

Councillor Tim Outhit

District 16

Bedford - Wentworth



Halifax Regional Municipality

Winter 2014

Dear Bedford-Wentworth residents,

Good Year – Finances & Governance – Overall the year 2013 was a very successful and productive year for our municipality and our community. I was pleased to finally be able to support a budget. The budget saw a tax freeze for most residential taxpayers and for some commercial taxpayers. As many of you have indicated to me, I am also glad that our new and smaller Regional Council is conducting its business and debates in a productive, cohesive, and professional manner.

Safety, Paving and Upgrades - In Bedford-Wentworth, we saw the completion of several new community facilities, extensive re-paving and resurfacing projects, additional safety measures (more marked crosswalks, more crossing guards, additional traffic lights, and more sidewalks), new play areas, and new open spaces. Further good news came to us when CN finally agreed to participate in HRM's Commuter Rail Study, and the land swap deal to save two-thirds of Moirs Pond was finalized between HRM and Sobeys.

Growth, Traffic & Public Transportation - The results of the Mainland Halifax North – Bedford Corridor Transportation and Wastewater Servicing Strategy suggested that HRM could approve several proposed large developments in our community, and in Rockingham, without improvements being made to the Bedford Hwy. It recommended that the proposed widening of Bayers Rd and an eventual transit corridor from Hammonds Plains would be sufficient. The report also assumed that the provincial government would undertake the long-promised connection from Rocky Lake Dr. to Burnside, the proposed Hwy 113 parallel to the Hammonds Plains Rd, and improvements to the Hwy 102. These assumptions have not been confirmed.

I publicly voted against the report recommendations and was successful in getting both North West Community Council and HRM Regional Council support to put several large development projects on hold, while we plan for (with implementation timelines) and look at funding options for long-overdue traffic and public transportation improvements for our community and neighbouring districts. Specifically, the Birch Cove waterfront, the Bedford waterfront, and Paper Mill Lake (at the intersection with the 102 and opposite the Bedford Academy) MPS (Municipal Planning Strategy) amendment(s) public consultation process will not be undertaken (for up to two years) or until the Regional Plan Five Year Review, Transit Five Year Plan, and the Commuter Rail Study are completed. HRM staff was also instructed to solicit written confirmation and forecast timelines from the province for their above-mentioned potential transportation projects.

Growth and development done properly can be a great enhancement to our community. We have leveraged our recent growth to receive new community and recreation facilities, a performing arts cafetorium, and an all-weather and multi-purpose sports field. Our growth, with significant financial contributions from the developers and other levels of government, also resulted in new infrastructure such as the widening of the Hammonds Plains Rd. and the Larry Uteck Interchange.

Based on this precedent, I am working on your behalf to try to ensure that future development (if approved) will come with the traffic and public transportation improvements required (prior to or as part of future development) and with financial contributions from developers.

This newsletter will update you on some significant improvements, provide an overview of projects completed and proposed projects, opportunities, and challenges in our community and our municipality. I have once again included the popular FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) section, in response to your previous feedback. You will notice something new for this newsletter. I have offered some space to Halifax Water, the Waterfront Development Corporation, The Annapolis Group, and a couple of community groups in order for them to update you on their projects and activities. As always, I encourage you to contact me with your concerns, feedback, and ideas!

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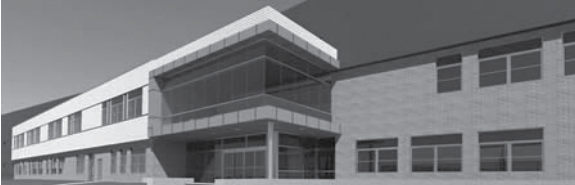
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variety of municipal services and information.



New Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre Open



Located at 202 Innovation Drive, as part of the new Charles P. Allen High School, the Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre is a spacious, fully-accessible, and security-monitored recreation facility.

