

DEPUTY MAYOR TIM OUTHIT BEDFORD - WENTWORTH DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER



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DISTRICT 16 RESIDENTS,

The past 14 months have been a huge challenge for our municipality, province, country, and society. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel as infection rates decrease and vaccination rates increase. Everyone has been impacted

in some way by the pandemic and by its restrictions.

Education, employment, health, mental health, recreation, and the economy have been dealt tremendous blows. But, we have also seen incredible examples of communities and individuals rising to help each other and innovative solutions to delivering services and programs creatively or virtually. Regional Council has re-established the programs, maintenance and service cuts brought in last year due to the pandemic. Therefore you will see more upgrades, repairs, and maintenance undertaken in our community this summer and fall.

This newsletter will highlight some of the projects, programs and progress underway or upcoming in our District. It will also provide you with an overview of Bedford Days 2021. The event information is provided here instead of the usual and separate brochure, to help us control costs. For regular updates from the Bedford Days Working Group, go to their Facebook, YouTube channel, or the Bedford Days website.

This newsletters' space is therefore more limited than usual, but I will send a second one in 2021. I encourage you to follow me on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for almost daily updates on events and issues in our community. I also frequently send email updates. These updates are then added to my personal website, at timouthit.ca and outline what is going on at Regional Council and in our community.

Later this year I will provide you with more details on key priorities such as our Bedford Waterfront public consultation process, the facilities and amenities survey results and plan, and upcoming transportation improvements. In the meantime, I am pleased to confirm that planning is underway for a ferry terminal and public library on our waterfront, and construction is starting on our Transit Park & Ride Facility in West Bedford. Council added \$1M to the speed and traffic calming budget this year to help address the over 400 approved requests and 190 awaiting evaluation.

Council cannot determine which streets are calmed or how they are calmed. This falls under the jurisdiction of the independent Traffic Authority under provincial law. We are changing overarching policy and increasing budgets in order to address your concerns and to address safety.

I encourage all residents to read the approved HRM Rapid Transit Strategy, the Bedford Highway Functional Plan, and the plan for Larry Uteck Blvd West. They can be accessed on my HRM website: www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-16/communications.

The province continues to work on the regulations for their new Traffic Safety Act. When it is proclaimed, municipalities will be able to regulate muffler noise. They will be able to implement photo radar and red light cameras if they wish. I remain optimistic that HRM will receive approval to reduce the default speed limit in residential areas to 40km/h.

I remain grateful for the support and guidance that I have received from Mayor Savage and my Council colleagues, the CAO, our wonderful HRM staff from all departments, HRP, Halifax Fire, colleagues from other orders of government, and from you! Stay safe and have a good summer!

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HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year the municipality recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contributions to our community. While the celebration was postponed this year, I would like to recognize the volunteers and community groups from Bedford-Wentworth who were selected to receive a 2021 Volunteer Award. Congratulations and thanks to the District 16 Volunteers **Jeffrey Coscik** and **Sydney Gaba Mogae** for your service to our community.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR HRM YOUTH

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in our municipality. Each school has one award recipient, and schools choose their award recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, and academic performance.

I was very pleased to take part in the 2021 Citizenship Awards that took place during the virtual May 18th session of Regional Council. This year, 38 students in total received this award of distinction. I extend my congratulations to each award recipient; your hard work and service to our community is so appreciated. I would like to particularly highlight District 16's own **Yasmin Mehrpooya**, this year's award recipient from Rocky Lake Junior High School. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!

GREEN AND BLUE COLLECTION

Weekly green cart collection of your organic waste is returning for July, August, and September. However, blue bag recyclable collection will occur once every two weeks. Both changes come into effect on July 2, 2021.



Sign up for weekly collection reminders, get a refresher on what goes where, check out recycling tips and much more at halifax.ca.



You can also download the free Halifax Recycles app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand.

And don't forget to follow Halifax Recycles on Facebook!

