

Community Herald
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Hammonds Plains – St. Margarets

Happy New Year to all residents in HRM! Only three weeks into 2014 and it is beginning as a busy and eventful year. Last year, my first full year on Council, confirmed something I already knew, that we live in a great community with great people. I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout 2014.

Welcome to the Halifax region branding project engagement page!

The Halifax Regional Municipality branding project provides all residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on our regional identity. Your 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. The Brand Street Team will be visiting communities throughout HRM providing an opportunity for residents to present ideas and comments. You can find more information and a list of community meeting dates at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/definehalifaxregion. You may also comment on line, by email at comment@definehalifaxregion.com or phone 490-8255, long distance toll free 1-855-380-8255.

The 2014/15 HRM Budget Process

HRM Council has started receiving presentations from HRM staff on the 2014/15 Budget. HRM staff will be presenting budget information to Council during Committee of the Whole sessions scheduled from January to March. The presentations take place at Council Chambers, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. All residents are invited to attend. Following each presentation, residents are given the opportunity to address Council through public participation.

Metro Transit presented to Council on January 8th and Transportation and Public Works presented on January 15th.

The following are the remaining dates for the budget presentations to Council. Each session begins at 10:00 a.m.

January 22 nd	Community & Recreation Services & Halifax Regional Public Library
January 29 th	Halifax Regional Police and Fire & Emergency Services
February 5 th	Planning & Infrastructure
February 12 th	CAO & Legal Services; Human Resources; Finance & Information, Communication & Technology
February 19 th	Capital Budget
February 26 th	Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts
March 26 th	Full Review of Final Budget

