

COUNCILLOR MATT WHITMAN

HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARETS DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2016



Summertime has finally arrived and I'm looking forward to taking advantage of the good weather by exploring our districts' natural beauty and seeing you at our upcoming community events.

Don't miss out on exploring the St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails network this summer. The Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts in July will showcase our local artists and culture. The Close to Home cycling tour is a great way to explore your community and get active, register today and check out their upcoming cycling clinics at the St. Margaret's Centre. Finally, make sure to check out the first annual Hammonds Plains Heritage Day that will celebrate the community of Hammonds Plains with neighbourhood competitions, activities and entertainment on August 13th. For a list of other HRM summer activities, please check out our website at www.halifax.ca/events or by stopping by your local community centre.

The summer season brings plenty of opportunities for backyard barbeques, swimming in our local lakes and exploring all that our unique municipality has to offer. To make the most of your summer, don't forget to check out our Media Room page at www.halifax.ca/media-room/ for updates on local construction projects, water quality and other important notices. Before you stoke that backyard fire, make sure to check out the provincial burning restrictions page here <http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe>. You can direct questions or concerns about municipal operations or services to our 311 contact centre, 7:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. daily.

I am always pleased to hear about the great things happening in our district, and I hope you will continue to contact me with any questions or concerns I may be able to help with. Thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to work with you in our community!



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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Citizenship Awards honour grade nine students who have gone above and beyond in their studies and school communities. It was great to meet Rebecca Davis from Five Bridges Junior High School and honour her with a Citizenship Award for her leadership and volunteer work. Congratulations to all the 2016 Citizenship Award recipients. Thank you for going above and beyond, and inspiring the rest of us to do the same!



VOLUNTEER AWARDS

District 13 is full of great community organizations and philanthropic spirit. I was proud to honour five exceptional volunteers with an HRM Volunteer Award in the spring. Thank you to John M. Bignell, Warrant Officer Kevin Byrne, Zoe Abraham and Chris Richards for everything you do to make our communities great! A special congratulations and thanks also goes out to the late Heather Kelly, who is the recipient of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year award. Heather's outstanding contributions will not be forgotten. Thank you!

*Those who can, do.
Those who can do
more, volunteer.
—Unknown*



HAMMONDS PLAINS MEMORIAL CENOTAPH

Congratulations and sincere thanks to The Greater Hammonds Plains Lucasville Memorial Committee for their great work organizing the construction of a permanent Veterans Monument in the Uplands Park Common. With funding from the HRM Hammonds Plains Area Rate, several Councillors' District Capital Funds, the Province of Nova Scotia, Veterans Affairs Canada, Acadia First Nations and numerous residents and businesses the veterans monument will be a central place for residents in our community to come together and honour those who have fallen, served and who continue to serve. I look forward to seeing you there for the Hammonds Plains 6th Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Friday November 11th.



311

You can reach the HRM Citizen Contact Centre by calling **311**. The Citizen Contact Centre hours are 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week except New Year's Day and Christmas Day.

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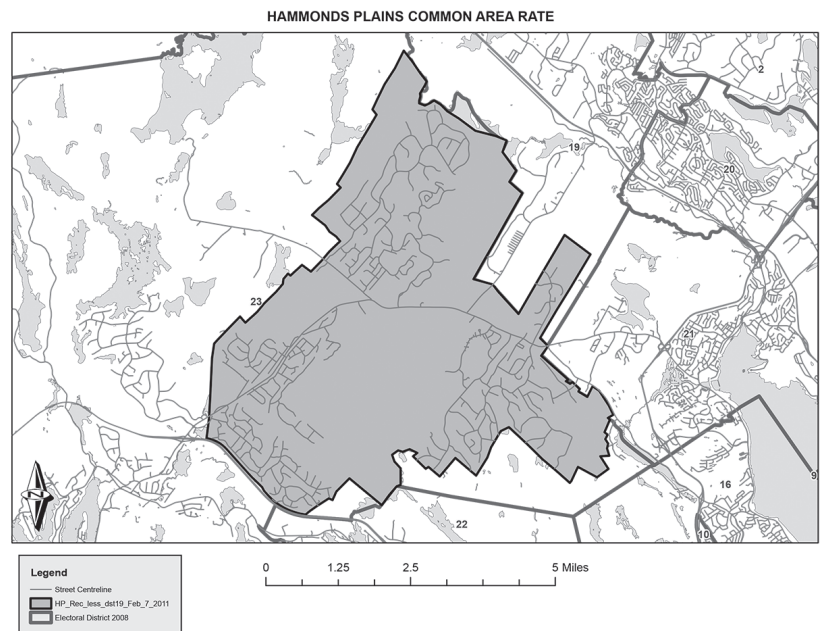
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HAMMONDS PLAINS AREA RATE

