



COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME DECEMBER!



Winter is almost *officially* here – arriving on Saturday, December 21st!

Rumour has it that there will be lots of snow this winter! Please help our

snow removal crews by clearing around fire hydrants and catch basins to enable access to hydrants and to ensure our stormwater system works efficiently. Have you considered reaching out to seniors in your area or others who may require help with snow shoveling? I'm sure they would appreciate any assistance you could provide. What a great gift to a neighbour – a little time and an abundance of thoughtfulness!

This month's E-newsletter has information on a variety of municipal matters and upcoming community events.

Stop in for a chat the first Friday of each month at the Beaver Bank Hub Office, Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre, from 2-4:00 p.m.

TINSEL – SACKVILLE'S TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE 2019 SCHEDULE

**The Sackville Kinsmen Club
Presents**

Tinsel
The Talking Christmas Tree
2019 Schedule

Springfield Lake Rec Center
(266 Lakeview Avenue, Middle Sackville)

Friday Nov. 29, 6-8pm
Saturday Nov. 30, 2-4pm & 6-8pm

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Center
(1583 Beaver Bank Road)

Tuesday Dec. 10, 6-8pm
Wednesday Dec. 11, 6-8pm

Acadia Hall
(650 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville)

Friday Dec. 13, 6-8pm
Saturday Dec. 14, 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Sunday Dec. 15, 2-4pm & 6-8pm

* Shows occur every 30 minutes (Each show lasts 20 minutes)
* Children must be with an adult
* Free Admission
* Donations of non-perishable food for Beacon House Food Bank requested

Join our Facebook:
Sackville's Talking Christmas Tree

Twitter: @sacktalkingtree
www.talkingchristmastree.ca

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Center

Acadia Rec Hall

WHATASITE
Business. Internet. Solutions. whatasite.com

MLA Brad Johns

Springfield Lake Rec Center



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**COBEQUID COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTRE'S 11th ANNUAL GIFT OF
LIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Gift of Light

Online Auction

Opens today at 4:00PM

Visit: www.32auctions.com/cobequidauction

Auction Closes:
December 6th, 2019

The Gift of Light Online Auction commenced November 22nd and closes on December 6th.

I will be the MC for the 11th annual Gift of Light fundraiser at the Cobiquid Community Health Centre on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!



HAPPY HANUKKAH (CHANUKAH)!



Hanukkah, known as The Festival of Lights, begins at sunset on Sunday, December 22nd and ends at nightfall on Monday, December 30th.





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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Christmas Cheer

DECEMBER 6-13

To Volunteer, please contact April:
(902) 864-6751
shccprograms@gmail.com


Donations of NEW hats,
mittens and scarves accepted
at SHCC for children ages 0-12.
45 Connolly Road

Sackville Heights Community Centre (SHCC) is proud to be administrating the very special community program, Christmas Cheer, to support families and children during the Christmas season.

With the support of numerous community organizations, individuals and business sponsorships, toys and clothes for children aged 12 years and under are provided in Sackville and surrounding communities.

The Sackville Heights Community Centre is actively seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas Cheer Giving project. There are December 2019

several tasks and roles to fill. A complete list of duties is available through Heather or April at the SHCC: staff will walk volunteers through the steps and stages of each task.

Please contact Heather Coffin, Facility Manager, Sackville Heights Community Centre, at 902.869.4764 if you are able to volunteer.

Christmas Cheer Volunteer Opportunities

Friday, Dec. 6
12:30-4:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 7
9-12pm / 12:30pm-3:30pm
Monday, Dec. 9
9-12pm / 12:30-3:30pm / 6-8:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 10
9-12pm / 12:30-3:30pm / 6-8:30pm
Wednesday, Dec. 11
9-12pm / 12:30-3:30pm



Volunteer Meeting on
Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 10am
in the SHCC Board Room.



Christmas Cheer Program

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Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th @ 8:30am-10:30am

902-865-5114 for more info!

