

WELCOME AUGUST!

HELLO AUGUST!



Looking for outdoor entertainment – then August is your month! Starting with Natal Day festivities, International Busker Festival and many local events and activities - including free Stand-Up Paddle Boards for

use at our own Lifeguard supervised beach at Springfield Lake – there is a little something for everyone. Keep reading for updates on the Cogswell Interchange project, Halifax Transit and the Lucasville Road water main project.

You may wish to follow me on social media for daily updates on a variety of topics at: Lisa Blackburn (@newsbag) | Twitter Lisa Blackburn HRM District 14 - Home | Facebook.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in District 14!

HAPPY NATAL DAY!

Celebrate <u>Natal Day</u> from Friday, August 3rd to Monday, August 6th by choosing one or more of the many events planned! There is something for every age including live music, road races, Mayor and Council Garden Parties, the oldest parade in Atlantic Canada and much more!

There will be three <u>fireworks</u> shows at the following locations:

- a barge in Halifax Harbour on August 4th
- Halifax Common on August 5th
- Lake Banook on August 6th







LUCASVILLE ROAD – OPEN MEETING WITH HALIFAX WATER AND HRM ON AUGUST 1st

The Lucasville Community Association

contacted Halifax Water (HRWC) after receiving numerous questions from area residents asking why Lucasville Road was being surveyed. They discovered that HRWC plans to install a backup water main along Lucasville Road. Halifax Water apologized for not notifying residents of this project, specifically those with property fronting the road that will be impacted by this project.

The Lucasville Community Association has arranged an open community meeting for all residents. Representatives from Halifax Water and HRM have been asked to attend to provide a complete update on the water main project and upgrading of Lucasville Road associated with the construction.

DATE:August 1TIME:7:00 p.m.LOCATION:Wallace Lucas Community Centre
596 Lucasville Road



32nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FESTIVAL AUGUST 1st to 6th



The International Busker Festival brings the best street performers in the world to Halifax's waterfront with 300 shows from noon to 10:00 pm on multiple stages. Free admission! Busking is the one form of entertainment that allows you to watch the show and then decide how much to pay.

Due to construction along the waterfront, parking is limited so you may wish to consider a Park & Ride with Halifax Transit - find schedule options <u>here</u>. Paid parking can be found in such places as:

- Seaport Market & Pier 21, Marginal Rd
- Cunard Parking Lot, Lower Water St
- Scotia Square/Barrington Place Parkade
- Metro Park, Hollis Street
- Casino and GWL Parking Garage, Upper Water Street

For more information on schedules and events, click <u>here</u>.





BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE



FREE! @THE BBKCC

PRE-REGISTER TODAY (902)865-5114 OR BBKCC@EASTLINK.CA

Pre-register now for this amazing night - MUST pre-register to attend. Lots of toppings to create your own sundae!

CENTRE – FAMILY FUN DAY AUGUST 10th

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY



RIDAY, AUGUST 10. 10AM-2PM **45 CONNOLLY ROAD BOUNCY CASTLES/ GAMES/ BBQ** FACE PAINTING/ AND SO MUCH MORE!

FREE‼ FREE‼ FREE‼ FREE!!







MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

SKATE JAM – SKATEBOARDING AND BMX BIKE COMPETITION



AUGUST 19, 2018 FROM 10 AM - 12PM BEAVER BANK SKATE PARK



BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE – SEE MR. J ON AUGUST 26!







COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

BEAVER BANK ROAD AND WINDGATE DRIVE INTERSECTION



The motion I put forward to <u>Regional Council</u> on July 17th regarding the Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive intersection was approved. A staff report is being prepared for

Regional Council that will bring forward options for traffic control including consideration of a possible roundabout. Abutting property owners, CN Rail and the province of Nova Scotia, will be consulted by staff during this process. The report is expected by spring 2019.



SPRINGFIELD LAKE BEACH – STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDS



Lifeguard service is provided 7-days per week from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Springfield Lake Beach. Check the <u>website</u> regularly as the site is updated weekdays by 8:00 a.m. and by 9:00 a.m. on weekends re: beach status.

NEW this year is the provision of Stand-up Paddle Boards, available FREE, at Springfield Lake Beach. Just ask a Lifeguard to use one of the boards. NOTE: when busy, time of use for the boards will be limited to 20-30 minutes.