TICK AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Submitted by Donna Lugar

As many of you are no doubt aware, Bedford is a known "hot-spot" for blacklegged ticks. All residents should have a basic awareness and undertake tick bite prevention as part of your daily routine. There are a number of other things that you can do to minimize bites:

- using a tick repellent that has 20% Picaridin/icaridin;
- wearing permethrin-treated clothing such as the "No Fly Zone" clothing at Mark's;
- wearing light coloured clothing to help see the ticks;
- tucking your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants;
- carrying a small lint roller or tape to pick unattached ticks off clothing, skin, and pets;
- staying away from taller grasses by staying in the centre of trails;
- immediately putting your clothes in a hot dryer for 15-20 minutes to help dry out any hitchhiking ticks.

Ticks are here to stay so we need to learn to live with them. Educate yourself and stay safe. For more information check out shiningtheligh.com.

BEDFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by the Bedford Residents Association

The Bedford Residents Association is looking for people willing to help with initiatives as part of subcommittees, assistance in website management, Association-building, and more. They are also currently looking for a Secretary to join their board, to take meeting notes and send out information.

The Association generally meets once a month, in the evening for approximately one hour. The Association has two Adopt-A-Highway Cleanups every year in the spring and fall, and is working on the construction and installation of tiny outdoor libraries. They hope to add a few other initiatives once COVID restrictions are no longer applicable. If interested in joining, or attending the next meeting to check it out, please email Acting Chair, Donna Lugar, at donna.lugar@ns.sympatico.ca.

DISTRICT 16 EMAIL UPDATES

For those wishing to receive my updates via email, in addition to social media, please email johnsol@halifax.ca and include in the subject line, District 16 Email Updates.



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TRAFFIC CALMING FOR SAFER STREETS

Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer. That means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behavior.

Studies have shown that only reducing the posted speed limit in an area has no significant impact on how fast people drive. Physical measures are more effective and could include speed humps, raised intersections and crosswalks, curb extensions, traffic circles or mini roundabouts, raised median islands, or on-street parking. If your street is owned and maintained by the municipality, it may be considered for traffic calming if it:

- is within a residential area
- is classified as a “local street” or “minor collector street”
- is not a multi-lane road
- has a posted speed limit not greater than 50 km/h
- is greater than 150m in length
- does not provide direct access to an emergency services building

The following streets are scheduled for traffic calming this construction season:

- Rutledge St - 2 speed tables at top of street, near playground
- Southgate Dr - Speed tables where grade allows, including near playground
- Basinview Dr - Speed tables where grade allows, including near school
- Oceanview Dr - Speed tables where grade allows (limits from Nine Mile Drive to Royal Masts Way)
- Millrun Cres - Speed tables near playground
- Madison Dr - 1 speed hump in school zone
- Wimbledon Rd. - 1 speed hump in school zone

You can initiate a review of traffic calming for your street by contacting 311.

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2021/22 CAPITAL WORK

Street Recapitalization

Killarney Dr – Hammonds Plains to End

Asphalt Overlays

Bedford Hwy – Southgate to Larry Uteck and Rutledge St – Bedford Hwy to Basinview (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Microsurfacing

Larry Uteck Blvd – Starboard (S) to Southgate

Walkways

Windrock Dr – Stairs Replacement Design

Guiderails

Millview Ave – Replacement

Planer Patching

Moirs Mill Rd – Bedford Hwy to End, Rocky Lake Dr – Bedford Hwy to Duke, and Royal Masts Way – Moirs Mills to Oceanview

