

*Community Herald*  
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*Councillor Bill Karsten*

It is my pleasure to be invited to be part of the new Community Herald. Congratulations to Editor, Peter Clarke on the fresh look of this paper. It is wonderful to see The Chronicle Herald's commitment to the community with this paper, which provides a great space to share events and stories about our neighbours.

Although it has been five months since the October 2012 election, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who supported and voted for me. With this four-year term comes a new Regional Council which is made up of 16 members, which means larger districts. To see a map of the District 3, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/municipalclerk/documents/District03.pdf>

The Halifax.ca has a lot of handy information on everything from Regional Council to what can be recycled to recreation offerings. Take some time to look around. Besides that, HRM has a strong social media presence and many business units maintain Twitter, Youtube and Facebook accounts. A few that can be found on Twitter are @hrmcivicevents, @hfxregpolice, @hfxpublib, @SkateHRM @halifaxfire), and search Facebook for HRM Cultural Affairs and HRM Bike Week. For a complete list, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/socialmedia/>

A District 3 electronic newsletter is in the works, so if you would like to receive it, please send an email to [lynn.matheson@halifax.ca](mailto:lynn.matheson@halifax.ca) with Newsletter in the subject line. Your email address will not be shared with anyone for any purpose.

As always, I am available to address your concerns. My phone numbers are 490-7032 or 476-1855, and my email is [bill.karsten@halifax.ca](mailto:bill.karsten@halifax.ca). I will always respond as quickly as possible, but if you need to contact someone more immediately, please contact Lynn Matheson. Lynn is the Council Constituency Coordinator for the district and can be reached at 490-7177 or [lynn.matheson@halifax.ca](mailto:lynn.matheson@halifax.ca). Outside of regular business hours, please contact the HRM Call Centre at 3-1-1.