



# District 14

Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville

Councillor Lisa Blackburn

**Welcome to Fall!** It's a lovely time of year to enjoy the beautiful fall colours and crisp autumn air. It is also a wonderful season to visit [our trails](#) and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. Hope to see you out and about in the district!



## WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION HAS ENDED FOR THIS SEASON



The weekly Green Cart collection has ended for this season. [Click here](#) for a list of

collection schedules. You may also sign up for [weekly reminders](#) and [service alerts](#), or print a calendar customized for your address. Only residential properties with six units or less are eligible for curbside collection.

### CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

**Volunteer to sit on a municipal board, committee or commission.**

Apply by Friday, October 20, 2017.

**Attend an Information Session:**  
 Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Halifax Central Library,  
 Lindsay Children's Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

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[Apply online](#) to serve on one of the HRM boards and committees! Municipal boards and committees are groups consisting of councillors, citizens, and industry representatives that provide advice and recommendations to Regional Council, Community Council, or standing committees on certain matters. Each has a specific area of focus and terms of reference that guide the work it does.

[Click here](#) for a list of current opportunities including a brief description of the board/committee.

To everyone who has volunteered in some capacity; serving on a board/committee, participating in local community/sporting events or charitable fundraiser and much more - thank you for your time and effort. Volunteers are the backbone of our neighbourhoods. Your work enables many opportunities for communities to come together in fun and fellowship. Thank you for making our communities more vibrant.

## CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED



Halifax Regional Police is recruiting people who are committed to ensuring the safety of children at designated school crosswalks, enjoy being outdoors and want the flexibility of working part-time.

Crossing guards who work regular part-time belong to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and are offered a range of benefits as well as an attendance bonus. The hourly rate is \$12.74 (under negotiation). Candidates must meet the security clearance requirements administered by Halifax Regional Police.

For more information, call 902-490-5168 or email [woodrowp@halifax.ca](mailto:woodrowp@halifax.ca).

Resumes will be accepted anytime as this is an ongoing job offer.



**HfxPublicWiFi**

Dartmouth Waterfront and Grand Parade locations now connected



For technical support call 1.844.376.9434

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## SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



It's never too early to start preparing for the winter weather. If you know a person who requires assistance with snow removal, please share the [YMCA's Snow Removal Program](#) information with them.

The municipality is providing approximately \$400,000 in funding this winter season to support the YMCA in delivering its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax region.

The program applies to residential properties only and offers assistance to clear snow from front and back steps, walkways, ramps and access to fuel tanks. The program **does not** apply to the clearing of driveways.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented
- The total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$32,000
- The program is NOT available to landlords

The program operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once maximum capacity has been reached. All remaining applicants will be placed on a wait list. Please note that the YMCA only considers applications which include proper documentation.

To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the [YMCA online](#).



## HALIFAX TRANSIT UPDATES



Effective November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 there will be [service adjustments](#) to some Halifax Transit routes although none that will directly impact service in the District 14 areas of Middle/Upper Sackville – Beaver Bank – Lucasville. For more detail on the upcoming service changes [click here](#).

The Halifax Transit [MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER PLAN](#) has outlined the following service for our areas:

### Route 400 Beaver Bank

- The changes outlined in this plan for transit service to Beaver Bank result in the reclassification of the former Route 400 Beaver Bank as a Local Route (Route 89 Beaver Bank).
- This is a result of the truncation of the route to eliminate the low ridership segment beyond Kinsac Road.
- Because the route is almost entirely contained within the Urban Transit Service Boundary, it is considered a Local Route in this plan, and will have a higher level of service than the former Route 400 Beaver Bank.

**Route 310 Middle Sackville Regional Express:** The Regional Municipal Planning Strategy limits the introduction of new Regional Express services to areas identified in the Regional Plan as Rural District Growth Centres. As a result, only one future Regional Express Route is proposed: The **Route 310 Middle Sackville Regional Express** between Margeson Drive in Middle Sackville, and Downtown Halifax. This Route is planned to be available in 3 to 4 years' time.

**Margeson Drive Park 'n Ride: the proposed** Park 'n Ride will accommodate 500 vehicles.

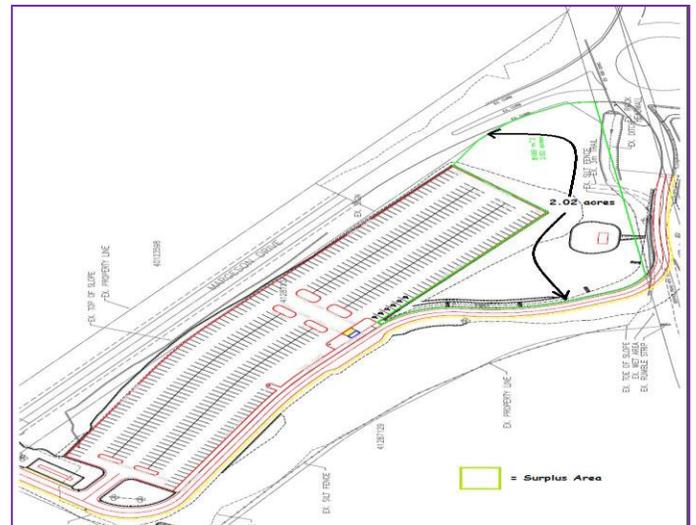
Some site work has been done and further planning and design is underway. Completion date is expected to be within 4 years (approximately 2019/20).