This new centre supports existing recreation programs and provides new opportunities for specialty recreation programs and leisure activities. The centre features many amenities, including:

- Full-size gymnasium, with capacity for 224 spectators
- Dance room, featuring hardwood floors, barres, and mirrored wall
- Locker room facilities
- Kitchenette (available to sport teams during tournaments)
- Fitness room
- Dedicated youth and senior program room
- Dedicated pre-school program room
- Arts & Crafts room
- Community meeting room
- Dedicated parking spaces
- Performance Art venue
- Full-size FIFA and CFL Artificial Turf facility

New! Drop In Open Gym

Parent & Tot Open Gym

Thursday mornings between 9:30-11:30 am, \$3/family

Open Gym for Children

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons
from 3:30-5:00 pm. \$1/child

Open Gym for Youth (12-18)

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:45-6:00 pm.

There is available space in the following programs:

ABC & Me for 3-5y: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00-11:30am

Art for Adults: Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm

Badminton for Adults: Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

Badminton for Youth (12-18): Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Zumba for Adults: Mondays & Fridays 10:30-11:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00-8:00pm

Zumba for Kids: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga for Adults: Thursday 9:00-10:30am & 10:30am-12:00pm

Monday 7:00-8:30pm

Circuit Fit for Adults: Monday 6:00-7:00 pm.

Gym Time for 18m-3y: Tuesday 9:30 -11:30 am

There are many other programs in dance, soccer, basketball and volleyball.

Please call 490-4238 for prices and registration. Most programs have started so the registration fees will be pro-rated.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) from Bedford-Wentworth Residents:

Q - Did you support the last budget?

A - Yes. For the first time since being elected, I was pleased to support a budget. The \$26M surplus from the previous year, plus efficiencies and good management, allowed us to not raise taxes for most residents for the first time in many years.

Q - Do you still support tax reform / fairness and what is the status?

A - Yes. Over the past year Regional Council has given approval for tax fairness / incentives / relief to be investigated by staff for condominium owners and small business owners. No decisions have been made and we are awaiting the reports.

Q - Did you vote for Regional Council to change its meeting schedule to bi-weekly from weekly?

A - No. I believe that we should meet weekly, or as often as required, in televised sessions (be they Regional Council or Committee of the Whole sessions).

Q - What is the status of the proposed Bedford Waterfront Vision?

A - Please see the article dedicated to this topic in this newsletter that was submitted by the Waterfront Development Corporation at my request.

Q - When will Oceanview Dr. be connected to Larry Uteck Blvd via Nine Mile Dr.?

A - This is not an HRM project, but I have worked with the developer on behalf of residents to get this connection completed. I have been advised that work will continue over the winter and that paving will be undertaken in the late spring or early summer. This is a priority due to both safety and convenience concerns.

Q - When will the other end of Starboard Dr. be completed?

A - This is also not an HRM project but I have worked closely with the developer on your behalf. I share your concerns regarding safety, traffic, and convenience. Work will commence over the winter, and my understanding is that the goal is to have the connection completed by the end of 2014.

Q - Why does my drinking water sometimes smell musty and taste funny?

A - Please see the separate article in this newsletter that was submitted at my request by Halifax Water.

Q - What is the status of the Commuter Rail project?

A - The study and the budget were approved by Regional Council. The study will proceed shortly and be led by an independent consultant, as CN has agreed to participate.

Q - Why do developers continue proposing buildings higher than four stories on the Bedford Hwy at the bottom of Larry Uteck Blvd?

A - The previous Community Council for that area, prior to the area being combined with the Bedford district as a result of the district boundary review, chose not to ban buildings above four stories. They legislated that buildings of four stories or less could be built "as of right". Buildings above four stories could be requested for consideration, but would have to go through a development agreement process and its associated public consultation.



Have an idea for a project in Bedford-Wentworth?

Each Regional Councillor has two annual budgets for use in their District. Our Discretionary budget of \$4,312.50 is used to support community groups, teams and events with small donations. The District Capital Projects budget is \$94,000.00 per year. I have used it to support projects such as the flower baskets along the Bedford Hwy, banners, the drinking fountain, outdoor gym and the public washroom in DeWolf Park, minor projects at Scott Manor House, walking trail signage, safety rails on paths, and equipment for sports and volunteer groups in our community. Please contact me with your ideas for projects in Bedford-Wentworth.

How do you like the flower baskets and what do you think about wreaths and Remembrance Day banners?

