



SIXTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 7 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING VOTE BUILDING A GREAT COMMUNITY—ONE GREAT IDEA AT A TIME

Each district has a budget of \$94,000 for a District Capital Fund for permanent projects in the community that provide widespread community benefit. For the last five years community members just like you have proposed projects, made recommendations on how to spend this money, and voted on projects to be funded.

All residents of District 7—including children—are invited to come and help choose projects that will strengthen our community!

Do you live in District 7 Halifax South Downtown?

- › Need funding for a project to support, enhance, build community here?
- › Want to have a say in how this neighbourhood budget is spent?

Does your community:

- › Need funding for a project to support, enhance, build community?
- › Want to see more public art, bike racks, benches?
- › Does your neighbourhood want to improve a park or playground?

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING HOW TO AND IDEA SWAP

Wednesday April 4, 2018 | 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Halifax Hall, City Hall

Everyone is welcome to discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 7. Find out more about submitting a project.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Midnight | Friday, May 4, 2018
Email to melody.campbell@halifax.ca or by mail to Melody Campbell, Council Support Office, PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

DISTRICT 7 COMMUNITY VOTE

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Lindsay Children's Room, Halifax Central Library
District 7 residents of all ages are invited to vote on their favourite projects in person. Winners will be announced that night.

MORE INFORMATION:

Please visit halifaxsouth.ca/pb

DEPUTY MAYOR WAYE MASON DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER WINTER/SPRING 2018



DEAR RESIDENTS,

I'm almost afraid to remark on the mild winter so far, because by time this is printed that could have changed! Nevertheless it has been a good winter so far, and when it snows the changes to **sidewalk snow clearing** seem to be, by and large, working better than in the past. I'm interested to hear from you about sidewalk clearing. How is it working, and how can it be improved? My contact info is to the right of this article, please reach out and let me know.

Participatory budgeting gets underway in April with the How to and Idea Swap meeting. I would love to see more new groups come out and learn how to put a project forward for consideration. Up to \$20,000 is available for capital projects for community groups. **Remember, everyone in District 7 is eligible to vote.** More information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

This newsletter updates you on new mobile payment at parking meters, **Halifax Water's lead pipe inquiry** line, the new **Youth Advisory Committee**, and the **Integrated Mobility Plan**. Information on the status of the **Willowtree tower at Quinpool/Robie** and the **Centre Plan** is also provided.

Sign up for my e-newsletter so you can keep up to date on these and more as they come forward!

Take care,

E-NEWS SIGNUP

In addition to this paper newsletter, I send regular email updates approximately once every two or three weeks via email.

Please visit wayemason.ca/mailling-list and enter your information. You will receive an email to confirm subscription. You must click on the link supplied to complete your enrollment. You can unsubscribe at anytime and your email address will not be shared.

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like it included, **or if you want the e-news mailed to you**, please contact my Coordinator, Melody Campbell and she will mail you the newsletter. Her contact info is in the sidebar to the right of this page.

CONTACT US

311 - HRM CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue, the contact centre is open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday except Christmas & New Year's Day.

CALL MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Melody Campbell by email at melody.campbell@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.2012

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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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Police non-emergency	902.490.5020
Fire (non-emergency)	902.490.5530
Halifax Water Emergency	902.490.6940
Councillor Support Office	902.490.4050





MOBILE PAYMENT OPTION AT MUNICIPAL PARKING METERS

As of December 4, 2017, mobile payment for parking is available on all municipal meters. HotSpot, the municipality's current service provider, offers users a mobile app at a monthly/ annual fee. Mobile payment for parking is a new option that enhances convenience. It will notify users when their meter is close to expiring and offer the opportunity to add more time up to the maximum for that parking space.

Users can terminate a session early and be refunded for any unused time. Also, those parking at a meter are not required to use the mobile payment option as all parking meters still accept coins. Parking meter rates and time limits vary across the municipality. These are indicated on the meter as well as the mobile app. Mobile parking fees and standard coin parking rates will be the same at each individual location. For more information visit the website <http://htsp.ca/>

HALIFAX WATER AND LEAD PIPE INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding lead pipe service lines you can contact the Halifax Water Call Centre at 902-420-9287. These calls will be forwarded to the Lead Program staff. In some cases, historic records, especially for private property are not straightforward so it may take a couple of days for a response to go back.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regional Council approved a two-year pilot project to establish a Youth Advisory Committee, to be supported administratively by the Municipal Clerk's Office, to be developed in two phases, starting this summer. Regional Council wants to ensure that there is a youth voice to champion youth issues at the municipal level.



