

Councillor Steve Craig

District 15

Lower Sackville



Dear Residents,

With the school year at a close, and changing routines upon us, we find ourselves shifting into vacation mode. The summer has no shortage of enjoyable events in both our own community and throughout the municipality.

On June 27th I attended the Sackville High School Class of 2013 Graduation. I was also at the very first SHS Class of 1973 ceremonies as a graduate – my, how time flies. Congratulations to all the graduates and every success as you continue on life's journey.

Right now, Sackville Patriot Days are in full swing, and Canada Day is right around the corner. I encourage you to visit the Sackville Patriot Days website at: <http://www.sackvillenovascotia.ca/patriotdays/schedule.htm> and the HRM website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/events/index.html> for up to date information on schedules and civic events.

Respectfully,
Steve

Fultz House Tuesday Teas

On Tuesday, July 2, from 12:00 – 1:30, I along with Councillor Brad Johns will be hosting Tuesday Tea at the Fultz House in Lower Sackville. Admission is \$6. All are welcome! Fultz House Museum info can be found at: <http://www.fultzhouse.ca/>

Solid Waste Strategy Review

One of the more sensitive topics around Council is HRM's Solid Waste Strategy Review. HRM's goal is to protect the environment by evolving the solid waste system.

Part of the review was requesting a report by Stantec Consulting on the operation and viability of the Otter Lake Landfill. Since the release of that report, there has been much discussion and debate. The consultant's recommendations outline an evolution of HRM's solid waste system that enhances environmental stewardship through increased diversion and reduced negative environmental impacts.

I have submitted my thoughts and updates on the issue in an article submitted to the Community Herald, due out

on July 3rd. To view my complete article that was submitted to the Community Herald, please visit: <http://www.halifax.ca/councillors/district15/documents/CHInsertJune232013.pdf>

Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Approves Water Rate Increase

On Monday, June 24th, the UARB announced that they approved the Halifax Water Commission proposal for a water rate increase. Board staff has estimated the change in residential rates to be, based on annual household consumption of 188 cubic metres, about 8.7 per cent this year and 12.9 per cent next year, subject to the compliance filing by the utility. I am analyzing the decision and developing more insight into the whole understanding of the HRM, Halifax Water and NSURB relationship. In the meantime, for more information on the decision, please visit the NSUARB website at: http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/decisions/hrwc_decision-june_24.13.pdf

Moving Forward Together: The Metro Transit Five Year Service Plan

The first round of public sessions for the Metro Transit Five Year Service Plan are scheduled for the week of September 9th.

On September 11th, there will be a meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, 45 Sackville Cross Rd., Lower Sackville.

More information re: the time of the meeting will be available closer to the date, and will be available on my HRM webpage. Please come out and help us create a new vision for Metro Transit in HRM!

2013 Citizenship Awards

Each year, HRM presents an award to outstanding grade 9 students in the municipality. The recipients are chosen based on qualities of leadership in the school and community, and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled. In 2013, Marley Repchull from Leslie Thomas, Kayla Saulnier from A.J. Smeltzer, and Lewis Jenkins from Cavalier Drive were the recipients of the award.

Congratulations Marley, Kayla, and Lewis.

Mayor Mike Savage and Councillor Steve Craig present the 2013 Citizenship Awards



Lewis Jenkins



Marley Repchull



Kayla Saulnier