The portion of Middle Sackville outside the Urban Transit Service Boundary is served by one Local Route, one Express Route, and one Regional Express: 83 Springfield, 183 Springfield Express, 310 Middle Sackville Regional Express

**Route 83 Springfield** will provide local service seven days a week, connecting Springfield Avenue to Sackville Terminal via Sackville Drive, Margeson Drive, Hanwell Drive, Melham Drive, and Old Sackville Road.

**Route 183 Springfield Express** replaces the Route 83 at rush hour, providing limited stop service from Sackville Terminal to Downtown Halifax.



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

**Lucasville Road** has been added to the Active Transportation Plan. The **Lucasville Greenway Walking/Biking Trail Committee** has been very active in developing concept plans for a multi-use pathway that would connect the Lucasville community with destinations in "the Sackvilles".

Currently, there is no safe or comfortable place for residents to walk or cycle and this community group, working with HRM staff, are seeking to change this. [Click here](#) to see the [Sackville Greenway Map](#).



If you are concerned with speeding on your street, please call the Sackville RCMP detachment at 902-244-7208 or Halifax Regional Police at 902-490-5020.

## PARKS AND RECREATION



There are three upcoming projects identified for our area:

- **Westwind Ridge:** new playground
- **Lakecrest Court:** replacement of court
- **Springfield Lake Recreation Centre:**
  - playground upgrade
  - basketball court rehabilitation

## SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC CALMING

In response to concerns expressed by numerous residents regarding speed on residential streets, I have met with high-ranking RCMP officials to discuss what can be done to step up patrols to mitigate this serious issue.



Upon request, I have also provided **SLOW DOWN** signs for residents throughout the district.

Another option available to address speeding issues on residential streets is to request that a street be added to the [Traffic Calming](#) list for assessment. You may initiate a review of traffic calming for your street by contacting 3-1-1. Traffic calming helps to make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers. That means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that **reducing the posted speed limit in an area typically 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, on-street parking, raised median islands.

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 a local street or a minor collector
- is a two-lane street
- has a posted speed limit not greater than 50 km/h
- is not part of a transit route
- is not part of a primary emergency response route.

Currently, **Bambrick Road in Middle Sackville and Danny Drive in Beaver Bank** are being assessed for **traffic calming measures**. The

speed data collected for **Danny Drive** indicated an



85th percentile speed of 47 km/h, a result that enabled our staff to proceed with further assessment under the traffic calming policy. However, Danny Drive rates below average on the list but will be re-assessed once other higher priority locations have been addressed.

## SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

I have received many phone calls and emails from parents seeking assistance in obtaining [school bus service](#) for



their child/children. As the municipal Councillor, the only option I have available to me is to forward these concerns along to the [Halifax Regional School Board](#) Representative, [Geoff Wright](#), the area [MLA Brad Johns](#) and to the [Honourable Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Zack Churchill](#).

I have made attempts to contact Stock Transportation but have not been able to connect with anyone at that business. Contact information for **Stock Transportation** is:

**51 Frazee Ave, Dartmouth, NS B3B 1Z4  
902-481-8400**

I encourage you to continue to reach out to your [Halifax Regional School Board](#) representative and Stock Transportation to seek a resolution.



*Councillor Blackburn at the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia's photo exhibit "Witnesses to a New Nation" in City Hall.*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING



Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting applications for projects that bring community members together to design and create something in public space that make their neighbourhoods more welcoming and create a sense of identity.

Apply to host a Neighbourhood Placemaking project in your community: [halifax.ca/placemaking](http://halifax.ca/placemaking)

Deadline is October 30, 2017 for projects happening in 2018.

Your area Community Developer can assist you in filling out your application or you can email [placemaking@halifax.ca](mailto:placemaking@halifax.ca)



[Neighbourhood Placemaking](#) provides guidance and support to community members interested in hosting a project in their neighbourhood. This could be painting an intersection, building of benches for a local gathering place, planting a community garden, or any idea that brings together community members to create public art that activates shared public spaces to create a sense of place and build a sense of community.

[Click here](#) for information on how to apply to the Neighbourhood Placemaking Program.



Drivers please be cautious and alert when driving on Halloween night: watch out for the little costumed people as they travel the neighbourhoods seeking treats. Be safe and have fun!



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