

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Community Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting hosted by Diana Whalen, MLA, will be held on Monday, February 11th from 6:00 to 8:45 pm at the Keshen-Goodman Library. I will be attending along with Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin and the three of us will be there to hear your concerns and answer questions.

Camp teaches police, fire and paramedic skills to your women

Camp Courage, a free police, fire, and paramedic day camp for young women, is now accepting applications for its 2013 program to be held July 7-14. Camp Courage is a camp that informs and educates young women between the ages of 15 and 19 about non-traditional professions and inspires them to reach their potential. To be accepted, applicants are requested to write a 500-word essay on one of two topics:

1. How can you improve the life of someone less fortunate? or
2. How can you improve your community?

The camp is free and 24 young women will be selected. Submissions must be completed by March 1, 2013. For more information, please visit www.campcourage.ca

Regional Council meetings now live streamed on Halifax.ca

HRM citizens can now watch Regional Council sessions live on the city's website halifax.ca. HRM enabled live streaming from its website as part of recent renovations and technology upgrades to the council chambers at City Hall. Previously Regional Council meetings were streamed live on an external party website. To watch or listen to Regional Council meetings live visit <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html>. Recordings of previous Regional Council meetings will now be archived at this location along with council agendas and minutes.

HRM has also introduced free Wi-Fi for guests and media in the council chambers and Halifax Hall (network name City Hall Guest, no password required).

Winter Bike to Work Day in Halifax

February 15th is Winter Bike to Work Day. To learn about events associated with Winter Bike to Work Day, please visit <http://winterbiketoworkday.org/halifax>

Police Launch Pedestrian Safety Blitz

For the next month, members of the HRP/RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit will be educating citizens on the importance of limiting distractions when driving and walking on HRM roadways. This education will take place in-person out on the roads, as well as through an HRP Traffic Cop social media presence.

Historically, traffic-related issues have been among the top complaints raised by citizens. In 2012, HRM saw an increase in pedestrian/vehicle collisions, and the highest rate of pedestrian fatalities in five years. The goal of the pedestrian safety blitz is to change behaviour through education and enforcement. The Traffic Unit has identified the top intersections where pedestrians have been struck. Designated Traffic Unit members will spend a month stopping drivers and pedestrians who have put their personal safety or the safety of others at risk at these locations. The officers will focus on education – providing tips and suggestions as to how the driver/pedestrian could have acted in a safer manner, as well as information on how much they could have been fined for their infraction. Those who have made serious infractions will be ticketed and/or charged under the Motor Vehicle Act of Nova Scotia. After the initial month of focusing on education, officers will move toward heavy enforcement.

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and the Nova Scotia RCMP will also use social media to inform and educate both drivers and pedestrians on pedestrian safety, as well as other traffic-related issues. Constable Ray Quesnel, a member of the Traffic Unit, will author the HRP Traffic Cop Facebook page and @HRPTrafficCop Twitter account. HRP social media sites will also be spaces for citizens to post questions about traffic laws, discuss traffic-related issues and talk about ways we can all work together to keep our roadways safe. For more information please contact Constable Pierre Bourdages, Public Information Officer, Halifax Regional Police at

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Regional Plan and Centre Plan Update

The next meeting of the Community Design Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, February 18th at 9:00 am at City Hall and will focus on changes to the Regional Plan and the proposed staff recommendations. Documentation on the recommendations will be posted on the website prior to the meeting. A revised draft will be presented at the March 6th Community Design Advisory Committee meeting and then there will be public consultations. For further information on the work of the committee, agenda information and dates of upcoming meetings please visit

<http://halifax.ca/boardscom/CommunityDeisgnAdvisoryCommittee.html>

Halifax and West Community Council

District 10 Halifax-Bedford Basin West joins with 5 other districts to form the West Community Council. Meetings will normally be held every two weeks at the Canada Games Centre. When a public hearing is scheduled the location of the community council will be held close to the community affected by the proposed development. For updates on meeting dates, locations and agendas visit <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.html>

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