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WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER -
MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY
DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2023



DISTRICT 1 RESIDENTS, Happy summer!

The 2023/24 budget has been finalized. My council colleagues and I had lengthy discussions to ensure we made the best decisions on your behalf for the municipal operating and capital budgets while ensuring the sustainability of municipal programs and services you rely on.

2023/24 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

 15 additional rural fire fighters	 \$0.5 million affordable access to recreation
 \$0.3 million increased funding for Halifax Public Libraries' collections	 \$1.1 million to address homelessness
 \$0.4 million new Community Safety business unit	 \$0.1 million increased funding for arts programs

This newsletter also has information on upcoming District 1 projects such as: road construction; current active planning applications; capital parks projects; an update on HalifACT - our response to the climate crisis; as well as pictures from events throughout our community including the recent Citizenship Awards ceremony for Grade 9 students across the municipality.

Congratulations to all graduates of 2023! Best wishes as you continue on your life journey.

Please contact me at any time to discuss municipal programs/services at 902.717.2718 or by email at deaglec@halifax.ca.

Sincerely,

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So honoured to have represented Mayor Savage at the Asian Heritage Month opening in March.

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INVESTMENTS IN DISTRICT 1

Each fiscal year, all districts are allocated District Funds that Councillors have the ability to designate for community benefit. District Capital Funds, totalling \$94,000 for the fiscal year, can provide a grant to: any non-profit organization or charity, provide funding to support HRM projects or, projects proposed by the Councillor. The following is the list of projects funded in the last fiscal year 2022/23. Grants allocated in previous years may be viewed on halifax.ca under each Councillors' webpage.

2022/2023 - District 1 Capital Funds

Waverly Village Green: picnic tables & benches	462.82
John Grant Park: fencing	7,763.01
Camp Courage, The First Responder's Society: food, operating costs, promo and admin costs	2,000.00
Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Club: hot water tank and electrical	6,960.00
Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe Branch: defibrator	1,765.25
Lakeview Fireman's Association: floors for LWF Community Hall	5,000.00
Lemmon Hill Sports Association: kitchen renos	4,500.00
Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society: blue-green algae monitoring & education program	5,000.00
Kinsman Club of Sackville: tribute car to promote youth mental health	500.00
Upper Musquodoboit Playground Society: - playground upgrade & portapottie	4,571.30
Cheema Aquatic Club: safety boats for young paddlers	10,000.00
Mooseland and Area Community Association: Mooseland picnic area upgrades	5,000.00
Waverley Community Association: portable washrooms	1,000.00
Shubenacadie Canal Commission: Portobello Trailhead	2,500.00
Cheema Aquatic Club: BBQ and cover	1,500.00
Wellington United Church: accessible ramp and painting of building trim	5,300.00
DASC (Dartmouth Adult Services Centre): new accessible vehicle	2,500.00
Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House: heat pump	5,000.00
Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia: two buckets & 30 flags	280.00

Waverley Amateur Athletics Association: remove and rebuild gazebo Waverley Sports Park	5,000.00
Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society: community picnic	4,000.00
Beacon House Interfaith Society: install electrical hookup of 4 micro shelters to electrical panel	1,500.00
Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank Assoc.: moving site to an accessible site. New site renovations.	5,000.00
Elderbanks Recreation Club: outdoor community rink	5,000.00
Shubenacadie Watershed Environment Protection Society: laptop	2,150.00
Renee June Park Fall River	11,500.00
Mount Saint Vincent University Dept of Women's Studies: photographic essay	1,000.00
Upper Musquodoboit Community Association: exit ramps	7,500.00
Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue: septic system	6,000.00
AIDS Coalition of NS: venue rental, advertising, film licensing fee	56.50

2023/24 Planned Capital Work in District 1

It's wet here. And windy sometimes. And snowy sometimes. The inclement weather can cause roads and sidewalks to deteriorate over the course of the year. The municipality works to keep streets and sidewalks in top shape by providing maintenance services for streets and sidewalks from May –November, during construction season. To report a maintenance issue, call 311. Here are the projects planned for District 2.

Street Recapitalization

- Arthur Joseph Drive – Fall River to Tamarack (Integrated Traffic Calming)
- Howe Avenue – Coach to James (Traffic Calming Reinstatement)

Retaining Walls

- 1298-1322 Waverley Road (Carryover)

Guiderails

- 1464 Waverley Road
- Howe Avenue – Coach to James
- Ingram Drive – Civic 65 to Civic 71

Bridges

- Lockview Road Culvert (Carryover, Design)



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Traffic Calming

- Lockview Road (School Zone)

Street Planer Patching

Locations TBD

Proposed Crack Sealing

- Highway 2 – Colins to Sunnylea (Carryover)
- Highway 2 – Rocky Lake to Hwy 102 Roundabout (Carryover)
- Miller Lake Road – Highway 2 to End (Carryover)
- Montague Road – Montague Mines to Serpentine (Carryover)
- Overbrook Drive – Rolling Hills to End
- Snow Drive – Fall River to End
- Stonyridge Lane – Rolling Hills to End (Carryover)

Staff will make every effort to design, tender, and construct these projects in 2023. However, unforeseen circumstances may arise which could impact the scheduling of these projects, and potentially cause delays.

Parks Projects

The following projects have been approved for 2023/24 in District 1:

MacDonald Park – ball diamond lighting - design (\$75,000).

Middle Musquodoboit Park development (\$600,000).

