

**Community Herald
Councillor Matt Whitman
District 13
Hammonds Plains – St. Margarets**

2013 HRM Volunteer Awards

HRM recently held the 2013 Volunteer Awards Ceremony which recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities. Congratulations to Samantha MacGillivray and John Richard from District 13 for being recognized at this year's award ceremony. If you would like more information on volunteering in HRM, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices>.

Congratulations Graduates!

At this time as graduation ceremonies are taking place, I extend congratulations to all of those graduating from university and high school this year. Your accomplishments are well rewarded. I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Festivals and Events

Now that summer is just around the corner, our festival and event season has arrived. Hopefully, you will get the opportunity to take in some of the events during the upcoming weeks.

RBC Multicultural Festival - June 21st – June 23rd, Halifax Waterfront
Bedford Days – June 27th – July 1st – Dewolfe Park, Bedford
Sackville Patriot Days – June 27th – July 1st – Lower Sackville
EPIC Dartmouth Multisport - June 29th – June 30th – 192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth
Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo – June 30th – July 7th – Metro Centre, Halifax
Bedford 5k to Beat Lung Cancer – June 30th – Dewolfe Park, Bedford
Boardwalk Artists at Alderney Landing – July 1st – Alderney Landing, Dartmouth
Canada Day Celebrations – July 1st – Various locations throughout HRM – www.hrmcanadaday.ca

Make Our Streets Shine

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is one of more than 100 communities across North America in the running for a main street makeover under a program called “Main Street Matters” launched by the Benjamin Moore paint company.

The Main Street Matters initiative gives residents in 20 cities in the United States and Canada a chance to vote online (www.paintwhatmatters.ca) to win a re-paint revitalization for one of their city's main streets. Mayor Mike Savage encourages citizens to reach out to their friends and family to vote for Halifax! You can check out Mayor Savage promoting “Main Street Matters” at

<http://www.halifax.ca/makeourstreetshine/index.html>. Individuals can cast a vote online every day at www.paintwhatmatters.ca until June 30th. There is also an opportunity on the website of “Main Street Matters” for voters to comment on why HRM should be chosen. Benjamin Moore will announce the winning cities and more details about the revitalization projects in July.