For the last few years I have used my District Capital to put seasonal banners along the Bedford Hwy and to install and maintain some hanging flower baskets. I would like to receive your feedback on them. Also, it has been suggested that I fund some wreaths along the Bedford Hwy during the holiday season. Another idea is to hang some banners for Remembrance Day, honouring Bedford area residents who lost their lives during wars. I like both of these ideas, but please let me know what you think.

Bedford Waterfront Update

Before the holidays, I had the opportunity to meet with staff of the Waterfront Development Corporation. Under discussion was the Bedford waterfront and my motion approved by Council this past Fall to defer the HRM led formal public consultation process until the following reports and studies are completed: the Regional Plan 5 Year Review; the 5-Year Transit Review; and the Commuter Rail Study.

I received a brief overview of a revised potential concept for our waterfront. I was encouraged to see that WDCL are listening. Based on feedback from the community and your elected representatives, consideration is being given to protecting the western ledges (reef) and Crosby Island and incorporating more open space into the vision. They are proposing a significant reduction in the number of residential units (density), and infilling would not continue past the existing footprint. Space will also be set aside for a possible public facility such as our long-envisioned new library / theatre / transit terminal complex. Below is an update that was prepared at my request by Andy Fillmore, VP Planning & Development, Waterfront Development Corporation.

"We have been listening closely to the community's concerns and aspirations for this site, and have harmonized them into a new draft concept for the area. The new concept plan could be built on the footprint of the existing infill, thereby preserving existing natural areas on and near the site. The concept still includes an exciting mix of public amenities, natural areas, residential uses, restaurant and retail clusters, and high quality, sustainable public spaces that can become a centre for the Bedford community. We are calling for leading-edge green practices in site and building design and construction to make this project an example of sustainable development to be admired at an international level. Waterfront Development will share the revised vision with the community this spring. You will be able to review the new concept, provide input and directly shape the plan for development of your waterfront."

I look forward to seeing and hearing more from Waterfront Development and encourage you to join me in opportunities like these for public engagement. I will continue my work per our direction at HRM, and as always will keep you informed as the schedule for these sessions is announced.



New outdoor fitness equipment in DeWolf Park



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Metro Transit Moving Forward



Here is an exciting update on the Metro Transit Moving Forward Together Plan!

On January 14, 2014, Regional Council approved an expansion in the scope of the Metro Transit Five Year Service Plan to include a thorough review of the entire transit network. In addition, Regional Council also endorsed four principles called the "Moving Forward Principles" which will be used to guide the development of the draft plan. These principles are:

1. Increase the proportion of resources allocated towards high ridership services
2. Build a simplified transfer based system
3. Invest in service quality and reliability
4. Give transit increased priority in the transportation network

With this broadened scope, it is anticipated that a draft plan will be available in the Fall of 2014. Although the draft network and service plan proposed may have some of the same features and characteristics of the existing network, it is likely that substantial changes will be proposed. This could result in a transit network that is significantly different than the current system in terms of the number of routes, length and frequency of routes, coverage area, and service types.

There will be many upcoming opportunities for the public and stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft plan.

For more information you can contact project staff at movingforward@halifax.ca or by calling 490-4942.



Capital Projects

Completed in Bedford-Wentworth in 2013 (Not including Halifax Water stormwater and drainage projects):

- Monarch Drive - Orchard to End - paving renewal
- Orchard Street - Basinview to Monarch - paving renewal
- Rocky Lake Road - Bedford Highway to Duke - microsurfacing
- Bedford Highway - Dakin to Millview - microsurfacing (partially District 10)
- Hammonds Plains Road - Farmer's Dairy to Kearney Lake - microsurfacing
- Hammonds Plains Road - Giles Road West to Civic 674 - microsurfacing
- Ridgevale Drive - Dartmouth Road to Loop to itself - thin overlay
- Nelsons Landing Boulevard - Bedford Highway to Amin - thin overlay
- Basinview Drive - Hammonds Plains to Wimbleton - thin overlay
- Golf Links Road to Brook Street - Walkway repairs and upgrade
- Magazine Hill Overpass (Br114) - Bridge Repairs (cost shared with the province)
- Touch-up painting of wooden fencing and bridge railings on Bedford Highway.
- Installation of new playground and equipment on Gary Martin Drive.
- Purchase and installation of new outdoor gym in DeWolf Park
- Installation of new traffic lights at intersection of Hammonds Plains Road. and Gary Martin Drive.
- Installation of new drinking fountain in DeWolf Park

