



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2018 has arrived! A new year brings new opportunities to try something we have never done before. Snow-shoeing perhaps, or signing-up as a

volunteer with a community group or local sport team? It's never too late to fulfill your dreams; or, give back to your community. By giving back you are also giving to yourself with renewed purpose and satisfaction knowing that you are making a difference. My goal for 2018 is to continue my efforts to represent you as best I can with all municipal matters.



Please contact me if you wish to discuss a municipal issue.

Happy 2018!

BEAVER BANK HUB OFFICE



Would love to meet with you about municipal services or programs at my Beaver Bank-Hub office. Hours are: **1st Friday of every month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre, 1583 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank.





LUCASVILLE / HAMMONDS PLAINS AND AREA COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES APPROVED

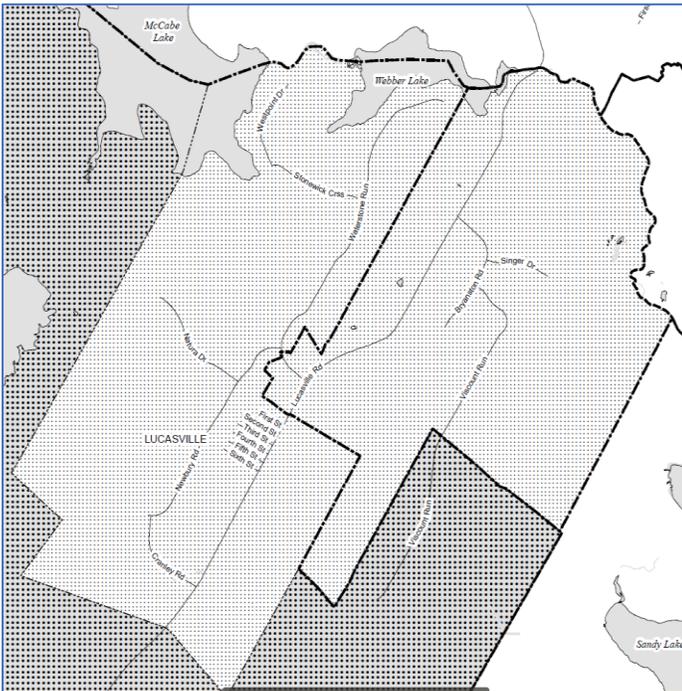


Figure 1 Approved community boundaries for Lucasville/Hammonds Plains and area.

I am pleased to advise that on December 12th, 2017, Regional Council approved the community boundary for Lucasville, Hammonds Plains and area. To view the full report, click [here](#). The following are extracts from the report to help explain the process leading up to Regional Council’s decision:

In 2002, HRM began a project to ratify its community boundaries. This was deemed necessary to enable the efficient delivery of emergency 911 and Canada Post services. It was also an opportunity for communities to demonstrate community pride and reflect local history. To date, 181 of the 200 communities in the Municipality have been approved by Regional Council.

Most communities have multiple boundaries therefore, the verification process is done in phases.

Confirmation of the community boundary between Middle Sackville and Lucasville began in 2010 and Regional Council ratified that boundary as presented in a May 16, 2011 staff report. However, on May 14, 2014 Councillor Johns made a motion at Regional Council that “staff remove the Welcome to Middle Sackville sign pending confirmation on the correct location of the community boundary, and that staff confirm the boundary for Middle Sackville/Lucasville in the form of a staff report back to Regional Council.” This motion was put and passed unanimously and the sign was removed from the posts.

The most recent (2016/2017) and final consultation project for the area sought feedback to confirm the boundaries between Hammonds Plains and Lucasville and to reconfirm the boundary between Lucasville and Middle Sackville. This confirmation will complete the ratification process for all the community boundaries of Hammonds Plains, Lucasville, Stillwater Lake and Upper Hammonds Plains.

The community boundary verification process involved community consultation and research that determined the location of the community boundaries at each vehicular entrance to each of the communities. This is the same process which was used to verify the boundaries of the current 181 approved communities.

In accordance with Civic Addressing policies, communities affected by major change in community boundaries shall be informed, and consulted before, during and after the process.



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The consultation process focuses on obtaining feedback from those residents in the immediate area of the boundary, who could be affected by a change to their community name. However, in the case of Lucasville, the entire community and surrounding area was consulted.

Lucasville

“Lucasville was named after James Lucas (Locas), an early pioneer. Other grants during the 1760s went to Richard Wenman and John George Pyke. In the early 1800s, a few of the Chesapeake Black families settled along the road. They included those with the surnames William, Parsons, Kelsie, Oliver and Dishna.”

A preliminary meeting in early 2016 with the Lucasville Community Association and the local Councillor yielded maps showing the boundaries of Lucasville extending south along the Lucasville Road until the power line. This interpretation would include all the Waterstone subdivision and the Timber Trails Park in the community of Lucasville.

In April of 2016, letters were sent to all property owners in the current community of Lucasville, the Waterstone subdivision, Timber Trails park and Lucasville Road as far south as the Hammonds Plains Road.

The fall of 2016 saw a change in municipal councillors for District 14 and it was determined that a 2nd letter would be sent to the consultation area, with a third option. Letters and three maps were sent to property owners in January of 2017 asking them to select which boundary they preferred: the current boundary; the historical boundary; or the third option. This round of consultation saw similar feedback (approximately 23%). Approximately 60% of those who responded chose either the historical

boundary or the third option.

Thank you to all residents who participated in the boundary clarification project; and, to staff for thoroughly researching the boundaries for these communities.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL EVENT (C.O.M.E.)

It has been a pleasure helping to serve the community meals hosted by C.O.M.E. The meals began a year ago (last January), initiated by Knox United Church and the St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Three additional churches have joined including: St. John Vianney, St. John the Evangelist and Gateway Ministries. The meals are free and prepared for anyone who wishes to partake, such as families or seniors, who would like a little company or just want to feel part of a community.





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CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM LADOUCEUR; YOUNGEST EVER TO COMPETE IN NOVA SCOTIA'S SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS!



Figure 1: Team Ladouceur (Photo by Marina von Stakelberg/CBC)

Team Ladouceur, Elsa Nauss, Kate Callaghan and Makayla Harnish (aged 16-18), of the Lakeshore Curling Club, Lower Sackville, have qualified to compete at the 2018 Scotties Tournament of Hearts being held from January 8th to 14th at the Dartmouth Curling Club. They will be the youngest team to have competed at the Nova Scotia Scotties Tournament of Hearts.



Figure 2: Providing opening remarks at the Nova Scotia Curling Association's U21 championship event at Lakeshore Curling Club, Lower Sackville.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING TIPS FOR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a time for giving, but did you know that more waste is generated during this season than at any other time of year? Here are some tips on dealing with post-holiday waste:

- Natural Christmas trees will be picked up [on your regular green cart collection day/week](#). Remove all plastic, tinsel, ornaments, metal rings, nails, stands and plastic tree bags.
- Compost or mulch your greenery (boughs, trees, natural garland, etc.)
- Wreaths with metal wires or plastic cord go in a clear garbage bag
- Paper gift wrap and boxboard (cereal-type boxes) can be recycled in a retail/grocery bag, or a clear bag with your other paper recycling
- Foil wrap, gift bags, bows, and ribbon that are no longer able to be reused go in the garbage
- Corrugated cardboard is bundled and placed next to paper recycling
- Save gift wrap, bows, ribbons, cards etc. for use next year
- Give old toys and clothing to a charitable organization instead of throwing them away



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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council (next meeting Tuesday, January 16th) and the North West Community Council (next meeting Monday, January 8th):

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment and 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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