



COUNCILLOR BILL KARSTEN

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

SERVING RESIDENTS OF PORTLAND ESTATES, PORTLAND HILLS, RUSSELL LAKE WEST, PORTIONS OF EAST WOODLAWN, EASTERN PASSAGE, COW BAY, SHEARWATER & SOUTH WOODSIDE

DEAR RESIDENTS



What a pleasure it is to welcome summer with the knowledge that we have many wonderful activities planned throughout our district starting with the springtime community clean-ups to the upcoming community BBQ's, sporting events and local festivals. Our devoted volunteers have made these events possible and they deserve our sincere thanks for the hours of planning and preparation they have put-in to providing a variety of events for us to enjoy.

While traveling throughout the district, I am able to communicate with many of you on a one-to-one basis and hear your concerns. A few issues that came forward numerous times were those of speeding and litter. It saddens me that we continue to face these issues as one would hope that the safety of others and respect for our environment would be

paramount in our minds.

The slogan, "Drive carefully: the life you save may be your own." was penned by Robert S. Walstrom in 1947 as part of a stop accidents campaign. How unfortunate it is that we continue to require reminders to act responsibly behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. Please slow down.

In regard to litter, I have reviewed some of my previous newsletters and realized that this topic is also a repeat issue. In 2007 I placed the following plea in the District newsletter: "Let's all pitch in and do our part to make this the best litter free summer ever!" That article also included information on the fines under the Motor Vehicle Act for littering from a vehicle and the Nova Scotia Environment Act for littering/illegal dumping. I know we all want our municipality to be clean and free from clutter/litter and the only way to ensure that happens is for each one of us to be responsible for our actions. Please dispose of your litter in a responsible manner.

Many of you who do respect the posted speed limits and do dispose of litter properly continue to be an example for the rest of us. Thank you to the many individuals, Residents' Associations, and volunteer groups, who work so hard to keep our municipality clean.

It continues to be an honour and privilege to serve the residents of District 3 as your Regional Councillor. Should you have any questions or concerns on any municipal issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councillor Karsten is a member of the following HRM Boards and Committees:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee and CAO Review Sub-Committee
Harbour East - Marine Drive Community Council (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Karsten also serves on the following Boards/Committees:
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors
Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM)
Oceanview Continuing Care

3-1-1 HRM CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

3-1-1 is more than a telephone number; it is your direct connection to municipal services and information. It is important to utilize the 3-1-1 service whenever you have a question regarding municipal services as 3-1-1 is also a tracking system for ensuring requests are assigned to appropriate staff for follow-up/action. Open daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm (except Christmas & New Year's Day).



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HALIFAX TRANSIT UPDATES

Moving Forward Together Plan

It seems that there has been some confusion about the impact of the Moving Forward Together Plan and the Link service. There were a couple of changes proposed to the Link service but absolutely no plans to end the service; in fact, the plan builds on the success of this service and is expanding it to other areas.

Instead of one route starting at Portland Hills Terminal (today's Route 159), there will be four routes which start in communities surrounding Portland Hills Terminal. These routes then become express routes upon reaching Portland Hills Terminal (Routes 165, 168, 161, 159). This means that if you park and ride at Portland Hills Terminal, you would still have an express bus every ten minutes. It also means that if you live in a community near Portland Hills Terminal (like Colby or along Astral Drive); you could actually get on the express bus near to your home.

Instead of being branded as "Link" buses, they would be called Expresses. The fare for Link/Express service would be reduced to regular Halifax Transit fare (\$2.50 per passenger for cash fare, rather than the \$3.00 premium fare – this reduction is also true for monthly passes).

Real-Time Location Technology

By this summer, all conventional buses will be equipped with real-time location technology, giving you more accurate bus departure information available on the new 902.480.8000 Departure Line. The Departure Line will replace the former GoTime system.

Thanks to this new technology, you will be able to have a more accurate idea of how long it will be before the next bus leaves your stop. It also means that we will be able to respond a lot faster and more accurately to issues such as heavy traffic, an accident, construction, or route changes. With real-time monitoring, staff will be able to track each and every one of the hundreds of buses on the road at any given time.