Find more information <u>here</u> on beaches, outdoor pools and splashpads.







WHEN IT'S HOT, TAKE CARE OF SPOT!

Please **do not** leave your pets unattended in a vehicle during hot weather. It takes mere minutes for a vehicle to reach deadly temperatures even if parked in shade and/or the windows are open.





COGSWELL STREET INTERCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Figure 1: Cogswell Street Interchange

The <u>Cogswell Interchange</u> is a piece of road infrastructure in downtown Halifax that was built as part of the Harbour Drive Transportation Plan. The plan was cancelled in 1971, leaving the interchange as an orphaned piece of an unfinished expressway. The interchange sees approximately 55,000 vehicle-trips a day and operates at 55-70 per cent of its potential capacity.

Design work is expected to reach 90 per cent completion by fall 2018. Once approved, construction will soon follow. The General Contractor is expected to be retained in late 2018 with actual construction beginning early in 2019. Barring any substantial delays, street infrastructure construction should be finished by summer 2022.

Dismantling the Cogswell Interchange and building new infrastructure will temporarily disturb one of the key entrances to downtown Halifax. A Traffic Consultant has been hired to ensure traffic detours through the site are simple, clear and orderly.





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The initial estimate for the cost of the redevelopment was \$65 million. This project has the potential to be self-funded in the long-term once redevelopment of the area is completed. The sale of newly available land and the subsequent property taxes will off-set the frontend investment and generate long-term recurring revenue for the city. However; development of newly created lots will not be fully realized until several years after street infrastructure construction has concluded.

Regional Council has approved the conceptual street network and block configuration. Public engagement on new open space design, active transportation elements and planning and development regulations took place in April 2018 and feedback has been incorporated in the 60 per cent design. More public engagement is planned on development of the 90 per cent design, prior to Council review and procurement of a construction contract.



Figure 1: Cogswell Street and Block Proposed Configuration

HALIFAX TRANSIT - SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Although there are no direct changes to transit routes in the District 14 area, you may be impacted by the changes scheduled to begin on Monday, August 20, 2018. All routes affected serve Lacewood Terminal or Timberlea including routes which serve parts of Halifax and Dartmouth.

New routes will replace the following existing routes: 2, 4, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 31, 33, 34, 35, 42, and 52.

Three Corridor Routes (provides a frequent level of service all day along major streets and provides direct connections to terminals).

Route	2
Route	3
Route	4

Four Local Routes (provides regular, all day service between neighbourhoods and regional destinations).

Route 21	Route 30
Route 28	Route 39

Five new Express Routes (provides commuters with a high quality, limited stop transit service during peak periods).

Route 123 Route 135 Route 136 Route 137 Route 138

One Rural Route (provides connections between rural communities and transit service in the urban area, by bringing passengers to the nearest transit terminal). Route 433.

<u>Click here</u> to view the updated system map that includes these new routes.





FULTZ HOUSE MUSEUM - TUESDAY TEAS



I was pleased to have sponsored the first tea of the season at the Fultz House Museum with Councillor Steve Craig. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this such a fun event.

Click <u>here</u> for a list of dates for the 2018 season.





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FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY - AUGUST 18th







CANADA DAY / PATRIOT DAYS FLAG RAISING – FULTZ HOUSE MUSEUM

Had a wonderful time at the July 1st Flag Raising and Baked Beans & Brown Bread lunch at the Fultz House Museum with Councillor Craig and Town Crier Greg Fenwick. Wonderful to be part of the parade and see so many families enjoying our community.





COUNCILLOR SAM AUSTIN AND I AT THE DARTMOUTH NORTH OUTDOOR LIBRARY GRAND OPENING







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CASE 17602 – MONARCH DRIVE/MAJESTIC AVENUE - UPDATE

On June 11th, the North West Community Council approved a 120-day time extension to sign the development agreement for Case 17602: Monarch Drive and Majestic Avenue, Beaver Bank (Ramar Developments). The development agreement was approved oneyear earlier on June 12, 2017 allowing a smallscale residential subdivision at the northern corner of Monarch Drive and Majestic Avenue in Beaver Bank.