The Hammonds Plains Common Area Tax Rate exists to provide funding to organized community groups for common amenities within the community of Hammonds Plains. In the past, funding has been used for improving playgrounds, sports fields, parks and community facilities. In October 2015, Regional Council approved using \$75,000 of this fund towards the construction of the new veterans monument in Uplands Park. The area tax rate is charged to all residential and resource properties within the mapped area shown below. Therefore, the funds must be used within this area. The annual property tax rate is \$5.00 for each \$100,000 of taxable assessment. Community groups requiring funding for projects should submit details including cost estimates to Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman's office. Requests will then be brought forward to North West Community Council for consideration. For more details, see our website <http://www.halifax.ca/taxes/TaxBill/Rates.php>.



CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In the last two years, I have been so pleased to support organizations like the Bedford Minor Baseball Association, Dartmouth Heritage Museum, Girl Guides Canada, Glen Arbour Home Owners Association, Greater Hammonds Plains Lucasville Memorial Committee, Hammonds Plains Area Business Association, Hammonds Plains Baseball Association, Hammonds Plains Community Centre, Hammonds Plains Historical Society, Maritime Disc Golf Association, Hooked Rug Museum, Hubbards Area Recreation Association, Kingswood Ratepayers Association, Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association, Navy League of Canada, Neighbourhood Association of Uplands Park, Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts, Royal Canadian Legion, Sackville Rivers Association, Safety Minded ATV Association, St. Marks United Church Hall, St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails Association, St. Margaret's Bay Commerce Association, St. Margaret's Bay Community Transportation Society, St. Margaret's Bay Food Bank, St. Margaret's Bay Seniors Association, St. Margaret's Bay Community Centre Association, St. Margaret's Sailing Club, Tantallon Centennial Athletic Club, Timberlea Minor Football Association and William Black Community Hall that are doing such great work in the community. Together we have equipped community centres, completed much needed renovations, made trails and playgrounds safe and accessible and promoted our culture and heritage. If there is anything I can do to help with your community project or event, please let me know!



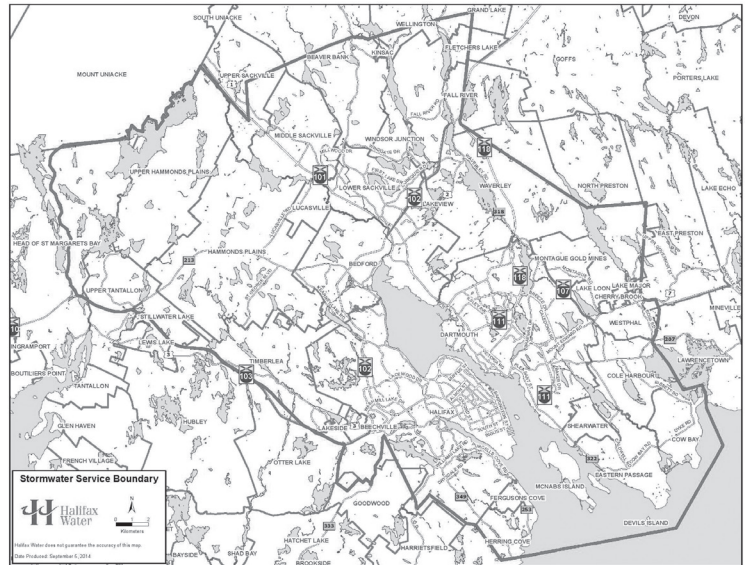


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STORMWATER RIGHT-OF-WAY CHARGE

Right of Way and Site Generated Flow Charge Stormwater billing have been a contentious issue in our district. In 2014, I was the sole councillor to vote against both levying the Right-of-Way Stormwater Charge and requesting that the fee be collected by Halifax Water. After hearing further feedback from residents and attending various community meetings, I voted in favour with my colleagues to move this fee onto property tax bills of residents in the Stormwater Service Area to more accurately reflect the basis of the charge on June 23rd, 2015. If your ditch needs maintenance or to appeal charges on your bill, please contact Halifax Water at CustomerService@halifaxwater.ca or 902-490-4820.



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"You find that you have peace of mind and can enjoy yourself, get more sleep, and rest when you know it was 100% effort that you gave – win or lose."
—Gordie Howe



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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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