

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN ADAMS
DISTRICT 11
Spryfield - Sambro - Prospect Road

DEAR RESIDENTS



I am pleased to provide a brief summary of some of the activities and projects in which we have participated over the past year. Many have been completed and some remain a 'work in progress'.

This past winter presented many challenges; in fact, it was the most difficult winter I have seen in over 23 years on Council. I understand that at times we were not able to meet expected snow and ice control assistance. However, we have met with our staff, and will be developing a plan for future works. I do appreciate your patience over the winter months.

I have done my very best to bring forward your concerns and ideas and to address your needs as they arise. I will continue to do so, as it is both an honour and a privilege to represent you.

Yours truly,

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

I currently serve on the following Community Council, Boards and Committees:

- Halifax and West Community Council, Chair
- Appeals Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Monitoring Committee (Otter Lake)
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- District 11 Community Champions Committee
- Spryfield and District Business Commission
- Spryfield Lions Rink and Recreation Society
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee



Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.

WEEKLY GREEN BIN COLLECTION

Last year was the first summer that weekly green-bin collection was introduced across the entire municipality. This additional service is available to all households commencing on Wednesday, July 2nd and continuing through the summer months until Friday, August, 29th. During this time you may place your green-bin at the curb every week, even if it's not full. Collection can commence as early as 7:00 a.m. so be sure to have your bin at the curb by that time.

Green-bin collection will return to the regular two-week collection schedule on August 30th.

311

As outlined on the www.halifax.ca website, 311 is more than a telephone number; it is your direct connection for information on municipal programs and services. It acts as our tracking system to ensure requests are assigned to appropriate staff for action/response. The Citizen Contact Centre staff are able to respond to questions you may have in regard to municipal services and programs. The 311 line is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas and New Year's Day).

CONGRATULATIONS 2015 CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Five Grade 9 students from District 11 were presented with a 2015 Citizenship Award at a special ceremony held at City Hall in early May. These outstanding students were chosen by their teachers/principals for their academic standing as well as school and community involvement.

Discovering all that these five amazing Grade 9 youth have accomplished was impressive. The recipients' actions and commitment to community show that the next generation will be civic-minded, involved citizens. They are off to a great start in becoming our future leaders. In addition to their school-work, they have given of their time in areas such as: tutoring other youth in sport, music and dance; volunteering with food banks, seniors outreach and other community groups; some are members of their local Sea Cadet Corps; volunteering at school assisting with fundraising and various other activities.

I was honoured to present, along with Mayor Savage, the 2015 Citizenship Award to Dominik Drozdowski, Helena Smajlovic, Julia Slaunwhite, Olivia Turner and Sylvanna Feniananos. Thank you for being the extraordinary students/ people that you have shown yourselves to be.



Dominik Drozdowski

Helena Smajlovic

Julia Slaunwhite

Olivia Turner

Sylvanna Feniananos

PROSPECT ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Prospect Road Business Association (PRBA) has experienced tremendous growth since its inception with membership continuing to grow. The objective of the Association is to be a collective voice to promote and support local business. Most members reside in the community and actively refer and promote membership in the PRBA to neighbours and friends. A Facebook page has been activated and is used by business owners and the community. There is also an established website (www.prba.ca) with a Business Directory. The Business Directory is a work in progress with hopes that it will become the "Go To" spot for the Community to find LOCAL solutions to their needs.

The PRBA's community involvement has become more active as membership grows. With funding support provided through the District 11 Capital Funds, joint efforts include: the Prospect Road Beautification projects (Christmas wreaths / hanging flower baskets) and a new initiative to provide crosswalk flags at two local crosswalk locations. The PRBA has also participated in the Prospect Road Community Centre's anniversary and the Brookside Community Homeowners Association (BCHA's) indoor yard sale.

Included in the Membership Fee (tax deductible) is a profile on the Business Directory, a monthly meeting opportunity to network with other business owners and; new this fall free training/support on Business and Business Owner issues. The PRBA meets monthly at the Prospect Road Community Centre.

