

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



On Tuesday, January 28th Bell will be championing its 2014 Annual Let's Talk Day.

While 20% of Canadians will experience a mental illness in their lifetimes, 2 in 3 suffer in silence for fear of being judged or rejected because of the continuing stigma. Bell Let's Talk is working to end the stigma while providing significant funding to leading mental health institutions and grassroots organizations in every province and territory, championing new workplace initiatives across corporate Canada, and supporting new research at Canadian universities and other institutions.

Bell will donate 5¢ more to mental health initiatives for every:

- Text message sent
- Long-distance call made
- Tweet using #BellLetsTalk
- Facebook share of our Bell Let's Talk image

For more details, please visit www.bell.ca/letstalk

School Boundary Review



On November 27, 2013, the Halifax Regional School Board approved a motion to complete a boundary review for Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School and Park West School.

A Boundary Review Committee will be formed to review the existing boundaries and propose revised boundaries for both schools. This boundary review may impact the following schools:

Charles P. Allen Family		
Bedford South Elementary	Charles P. Allen High	Rocky Lake Junior High
Halifax West Family		
Burton Ettinger Elementary	Clayton Park Junior High	Duc d'Anville Elementary
Fairview Heights Elementary	Fairview Junior High	Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary
Halifax West High	Park West School	Rockingham Elementary

Prior to the Boundary Review Committee beginning its work, the HRSB will consult with the public to gather ideas and share information on the process. This meeting will take place:

January 27, 2014
Halifax West High School Cafeteria
 7-9 p.m.
Cancellation date: January 29, 2014 (Same time and location)

The Boundary Review Committee will include a member from each school's School Advisory Council, who is not an employee of the board. The Boundary Review Committee will announce a public meeting at a future time and place to present an interim report and to receive input on the boundary proposal.

The boundary review process will be completed during the winter of 2014.

Questions regarding the boundary review should be directed to the Halifax Regional School Board at 464-2000 ext. 2277.



Nova Scotia's Heating Assistance Rebate Program 2013/14

If you need assistance with the cost of heating your home or apartment Access NS has a Heating Assistance Rebate (HARP) Program. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2014. You must be able to show that you paid the bill and then you are applying for a rebate from this program.

It is really worth checking to see if you are eligible. The Program distributes rebates to low-to-modest income Nova Scotians to help with the cost of heating.

This program offers a one-time rebate cheque of up to \$200. Single people with a net income of \$27,000 or less, or households of two or more with a net income of \$42,000 or less can qualify for this rebate. Seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement or applicants who receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services also qualify. You can access the information at www.accessns.ca.

HRM Community Grant Program

HRM is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Community Grants Program. The deadline for applying is March 31st, 2014. Application forms and program guidebooks are available on-line at www.halifax.ca/grants, by calling 311 or from one of HRM's Citizen Contact Centres.

The HRM Community Grants Program is a centralized program that provides annual grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout HRM. There are two types of grants: (1) a project grant of up to \$5,000 and (2) a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Grants are one-time

and project-specific within the following funding sectors: Environment; Recreation & Leisure; Affordable & Supportive Housing; Emergency Assistance; Neighborhood Safety; Community History; Community Diversity; and Arts & Crafts. For information see:

www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram.html.

Budget Meetings Open to Public



Over the next few months, Council will be meeting with the Directors of each HRM Business Unit to discuss the 2014-2015 budget. This will be done in Committee of the Whole, which

includes a public participation segment. All residents are welcome to attend and to comment on departmental budgets. When these meetings are complete, HRM staff will prepare a draft budget based on the comments received from Council and the public. For more information on the budgeting process and the remaining dates of the budget meetings, please visit www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca.

Chebucto Community Health and Wellness

Free programs in the Clayton Park Area this winter!

Programs include the following....

Parenting

How Healthy is your plate?

Making the most of your food dollars - 3 week program

Stretching and Strengthening - 4 week program
Core Strength & Stability
Building Better Sleep

To view a detailed schedule of times and locations, and to access registration visit:

www.cdha.nshealth.ca/community-health-teams/current-schedule

Input Sought for Branding Exercise



Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) has taken the next step in its branding project by launching DefineHalifaxRegion.com, a website aimed at giving the public an easy way to

provide feedback and a resource to learn more about the initiative and why it matters to residents.

This branding project will give residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on our regional identity. Public feedback will help define our brand. This single rallying cry will connect our pride and show the world what a great place our region is to live, work, invest in and visit. Public engagement has begun and will continue into February 2014. In addition to capturing feedback from people on the street and at community hubs such as farmers markets, the project will be collecting input online via the website DefineHalifaxRegion.com, and several social media channels, including:

Twitter: @DefineHalifax and hashtag #DefineHFX
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DefineHFX>
Instagram: <http://instagram.com/definehfx>

Google+:

<https://plus.google.com/108287807006076287578/posts>

Residents can also opt to share their thoughts on what living here means to them by emailing comment@DefineHalifaxRegion.com or calling 490-TALK (8255) or toll-free at 1-855-380-TALK (8255) to leave a message. The feedback shared by residents and businesses – along with research results from focus groups and telephone surveys – will be compiled, analysed and developed into a brand recommendation. This recommendation will be brought to Regional Council in spring 2014. Pending Council approval, a phased implementation will begin, guided by detailed brand standards, templates and policies to protect the brand's integrity and value.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to share their voice in this opportunity. For more information please visit

www.DefineHalifaxRegion.com.

