

Councillor Steve Craig
District 15
Lower Sackville



Winter Snow Removal Standards

Dear Residents,

For many of us, this is one of the busiest time of year, preparing for Christmas and the holiday season. There are lots of the exciting events that surround it. In HRM there is no shortage of Christmas events to attend, visits with Santa, parties and of course, the shopping! For more information on upcoming events, you can visit the HRM webpage at <http://www.halifax.ca/events/> or my facebook page "steve craig for HRM council".

This is also a difficult time of year for some people who have little resources or are in not so happy personal circumstances. Please take time to acknowledge this fact, and seek out how you can help family, friends and neighbours, if only in the smallest of ways.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Steve

The Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to keeping streets and sidewalks clear and safe from snow and ice. Even before a snow event occurs, HRM's snow operations are set in motion to facilitate safe movement for both motorists and pedestrians. Snow and ice operations, however, do take time. The goal is to set an attainable standard which aligns the levels of service with the financial constraints of the HRM budget.

In order to achieve this standard, routes must be classified based on their impact on the overall transportation system. HRM has classified all of the routes and will service them (salt, sand and plow) in the following order of priority:

Priority 1 Streets & Roads

First Priority streets include main arterials, emergency routes to hospitals and fire equipment, major bus routes, and snow routes in major hilly terrain during weather situations. HRM's goal is to have a plow or salt pass every 3 hours and make Class 1 streets safe and clear of snow within 12 hours of the end of snowfall.

Priority 2 Streets & Roads

Second Priority streets include residential and rural routes with medium to low volume traffic, gravel roads, and private lanes which HRM is responsible for. HRM's goal is to start clearing a cut through at intersections to

allow access onto the local streets after 10 cm of accumulation and to make Class 2 streets passable within 24 hours of the end of snowfall.

HRM Winter Parking Ban

During the 2013/14 winter season, HRM's Traffic Authority will continue with the trial of an amended winter parking ban. The changes offer some flexibility to those who are most affected by the ban, such as shift workers, residents without a driveway and business owners, without compromising HRM's snow and ice clearing operations.

The overnight parking regulations will be in effect from December 15 until March 31, and will be enforced during declared snow and ice operations only. When in effect, the parking ban runs from 1:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m.

If you require on-street parking during the winter months, please plan ahead and find alternate parking in the event of a snow storm.

This past winter season, HRM offered residents the option to subscribe to notifications letting them know when the overnight winter parking ban would be enforced. Residents can subscribe to our CityWatch program to receive phone and email messages by emailing citywatch@halifax.ca or by calling 490-7403 with the following information:

- Please indicate that you are requesting to sign up for notifications about the overnight winter parking ban
- You have the option to provide up to two phone numbers and up to two email addresses or a combination of both

For more information on HRM's Winter Operations, please visit our website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/snow/>

Mayor/Councillors New Year's Day Levee

Please join Mayor Mike Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council for the Annual New Year's Day Levee.

January 1, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

City Hall – 1841 Argyle Street - Halifax

Sackville Volunteer Fire Fighters Levee

January 1, 2014

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Metropolitan Ave Fire Hall

Royal Canadian Legion Calais Branch 162

Sackville Cross Road

Knights of Columbus Levee

January 1, 2014

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

252 Cobequid Road