

Councillor Steve Craig
District 15
Lower Sackville



Dear Residents,

This monthly newsletter is about our community, you and your fellow citizens. It is about what is happening in Lower Sackville and the broader HRM. It provides information that you might not know, and perhaps sparks a few ideas that might surprise you. I look forward to your thoughts on this and future newsletters.

Respectfully,
Steve

Clean Across Nova Scotia – Sackville Spring Sweep

On Saturday, April 20th, a team of approximately 30 volunteers from the community collected about 75 bags of garbage from Sackville Drive and Glendale Drive. The Clean Across Nova Scotia initiative, which is a province wide clean up event, was a huge success not only in Lower Sackville, but provincially as well. I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the clean-up.

Solid Waste System Review

In 2012, Regional Council directed staff to review the efficiency of the current solid waste system - without compromising environmental or community protections. Council will not make any decisions until all the facts from the review are provided to citizens and they have the opportunity to give their feedback through an extensive consultation process. The public feedback will then be taken back to Council for their review and consideration.

As part of this review, Regional Council approved the staff recommendation to hire Stantec Consulting to evaluate the operation and viability of the Otter Lake Landfill. To verify the science behind the Stantec report, SNC Lavalin conducted a peer review.

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.

For more information, please visit the HRM website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/wrms/WasteStrategy/>

Volunteer Week

National Volunteer week was celebrated April 22 – 27th. On Wednesday, April 17th, HRM hosted the 2013 Volunteer Awards Ceremony. This ceremony is held to recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank the volunteer award recipients from Lower Sackville, Dr. Susan Paynter and Elisabeth Sanders. Susan is an outstanding volunteer with a firm commitment to improving the quality of life for those in any way challenged or without capacity or resources. She volunteers with Family Service Association and the Sackville Rotary Club. Elisabeth is the coordinator and founder of the Tourette Syndrome Lower Sackville Resource Unit, bringing awareness of Tourette's Syndrome to NS.

The Lake District Recreation Association also held their Volunteer Dinner and Appreciation Award Ceremony on May 1st. Since 1979, LDRA has formally recognized the value of volunteers' contributions in Lucasville -Sackville – Beaver Bank by hosting LDRA's Volunteer Recognition Dinner the week after National Volunteer Recognition Week. Barbara Legge received the Sackville Volunteer of the Year Award this year. Barbara has volunteered thousands of hours toward creating public awareness of cancer, and fundraising to assist in valuable research. Barbara is an innovative entrepreneur for raising money. For the last few years, she has been in the top five individual fund raisers for the Canadian Breast Cancer Society for all of HRM. Congratulations Barbara!



Councillor Steve Craig presents Barbara Legge with the Sackville Volunteer of the Year award.

Other volunteers that were honoured at this year's Lake District Recreation Volunteer Recognition Dinner were:

Acadia Recreation Club – Don MacLennan
Beacon House Interfaith Society – Ken Barrett
CCS – Relay for Life – Steve Craig
Citadel Amateur Boxing Club – Stephanie Walker
Cobequid Community Health Ctr. Foundation – Sherry Borden
Fultz Corner Restoration Society – Elmer and Natalya Grove
Girl Guides of Canada – Carter District – Bonnie Loomer
Ivy Meadows Continuing Care Centre – Used Strings
Kinette Club of Sackville – Lynn Duffy
Kinsmen Club of Sackville – Wade Dooley
Lake District Recreation Association – Tony Thomas
Riverview Community Center – Jackie Hindlet
RCL Calais Branch 162 – Rita Connors
RCL Calais Branch 162 Ladies Auxiliary – Bonnie Douglas
Sackville and Area Rotary Club – Debbie Gascoigne
Sackville-Bedford Meals on Wheels – Kathy Maher
Sackville Blazers Junior B Hockey Club – Dianne Gray
Sackville Community Development Association – Charlene Whitlock
Sackville Legion Seniors Club – Anne Covin-Osborne
Sackville Lioness Club – Stephanie Wheeldon
Sackville Lions Club – Lion Gilles Dore
Sackville Minor Baseball – Philip Wright
Sackville Minor Hockey Association – Jeff O'Flaherty
Sackville Rivers Association – Art Greene
Sackville Seniors Advisory Council – Sharon Bambrick
Springfield Lake Recreation Centre – Andy Conrad
Wallace Lucas Community Centre – Diana Oliver

Open House with Councillor Craig

Please join me as I host an Open House with the residents of District 15. I encourage anyone with municipal issues/questions to attend to speak with me directly. Any feedback or suggestions will be welcome.

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Sackville Public Library – Fenerty Room 1
636 Sackville Drive.

For up to date information on both HRM wide and District 15 news, please visit my webpage at:
<http://www.halifax.ca/councillors/district15/index.html>

2012 Citizenship Award Recipient

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 2012, Melanie Bryant received the award for Leslie Thomas Jr. High. Congratulations Melanie.



Former Councillor Bob Harvey and Former Mayor Peter Kelly present Melanie Bryant with the 2012 Citizenship Award.