\$5

Per Person includes
pancakes, sausage, tator
tots, juice, coffee or tea!

Food drive in
support of the BBK
Volunteer Fire
Dept's stuff a port a
tank initiative!



SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DATE: Sunday, December 15th, 2019

TIME: 8:30AM – 10:00AM

LOCATION: 266 Lakeview Avenue, Middle Sackville

Members age 10 and under: \$1.00

Children aged 11 and over: \$3.00

Adults: \$5.00





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THANK-YOU IRIS DRUMMOND



On November 11th we commemorated all military personnel, past and present, by laying a wreath in memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

I was honoured to be the MC and read the list of names at the Beaver Bank Cenotaph and, since I could not be in two places at the same time, I asked Iris Drummond to lay the wreath for District 14 at the Hammonds Plains – Lucasville ceremony.

My sincerest thank-you to Iris Drummond for accepting this request. Your willingness to participate was greatly appreciated.



Iris Drummond, 2nd from right, laying the wreath on behalf of District 14 at the 2019 Hammonds Plains – Lucasville Cenotaph.

BRONZE WINNER – THE COAST'S BEST OF HALIFAX



Me with the fabulous morning show host of 89.9FM The Wave, Jamie Paterson, at The Coast Magazine gala.

Thank-you voters for choosing me as the Bronze Winner in THE COAST'S Best Councillor. I am so proud to be in the top-three with these guys!



Thank You For Your Votes!

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Councillor
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Gold: Councillor Lindell Smith

Silver: Councillor Waye Mason

Bronze: Councillor Lisa Blackburn



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U-cut Tree Farm 2019



It starts with Scouts.

In support of 2nd Beaver Bank Scouting

A classic, holiday family adventure.

Experience picking the perfect tree while enjoying some free hot chocolate!

\$25 per tree or \$23 with a food bank donation

Hours for Christmas 2019:

Open Saturday & Sunday(10-4) starting Nov 30 until December 15.

Location: 454 Beaver Bank Rd (across from Majestic Ave)

Email: Troop.2ndbeaverbank@gmail.com

By appointment only on Dec. 21 & 22



SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION – GRATEFUL FOR ELECTROFISHER



Me with Walter Regan, President of the Sackville Rivers Association and the new ElectroFisher.

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District 14 District Capital funds helped to purchase the Electrofisher for the Sackville Rivers Association (SRA) which has assisted them in keeping up with technology.

The SRA uses the Electrofisher for:

- counting fish species in the river
- rescues of fish stranded in different locations of the river
- species inventory and protection.

SRA also lends the equipment to other volunteer river groups. The Electrofisher is a revenue source as it is rented to various Consultant companies who wish to borrow the unit.



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HALIFAX TRANSIT CHANGES NOW IN EFFECT FOR BEAVER BANK

As of November 25th, major transformational changes came into effect regarding transit service in Beaver Bank. To say I was disappointed for residents of North Beaver Bank would be an understatement.

I want you to understand how we got to this point and what work has been done to help residents in North Beaver Bank who rely on transit:

- In 2016, about a month following my election as Councillor for District 14, the [Moving Forward Together Plan](#) (MFTP) was passed by Regional Council; at which time the routes had already been determined and public consultation completed.
- I made it very clear that I was not happy with the cancellation of the North Beaver Bank route and questioned the passenger numbers used to justify the cancellation. I felt the numbers were too old and did not accurately reflect those currently using transit. **I asked for a new count to be done in early 2017**; however, the numbers were still below the threshold needed to maintain the service.
- In August 2018, **I asked staff for a report on the possibility of keeping bus service during morning and afternoon peak hours**. That suggestion was voted down by the Transportation Standing Committee and Regional Council in [January 2019](#).
- The current changes were not supposed to happen for another year; however, upgrades to Halifax Transit software meant the changes could be fast-tracked.