PAPER BAGS FOR EXCESS LEAF AND YARD WASTE

This is a friendly reminder that only large paper bags will be accepted for curbside collection of excess leaf and yard waste. During the fall of 2015, the municipality temporarily permitted the use of both paper and plastic bags for curbside collection until local retailers could provide an adequate supply of the large paper bags.

The switch from plastic to paper bags for excess leaf and yard waste was part of a number of amendments to By-law S-600 Respecting Solid Waste Collection and Disposal that came into effect on August 1, 2015. Leaf and yard waste, excluding grass clippings, may still be placed in the green bin as only excess

material is required to be placed in large paper bags. Material must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on collection day to ensure pick-up.

Residents are reminded that grass clippings are no longer accepted in the green bin, nor are grass clippings to be placed in the brown bags with excess leaf and yard waste. It is recommended that residents 'grasscycle' by leaving clippings on their lawn to restore essential nutrients, use the clippings in a backyard composter or as mulch for shrubs and gardens.

For more information on proper preparation of leaf and yard waste materials, and grasscycling, please visit www.halifax.ca/recycle.

PORT OF HALIFAX

Having the deepest berths on the east coast of North America, Halifax was established, and has thrived, by its connection to the sea. It is no surprise that the Port of Halifax remains a vital part of the local economy providing more than 11,800 jobs and contributing \$1.6 billion to the local economy.

Halifax is a full-service port that is able to offer a full range of goods and services across the entire marine industry from cargo, with two super post-panamax container terminals, to cruises. During the 2016 season 135 vessels carrying approximately 240,000 cruise guests are expected.

It was one of the highlights of the year when I was honoured to welcome Captain Michail Margaritas, of the vessel Marco Polo, on the ship's inaugural visit to the Port of Halifax.



BAKER DRIVE COMMUNITY PARK

Halifax Regional Council recently approved funds in the 2016/17 Capital Budget to undertake a planning exercise for the Baker Drive open space and fields. The area is an important public amenity and the goal will be to ensure a plan is developed with community input. It is anticipated the project will get underway this coming summer and the work will result in an overall detailed master plan for the Park.

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STREET AND ROAD CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following capital projects were approved as part of the 2016-17 road construction budget:

Name of Street	Location Start	Location End	Type of Work
Baker Drive	Mount Hope	Norm Newman	Planer Patching 1
Bissett Road	Cow Bay	Civic 1051	Microsurfacing
Brompton Road	Elswick	End	Recapitalization
Caldwell Road (SL)	Hines Road	Cow Bay Road	Microsurfacing
Cow Bay Road	Buffalo Club	Dyke Road (S)	Thin Overlay
Dyke Road	Frederick	Cow Bay (S)	Thin Overlay
Dyke Road	Frederick	Cow Bay (N)	Microsurfacing
Elswick Street	Everette	Brompton	Recapitalization
Everette Street	Pleasant	Elswick	Recapitalization
Hines Road	Cow Bay Road	Caldwell Road	Bridge Replacement
Mount Edward Road	Bellevista	Lucien	Microsurfacing
Mount Edward Road	Spring	Bellevista	New Sidewalk
Portland Street & Baker Drive Intersection	Intersection	Intersection	Planer Patching
Shore Road	Caldwell Road	Romkey	New Sidewalk (2016-17 budget)
Shore Road	Romkey	Shoreview	New Sidewalk (2015-16 budget)

THE BEACON CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank-you to all Beacon volunteers for your hard work and dedication as you celebrate 40 years in circulation serving Eastern Passage, Cow Bay, Shearwater and beyond. Although started as a one-page paper, printed on a Gestetner at the local school and cranked-out by hand, the Beacon has progressed to using computer software and now has an online version.

Initially started to inform residents about the Athletic Association and to provide a schedule for another new initiative at the time – the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival, the BEACON continues to inform residents on local events, news and history 10 months of the year.

The BEACON aims to accentuate the positive aspects of the community by highlighting the great people and businesses that choose to make this area their home. Congratulations on 40 years serving the community!

DEVELOPMENT

If you are curious as to what is happening on that lot down the street from you, or you have noticed some type of construction activity nearby, you may view active planning applications online at: <http://www.halifax.ca/planning/index.php> or call Planning Applications, Eastern Region, at 902.490.4335.