PROSPECT ROAD – MANAGING ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

In my previous Newsletter I provided a detailed background on the issue surrounding the plethora of unauthorized advertising signage along provincial secondary-highway, Route 333, (Prospect Road). At that time, municipal staff was working on a draft By-Law which has now been signed-off by the Province with a few minor conditions. Once final approval is received, HRM staff will use provisions of the by-law to address signage in the prohibited zones.

DISTRICT FUNDS

The District Capital Fund (\$94,000 annually) is a centralized program, which provides partial or full funding of HRM capital projects to non-profit community groups at the discretion of a District Councillor. This fund has two primary goals: completing small-scale HRM projects not included in HRM departmental or capital budget processes, and providing a simple and responsive method of providing modest donations and grants in support of local neighborhood volunteer initiatives. As always, I try to ensure that as many community groups and organizations as possible receive some level of funding. If you have an idea, project or initiative that you would like considered, you will find the application form at: halifax.ca/councillors/councillor

Following is an accounting of how the District 11 Capital funds were disbursed for 2014 - 2015:

- Village Green Recreation Society | Community Hall Repairs | \$4,543.68
- Ketch Harbour Area Residents Assoc. | Community Breakwater Reconstruction \$4,000
- Royal Canadian Legion (White's Lake) Branch 153 | Sign Replacement | \$1,000
- Spryfield and District Business Commission | Landscape Equipment | \$1,387.50
- Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron | Accessibility upgrades | \$5,000
- Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron | Perpetual trophy | \$1,000
- Harrietsfield Elementary School | Playground Upgrades | \$10,000
- Spryfield Arena | Community Signage | \$3,600
- Sambro Area Community Association | repairs/upgrades to ball field | \$6,000
- Spryfield and District Business Commission | Flower baskets | \$6,452.15
- Harbour Authority of Sambro | buoys and signage | \$2,620
- Spryfield and District Business Commission | Community beautification project \$3,203.90
- Prospect Road Elementary School PTA | Picnic tables | \$400
- Terence Bay | Community beautification project at former Fish Plant site \$9,994.77
- Spryfield and District Business Commission | planter box | \$506
- Dartmouth Adult Service Centre | Social initiative enterprise at HSIA | \$2,000
- Spryfield Lions Rink and Recreation Society | Security monitor | \$500
- Spryfield and District Business Commission | Signage and banners | \$4,602.88
- Prospect Road Beautification Project | Seasonal wreaths | \$11,547.92
- Spryfield Lions Club | Signage and security vests | \$504.88
- Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield | Community kitchen supplies | \$5,500
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Hand in Hand | Planter box sign | \$4,197.22
- Prospect Road Community Centre ROC | Bookcases | \$1,297.20
- Fun in the Fog Festival | BBQ, tables and chairs | \$1,000
- Harbour Authority of Sambro | Wharf lighting | \$4,000
- Prospect Road Business Assoc. | Community beautification projects | \$22,349.66

The District Activity Fund (\$4,315.50 annually) is managed by HRM Finance and administered by staff at the Councillors' Support Office. The fund, at the discretion of a Councillor, provides modest cash grants, most of which would either be ineligible for the HRM Community Grants Program or too small to be well served by the program's decision-making process and time frame. Policies and procedures for this program guide councillors and staff on appropriate types of eligible expenses. These funds are for small-scale community events/activities or funding for local organizations such as sport teams. Requests for funding must be submitted in writing to the Councillor explaining the project and how the funds will be used.

Following is an accounting of how the District Activity Funds were disbursed for 2014-2015:

- Central Spryfield Elementary School | Student Advisory Council | \$200
- St. James Dinner Theatre | \$200
- Bluestar Brand Slams Softball | \$500
- Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre | \$200
- Prospect Road Elementary School Parent Teacher Association | \$150
- Prospect Peninsula Residents' Association | \$250
- New Life Community Church Family Fun Day Team | \$200
- Family Services of Support Association | \$87.50
- Kyle Henneberry Memorial Ball Hockey Tournament | \$200
- Resource Opportunities Centre | \$200
- Halifax Dunbrack's Soccer U18 Tier 1 Girls Team | \$200
- TASA Girls Atom A Hockey Team | \$100
- Hammonds Plains Mosquito "A"/U13 Girls Baseball | Cuba Goodwill Tour | \$100
- Team Nova Scotia | Cuba Goodwill Tour | \$100
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 153 | \$500
- Prospect Road Craft Market | \$155.25
- J. L. Ilsley High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team | \$250
- Prospect Road Seniors Group | \$300
- Prospect Road Seniors - Monday Group | \$300




COUNCILLOR ADAMS ASSISTING WITH SNOW/ICE CLEARING EFFORTS.


