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HALIFAX WEST—ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



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DEAR RESIDENTS,

I hope you've been enjoying your Spring and are as excited about the coming Summer as I am. As the weather improves and my family spends more time outdoors, my mind turns to our active transportation infrastructure—our

sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, crosswalks, etc. One of Council's biggest accomplishment in the last few months was the unanimous adoption of the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP), which explicitly aims to reprioritize the users of our roads and put people first!

The IMP will change our transportation policies and drive the spending decisions over the coming years to focus on adding more sidewalks, more bike lanes, more trails, more marked crosswalks, dedicated bus lanes, bus rapid transit, and, hopefully, commuter rail.

This will be the second year for Participatory Budgeting in District 9. This is your chance to participate in deciding how District Capital Funds are spent in our community. There are more details on the amounts, process, and dates inside. I hope you come out to the information & planning session and the community vote.

I'm thrilled to be on the planning committee for **Spryfield Day** on Saturday, July 14th; this will be a fantastic event. I'm also looking forward to seeing you at the 11th annual **Dingle Natal Day Beach Party** on Monday, August 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming Park.

If I can be of assistance, please reach out and contact me using any of the methods listed on the side panel. Let's work together to make Halifax more dynamic, livable, walkable, healthy, and sustainable.

All the best,

CONTACT INFORMATION

311—MUNICIPAL CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

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

CONTACT MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Stephanie Brown by email at browns@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.4090

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Councillor Support Office 902.490.4050

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FROG POND TRAIL GETS MUCH NEEDED MAINTENANCE



At the end of 2016, seven of the eight boardwalks around Frog Pond were identified as needing significant repairs, which ranged from partial replacements to completely new boardwalks. One had to be raised above the high-water mark. Some new crusher dust was added at multiple points along the trail. The work was completed in the Fall of 2017 and the trail will be good for years to come.

CELEBRATING 90+ YEARS WITH CHEBUCTO LINKS



I was honored to celebrate these residents who were turning 90 years old or more at this Chebucto Links meeting in October. Chebucto Links is an organization that is “keeping seniors connected.” You can learn more about their programs and services, which are offered to all 55+ and presented in cooperation with other community organizations, at www.chebuctolinks.ca or you can call 902.422.3525.

CANADA'S FIRST SEABIN IS HERE IN DISTRICT 9



The Seabin Project began in 2015 and the first one in Canada was recently installed at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron thanks to the generous sponsorship of Butterfield Bank. I presented a Council scroll of congratulations to Ben Harris, VP of Planning & Analysis at Butterfield's office in Halifax. Ben is also a resident of District 9.

POVERTY SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTED REPORT



I was pleased to fill in for the Mayor and co-chair at the final meeting of the Poverty Solutions Advisory Committee with Sara Napier of the United Way. Our report was presented to the Community Planning & Economic Development Committee of Council in March, with ambitious recommendations on enhancing transit, improving food security, and increasing affordable housing.

GET YOUR NEXT GENERATION WATER METER

After a successful small-scale deployment, Halifax Water began installations of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) technology in September for all remaining customers and will continue over the next 3 years. About 84,000 state-of-the-art water meters will be installed as part of Customer Connect, an initiative to upgrade Halifax Water's technology to better serve customers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and eventually allow for monthly billing.

Meters are currently being installed in Armdale, Herring Cove, Spryfield and Timberlea. To book your appointment, visit customerconnect.halifaxwater.ca or call 1.800.667.4387 and see how this new meter technology will benefit you. The meter and installation are FREE.





PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN DISTRICT 9: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Each district has a budget of \$94,000 in District Capital Funding annually that can be used to support important community projects. Requests for District Capital Funds must come from not for profit organizations, support initiatives that have community benefit and fall within HRM's mandate. Examples could be public art, bike racks, playground equipment, benches, or other community enhancements in your neighbourhood.

To involve residents in how some tax dollars are spent, I will be hosting Participatory Budgeting in District 9 for the second year. There are many benefits with Participatory Budgeting: it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups and individuals; it builds community support and collaboration; and it gives local residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 Capital Funds to be spent.

