

COUNCILLOR MATT WHITMAN

HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARETS DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

WINTER 2017



It's 2017 and I'm excited see what this year has in store for District 13 and the Halifax Regional Municipality. It's shaping up to be a busy and prosperous time for our region already, and I will continue to take steps to grow our economy, deliver municipal services efficiently, ensure

a strong business climate, protect our natural assets and keep taxes low.

I am always pleased to hear about the great things happening in our district, and I hope you will continue to contact me with any questions or concerns I may be able to help with. Thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to work with you in our community and wish you all the best in 2017!

"The road to success is always under construction."

—Arnold Palmer, 1929–2016



Remembrance Day 2016

We Day 2016



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WINTER OPERATIONS

Experts are predicting this winter will be a particularly difficult season. We have already experienced some extreme ice and snow events early in the year and our HRM Winter Operations team, contractors and supervisors have been working hard to keep our streets and sidewalks safe. With each weather event, our crews and contractors are responsible for approximately 3,800 lane kilometres of streets, about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks and 2,295 bus stops across the region.

Many of District 13's roads are actually maintained by the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. To find out who maintains your road, check our street directory app at apps.halifax.ca/streetdirectory.

Both HRM and the Department of Transportation have standards for how quickly and to what level your street will be cleared.

Provincial Service Standards		
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	Cleared within 8 hours after snow stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salted to achieve bare pavement • Salt applied before, during and after a storm if required
Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	Cleared within 12 hours after snow stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salted to achieve a bare centre line • Salt applied at beginning of storm and after a storm if required
Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salted to achieve a bare centre line • Salt applied only after a storm
Gravel roads	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow packed • Sanding as needed

For more information about provincial standards, visit their website novascotia.ca/tran/winter or you can contact them at 902.450.5281 to report issues with winter maintenance of provincial roads.

For roads maintained by HRM, salt, brine and gravel are applied in advance of a storm, then streets are cleared based on priority levels. You can find the priority level of your street by entering your address at halifax.ca/snow/StreetPriorityFinder.php or by calling the 311 call centre.

Municipal Service Standards		
Priority 1 – Main Arterials	Clearing begins after 2cm of snowfall and should be complete 12 hours after the end of the weather event	All driving lanes cleared to bare pavement.
Priority 1 – Transit Routes and Collector Roads	Clearing begins after 2cm of snowfall and should be complete 12 hours after the end of the weather event	Cleared to bare pavement three metres around the Centreline
Priority 1 – Residential Streets with greater than 10% Slope	Clearing begins after 4cm of snow and should be complete 12 hours after the end of the weather event	Clear centreline and two lane width plowed.
Priority 2 – Residential Streets	After 10cm of snow fall cut-throughs will be made after the first 6 hours and repeated every 8 hours. Clearing complete 24 hours after the snow ends.	Passable with two lane widths
Priority 2 – Gravel Roads and Private Lanes	After 10cm of snowfall clearing begins. Clearing complete 24 hours after the snow ends	Snow covered but passable

Please note that the Winter Parking Ban will be in place this season during declared weather events between December 15th, 2016 – March 31st, 2017. Make sure to secure off street parking and ensure your vehicles are not parked

on or obstructing sidewalks. You can register to receive automated text updates by visiting our website here halifax.ca/snow/parkingban/notifications.php



MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Regional Council will be debating how to spend your tax dollars for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at a series of Committee of the Whole meetings from January to March. Council will review presentations for each department and provide direction for each budget.



You can find out more about how your tax dollars are spent and give your feedback on what our priorities should be moving forward by going to shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfxtax2017.

You can also provide feedback for our budget deliberations by sending your comments to the Clerk's Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or Clerks@halifax.ca) or by attending the meetings and speaking up during the public comments section.

The following departmental budgets will be presented at these scheduled Committee of the Whole meetings:

Transit, Planning & Development, Operations Support

January 25th, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation, Library, Admin Services Bundle

(CAO, Legal, Human Resources & Finance and Information Communication Technology) and Auditor General
February 1st, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Transportation and Public Works, Halifax Regional Police and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

February 8th, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fiscal & Consolidated Accounts

February 15th, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Full Review of Final Budget

March 21st, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AMENDMENTS FOR 10 HECTARE LOTS

At the January 10th meeting of Regional Council, a public hearing was hosted where the public had an opportunity to voice their opinions about amending the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for developments on 10 hectare lots. After the hearing, Council voted to approve proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and applicable community land use by-laws to for lots that were issued development permits on or before April 1, 2016.

The HRM Charter allows lot sizes of 10 hectares or more to be created outside of the municipal subdivision approval process. This exemption is generally intended for resource uses such as farming or forestry. However, in recent years it has become more common for people to utilize the exemption with the intent of creating such lots for cottage or residential development. Although such lots can be created without meeting subdivision bylaw or Land Use Bylaw (LUB) requirements, development permits will only be issued if the development meets LUB requirements.

Unique situations may be considered by our planning department on a case-by-case basis. Please contact our planning office at 490-4472 for more information.





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*This is a wonderful day, I've never seen
this one before*
—Maya Angelou, 1928–2014



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