

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN ADAMS
DISTRICT 11
Spryfield—Sambro—Prospect Road

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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DEAR RESIDENTS,



I am pleased to present the annual District 11 Newsletter, to give you an update on projects and initiatives in our many communities. We have achieved a great deal in the last year with more to come.

It is both an honour and a privilege to be your elected representative on Regional Council. I am impressed by the dedication of our residents, who work tirelessly to make our communities better for all to enjoy. My job is so much easier with the help of citizens who donate their time, asking for nothing in return.

I am proud of our many accomplishments, and look forward to our next challenges.

Yours truly,

3-1-1 HRM CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

3-1-1 is more than a telephone number; it is your direct connection for information on municipal programs and services. It acts as a tracking system to ensure requests are assigned to appropriate staff for action/response. The Citizen Contact Centre staff is trained to be able to respond to questions you may have in regard to municipal services and programs. The 3-1-1 line is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day)



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.

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councillor Adams is a member of the following Boards and Committees:

- Appeals Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Monitoring Committee (Otter Lake)
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Halifax and West Community Council (Chair)
- Spryfield Lions Rink & Recreation Society Association
- Prospect Road Business Association
- Spryfield and District Business Commission (ex officio)
- Long Lake Provincial Park Association

DISTRICT FUNDS

Each district receives an annual budget for District Capital projects (\$94,000 annually) and District Activity projects (\$4,315.50 annually) to provide some financial support to projects of non-profit community groups or local sport teams.

If you have an idea, project or initiative that you would like considered for District Capital funds, you will find the application form at: <http://www.halifax.ca/councillors/councillor-funds.php>. District Activity funds provide modest cash grants to smaller-scale community events/activities or funding for local organizations such as sport teams. Although there is no form to complete, requests for funding must be submitted in writing to the Councillor explaining the project and how the funds will be used.

For a detailed accounting of how the District 11 Capital and Activity Funds were disbursed for 2015-2016 please go to my municipal website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/councillors/councillor-funds.php>.

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PROSPECT ROAD – MANAGING ADVERTISING SIGNAGE



By-Law A-600, Respecting Advertisements on Provincial Highways, was approved by Regional Council on February 3, 2015 and, following provincial Ministerial approval, has been in effect since September 5, 2015.

The By-law was created to manage the cluster of signs at the beginning of Prospect Road. Residents were frustrated that a number of the signs were not being maintained and that some were advertising businesses that were no longer functioning, in some cases, businesses that had not been in operation for over 10 years.

The new system employs a standard sign structure with four blades mounted per structure. The blades are positioned based on distance; the closest entity at the top. This will allow for advertising in a controlled manner.

I have received positive comments on this By-law, with some residents asking if the area could be extended. The original area impacted by the By-law was 2.5 kilometers from St. Margaret's Bay Road intersection. The new area is 2.5 kilometers from the first standard sign structure. When the need for a second sign structure necessitates the installation of a second bank of signs, the new "no sign posting area" will be 2.5 kilometers from that new structure. This will incrementally eliminate excessive signage along the highway right-of-way.

To view the By-Law in full, please go to: <http://www.halifax.ca/legislation/bylaws/hrm/documents/By-lawA-600.pdf>.

BULL POINT LIGHT—SAMBRO



On April 9, 2014, yes, over two years ago, I met with Dan Pike and other members of Canada's Coast Guard regarding the light at Bull Point in Sambro. I was seeking their permission to enter the property and determine what

work would be needed to keep the light functional and to improve its appearance. After a few on-site meetings, it was clear that this iconic structure was beyond repair: we found rotted wood, mould and a crumbling foundation. The exterior could have been painted, however; that would have been a temporary measure.

Early in June 2016, I received a call from Mr. Pike with very exciting news. Monies had been made available, and our light at Bull Point was the first to be replaced. To say I was excited would be an understatement. The new frame will be made of aluminum and will retain the original light cupola at its peak. The goal is to have the light operational by the July 1st holiday with all work completed by mid-July. I have visited the site many times since the announcement of this exciting project and have watched the work progress. I can't wait to see the finished structure during the Blessing of the Fleet in August.



Councillor Adams with local business person Jill Hann at the Herring Cove Road McDonald's in support of Ronald McDonald House McHappy Day.