Key Events and Dates

1. Participatory Budgeting Info Session and Idea Swap

Everyone is welcome to come discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 9. You will also find out more information about how to submit a project proposal. Our information session will take place on **Thursday, June 14th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre.**

2. Proposal Submission Deadline Midnight Monday, August 13th

Email submission to Stephanie Brown at browns@halifax.ca or mail* to Stephanie Brown
Council Support Office
PO Box 1749
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

**paper submissions must be received in the office during business hours by Aug 13th to be considered*



3. Community Vote

District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favourite projects. Winners announced that night. Our vote night will take place on **Thursday, Sept. 20th from 7pm to 9pm at the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church & Community Centre.**

FIRST PARTICIPATORY BUDGET IN DISTRICT 9 IN 2017

Last year, more than 130 residents came out and voted on the six projects proposed. The projects that received the most votes were: New playground equipment at Whimsical Lake playground on Mabou Ave; music education hardware and software for the Boys & Girls Club; metal "dugout" awnings over the baseball player benches at Larry O'Connell Park and a new community event sign in front of Bethany United Church.

ARTS, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS IN DISTRICT 9

Playing at the **Theatre Arts Guild** at the Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road | www.tagtheatre.com

Death & the Maiden by Ariel Dorfman, Directed by Nick Jupp | June 7 to 23 | Tickets on sale May 18th

Winner of the 1992 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play. Set in an unnamed South American country post coup, this mystery thriller tells the story of a political activist who is convinced that her guest is a man who once tortured her for the government, and who exacts her revenge.

If you are aware of a community event, announcement, play, concert, museum event, etc. and would like it included in a future newsletter or e-newsletter, please forward the information to my Coordinator, Stephanie Brown, at browns@halifax.ca and we can help to promote it.



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NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA AND HALIFAX WORKING TO CREATE NEW PARK

Last fall, Halifax Regional Council voted unanimously to move forward with a proposal by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) for a 379-acre urban wilderness park bordering the Purcell's Cove Backlands. The tentative agreement between the NCC, Halifax and the property owner, The Shaw Group, presents an extraordinary opportunity to conserve a rare landscape and habitat, while creating a park designed for outdoor recreation and nature appreciation, minutes from the urban core of the city. The project has already come a long way, but to make the park a reality, NCC will need wide support from the community.

The property includes Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake and is already a popular spot for swimming and hiking. The Williams Lake Conservation Company and members of the Backlands Coalition have been advocating for its protection for many years and the Halifax Green Network Plan consultations identified it as one of the three areas for protection in Halifax.

Once considered for a suburban housing project, this beautiful property should be conserved because it contains a rare forest type known as jack pine and broom-crowberry barrens, found only on exposed, glacier-scraped rock near the Atlantic coast. The property also includes sections of mature pine forest and many small wetlands, which provide habitat for more than 40 species of breeding birds and other wildlife.

The vision for the urban wilderness park is to conserve the ecology and landscape for both wildlife and people, so future generations will always be able to get outside and connect with nature. The park will be easily accessible by road and by public transit. Most trails will be marked but kept narrow and natural. Year-round low-impact activities such as hiking, birding, interpretive walks and outdoor education will be permitted. The lakes will be open for unsupervised swimming and non-motorized boating.

As Canada's largest charitable land trust, NCC has helped conserve 2.8 million acres of ecologically-significant land across Canada, including 33,000 acres in Nova Scotia. With 50 years of experience, the NCC recognizes the Backlands as a rare chance to conserve a significant and accessible natural landscape in an urban centre, in partnership with a willing land owner and a supportive municipal government.

To help create the park, the Nature Conservancy of Canada has committed to raising \$3.5 million from the community: \$2.5 million for a conservation agreement with Halifax ensuring no development or resource extraction can ever occur on the property; and \$1 million for legal and associated costs, including the establishment of a stewardship fund to ensure long-term care of the property, with land values appraised by professional, independent third parties.

Over the next year, NCC will be seeking financial support from a wide range partners, but particularly Nova Scotian businesses, local communities, and citizens of Halifax, to raise the necessary funds for this project. We invite people to help create this urban wilderness park by donating to the Nature Conservancy of Canada online (<http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/nova-scotia/>) or contacting the Halifax office at 902-405-4334.

Thanks to Craig Smith, Nova Scotia Program Director, Nature Conservancy of Canada, for providing the above information.



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In addition to this paper newsletter, which comes out twice a year, I send regular email updates approximately one to two times per month. This is the best way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our district and in the Halifax area. Please visit <http://www.shawnclearly.ca/contact--subscribe.html> and enter your information. You can unsubscribe at anytime and your email address will not be shared.



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