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HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARETS DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER



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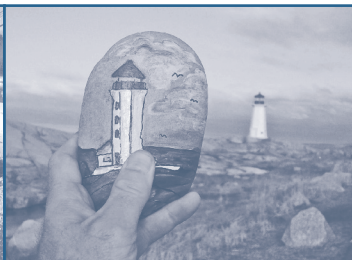
Summer is here! It is a busy time for everyone, as residents participate in community cleanups, prepare for the end of school and plan for summer vacations. HRM has a number of summer festivals and events throughout the Municipality for residents to enjoy. For a list of activities, please check out HRM's website at www.halifax.ca. I hope everyone has an opportunity to explore our region and enjoy our wonderful weather! For updates on news affecting our district, I encourage you to visit my website at www.halifax.ca/District13

I am always pleased to hear from you and encourage you to contact me with your concerns or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to work with you in our community.

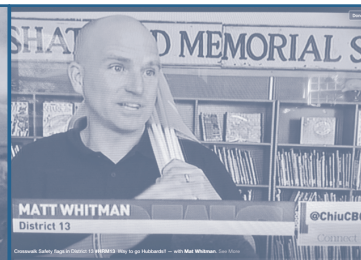
Yours in Service,



HRM staff providing road maintenance on Hammonds Plains Road



Local Artist, Mary Lynne MacKay's, painting of the Peggy's Cove Light House



On June 3rd, I was pleased to support Shatford Elementary School's implementation of the second crosswalk flag program in Nova Scotia



Presenting a plaque to Denis Dineen at Delish Fine Foods

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2014 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HRM recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities

Congratulations to District 13 Award recipients, Ellen Helmke, Ruth Ann Moger, Beth McGee, Tim Hill, Pamela Lovelace, Doug Poulton, Kelly B. Schnare, Harry Ward, Kelvin King and Lauren Adams. Thank you for your contributions to our community.

2014 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On May 13th, the 2014 Citizenship awards were presented at City Hall to students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and in our communities.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all Award recipients, including District 13 Award recipients Olivia Young, Madeline Symonds Middle School and Abbiegal Cull, Five Bridges Junior High School.



ENRICHING HALIFAX SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY – GREATER HALIFAX PARTNERSHIP

#myHFXpledge

On May 22nd the Greater Halifax Partnership launched its marketing campaign #myHFXpledge. #myHFXpledge is a commitment made by people who love Halifax and is the first step on how to think and behave in an Innovation Ecosystem.

In order to achieve a true Innovation Ecosystem here in Halifax, we need to think and act differently. We need to dream big, challenge longstanding rules, take bold measures and calculated risks, and experiment together to accelerate economic growth in our city and province. It all starts with a shift in attitudes.

Halifax has a lot going for it. We have the recipe for success and many of the ingredients to create a successful Innovation Ecosystem right here in our city. Let's celebrate our commitment to taking the first step towards a more prosperous future and encourage others in our community to join the movement. Take the #myHFXpledge online at www.greaterhalifax.com

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PARKLAND PLANNING UPDATES IN DISTRICT 13

Uplands Park

Uplands Park will be redeveloped this year. The plan includes a new play structure, sports court upgrades, pathway development and landscaping.

White Hills Park

The development of White Hills Park is nearing completion. The installation of the new section of play structure is complete.

Liam Mathers Skate Park, Queensland

The Liam Mathers Skate park construction is currently underway. Besides the "street" development, the project will include the construction of a parking lot, installation of interpretive signage and landscaping.

Island View (Willard Christie) Park

A parking lot for the ball field will be constructed this season. A new play structure will be installed in the park this fall.

High Timber Park

The previous play structure has been removed from the site. The plan is to install a new play structure at High Timber Park this summer.

Boutilier's Point recreation area

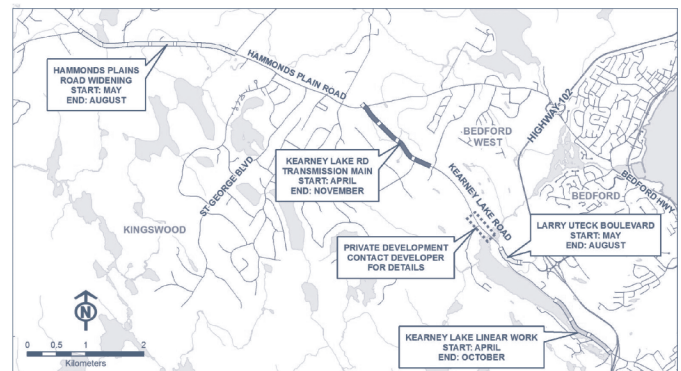
HRM staff is planning infrastructure work at the Boutilier's Point recreation area. There are a number of projects on site this year, including a gravel parking area for 10 cars constructed on the lot beside the ball field where the former playground stood. The HRM owned lot across the road will be cleared and grubbed. The new play structure will be placed where the concrete foundation is currently; the concrete foundation will be removed. It is anticipated that the play structure will be installed in the fall.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ON KEARNEY LAKE ROAD/HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD

Halifax Water and the Halifax Regional Municipality will be carrying out major infrastructure projects along the Kearney Lake Road / Hammonds Plains Road area this year. These projects reflect the Municipality's commitment to:

- ensuring the integrity of our municipal water and waste water services,
- completing of the Larry Uteck Interchange Connection,
- road widening and improving bike lanes on Hammonds Plains Road and Kearney Lake Road,
- providing for the long-term, sustainable growth of the Municipality.

Both Halifax Water and HRM recognize that these projects, while necessary, will affect local and area residents, as well as the general public. Halifax Water and HRM request your co-operation and understanding during the 2014 construction season as they work to complete each of these necessary municipal infrastructure projects. The safety of residents and travelers in and around construction zones is top priority, so please use caution around these and all work zones.





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HAMMONDS PLAINS-ST. MARGARET'S BAY ROAD RUSTY BRIDGE

The St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce, staff from the NS Department of Infrastructure and Transportation Renewal and I have been working towards placing a mural on the rusty bridge overpass over the Hammonds Plains Road. The mural will greatly improve the aesthetics of the bridge. Work on the mural will begin this summer.

HALIBURTON BACK ENTRANCE

HRM staff is proceeding with negotiations to connect the back ends of Haliburton subdivision and Eider Drive, Timberlea to Exit 4 on Highway 103 by extending Sussex Drive. The negotiation will involve both a landowner/developer and the Department of Natural Resources since the roadway would cross crown land. These discussions are currently underway.

SIGNAGE PILOT

The bylaw to enable the initiation of the pilot signage project is currently being drafted by HRM staff. It is anticipated that it will be submitted to Council for their consideration in the fall.

T-400 TRUCK BYLAW

One of the issues that I have been hearing from business owners in our community is the inability for local truck traffic to use the Hammonds Plains Road for local deliveries. These trucks have to travel Highway 103 which makes each trip much longer in time and distance.

At the April 1st Regional Council meeting, Council gave Notice of Motion to adopt By-law Number T-402. This By-law is an amendment to By-law T-400, The Truck Routes By-law, which will allow the operation of trucks on the Hammonds Plains Road, Lucasville Road, Pockwock Road, Kearney Lake Road and Blue Water Road provided that the truck is registered to an address on those roads noted.

HUBBARDS SKATE PARK

The Hubbards Skate Park is well underway.



The lot was cleared and testing was done for the engineering and designing of the park last year. The construction of the park began this year; Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed by

the end of June. Thank you to all the volunteers working to make this skate park a wonderful recreation area for our community to enjoy.

TWEETS & QUOTES

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it. Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.



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