Maskwa Auction & Fundraiser



Let's help our local paddlers reach their dreams of an Olympic medal! Maskwa Aquatic Club will host a fundraising auction on **Saturday,**

February 8th at the Clayton Park Lower Deck at 278 Lacewood Drive to help raise money for winter training camps. The auction starts at **1pm with viewing at noon.**

BIDDING PADDLES COST JUST \$5 EACH, AND ALSO QUALIFY YOU FOR A FABULOUS DOOR PRIZE!

Upcoming Events at the Oval



Note change in date!

**Canadian Tire Jumpstart Hockey Day in Halifax
Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 pm**



Wear your favourite hockey jersey and head on down to the Emera Oval. Demos from 1-2 pm and jersey skate from 2-3 pm. Prizes and give aways! * Please note: there is no charge for this event.



**BOUNCE Road Show on Ice
Friday February 7th at 6:30pm** - Get off the couch and party with The BOUNCE on the ICE! There will be lots of fun, prizes and of course they'll be spinning Halifax's Hit

Music at the Emera Oval for the BOUNCE Road Show on Ice! * Please note: there is no charge for this event.

For more information on upcoming events visit <http://www.halifax.ca/skatehrm/>



Open 7 days a week from
7:00 am to 11:00 pm
except Christmas Day and
New Year's Day

Civic Event Grants

The 2014/15 grant application is now open and closes Friday, January 31st at 12:00 noon.

Please note that there will only be one intake for the 2014/15 fiscal year due to implementation of a new granting structure. The Friday, January 31st deadline is the only deadline for 2014/15. HRM supports events that build communities, foster good community relations, develop local economy and tourism industry, and enrich the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

Preference will be given to events which:

- are free to the public.
- are run by non-profit organizations.
- have a broad appeal.

There are three funding programs for which you can apply:

- Festival and Events Grant Program
- Summer Festivals Grant Program
- Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve

For more information about the Civic Event Grants, please visit

<http://www.halifax.ca/events/grants.html>

HRM Seeks Ideas to Make Downtown Even Better



Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council invite residents to learn more and share their ideas on the best ways to create and sustain more

vibrant and enjoyable downtown areas in Halifax and Dartmouth.

On February 8th, Halifax Regional Municipality will host Downtown...I'm In public engagement events in Halifax and Dartmouth to stimulate and capture ideas to shape the downtown into places where people want to spend even more time. The events will build on the good work already being done by the Strategic Urban Partnership, Business Improvement Commissions, The Greater Halifax Partnership and others.

Vibrant cities around the world create conditions that attract and keep people in their downtown areas, so from now through to our events on February 8th, we are gathering ideas to help make Halifax and Dartmouth downtown areas even better.

Each event will feature one of two speakers:

Charles Montgomery, downtown champion and award-winning author of *The Happy City*, whose insights and past experiments with public programs highlight ways residents can change their relationships with each other, and with their city, to improve lives and generate success.

Mark Brand, one of Vancouver's most recognized entrepreneurs, opened a string of successful

restaurants and other ventures, culminating with his largest project to date, the re-opening and reinvention of the circa 1957 Save on Meats. He also runs a not-for profit foundation that focuses on food security in Vancouver's Eastside.

Following each speaker, residents will have an opportunity to take part in facilitated discussions focused on identifying ways to make the downtown a better place to live, work and play. Members of the public are also encouraged to visit special information and idea-sharing booths at each venue that will be co-hosted by a unique blend of experts from the community, business, associations, non-governmental organizations, and HRM staff, to listen and share ideas with the public and each other.

Where: Halifax: Mezzanine level Pete's Frootique, City Centre Atlantic, 1515 Dresden Row. (Charles Montgomery speaker)
Dartmouth: Alderney Landing Farmers' Market. (Mark Brand speaker)

When: Both events start at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 8th, and will run until approximately 3 p.m.

To assist people in getting to and from the events, Metro Transit is providing free harbour ferry service between 9:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Those who cannot attend in person can visit www.DowntownImIn.ca for information, to submit ideas.

Comments can also be e-mailed to: downtownimin@halifax.ca or mailed to Downtown...I'm In, PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5. HRM residents can also share their ideas on Twitter using the hashtag #DowntownImIn.



If you are a youth or a youth at heart...

- attending high school, community college, university or a private post-secondary institution
- will be returning to study in the fall
- are interested in working with youth
- are interested in working at landscaping
- want to enhance your resume and interview skills

Then this session is for you!

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2014
 Location: Captain William Spry Community Centre
 Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
 Location: Sackville Library
 Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2014
 Location: George Dixon Centre
 Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Refreshments provided!
 No cost to attend!
 Deadline for registration is two days before the event.
 Contact: K-Lee Fraser at fraserkl@halifax.ca or 490-2391



SERVICE STANDARDS

Priority 1 Streets: 3 hour turnaround times and clear 12 hours following end of snowfall.

Priority 2 Streets: Center line cuts for access after 10cm accumulation and cleared within 24 hours following the end of snowfall.

Priority 1 Streets: Main Arterial Sidewalks, cleared within 12 hours following end of snowfall.

Sidewalk Clearing: Local Sidewalks, cleared within 36 hours from end of snowfall.

Bus Stop Clearing: Transit Sidewalks, cleared within 18 hours following end of snowfall.

Wondering what Priority your street is? Click here: <http://www.halifax.ca/Snow/StreetPriorityFinder.php>

Winter Parking Ban Notifications

[Register for Notifications](#)

If you have questions on the HRM winter parking ban or an issue submitting your information,

please call 311 or email contacthrm@halifax.ca

Do not rely solely on HRM CityWatch notifications.

Check our [website](#), Twitter feed at "[@hfxgov](#)" or call [311](#).

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