Crack Sealing

Bedford Hwy – Fourth to Hammonds Plains
Birchwood Crt – Rockmanor to End
Cadogan St – First to Second
Condor Rd – Eaglewood to End
Crozier Crt – Starboard to End
Cunningham Dr – First to End
Damascus Rd – Duke to End
Eagle Lane – Eaglewood to End
Falcon Run – Eaglewood to End
Fathom Crt – Transom to End
First Ave – Bedford Hwy to Pine
Hammonds Plains Rd – Sandy Academy Entrance to Smiths
Kingsbury Way – Ravines to End
Larry Uteck Blvd – Starboard (S) to Southgate (Micro Prep)
Nighthawk Lane – Eaglewood to Snowy Owl
North St – Dartmouth to End
Raven Hill – Snowy Own to End
Ravines Dr – Southgate to Southgate
Sedgewick Cl – Windridge to End
Shaughnessy Pl – Vanier to End
Snowy Owl Dr – Condor to End
Starboard Dr – Friesen to Civic 317

Park Recapitalization

Bridge - Admiral Harry Dewolf Park - Arthur Lismer Court
Bridge

Walkway - Bedford South School Park



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Another COVID-friendly Bedford Days is upon us. Organizers have learned a lot since last year and look forward to providing the community with an assortment of fun, unique activities.

Let's thank our wonderful sponsors:

- Halifax Regional Municipality
- TD Bank Group
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- Develop Nova Scotia
- Pressé Mason
- Revolve Branding + Marketing
- Sunnyside Mall
- Government of Canada
- West Bedford Holdings Limited
- Municipal Group of Companies
- Nustadia
- Strum Consulting
- Provident Developments

Without these sponsors, the Bedford Days Working Group couldn't offer the experiences residents have come to expect. Please show them your love and appreciation; all have come back year after year to help make Bedford Days happen.

Due to provincial COVID restrictions, activities are subject to change. Visit www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/bedford-days or follow the Bedford Days Working Group on Facebook for updates. The following activities are being developed for Bedford Days 2021:

DeWolf Park Photo Art Display

A large format photo and art display will be in place for the summer, featuring highlights of Bedford by community members. Look for the display as you walk along the beautiful DeWolf Park walking path in Convoy Quay. It will be premiering on, or before, July 1st. Organizers would like to thank everyone that provided submissions. It's obvious that Bedford residents love their community.

Bedford Days Streetside Banners

An extension of the large format photo art display, next to DeWolf Park will be a banner collection depicting Bedford

Days events and lifestyle, and will be hung on several street lampposts. Premiering on, or before, July 1st.

Sunnyside Mall Bedford Days Projection Show

A unique projection show with floating images will be running during mall hours for three weeks. Organizers are very excited to bring this new-to-Nova Scotia show to Bedford residents. It will feature Indigenous entertainers, a look at past events, a visit to a virtual Bedford Days and finishes with a blast. Premiering on, or before, July 2nd.

Bedford Eats

Resto Urban Dining, On the Wedge, Makhani Indian Restaurant, and Fung Lum are offering one free sample to 200+ people over the week of June 25th–July 4th. Follow them on social media, then check them all out to help them win the first ever 'Bedford Days Golden Spatula' award by commenting on the "Bedford Eats" event page on Facebook! Please show them some love by ordering an item or two with the free sample!

Entertainment Videos

Visit the Bedford Days Facebook page and website to enjoy entertainment videos premiering on July 1st. Some of the acts include a performance by the Bedford Players, Atlantic Cirque, and a 3D national anthem that all ages will love.

Chalk Art

The Bedford Days Committee invites you to create chalk art on your driveway on Saturday, June 26th (rain date, July 3) and then explore your community to check out what others have done. Take photos and share - we all need a reason to smile. Keep an eye on the Bedford Days Facebook Page and website for all the details.

Drive-in Movies

Pending current COVID restrictions, two drive-in movies will be shown in the BMO parking lot, on two different Friday or Saturday nights. You will have to preregister due to limited parking. Keep an eye on the Bedford Days Facebook page and website for updates.

While enjoying the Bedford Days experiences please abide by the current provincial COVID restrictions in place, including gathering limits, wearing a mask, and social distancing.



Please recycle.

Delivery Note:

Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.