

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER
DISTRICT 10 NEWSLETTER
HALIFAX-BEDFORD BASIN WEST



DEAR RESIDENTS



Greetings to all residents of District 10 and a warm welcome to residents and businesses that have recently moved to our area.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions. I am sure that you are as glad as I am to finally have the winter behind us and are looking forward to the summer. There will be many great events happening throughout HRM during the summer months, including Canada Day and Natal Day celebrations. Visit our Civic Events website at www.halifax.ca/events/ for details on the events of interest to you.

With school closing shortly, many children will be out and about enjoying the activities that summer brings so I encourage all residents to drive with extra care for the protection of our children. Keep safe and have an enjoyable summer!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Walker".

STAY INFORMED-ELECTRONIC UPDATES

During the last few years as Councillor, in addition to a hard copy newsletter, I have been sending email updates to residents on my contact list on a regular basis.

This is a great way to keep up to date on what is happening within our District and HRM. I encourage you to stay informed by signing up for the updates by emailing lucille.walsh@halifax.ca, including in the subject line 'District 10 Updates'.

Addresses will not be shared. If you are aware of a community event and would like me to include it in an update, you can forward the information to Lucille and it will be included in a future update.

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2014 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HRM recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities.

Congratulations to District 10 Award Recipients, Aron Spidle, Charles Turner and Keith Wells. Thank you for your contribution to making our community a better place to live, work and play.



2014 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

HRM recognizes students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and in our communities.

Congratulations to District 10 Award Recipients, Isabel Lopez-McLean, Fairview Junior High School and Laura Samson, Ecole Secondaire du Sommet. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school and community.



June 15th is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all Dads!



MAINLAND NORTH COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The 11th annual Mainland North Community Service Volunteer Award ceremony was held on April 24th.

Congratulations to Edith Brumby, Dale Robertson, Lisa Landry, Zakhour Faddoul, Marion Clarke, Norman Duncan, and Nisma Makhoul on receiving this year's awards. Thank you for making our community stronger and a better place to live.



PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the Town Hall meeting held in January at the Keshen Goodman Library some residents expressed an interest in establishing a Planning Advisory Committee. This could be considered if the majority of residents were interested. If you are interested in establishing a Planning Advisory Committee, please send an email expressing your interest to lucille.walsh@halifax.ca.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PLAY STRUCTURES

Both sites of Fairview Heights Elementary will see new play structures. Pending results of their Provincial funding application, the sports court will be updated with basketball standards and they will have some goal posts installed in the small field in front of the main building.

HEART SHAPED POND STUDY, HEMLOCK RAVINE PARK

The Heart-Shaped Pond is located within Hemlock Ravine Park. The unique site has historical significance, as it was first constructed by Prince Edward, Duke of Kent. Over time the pond has acquired ecological value, notably as habitat for the yellow-spotted salamander, green frogs and a variety of aquatic plants and insects.

HRM has engaged the consulting firm WSP Canada to prepare and submit a comprehensive report detailing the current status and proposed management recommendations for the Heart-Shaped Pond.

The consultant's report will complete the following objectives:

- Aquatic ecological inventory and assessment;
- Pond hydrological assessment;
- Water quality assessment;
- Pond wall and coping structural assessment;
- Detailed maintenance and management recommendations;
- Evaluation of pond heritage values, and aesthetic considerations;
- Timeline for proposed works;
- Cost estimation for proposed works.



Please note – Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other districts. Please accept my apology for any confusion.



DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements underway or planned in our area for 2014 include:

- Sidewalk Renewal on Bedford Highway from Ramp DV-B to Main
- Dunbrack Street Rockfalls – rockfall upgrades from Kearney Lake to Wentworth
- Sidewalk Renewal on Flamingo Drive from Canary to Meadowlark
- Street Resurfacing on Lacewood Drive from Dunbrack to Cedarbrae
- Curb Renewal on Main Avenue from Titus to Bedford Highway
- Street Paving on Main Avenue from Titus to Berts
- Sidewalk Renewal on Main Avenue from Titus to Berts
- Sidewalk Renewal on Main Avenue from Ford to Bedford Highway
- Street Pavement Patching on Main Avenue from Titus to Bedford Highway
- Curb Renewal on Sunnybrae from Hillcrest to Gesner
- Street Paving on Sunnybrae from Hillcrest to Gesner
- Street Paving on Titus Street from Main to Evans
- Sidewalk Renewal on Titus Street from Evans to Main
- Street Resurfacing on Willett Street from Lacewood to Dunbrack
- Street Paving on Willett Street from Main to Melrose

LACEWOOD TRANSIT TERMINAL

The Lacewood Transit Terminal site has been cleared and leveled.

Pipes for underground services are currently being installed on site. The tender for the design and construction of the terminal was issued on May 13, 2014, and closed on June 12, 2014. It is expected that construction will take approximately eight to ten months.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

(submitted by Bob McDonald)

Halifax North West Trails Association has an active presence in the Mainland North Area. As one of the 20 volunteer trail groups in HRM, we keep busy planning, building and maintaining trails, as well as hosting guided trail walks. Many of the trails have been built by developers as a portion of their parkland contribution over the years. All the trails are on HRM land so they belong to all of us. Local input at public hearings hosted by HRM Planning has helped to increase the number of new trails in recent years in the many neighbourhoods nearby. Perhaps the most popular is the Mainland North Linear Parkway or “The Power Line Trail” to most of us! Now nearly 5 kms long, it extends from the edge of Mount Royale Subdivision at the top of Fairview all the way to Kearney Lake Road. We know that over 10,000 residents are using this trail each month during the fair weather months. Count yourself in! The long term goal is to link this trail to the Chain of Lakes Trail across Highway 102 for a key Active Transportation route someday.

The Linear Trail also allows connections in to the Mainland Common and by way of the wooded looped trail through Mary Clayton Memorial Park on the way to the Library or Halifax West High School. Check out the large map of the Common at the top of Westridge Drive and at the Canada Games Centre to help find your way or pick up a trails brochure from the Library shelves.

To join the Association, to volunteer for the Executive Board, cleanups or participate in hikes or to find trails maps, check out our website at www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca.

The Trails Association is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary this year. Come and find out more about current and future local trails. Our guest speaker, Graham Steele, will be presenting an illustrated talk about an international hike that he recently completed. Mark the date, June 16 at 6:30 pm at Keshen Goodman Library. Details will appear on the website. For additional information, contact Bob at 443-5051 or bobathome83@gmail.com.