

**DEPUTY MAYOR
MATT WHITMAN**
HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARETS
DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER



DEAR RESIDENTS



The holiday season is fast approaching. It is a time for family, friends and communities to come together in harmony as we look toward the future.

It has been another busy year in HRM as I work on district and regional issues affecting our community and HRM as a whole. Regional Council is starting budget deliberations for 2016/17 and we would like your input. You can have your say at www.hfxtax2016.budgetallocator.com or you are welcome to attend one of our budget deliberation meetings.

In November, I was elected as Deputy Mayor. It is an honour to be elected by my peers as Deputy Mayor; I will serve the Mayor and Regional Council to the best of my abilities. It is a pleasure representing you as your Councillor and I thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you throughout the next year.

I extend warmest wishes to you and your family for peace and joy this holiday season and extend all the best for a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

Yours in Service,

Matt Whitman

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THE MUNICIPALITY WILL ACCEPT EXCESS LEAF AND YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS

This season only, the Halifax Regional Municipality is accepting clear and orange plastic bags, in addition to large paper bags, for the curbside collection of excess leaf and yard waste materials.

Excess leaf and yard waste materials were to be placed curbside in paper bags only as part of a number of amendments to By-law S-600 Respecting Solid Waste Collection and Disposal that came into effect on August 1, 2015. However, the program changes have been so successful that local retailers have been unable to keep up with high demand for the large paper bags, and we understand residents are struggling to properly prepare this material for collection curbside.

The Municipality will reintroduce the requirement to use only large paper bags for excess leaf and yard waste in the spring of 2016. This will allow more time for our retailers to ensure they can maintain an adequate supply of bags for sale throughout the region. For more information on proper preparation of leaf and yard waste materials, please visit www.halifax.ca/recycle.

DEPUTY MAYOR MATT WHITMAN IN THE COMMUNITY!





NEW REGULATIONS FOR SIGNAGE ON PROVINCIALY-OWNED SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

There are new by-law requirements and a new application process for signage posted within the Municipality along provincially-owned, non-100 series highways.

Earlier this year, Regional Council adopted By-Law A-600 Respecting Advertisements on Provincial Highways, which regulates signage on provincially owned, non-100 series highways. The purpose of By-law A-600 is to address sign clutter along gateways to scenic provincial secondary highways by managing advertising along defined sections of highway. The result will be a signage program that will provide useful and accurate information to travellers, while ensuring the placement and installation of advertisements is carried out in a safe and fair manner.

The Municipality is currently undertaking the installation of advertising structures to facilitate licensed individuals to display an advertisement. Individuals interested in advertising on the structure must apply to the municipality for a license. For more information on the application process visit www.halifax.ca/Licensing/HighwaySigns.php.

The new by-law requirements mean that privately-owned signs along designated areas in the proximity of the new advertising structures will no longer be permitted on the following sections of identified highways:

- St. Margarets Bay Road (Route 3) for a distance of 500m to the east and to the west of the intersection of Peggy's Cove Road (Hwy 333) and Route 3;
- Peggy's Cove Road (Hwy 333), between St. Margarets Bay Road and Civic # 12910 Peggy's Cove Road (approximately Whynachts Point Road intersection); and,
- Prospect Road (Hwy 333) from the intersection of Prospect Road and St. Margarets Bay Road to Civic # 599 Prospect Road (approximately Evergreen Place intersection).

To satisfy the requirements of By-law A-600, the Municipality published notices in newspapers for two consecutive weeks (the weeks of October 26 and November 2, 2015) indicating the identified highways and date when the non-compliant signs may be disposed. Individuals are responsible for the removal of their signs from the identified highways prior to December 14, 2015. In accordance with the provisions of the by-law, any remaining signs in place as of that date will be removed and destroyed by the Municipality. For more information on By-law A-600, including frequently asked questions, visit www.halifax.ca/Licensing/HighwaySigns.php.

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 the 2015 District 13 Award Recipients, Marjorie Hartlen, Darcy Hendsbee, Sandra Labor, Thomas Musial, David Wimberly and Lisa Blackburn. Thank you for your contribution to making our community a better place to live, work and play.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

HRM recognizes students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and communities. Congratulations to the 2015 District 13 Award Recipients, Sarah Price and Maeve Beckett. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school and community. Well done!



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DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS

The District Capital Fund is used to fund larger-scale capital developments and infrastructure enhancements that are deemed to benefit community projects. Examples of capital projects eligible to receive funding include park and community facility upgrades or maintenance. The Halifax Charter authorizes the expenditure of district capital funds. Councillors are allocated \$94,000.00 each fiscal year. In 2015, the following projects have received funds from the District 13 Capital Fund.

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| Bedford Minor Baseball Association - storage shed | \$312.50 |
| Hooked Rug Museum - signage & landscaping | \$8,050.00 |
| William Black Church Outreach Committee – playground & signage | \$5,276.00 |
| Neighbourhood Association of Uplands Park – park renovations | \$4,800.00 |
| Hammonds Plains Historical Society – portable scanner | \$300.00 |
| Hubbards Area Recreation Association – trail upgrades | \$5000.00 |
| Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association – wharf renovations | \$10,873.00 |
| Royal Canadian Legion St. Margarets Bay – deck funding | \$5,500.00 |
| Kingswood Ratepayers Association – speed radar sign | \$5,000.00 |
| Hammonds Plains Community Centre – exterior upgrades | \$3,000.00 |
| Safety Minded ATV Association – trail work & bridge upgrades | \$5,000.00 |
| Hammonds Plains Baseball Association – storage shed | \$2,895.70 |
| Hammonds Plains Community Centre – planter boxes, parking lot & picnic tables | \$3,000.00 |
| Girl Guides of Canada – fire alarms & fire doors | \$880.00 |
| Tantallon Centennial Athletic Club – roof replacement | \$2,875.00 |
| St. Margarets Bay Community Transportation Society – bike rack, camera & GPS | \$3,200.00 |
| Abby Park HRM Parkland Planning - gate & barrier | \$2,867.87 |
| Timberlea Minor Football Association – portable toilet for season | \$644.00 |
| Lake of the Woods – playground equipment | \$4,500.00 |
| St. Margarets Bay Commerce Association – trail access | \$10,000.00 |
| Hammonds Plains Area Business Association – audio equipment | \$2,000.00 |
| Peggy's Cove Festival of the Arts – storage shed | \$1,000.00 |
| Sackville Rivers Association – computer | \$1,000.00 |

TWEETS & QUOTES

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. – Robert Collier

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. – Theodore Roosevelt

You can do anything, but not everything. – David Allen



Delivery Note:

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.

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.