- Since January 2019, I have met with concerned community members to discuss alternatives as well as three of the Community Transit service providers in the province: MusGo Rider, East Hants Rider and West Hants Transit. The Community Transit service providers all require permission from the provincial Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) to expand their service area. None were interested in expansion at this time.
- I also studied a [pilot project](#) conducted in Cape Breton that used local taxi services to provide transit options in rural communities. While great in theory, it would require grants from the municipality to taxi drivers. Under the Halifax Charter, we are not permitted to do that and, amendments to the Halifax Charter can only be made by the provincial government.
- The Ivy Meadows facility does have a bus for residents but was not interested in expanding the service.
- Recently, the province announced a Rural Ride Share Field Test that uses ride-sharing to help with public transportation in rural areas. **I have written to The Honourable Minister Derek Mombourquette** (see letter at end of this article) asking that North Beaver Bank be considered for the pilot project

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If I had the ability to maintain the service, I would have. I am committed to continue working for North Beaver Bank service. It may mean going back to our roots and the days of the Beaver Bank Bullet - it will take a community effort and I will work with any group in support of such an initiative.



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I have also suggested residents look into HfxRidematch.ca, a carpooling register that could help residents looking for rides.

For the majority of Beaver Bank, the recent changes introduced by Halifax Transit bring a level of Transit Service unheard of in our history. It is my hope that Express Bus Service and a more consistent/expanded schedule will entice residents to take the bus. I know I will be taking the bus more often because of it.

Letter to The Honourable Derek Mombourquette
re: inclusion of North Beaver Bank in pilot project:



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The Honourable Derek Mombourquette
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Dear Minister Mombourquette,

As Councillor for a district with a rural component, I read with great interest your announcement of the Rural Ride Share Field Tests. The goal to deploy permanent on-demand mobility technology services will go a long way to helping provide our rural residents with transportation options. Public transportation in rural areas of Halifax Regional Municipality has proven to be a challenge for us.

As you move forward, I ask that you consider the community of North Beaver Bank as one of the locations for your pilot project. The area lies between the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre on Highway 354 and the Hants County line. The community has recently lost their Halifax Transit service and has a heightened interest in transportation options. It is a community that would be a good fit for this project.

Congratulations on this important initiative for rural residents. I wish you the best of luck.

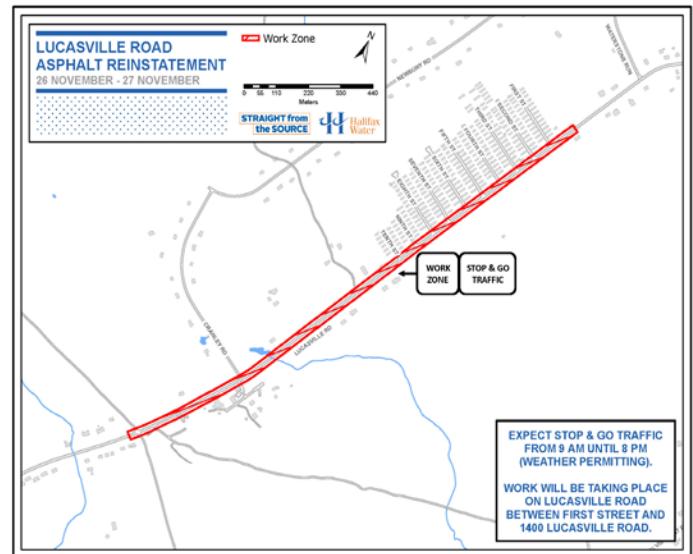
Yours truly,

Original signed

Lisa Blackburn
Councillor District 14

November 21, 2019

LUCASVILLE ROAD – WATERMAIN TWINNING PROJECT UPDATE



On November 26th and 27th Atlantic Road Construction and Paving (ARCP), on behalf of Halifax Water, did asphalt reinstatement work on Lucasville Road. This work is another step closer to finalizing the project.

I have received numerous questions on whether a paved bike lane will be part of this project. The answer is no. The option of paved shoulders/bike lanes had been considered, however; consultation with the community prior to the commencement of the Halifax Water project determined that a separate path/trail which would be safer than a paved shoulder, was the preferred option.