The following is a list of proposed projects over the *next two construction seasons* (subject to final budget approvals) that I am working toward on your behalf collaboratively with HRM staff:

- Cedar Street - Summit to Maple - street recap
- Summit Street - Rocky Lake to End - street recap
- Maple Street - Central to Sunnydale - street recap
- Bedford Hills Road - Hammonds Plains to Basinview - thin overlay
- Basinview Drive - Wimbleton to Minshull - thin overlay
- Birch Street - Maple to End - thin overlay
- Moirs Mill Road - Bedford Highway to Civic 332 - microsurfacing, and curb renewal
- Borden Road - Rutledge to Division - final coat of chipseal
- Frederick Street - Rutledge to end - final coat of chipseal
- Minshull Drive - Basinview to Lincoln - gravel road paving
- Rocky Lake Drive - new guiderail
- Bedford Highway - Civic 673 to Fern - replacement guiderail
- Rocky Lake Drive - Bedford Highway to Rockmanor - replacement guiderail
- Hammonds Plains Road at Bedford Highway - retaining wall
- Larry Uteck Boulevard at Bedford Highway - retaining wall
- Convoy Run - bridge repairs
- Centre Street - drainage upgrades in cooperation with Halifax Water
- First Avenue - Bedford Highway to Pine - street and stormwater upgrades (possibly over 2 years)
- Peregine Crescent - microsurfacing
- Tophill Drive - O'Brine to end - thin overlay
- O'Brine Street - Dartmouth Rd to Tophill - thin overlay
- Elgin Street - O'Brine to end - thin overlay
- Bedford Highway - Wooden Boardwalk / Sidewalk (Civic 1276) to End of Boardwalk (East Side) - Sidewalk Renewal
- Hammonds Plains Road - Sidewalk under Highway 102. Subject to approval by NS Transportation and HRM Traffic



Pothole Information

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) would like to advise residents that, given the recent wet weather and extreme freezing and thawing, the municipality is seeing the development of potholes earlier this season throughout HRM.

Potholes are formed during weather cycles such as snow, rain, freezing rain and freeze-thaw cycles. When moisture seeps below asphalt, then freezes and thaws, a gap is created under the asphalt that is compromised by vehicle traffic. When vehicles drive over the asphalt, the asphalt collapses into the gap to form a pothole.

In HRM, pothole patching is a year-round effort to ensure the streets are safe. Potholes are identified during road patrols from HRM staff and through calls from residents to 311. HRM has service standards for timelines of when potholes are repaired. Priority is placed on arterials and other streets with significant potholes.

HRM uses the most effective methods and materials available for the repairs, choosing either hot asphalt patching or cold patching. During hot asphalt patching, as the name suggests, the asphalt is extremely hot so it stays flexible as it is worked into the pothole. During the winter, the private asphalt plants shut down for maintenance and there is limited opportunity to obtain hot asphalt.

However, HRM has a mobile asphalt recycler, which allows the municipality to recycle asphalt from damaged roads, broken asphalt curb, and leftover asphalt that has gone cold, to repair current potholes.

Cold patch is also used. It can be applied directly from the container, but must be heated by a portable torch during the coldest temperatures to keep it pliable. It can be applied under all weather conditions, but is susceptible to road bed movement, vehicle traffic and snow removal operations.

Hot recycled asphalt allows for a longer lasting repair than cold patching and is generally the most preferred method.

For more information on potholes, as well as HRM's standards for pothole maintenance, please visit: www.halifax.ca/municipalops/potholes/index.html.

To report a pothole, please call 311, or fill out the on-line form at: apps.halifax.ca/311.

Snow Removal Service Standards

After a snowfall, crews prioritize which street to salt, sand or plow following a service standard. Within those standards, the Priority 1 streets include main arteries, bus routes, hill areas and streets leading to schools and public buildings. Once Priority 1 streets are complete, then residential roads (Priority 2) will be cleared. The service standard requires that the Priority 1 streets be completed within 12 hours after the end of a snowfall and 24 hours for Priority 2 streets.

Priority 1 Streets: 3 hour turnaround times and clear 12 hours following end of snowfall.

