have been awarded funds via the HRM Community Grants Program for 2020:

Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society - \$25,000 for a new food hall on exhibition grounds.

Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction - \$2,200 toward printing of marketing materials

Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department - \$10,000 toward new siding for community hall

Wellington/Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall - \$10,000 toward replacement windows for the community hall

Shubenacadie Canal Commission - \$5,000 replacement of public wharf

PUBLIC SAFETY



Council's recent decision to fund full time 24/7 paid fire fighters to work with and support our volunteer members in Station 45 and the introduction of a Quint Aerial Ladder Truck will provide greater coverage and protection to the local area and the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. As well, the Halifax Regional Municipality recently entered into an agreement with the Musquodoboit Valley Search and Rescue Team for the provision of the former Station 37 in Elderbank. This facility will act as their new base and provide a solid building for this organization's current and future needs.

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