BE PREPARED: JOIN THE JEM

The volunteer run Joint Emergency Management (JEM) team is a community-based volunteer organization that works with HRM's Emergency Management Organization (EMO). This is great way for involved citizens to educate friends, family and neighbours in preparedness for emergencies.

JEM's motto is "neighbours helping neighbours". During emergencies, residents in affected communities need to be prepared to help themselves and to assist others. Come join us!

You can find more info at <http://halifaxesouth.ca/jem>

Upcoming meeting schedule—Halifax Central Library (unless otherwise indicated) 7:00 p.m. Please check website for up to date meeting info.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Wednesday, June 27, 2018



Enjoyed the official opening of the renewed Argyle/Grafton, joined by Mayor Savage, MP Andy Filmore, Paul Mackinnon from Downtown Halifax Business Commission, and hundreds of residents!



Grand unveiling a plaque to Gorsebrook estate owner/ CIBC founder Enos Collins in Gorsebrook Park. Thanks to Chris Annand, Pat Whitman from Park to Park, Mike Bagnell, Vice President, CIBC and Minister Labi Kousolis, Government of NS.



I was honoured to participate in the strategic planning workshop for renewing District 7's beloved Spencer House Seniors Centre. Great things should be unveiled in the coming months!



UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEARING: 6009 AND 6017 QUINPOOL ROAD

Many residents have asked for an update on the status of the Willowtree proposal. On January 16th, Regional Council conducted a public hearing for Case 18966. After hearing from a number of speakers, Regional Council deferred the matter and directed staff to prepare a supplementary report which outlines options and proposed Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) amendments for provisions for incentive or bonus zoning.

These could allow for an increase to the overall allowable maximum height from 62 meters to 78 meters through the provision of affordable housing units or other enhancements such as those raised at the public hearing as the contribution for any incentive or bonus zoning applicable to the development, and report back to Council no later than March 20, 2018.

This timeframe can be difficult for all of us, as with this hearing not yet concluded I am unable to talk about the contents of the hearing with residents, and I apologize for this unusual situation.

INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN

Recently Council approved the Integrated Mobility Plan or IMP. The plan will create a regional vision for mobility and help to direct future investment in transportation demand management, transit, active transportation, and the roadway network.

IMP brings together municipal policy direction on public transit and transportation, land use and growth centres, contained within the Regional Plan, to implement sustainable transportation strategy, promote fiscally and environmentally appropriate land use, and plan for the municipalities future mobility needs while designing complete streets for all ages, abilities and travel options.



CENTRE PLAN & SITE-SPECIFIC REQUESTS WITHIN THE REGIONAL CENTRE BOUNDARY

On January 16th, Regional Council directed staff to continue to process the requests for site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments and follow the public participation program subject to the proposals generally aligning with the **June 13, 2017 Centre Plan document** relative to Urban Structure, Height and Floor Area Ratio and addressing the planning principles of transition, pedestrian-orientation, human-scale, building design, and context-sensitive.

Regional Council also directed staff to continue to engage with the proponents of the requests for site-specific amendments to amend their proposals to better align with the draft Centre Plan policies and regulations and return to Council to seek further direction on these proposals following the release of the Centre Plan Package "A" draft to the Community Design Advisory Committee February 28, 2018.

Council also directed staff to include in the upcoming Centre Plan review, consideration for enabling higher order residential development in the area between Fenwick, Queen, Victoria, Inglis, and South Park, South Harvey, Church and Barrington and where lots in existence prior to January 1, 2018 exceeded 6000 square feet in area.



This Remembrance Day I laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of Halifax and District 7 at the Sailors Memorial, honouring those who served and those who fell for Canada.



Councillor Smith and I took his daughter and her friends to We Day Atlantic, which blew us all away. The energy of generation we is amazing!

PLEASE RECYCLE
Due to Canada Post delivery routes, some residents who do not live in District 7 may receive this newsletter.



If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion.

To find out who your councillor is, please visit: eservices.halifax.ca/districtLookup/ or call 311.