Priority 2 Streets: Center line cuts for access after 10cm accumulation and cleared within 24 hours following the end of snowfall.

Priority 1 Streets: Main Arterial Sidewalks, cleared within 12 hours following end of snowfall.

Bus Stop Clearing: Transit Sidewalks, cleared within 18 hours following end of snowfall.

Sidewalk Clearing: Local Sidewalks, cleared within 36 hours from end of snowfall.

Wondering what Priority your street is?

Find out at <http://www.halifax.ca/Snow/StreetPriorityFinder.php>



Winter Parking Ban

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.

If you have questions on the HRM winter parking ban or an issue submitting your information, please call 311 or email contacthrm@halifax.ca



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History in the Heart of Bedford

**As submitted by Marie Corkum,
Fort Sackville Foundation**

Although we are deep in winter's icy grip, at Bedford's historic Scott Manor House the focus is on summer and planning for our season which runs through July and August, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

Come and discover this wonderful architectural treasure! Take a free guided tour of this circa 1770's house located at 15 Fort Sackville Road.

Check out our amazing collection of 4,000 plus archival photographs, enjoy outdoor concerts, artists' exhibits, garden tours, guided walks through our community and more. Stop by our tea room, open 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for freshly-baked oatcakes.

Journalist Michael Conway commented that these alone "could start their own drive-thru"!

Did I mention our organically grown raspberries?

Book Sale!

Don't miss the much anticipated Book Sale - June 12, 13, 14, 15

Donations of gently used books and audio will be gratefully accepted in May.

Volunteers are needed to help us prepare for this annual event.

If you are able to give a couple of hours, please call Marie at 835-5729.

Visit our web-site:
www.scottmanorhouse.ca
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Trails Update

As submitted by Wendy MacDonald, North West Trails Association

Halifax North West Trails Association has a presence in the Bedford-Wentworth District. As one of 20 plus volunteer trails groups in HRM, we keep busy planning, building and maintaining trails, as well as hosting guided trail walks. Many of the trails have been built by developers as a portion of their parkland contribution. Input at Public Hearings hosted by HRM Planning has helped increase the number of new trails in recent years near Larry Uteck Drive and Bedford South. Trails include Cabin Lake and Fleetview in Royale Hemlocks, Old Coach Road in Bedford Ravines and Moirs Mill Run. An historic interpretive panel is being developed for Moirs Mill to celebrate the past. It will include information on the Birch Cove Lakes watershed flowing to Mill Cove, the Mill Run Trail and the early industries of Mill Cove.

To participate in the Association, to volunteer for the Executive Board or spring cleanups, or to find trail maps, visit the website at www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca

Update - The Paper Mill Lake Dam

As submitted by The Annapolis Group

As an update on the revised target date for substantial completion of refurbishing the Paper Mill Lake Dam, it is now anticipated to be late summer 2014. The delay of over one year is a direct result of weather, since the early infrastructure upgrades could only be done with lake levels lowered. Unfortunately, we lost over half the season in 2013 due to recurring storms which resulted in work stoppages as dewatering was repeated for various stages of concrete reconstruction. These delays have significantly increased equipment and labour costs resulting in overall costs now triple our original target. It should be noted that all costs are being paid by Annapolis Group Inc. without any assistance from any Government agency or commission, even though Annapolis no longer owns any property around Paper Mill Lake, nor does it benefit from extraction of water which was the original reason to construct the dam many years ago. Annapolis has long advocated that future custody of this important community asset should not be in private control, and is anxious to continue dialogue with Councillor Outhit to see if this can happen on an acceptable basis for all parties once these substantial upgrades are complete.





Geosmin - Why does my water sometimes smell and taste funny? As submitted by Halifax Water

Geosmin is one of the most common taste and odour causing substances in drinking water, but has only recently become a water quality issue for Halifax Water. In the fall of 2012, Halifax Water experienced the first occurrence of geosmin in over 35 years of operating the Pockwock water system, which serves Halifax, Bedford, Sackville, Fall River, Waverley and Timberlea. Geosmin is a naturally occurring compound produced by a variety of algae and/or soil based bacteria found in surface water. It produces an earthy, musty-type taste and odour in drinking water, but has no known health effects.