RESIDENT'S SPECIAL EVENT GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGE

In response to the issue of residents who wish to hold events but cannot find affordable liability insurance coverage, HRM has worked with Aon Reed Stenhouse to create a Resident's Special Event Group Insurance Coverage Policy available through Aon. This policy will provide affordable liability insurance coverage for a variety of events and will be available to residents shortly. Details are being finalized, watch for additional information to be posted on the Councillor's web site in the near future!

CHANGES TO CURBSIDE COLLECTION

RESIDENTIAL SINGLE UNIT






**UP TO
6 CLEAR BAGS**

THESE BAGS MAY BE PLACED IN CANS

OR




**UP TO
5 CLEAR BAGS**

THESE BAGS MAY BE PLACED IN CANS

+

1 DARK BAG

CAN BE A STANDARD SIZE SOLID COLOUR BAG



GARBAGE

- A maximum of 6 regulation plastic bags (clear bags) including 1 privacy bag in the 6 bag limit per residential single unit collection
- A privacy bag can be a standard solid colour bag (black/green/opaque)
- All bags may be placed in a standard size garbage can for storage/privacy.
- A maximum of 4 regulation plastic bags (clear bags) including 1 privacy bag in the 4 bag limit per unit (up to 6 unit multi-residential property eligible for curbside collection)

RECYCLING

Boxboard is now to be placed with the paper or cardboard; however, you may continue to use boxboard as a kitchen-scrap catcher and deposit in the green-bin when used for this purpose.

LEAF & YARD WASTE

Use Kraft paper bags for excess leaf and yard waste instead of plastic bags. Leaf and yard waste is still permitted to be placed in the green cart. Grass clippings will be banned from curbside collection in favour of grasscycling and/or backyard composting. No grass clippings will be collected curbside.

CLIP & SAVE CONTACT INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL CONTACTS		MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS	
HRM Citizen Contact Centre	311	NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (Beechville)	902.424.5328
Councillor Stephen Adams	902.477.0627 902.490.4050	NS Environment and Labour	1.877.9ENVIRO 1.877.936.8476
Police Non.Emergency	902.490.5020	NS Natural Resources	902.424.5200
Fire Non.Emergency	902.490.5530	Halifax Regional School Board (Administration)	902.464.2000
NOVA SCOTIA 11 NUMBERS		School Board Representative Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison	902.252.0306 430.8313
Information on Community and Social Services: Housing/Shelters, Food/Financial Support, Continuing Care long term, residential, nursing home, Health, Mental Health & Addiction, Disability Support, etc.	211	Halifax Regional Water Commission	902.490.4820
HRM's Citizen Contact Centre: Information on Municipal Services/Programs	311	Halifax Regional Water Commission Emergency	902.490.6940
Nova Scotia Telecare Service: Access to non-emergency health information	811	Nova Scotia Power	1.877.428.6004
Fire and Police Emergency: Call 911 right away if someone's health, safety or property is threatened and help is required.	911	Office of the Provincial Ombudsman	902.424.6780
PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES		FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES	
MLA Brenda Maguire, Halifax Atlantic	902.444.0147	MP Gerald Kiddy, South Shore St. Margaret's	1.888.816.4446
MLA Iain Rankin, Timberlea Prospect	902.404.7036	MP Meagan Leslie, Halifax	902.426.8691
MLA Denise Peterson.Rafuse, Chester St. Margaret's	902.857.3378	MP Geoff Regan, Halifax West	902.426.2217