HRM BY-LAW C-300 RESPECTING CIVIC ADDRESSING

This information is a helpful reminder for all on how to ensure your civic addresses are clearly visible. At times I have struggled to locate a specific address when visiting with residents as the numbers have either been too small or not contrasted well with the background. By-Law C-300 requests that the civic addresses be:

- numbers only – no script
- minimum height of numbers for residential properties not less than 4 inches (100mm)
- minimum height of numbers on non-residential properties not less than 8 inches (200mm)
- colour of the numbers to clearly contrast with the background upon which the numbers are displayed
- civic numbers shall be displayed in a horizontal orientation where the civic number cannot be easily read when viewed
- from the closest place on a public street or private road upon which the property is situated, the civic number shall be posted on the structure or facility and shall also be posted at the end of the access driveway on a free standing post and double sided and perpendicular to traffic flow

These rules are in place to better serve you in case of an emergency. For more details, please view the By-Law at: http://www.halifax.ca/legislation/bylaws/hrm/documents/_0506094120_001.pdf



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SIGNS AND POSTERS ON UTILITY POLES

By-Law S-801 is the By-Law Respecting the Licensing of Temporary Signs and includes criteria for the placement of signs/posters on utility poles. Posters are defined as a small sign no greater than 11 inches by 17 inches and made of a lightweight cardboard or paper. Signs made of wood or plastic are not permitted. Commercial signs/posters are not permitted. Before placing a sign or poster on a utility pole or on municipal property, please call 3-1-1 and speak to a Licensing Administrator to ensure you will not be in violation of this By-law.

If you see a sign that does not meet the requirements of this By-Law such as a commercial sign posted on a utility pole, please call 3-1-1 and provide the location of the sign including as much detail as possible such as the name and phone number shown on the sign or poster.



Councillor Karsten, MLA Joyce Treen and MLA Darrell Samson at the Eastern Passage Welcome Reception for Syrian Family.



On December 16th, Councillor Karsten enjoyed his time as one of the Celebrity Judges for the Parkland Retirement Living Chef Competition. The competition included 4 Red Seal Chefs who were finalists in the Parkland facilities Chefs Competitions.



Councillor Karsten receiving the UNSM Long Service Award for 10 years' service!

NOVA SCOTIA RECYCLES RRFB CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Gillian Morand, runner-up in the Grade 4-6 Advertising Design portion of the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) Nova Scotia Recycles contest. Each year RRFB Nova Scotia hosts the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest. More than 5,800 entries from 403 classes were received this year! From September to February, Grade Primary to 12 students across the province participate in various activities from colouring contests to short films to promote participation in waste reduction. More than \$55,000 in cash, prizes, and scholarships is available annually for students and schools.



Councillor Karsten with Gillian Morand and her mother Ms. Tara Morand.

Community Contact Information

Fire & Emergency	Citizen Contact Centre (Open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day)	311
	Councillor Bill Karsten	902.490.7032 or 902.476.1855
	RCMP Non-Emergency	1.800.803.7267
	Police Non-Emergency	902.490.5020
Miscellaneous Contacts	Fire Non-Emergency	902.490.5530
	Canada Post (Community Mailboxes)	1.866.607.6301
	Office of the Provincial Ombudsman	902.424.6780
	Halifax Regional School Board (Administration)	902.464.2000
	School Board Representative – Nancy Jakeman	902.717.0777 Email: njakeman@hrsb.ca
	Halifax Regional Water Commission	902.490.4820
Provincial	Halifax Regional Water Commission Emergency	902.490.6940
	Nova Scotia Power	1.877.428.6004
	MLA Tony Ince, Cole Harbour – Portland Valley	902.406.3288
	MLA Marian Mancini, Dartmouth South	902.424.4134 (Caucus Office)
	MLA Joyce Treen, Cole Harbour – Eastern Passage	902.465.1888
Federal	MLA Andrew Younger, Dartmouth East	902.406.4420
	MP Darren Fisher, Dartmouth – Cole Harbour	902.462.6453
	MP Darrell Samson, Sackville – Eastern Shore	902.861.2311