Since the first indication of geosmin in the Pockwock water supply, treated water samples have been collected weekly from the Pockwock water treatment facility for geosmin analysis. Geosmin levels fluctuated between 10-15 nanograms/liter (ng/L), or parts per trillion, during the fall of 2012 and then began to slowly decrease during January through June 2013, at which time concentrations dropped below detection limits. Geosmin remained below detection limits until late September 2013, when concentrations increased to 13-16 ng/L. To put this into context, geosmin causes taste and odour problems at concentrations as low as 5 ng/L, though most of the population will only be able to detect it at concentrations above 10 ng/L.

Customers often interpret an unpleasant taste or odour negatively with respect to the suitability and safety of the water for consumption. However, it is important to understand that though the taste and odour can be unpleasant, geosmin is not toxic or harmful. Geosmin is present in foods such as beets, spinach, and mushrooms. Geosmin is not currently regulated as either a health or aesthetic objective under the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ) and, further, no health related guidelines or regulations are known to exist for geosmin anywhere in the world. On-going testing continues to show an absence of harmful bacteria and other pathogens in the water. Despite the lack of public health implications, customer satisfaction is of the utmost importance to Halifax Water and addressing geosmin has become an important corporate priority.

Halifax Water has taken a number of steps to better understand the source of geosmin in our watershed and evaluate the best way to mitigate this problem. These steps include on-going research at our Pockwock Pilot Plant (a research facility located at the Pockwock water supply plant) in conjunction with Dalhousie University to evaluate treatment strategies to reduce geosmin; funding allocated to study treatment options to reduce geosmin; continuous testing of geosmin levels at various strategic locations throughout the Pockwock watershed, treatment plant and distribution system; and on-going consultation with water quality experts throughout North America.

In October 2013, Halifax Water retained an Environmental Scientist/Ecologist to carry out taste and odour screening within the Pockwock watershed (an area of approximately 60 square kilometers) in an effort to identify the source and species of geosmin, and to aid in identifying source mitigation and/or treatment options. The conventional treatment process at the J.D. Kline (Pockwock) Water Supply Plant is not designed to remove geosmin, therefore Halifax Water is currently in the process of retaining consulting services to investigate treatment strategies for reducing geosmin and how each strategy will impact the existing treatment processes at the J.D. Kline Water Supply Plant. The implementation of a multi-million dollar, engineered solution could take 2-3 years and involve continued research, pre-design, detailed design, regulatory approval, and construction activities.

For the latest geosmin results and a Frequently Asked Questions document, please visit our website at www.halifaxwater.ca. In addition, Halifax Water maintains an email list of customers seeking regular updates on geosmin concentrations, research activities, and other related information. If you are interested in being added to this email list, please contact Halifax Water customer service at 490-4820.

HRM Community Grants Program

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014-2015 Community Grants Program. The program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities in our Municipality.

There are two types of grants available - a project grant of up to \$5,000 and a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Grants are one time and for specific types of projects in the following categories: Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighborhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity and Arts & Crafts.

You will find application forms and program guidebooks on-line at www.halifax.ca/grants or you can call 311, or contact one of HRM's Citizen Contact Centres.

Deadline for applying is March 31st.



Volunteerism is Alive and Well in our Community!

HRM 2013 Volunteer Awards

Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contributions to our community. Congratulations to Bedford Volunteer Award recipients Scott Fraser, Bev Grace, Peter Daniel Landry, Patricia Joyce Leader, Delali Motey, Terrance (Terry) Rodney Yuill and Niamh MacMaster. HRM appreciates your commitment to improving our community.



Scott Fraser



Bev Grace



Peter Daniel Landry



Patricia Joyce Leader



Delali Motey



Terrance (Terry) Rodney Yuill



Niamh MacMaster

2013 Bedford Volunteer Awards

I was pleased and honoured to participate in the annual Bedford Volunteer of the Year Awards.



HRM 2013 Citizenship Awards



Rebecca Boyd



Nika Gantar



Thomas Downs

On June 18, Regional Council hosted the 2013 HRM Citizenship Awards at City Hall. Grade 9 students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving life in both their school and community. Congratulations to Rebecca Boyd, Bedford South School, Nika Gantar, Halifax Grammar School and Thomas Downs, Bedford Junior High School!