The 365-day time limit expired on July 1, 2018. During that time, a land transfer between the property owner and HRM was to occur. The transfer has not been finalized and must be completed before the agreement can be signed. Staff are working with the applicant to finalize the land transfer and expect the matter to be resolved in the near future. Therefore, the request to extend the signing period by 120days, for a total of 485-days, was approved.



QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL BUSES / SCHOOL BUS ROUTES?

The first day of school is September 5th and I am receiving calls about potential changes to school bus service. School buses / bus routes are **not**



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under the municipal mandate; therefore, there is very little I can do other than to direct you to the <u>Halifax Regional Centre for Education</u> (HRCE) at 902.464.2000 and the following: <u>Stock Transportation</u> (902) 481-8400

MLA Bill Horne (Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank) (902)-576-3411

MLA Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville) (902)-404-9900

<u>MLA Brad Johns</u> (Sackville-Beaver Bank) (902)-865-6467

<u>The Honourable Zach Churchill</u>, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (902) 424-4236

<u>Cathy Montreuil</u>, Deputy Minister, Education and Early Childhood Development (902) 424-5643

The HRCE sent a letter to parents/guardians on July 12th that included the following message:

Please note: there will be no reduction in bus service for the 2018-2019 school year. If your child was eligible for bussing last year, they will be bussed this coming year.





SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

Registration Now Open for:

EVENTUROUS YOUTH THEATRE CLASSES!



JUNIOR CLASS (GRADES 3-5): THURSDAYS @ 6:30-8PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 13TH SENIOR CLASS (GRADES 6-9): TUESDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH

FINAL SHOWCASE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH LOCATION: SPRINGFIELD LAKE REC CENTRE INSTRUCTORS: DARLA SCOTT & ZOE SCOTT



To Register or for More Info Contact Darla: Phone: (902)-865-9773 Email: youth@eventurous.ca

SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE - ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE: TIME:	Saturday, September 29 th 9:00 a.m. start
LOCATION:	Lost Creek Golf Course
	310 Kinsac Road
COST:	\$100.00/player, teams of 4

DEADLINE for registration/payment is September 21st

Steak dinner provided at Springfield Lake Recreation Centre

2018-19 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

Springfield Lake Recreation Centre will be offering an <u>After School program</u> running Monday to Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.







SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE – SUMMER YOGA



LINKS FOR LYMPHOMA GOLF TOURNAMENT



Figure 2: BJ & Ali (from Q104 Radio) and I - proud participants at the Links for Lymphoma Golf Tournament.

DEPUTY MAYOR WAYE MASON, COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG AND I UPDATING PROVINCIAL MLAS ON THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN





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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 5TH



Seven Tips for Back to School Traffic Safety

- Always stop for a school bus when the lights are flashing and remain stopped until the lights are turned off
- Observe the posted speed limits. Drivers are to slow to 30 km/h in school zones when children are present and the speed limit is 50 km/h. In school zones with speeds over 50 km/h, drivers are to slow to 50 km/h.
- Obey the crossing guard at all times
- Do not pass other vehicles in a school zone
- Avoid driving into school parking lots
- Expect the unexpected
- Teach your children the rules of traffic safety and school bus etiquette.

Please be vigilant and watch for children making their way to/from school.



EVERY INTERSECTION IS A CROSSWALK – MARKED OR UNMARKED



Figure 3: Pedestrian at an intersection with unmarked crosswalk

<u>The Nova Scotia Driver's Handbook</u> states in Chapter 2 Rules of the Road that:

Every intersection has a crosswalk. Many are unmarked. Drivers must yield to pedestrians at all intersections, whether crosswalks are marked or unmarked.

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Figure 4: Pedestrian at an intersection with a marked crosswalk.

Pedestrians: look left, right, and left again before crossing a street. Watch for turning vehicles.





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HRM FLOAT IN 31st ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE JULY 20, 2018



Figure 5: That's me far right holding the dog - so proud to be part of the 31st annual Pride Parade with many Council colleagues and HRM staff!



REMINDER: WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH



Click <u>here</u> for more information on collection schedules.

COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN



I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North-West Community Council:

> Appeals Standing Committee Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee Halifax Regional Library Board Accessibility Advisory Committee North West Planning Advisory Committee Destination Halifax Halifax Water Diverse Voices





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