Councillor Adams with Pat MacLean and Michèle Raymond celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Urban Farm Museum Society.



Councillor Adams and Mayor Savage presenting Volunteer Award to Kiara Sexton.

EAST DOVER CELEBRATES ANNUAL PARK DAY WITH A NEW FLAG



East Dover celebrated its 19th annual Day on the Park event with the introduction of a community flag. A youth sub-committee attended planning meetings in May to share their ideas for this year's event. One artistically-gifted youth, 13 year-old Emilio Chavarria, noted that the Canada flag was flown during Park Day and suggested that East Dover fly its own flag. Emilio offered to design the flag. Using donated fabric, grommets by an area resident, Emilio used fabric markers to bring his design to life. The flag's design depicts the unique granite rock that marks the entrance to "Village Green Park" situated between bright red borders. During Park Day on June 18th, residents of the area added their names to Emilio's flag which was then flown proudly over the park. The East Dover Flag will hang in the adjacent East Dover Community Hall, where it will remain until it returns to the flagpole for next year's Day on the Park event.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are many community events occurring throughout our district that are too numerous to mention in this newsletter. I have listed a few events below in which you may wish to participate:

- **Prospect Road Jammers:** A group of local musicians who gather every Friday night to play music and socialize. A wide variety of musical styles is welcomed. Located at the Prospect Road Community Centre, 2141 Prospect Road Hatchet Lake. For more information, please view: <http://www.prospectcommunities.com/jammers>.
- **Friday Feasts:** A nutritious, home-made meal to be enjoyed with neighbours, friends and family. Gluten-free, vegetarian & take-out options are always available. Prospect Road Community Centre, 2141 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake. For more information, please call 902-852-2711.
- **Harrietsfield Williamswood Jam Sessions:** Community based Jam sessions for local musicians. The Jammers will be taking the summer off but look forward to a music-filled new season starting on September 25th. Located at the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre, 1138 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield. For more information, call 902.220.7720 or email: bigjohnbye@gmail.com. You may also view their Facebook page: HWCC Jam Sessions.
- The **Mobile Food Market** is a pilot project designed to bring quality fruit and vegetables to areas in the municipality. The Spryfield Lions Rink is a host of this mobile market. I am working to expand this mobile market to other areas of District 11. For more information and to obtain schedule information, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/mobilefoodmarket/?fref=photo>
- **Spryfield and District Community Market:** Due to requests from residents and vendors, the market hours have been extended, starting on July 10th, to 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. noon. There is a wide variety of available products including but not limited to meat, poultry, vegetables, fruit, baked goods, ethnic food, arts, crafts, fresh seafood. The market is located at the Spryfield Lions Club Rink and Recreation Centre, 111 Drysdale Road. You may contact the Market at 902-719-8389 or by email at: spryfieldmarket@gmail.com to confirm schedule dates and times.

Whether you attend one of the events mentioned here, or one of the many events our district has to offer, you won't be disappointed.



Councillor Stephen Adams with Marian Munro, Chair of the Spryfield Community Market Society and Councillor Linda Mosher, MLA Lena Diab, and MLA Brendan Maquire.

NEW HOURS!
8:00 AM to 12 NOON

Lions Club Rink and Rec Centre
111 Drysdale Road
(off Herring Cove Rd)

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY!!

July 10th	Sept 4th	Oct 30th
July 24th	Sept 18th	Nov 13th
August 7th	October 2nd	Nov 27th
August 21st	October 16th	Dec 11th

www.spryfieldmarket.ca

Spryfield District Community Market

Should you have an ongoing event that you would like advertised please contact me and I will post it to my Facebook page, web page and in my next newsletter.

OTTER LAKE

For over 3 years, Councillor Reg Rankin and I have fought to ensure the Otter Lake Landfill retained the environmental safe guards, promised when the facility first opened. There had been discussions at Council concerning the elimination of the Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF) and the Front End Processor (FEP), to save on costs: with the support of our local Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), we were able to keep these in place. As well, the footprint will remain the same and the height of the facility will not increase. Bill 176, introduced by MLA Iain Rankin, embedded these aspects into provincial legislation, ensuring that HRM cannot make any changes. This is an excellent piece of legislation, which I fully support. I thank Iain for his leadership.

