

## COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER DISTRICT 10 NEWSLETTER HALIFAX-BEDFORD BASIN WEST



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2016

### DEAR RESIDENTS



I extend a warm welcome to all new residents and businesses that have moved to our area since my last newsletter. There is always something to celebrate in the Halifax area. Check out our Civic events website at <http://www.halifax.ca/events/> to find something you and your family will enjoy. Keep checking to find out information on upcoming summer events.

With the summer season upon us students will be out and about and we will be in the midst of road construction season. Keep an eye out for our youth and remember to slow down in construction zones.

Keep safe and have a fun-filled summer!

I would like to extend best wishes to all graduates and wish you luck on your future endeavours.

It continues to be a pleasure to represent you on Regional Council. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact me.

### STAY INFORMED — ELECTRONIC UPDATES

During the last few years as Councillor, in addition to a hard copy newsletter, I have been sending regular electronic updates to residents on my contact list. This is a great way to keep up to date on what is happening within our District and the Halifax area. If you would like to receive these electronic updates visit <https://apps.halifax.ca/subscriptions/subscribe?list=6>, input your information and then click submit. Once this information is received, you will be added to the distribution list. I encourage you to stay informed by signing up for the updates. Addresses will not be shared and you can unsubscribe at any time.

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like me to include it in an update, you can forward the information to Lucille Walsh at [lucille.walsh@halifax.ca](mailto:lucille.walsh@halifax.ca) and it may be included in a future update.

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#### MOBILE FOOD MARKET IN FAIRVIEW

During the summer months a Halifax Transit bus has been bringing fresh and affordable vegetables and fruits to five Halifax neighbourhoods in the Halifax region that have limited access to healthy food. The Mobile Food Market is a 21-week pilot project that will sell fresh and affordable fruit and vegetables in five communities across the Halifax region.

Every second Saturday, a Halifax Transit bus is transformed into a mobile produce market and has been setting up in Fairview from 11:30am–1:00pm at Titus Park. The produce has been selected based on residents' preferences, purchased in bulk and sold at costs that are in line with discount grocery operations.

## MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The Mobile Food Network at Titus Park will continue during the summer until September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. Upcoming dates are: July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, visit their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mobilefoodmarket> or their official website <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>.

#### KEARNEY LAKE BEACH OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON

Kearney Lake Beach program with lifeguards started July 1 and will run until August 31. In response to a number of requests from residents, portable toilets will be on location for public use during the summer season.

#### CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

HRM recognizes students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and communities. Congratulations to the 2016 District 10 Award Recipient, Renee MacLeod. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school and community.



Mayor Mike Savage, Renee MacLeod, Councillor Russell Walker

#### UPGRADES TO HEART-SHAPED POND

The approved 2016/17 Capital Budget included funds for the retaining wall replacement at the Heart Shaped Pond, Hemlock Ravine Park. The work generally consists of replacing the retaining wall, culvert replacements, construction of an outlet weir, removal of pond detritus material, environmental controls and associated reinstatement. The tender has been issued and closed and work should commence in August. Pedestrian access to the Park will remain during construction.

#### TITUS SMITH PARK UPGRADES

Towards the latter part of July work should begin on upgrades to Titus Smith Park including the replacement of the main play structure; a performance stage; a peripheral pathway; a black ornate fence along Titus; extension of the existing chain link fence on the east side to deter trespassing; and, shade tree planting.

#### HALIFAX TRANSIT DEPARTURES LINE

Halifax Transit recently launched a new Departures Line that will provide more accurate departure times for our residents.

Passengers can call a single phone number—**902-480-8000**—and by entering the bus stop number (printed on each bus stop sign) you can hear which buses are departing, and at what time.

Stay tuned to our website at <http://www.halifax.ca/transit/> and @hfxtransit on Twitter for more exciting announcements over the coming months.



## **CROSSWALK SAFETY**

It is the responsibility of every person on the road to use caution, obey traffic controls and THINK SAFE! Crosswalk safety is a priority for Regional Council. In February 2014 Regional Council voted to install zebra crosswalk markings at all uncontrolled, marked crosswalks in the city. For more information about crosswalk safety, please visit [www.halifax.ca/traffic](http://www.halifax.ca/traffic).

The pavement and crosswalk marking program has begun and will continue throughout the summer months. To help improve crosswalk safety, I have committed funds from the District 10 Capital Funds to have crosswalk flags installed at various locations throughout District 10. They have been installed on Dutch Village Road at Rufus and on Main Avenue at Alex. Other locations have been suggested and will be considered based on approval by the Traffic Authority. If you know of locations that will benefit from crosswalk flags, please let me know and I will have them added to the list for review. Crosswalk lights have also been installed on Lacewood Drive at Mainland North Linear Parkway and on Willett Street between Glenforest and Lacewood.

