

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Public Information Meeting for Bedford Highway Development

A public meeting will be held for a new development at 205 Bedford Highway to amend the Land Use By-Law for Halifax Mainland to enable the development of a 50 foot mixed use building at this location.

The meeting will be held at Rockingham United Church on Flamingo Drive on Wednesday, February 4th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you would like more information about this development application, visit our [Planning Website](#).



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day & New Year's Day)

Winter Parking Ban is now in effect

The overnight winter parking ban is now in effect until March 31st. The ban is only enforced during declared snow and ice events, from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Residents have a responsibility to secure off-street parking during the winter months and seek information about when the parking ban is enforced. The easiest way to stay informed is to sign up for notifications by filling out an online [registration form](#), calling 311 or through [email](#).

If you signed up last season, you will automatically be included. Residents who subscribe will receive timely messages by phone, email, and/or text message about the status of the ban.

Please check out our [Winter Operations](#) page for more details on snow and ice clearing, priority streets and the winter parking ban.

Off-Leash Park at Mainland Common

The first phase of Halifax's new off-leash dog park officially opened on December 31st at the Halifax Mainland Common. Crews have constructed a new entry gate, pathway, seating and tables inside the existing fenced portion of the off-leash park.

This new park replaces the off-leash area at Africville Park. Effective January 1, 2015, the Africville Park is no longer an off-leash area. Dogs are still permitted, as long as they are on a leash and accompanied by their owner.

The second phase of the park will focus on the wooded area and will include adding shelter space, a water source, trails and changes to the fencing. All Phase 2 work is scheduled to proceed as weather permits over the winter and in the spring of 2015.

Once finished, the park will offer approximately three acres of fenced-in green and wooded space for people and their dogs to enjoy off leash. The park is adjacent to the popular Mainland North Linear Trail, which will continue to be an on-leash area.

For more information on municipal off-leash areas and the Off-Leash Parks Strategy, please visit our [website](#).

Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada

Halifax is hosting the Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada with events from February 11th – February 14th 2015. Join Don Cherry and Ron McLean for a celebrity lunch, watch a VIP Shiny game and skate with the Stanley Cup. Check out a full schedule of events on their [website](#).

Lacewood Transit Terminal Update



The new Lacewood Transit Terminal located next to the Canada Games Centre is now set to open in August 2015. As of this month, the design for the terminal is complete, the exterior building walls have been erected and much of the site work has taken place.

The new terminal will offer 14 bus bays, bus shelters, a bike shelter and a 2000 square foot LEED Silver passenger waiting building. Passengers will have access to public washrooms, a potential vendor kiosk and modern transit schedule information.

Pay your Municipal Tax Bill online with Epost

HRM has teamed up with Canada Post to offer epost – the safe, secure and free way to manage your property tax bill online.

1. Visit epost.ca and sign up for your free digital mailbox
2. Have your bill and account information ready
3. Register your bills by clicking on "Add a NEW bill or Statement."

Check out epost.ca to learn how you could win \$1,000 by paying your bill online.

Skating in Halifax

Be Safe when skating outdoors – make sure you check out our [Ice Thickness Safety Guidelines](#) website to find out which bodies of water are solid enough to skate on. Ice should be at least 20 cm thick for groups to skate. You can also lace up your skates at the [Centennial Arena](#), or bundle up and visit the [Emera Oval](#).

Budget Discussions

Regional Council is currently undergoing budget discussions for the 2015-2016 year.

You can have your say by attending Committee of the Whole meetings happening every Wednesday from February 11th – March 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or by adding your comments on the Shape Your City [budget website](#).

Check our [website](#) for more information on budget meetings coming up in the next month.

Help Name the New Halifax Harbour Ferry

The newest Harbour Ferry is expected to go into service this summer and six possible names have been selected. The ferry will be named after a role model from Nova Scotia in February.

Choose Craig Blake, Vincent Coleman, Walter Fitzgerald, Ruth Goldbloom, Raymond Taavel or Maxine Tynes by [voting online](#) before January 30th.

211 Offering More Information for Seniors

The provincial information line 211 is now offering more information about programs for seniors and resources for senior abuse after merging with the Department of Seniors information and referral lines.

The 211 program already has information about thousands of services, is available 24-hours a day and has interpretation services for more than 100 languages. In 2013, 1/3 of the inquiries were already about seniors services.

Visit their [website](#) or call 211 today for more information.

Fairview Community Association – Calling for Volunteers



The Fairview Community Association's Events Committee is looking for volunteers to help with several planned events throughout the 2015 year.

If you would like to become more involved in your community, make new friends and become part of a team, please contact Kendall O'Connor at 902-237-2491 or by [email](#).

Fairview Community Association Community Hub and AGM

The Fairview Community Association (FCA) hosted a well-attended Annual General Meeting on November 13th, 2014 to review the past year and discuss some upcoming initiatives.

The Association elected a new board of directors from the neighbourhood and released the final report for the Feasibility Study on a Community Hub for Fairview. The discussion focused on the need for public amenities and a community hub in the neighbourhood. The Association will be working towards promoting the community hub and these goals over the short and long term in partnership with the community.

The FCA will release further information and updates pertaining to the Hub as they arise. If you would like to be notified or be involved, please email Co-chair Abad Khan at abad@abadkhan.ca.

Please join the FCA in welcoming the following board members:

Board Co-Chairs

Abad Khan & Cathy Lane

Secretary/Treasurer

Keith Lehwald

Board Members

Natalie Brown

Ruth Byrne

Rupesh Dhungana

Bruce Holland

Kendall O'Connor

Family Resource Centre

The Fairview Family Resource Centre has some great opportunities to socialize and learn from other families in our area every week.

Join them every Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for a free Family Play Group. There is snack time, reading circle, rhymes, games, crafts and more.

Every Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. join the free New Parent's / Baby Play Group, up to the age of 12 months. Snacks and coffee are included. Socialize and let your little ones explore. Public health nurse available every other Tuesday.

Located at the Fairview Family Centre, 3524 Dutch Village Road (lower level). Parking is free. Call 902-443-9569 or visit their [website](#) for more details.

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