TERENCE BAY COMMUNITY PARK

The former fish plant site in Terence Bay has had numerous improvements and upgrades over the past few years. We are gradually transforming it into a beautiful park, for the enjoyment of local residents and those from outside our community. Upgrades include repairs and fresh paint to the gazebo, new planter boxes and flowers and rebuilt horseshoe pits. A new swing set, with 4 swings, has also been installed, along with a park bench. I'm working with local residents and the Prospect Road Community Centre (PRCC) to add lighting for evening horseshoe play. We are also exploring the option of adding an additional power source for other community events such as community barbeques or a Christmas tree lighting event. The possibilities are endless.

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HARRIETSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD

Repairs are scheduled for the Harrietsfield Elementary School fields. The sod will be repaired, the field will be levelled and new fencing installed which will protect the field from cars and ATVs. A large gate will be installed to allow access for service vehicles and a small gate will ensure access to all. New nets for the field will be ordered. The memorial gardens in front of the school will be weeded and freshened up. The work should be completed by the end of July.

HARRIETSFIELD WILLIAMSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

In the near future, I will be hosting a ceremony to honour Larry Sinclair and Michael Donovan for their dedicated service to the Harrietsfield-Williamswood Community Centre and our communities as a whole. Plans include the installation of a bench with memorial plaque to be located in a park like setting at the Community Centre. As we move forward, I will keep you updated on Facebook and on the sign at the Centre.

HERRING COVE SEWER AND WATER SERVICING—PHASE 2B (\$12,750,000)

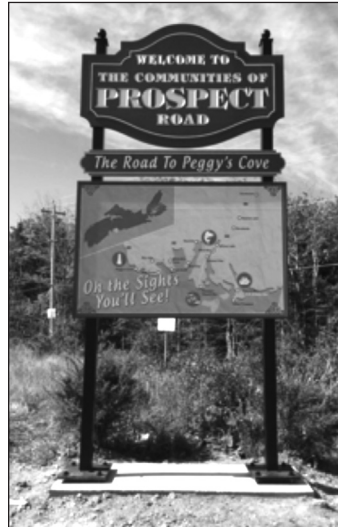
Residents of Herring Cove have been patiently waiting for news on the sewer and water project that has yet to be completed. On June 21st, Regional Council unanimously approved a list of 7 projects to be forwarded to the province for funding. The project in Herring Cove was one of those projects. I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to bring you this news. It has been a long time coming, however; there are a few more steps that we need to go through. Our list will be sent to the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs and the Treasury Board for their approval, and then on to the Federal government for a final decision.

I will personally ensure that our MLA, Brendan Maguire and our MP, Andy Fillmore realize the significance and importance of this project. I have already contacted them about it, and will continue to work on your behalf to keep our project in the forefront.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY CENTRE—NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

By the time you read this Newsletter, the tender will have been issued for new play equipment at the Captain William Spry Centre. The equipment will be installed in the front of the Centre adjacent to the drop-off area. The tender is for two pieces of equipment—one for children aged 18 months to 5 years and another designed for children aged 5 years to 12 years. The installation of the new equipment is expected to be done this fall (2016).

PROSPECT ROAD COMMUNITIES' WELCOME SIGN



Community identity is important to us all, and is a concern I hear on a regular basis. We are proud of our communities, and I want to help keep that pride alive.

The new Welcome to the Communities of Prospect Road sign, strategically located at the entrance to Route 333 Prospect Road, prominently highlights the numerous communities along Route 333.

Situated along a popular tourism route, the sign is a

representation of the numerous historic communities that helped to shape our municipality. "Oh the sites you'll see" is an important message to visitors that there are many wonderful places to visit on the road to Peggy's Cove.

Under the Capital District Fund, I have allocated \$10,959.37 for the Prospect Road Business and Community Information Kiosk project. The plan was to have this kiosk structure built near our sign, so that visitors could get information on local attractions and businesses. I am still working to find an appropriate location for this building.

Come see the sea and everything in between!

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MLA Iain Rankin, Timberlea—Prospect	902-404-7036
MLA Denise Peterson-Rafuse, Chester—St. Margaret's	902-279-3378
MLA Lena Diab, Halifax—Armdale	902-455-1610

Federal Representatives

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MP Andy Fillmore, Halifax	902-426-8691
MP Geoff Regan, Halifax West	902-426-2217