The concept plan includes a swing set, playground equipment for those aged 2-5 and 5-12 years old, a spray feature, an open lawn to be used as a play field, various seating options, shade trees, shrubs for privacy from neighbouring properties, rail fence to protect park users from the road, a light feature, waste receptacles, bike rack, a potential path connecting the park to the existing Cornerstone Park, and a driveway for maintenance vehicles.

Carrolls Corner Community Centre Park – playground recapitalization: swings already installed - (\$40,000)

Active Planning Applications

Case 21460 - Residential Development Opportunity Site C, south of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102, Fall River

Application by KWR Approvals Inc., on behalf of Perry Lake Developments, for a Residential Development Opportunity at Site C, south of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102, Fall River to allow three (3) Multiple Unit Dwellings each containing 40 dwelling units for a total of 120 units off of Ingram Drive.

Current status: On October 3, 2022, North West Community Council defeated the Notice of Motion to the Development Agreement. At a public hearing on November 8, 2022 Halifax Regional Council refused to approve a request to amend the District 14 & 17 Municipal Planning Strategy to remove the requirement for a road connection over the CN rail line to Cobequid Road.

This decision has been appealed to the NS Utility and Review Board. The outcome of this process is still pending.

Case 22009 - Aerotech Business Park

Planning & Development is working to update the zoning for the Aerotech Business Park and surrounding lands within the Airport Industrial Designation. This project includes introducing new zones that will protect and support these valuable industrial lands.

Current status: Review ongoing by planning and development staff.

Case 22195 - 19 McPherson Road, Fall River

Application by KWR Approvals Inc. to amend the policies for Block B of the River-Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy (RLSPS), and also to amend the Land Use By-law (LUB) to enable a development agreement on a portion of Block B in Canal Court, Fall River.

Current status: Adjacent property owners will be notified of public consultation. A sign has been posted by the applicant on the subject site advertising the Planning Application. Staff will undertake a detailed review of the application and undertake public consultation prior to sending a recommendation report to Halifax Regional Council. Prior to any considerations on this matter, Regional Council is required under the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, to hold a Public Hearing. At that time, an additional opportunity for public feedback is provided. Notices of the date, time and location of the Hearing will be advertised in the future.

Case 22670 - Conrad Quarry Lands Rezoning

A Regional Council initiated project to consider industrial and highway commercial development on the Conrad Quarry lands (PID: 00276105; 00276188; 00275966; 40174286 and 41168279).

Current status: On Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Halifax Regional Council held a virtual public hearing and approved the application.

Case 24242 - 195 Old Post Road, Enfield (Ledwidge Lumber)

Sunrose Land Use Consulting is applying to amend the Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) MPS and LUB to rezone portions of 195 Old Post Road, Enfield. The applicant wishes to construct a biomass power plant fueled by woody residues from the existing forestry operation. The applicant also wishes to ensure the existing operation (outdoor storage of logs) be applied with an appropriate zone. The Site Plans outline the development proposal in detail, and include information related to the proposed building, its height, parking locations, and driveway access.

Current Status: Municipal staff are drafting a report with recommendations about the development, which will be presented in front of Halifax Regional Council.

PLANAPP - 2023-00673 (Former Case 23188) - 3136 & 3124 Hwy #2, Fall River

Application by KWR Approvals Inc., to enter into a Development Agreement (DA) at 3136 & 3124 Hwy #2, Fall River. The property is designated River-lakes Village



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Centre Designation of the RLSPS within the MPS for Planning Districts 14 and 17 and is zoned Village Main Street (VMS) under the LUB.

The applicant is seeking approval 12 townhouses and to retain occupancy of one residential structure by DA. In order to achieve this the applicant proposes to demolish an office and residential structure on one of the subject properties

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HalifACT

HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada. It's our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future in Atlantic Canada while preparing for current and future climate impacts.

On June 23, 2020, Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT – a transformational plan to achieve a net-zero economy by 2050. The municipal budget included a residential and commercial property tax bill increase of 4.6 per cent. Of that 4.6 per cent increase, three per cent was allocated towards the Climate Action Tax which directly supported HalifACT.

The Climate Action Tax funded many important projects, such as electric vehicles and buses, net-zero buildings, and the installation of public electric vehicle chargers.

This funding will improve the resilience of communities and infrastructure against the impacts of climate change by supporting initiatives around flood mitigation, storm water management, food security and emergency preparedness.

URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN

As part of HRM's Urban Forest Master Plan implementation, approximately 3,000 trees are to be planted from May to October 2023.

A tree may be planted in the right of way space in front of your home, either between curb and sidewalk or between curb and private property. Street trees are an essential part of our urban forest. They are an air filter for the city, a traffic calming and stormwater management tool, protection from the heat, wildlife habitat, a safety barrier between vehicles and pedestrians, and key to combating climate change.

To learn more about the municipality's planting program and what you can expect if a tree is planted in front of your home, please visit halifax.ca.

2023 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The municipality is proud to annually present awards to local volunteers who have performed exemplary service in their communities through various initiatives. This annual event puts a spotlight on residents that have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services. This year's award ceremony marked the largest volunteer appreciation event ever hosted by the municipality – with nearly 100 awards distributed and over 200 attendees.

Recipients for District 1 are:

Gerald Burgess (Waverley Legion),
Kim Conrad (Dartmouth General Hospital),
Jim Reid (Carroll's Corner Community Centre / Mastodon Trail),
Emma Browne (Youth Leader – Gordon R. Snow Community Centre),
Ewan Hawley (Summer Camp – Gordon R. Snow Community Centre).



2023 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality honours a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen. Congratulations to Dallis Francis (Lockview High School) and Lauren Smith (Musquodoboit Rural High School) who were recipients for 2023!



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