## **NEW STREET TREES COMES TO FAIRVIEW**

As part of the Urban Forest Master Plan, in June 120 new street trees were planted along sections of Convoy Avenue, Coronation Avenue, Frederick Avenue, and Dunbrack Street. Nineteen hardy tree species have been selected. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow to form a protective canopy cover. Please remember you can report street tree damage to our Citizen Call Centre at 311. For more information about the UFMP please visit our website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/property/UFMP/documents/HRMUFMPDigest.pdf>.

## **LEAF AND YARD WASTE**

Remember that only large paper bags will be accepted at curbside for collection of excess leaf and yard waste. Leaf and yard waste, excluding grass clippings, may still be placed in the green bin as only excess material is required to be placed in large paper bags. Residents are encouraged to “grasscycle” by leaving clippings on their lawn to restore essential nutrients and by using the clippings in a backyard composter or as mulch for shrubs and gardens. For more information, please visit [www.halifax.ca/recycle](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle).

## **WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION**

Residents are reminded that the summer weekly green cart service came into effect on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be in effect until Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time, residents can place their green cart out for collection weekly, even if it is not full. Collection can begin as early as 7:00 a.m. To ensure collection, residents may place materials curbside after 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection day.

## **ENGAGE MAINLAND NORTH**

Engage Mainland North is a local group promoting increased communication and connection between organizations serving residents and the community at large in Mainland North. Check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/engagemainlandnorth/> for important notices and upcoming events in your area.

## **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS**

Improvements underway or planned in our area for 2016 include:

- Street paving Lacewood Drive from Glenforest to Bayview
- Asphalt patching Dutch Village Road from Joseph Howe to McFatridge
- Asphalt patching Bedford Highway from Flamingo to Kearney Lake
- Paving Birch Cove Lane from Kearney Lake to end
- Chip sealing Bond Street from Evans to Vimy
- Paving Dickson Avenue from Woodbury to end
- Paving Fox Glove Lane from Scarlet to end
- Asphalt patching Kearney Lake Road from Dunbrack to Highway 102
- Asphalt patching Kearney Lake Road from BiHi East to BiHi West
- Paving Parmbelle Lane from Scarlet to Scarlet
- Paving Scarlet Road from Gateway to Parmbelle
- Upgrades to crosswalk light on Lacewood Drive at Mainland North Linear Parkway
- Curb repairs Lacewood Drive from Lincoln Cross to Radcliffe
- Thin overlay Lacewood Drive from Lincoln Cross to Radcliffe



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## MAINLAND NORTH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

In May I had the privilege of attending the Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Awards. I would like to congratulate all the award winners, in particular the District 10 Award winners Wallace (Bud) and Muriel Matthews and Lisa Sullivan. Thank you for the work you do to improve your communities and make them better places to live, work, and play.



Councillor Russell Walker, Muriel and Wallace (Bud) Matthews and Lisa Sullivan

## 2016 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Election Day is October 15, 2016! Not sure which District you live in? You can verify your district using the District Lookup Tool at <https://apps.halifax.ca/districtlookup>. You are entitled to vote using the internet or telephone under By-law A-400, the Alternative Voting By-law.

During a municipal election the Halifax Regional Municipality hires workers for a variety of positions. If you are interested in working for the Municipal and School Board Election, you will need to submit an application form which can be found at [https://www.halifax.ca/forms/election\\_worker.php](https://www.halifax.ca/forms/election_worker.php).

To find out if you qualify to vote or to find more information about the election process, visit <http://www.halifax.ca/election/voting.php>. If you have any questions you can contact the Halifax Regional Municipality's Elections Office: Phone: (902) 490 VOTE (8683) or 1-844-301-VOTE (8683), TDD 1.866.236.0020, Fax: (902) 490-4208, or email: [election@halifax.ca](mailto:election@halifax.ca)

E-voting and advance poll dates are: October 4-13, 2016—Alternative voting dates (electronic/telephone); October 8, 2016—First advance in-person poll and October 11, 2016—Second advance in-person poll.

## ★ FAIRVIEW FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL ★

Come out and see what the community has to offer! You won't miss it if you are near Piercey Field on Willett Street.

Fairview Community Association will be hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> annual free BBQ and fun fair with attractions for families, kids and seniors on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Piercey Baseball Field. At 5 p.m., there will be a fair for youth and adults with multicultural performances, a free barbecue and fireworks. Rain date is Sunday, August 21. For upcoming details of the event visit their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FairviewCommunityAssociation/> or their website <https://fairviewcommunityassociation.wordpress.com/>.

I encourage everyone to come out, meet your neighbours and join in the fun.



## HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY

Celebrate our City's 121<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day! The Natal Day Festival runs from July 29<sup>th</sup> until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. With more than 30 events that include family activities, live concerts, road races, talent showcase, one of the oldest parades in Atlantic Canada and a spectacular fireworks show launched from a barge in the middle of Halifax Harbour, there is something special planned for every age.

For more information about the Natal Day Festival, visit the website at <http://natalday.org/>. Save the dates and plan to attend to join in the fun.



Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other districts. Please accept my apology for any confusion.