A multi-use path is in the planning stages under the Coordination of the [Lucasville Greenway Society](#). Click here for more information on the [Lucasville Greenway Vision](#).

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ON THE AIR WITH RICK HOWE - NEWS 95.7



Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini and I on the Rick Howe 95.7 News.

SALVATION ARMY'S KETTLE CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF 2019



I was pleased to bring Greetings to the annual Salvation Army's City of Hope breakfast and Kettle Campaign Kick-off event.

SACKVILLE AREA WARMING CENTRE

Sackville Area Warming Centre

Sackville, Waverley, Fall River, Beaver Bank, Bedford

SAWCconnect@gmail.com

10 Beaver Bank Rd., Lower Sackville, NS B4E 1G3

What is your SAWC looking for in over-night shift volunteers?

- Folks who are willing to help - even if only once every couple of weeks. Obviously, scheduling and consistency is important to building relationships, and we know that many nights every week isn't feasible for many of us. Let us know your availability, and we'll sort out the schedule.
- Folks who are compassionate. Our guests come from many walks of life and are looking to warm up and connect with others.
- Folks who are willing to learn. You may already have some of the training we need, and we have some opportunity to help you get training. Orientation is fast approaching!

For more information, please connect with our volunteer coordinator at SAWCVolunteering@gmail.com

For an application, please visit the link in the post. If the link doesn't work, private message us here or email at the above address and we'll send you a copy.

Mike Poworoznyk, Sackville Area Warming Centre Director, advises that the SAWC is still seeking a few overnight volunteers for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. If you are available for part of the night, there are shifts from 1:30 am - 6:00 am.



Spread the Sackville area love and see how our community brings this together!



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EGG-LAYING FOWL SURVEY



An [online survey](#) is available for you to share your thoughts about having egg-laying fowl in your neighbourhood. You can also comment on the types of fowl you

would consider having/keeping in your neighbourhood.

Your comments will assist Regional Council in deciding on whether to allow households to keep and raise egg-laying fowl in residential areas for personal use only. The types of bird, and the number of birds that would be permitted, may differ between rural, suburban and urban areas. Males, such as roosters, would be considered only where noise is unlikely to be an issue.

The [original Council motion and staff report](#) focused on chickens, but at the [July 30, 2019 session](#), Regional Council decided to expand the scope to include other birds kept for the purpose of egg laying (ducks, geese, guinea fowl, quail and or turkeys).

This is not about farming. It is about allowing people living on residentially zoned lands, whether in the city, suburbs or rural areas, to keep a small number of domesticated birds to provide eggs for the household's own use.

Raising birds for meat, selling birds or eggs would not be permitted.

Municipal Community Food Security initiatives and the direction of the Halifax Green Network plan support policy work on allowing egg-laying fowl in residential areas. Any policy changes regarding allowing egg-laying fowl in residential areas must be closely coordinated with the

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recently approved Centre Plan and the By-law simplification program.

Thank you for taking the survey as your voice is very important in our decision-making process!



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NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019 AT SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



DATE:	Tuesday, December 31, 2019
TIME:	9:00pm until 2:00am
TICKETS:	\$15.00 members per person \$20.00 non-members per person
To arrange for tickets, call Donna at 865-9449.	



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DEPUTY MAYOR



On Tuesday, November 26th, I was honoured to be selected by my Council colleagues as Deputy Mayor for the Halifax Regional Municipality. The role of Deputy Mayor is a 12-month commitment that involves representing Mayor Savage and HRM at events that the Mayor's schedule does not permit him to attend.

The coming year will be a busy one but, rest assured, I will be representing you to the very best of my abilities along with the added duties of Deputy Mayor.

I plan to continue hosting the 1st Friday of the month open house sessions at the Beaver Bank HUB office from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. I look forward to having a chat with you regarding municipal programs or services.

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

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Discover Halifax
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee

WELCOME 2020 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

