

# COUNCILLOR WAYE MASON

## DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/FALL 2018



### DEAR RESIDENTS,

Another great summer is winding to a close and my annual **Welcome to Halifax letter for students** is on the back of this newsletter. Inside you will also find info on **Hospice Halifax**, **Bringing Back Kiwanis**, update on the **Local Council of Women house on Young Avenue**, and information about this year's recently completed Participatory Budgeting.

Some dates to keep in mind: the public is invited to a **Participatory Budgeting review**, October 24th, at Halifax Hall at City Hall, 7pm. and there will be a meeting about trying to **reestablish a Kiwanis Club** on the peninsula October 3rd at 6:30pm at Needham Community Centre.

Final note - **Cogswell District public engagement** is about to start and I hope everyone takes a moment to have their say. Encouraging thoughtful community feedback has been a cornerstone of the Cogswell District Redevelopment Project from the outset. We want to meet with you, provide information about the project and hear your feedback. For more info, check out [halifax.ca/cogswell](http://halifax.ca/cogswell) and click on the engagement link.

Thank you and take care,

### SIGNUP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES!

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### HOSPICE HALIFAX

Have you noticed the building taking shape at 618 Francklyn Street? It's Nova Scotia's first hospice residence...it's inspiring and much needed.

Recently, Hospice Halifax extended the date to welcome patients and families to early 2019. Work continues; Hospice Halifax and Lindsay Construction plan to have the building 'weathertight' this summer, with the goal of having staff members working on site in late fall, and officially opening after the holiday season.

I often find Haligonians and Nova Scotians look out for each other, so forward a job posting to a friend or a colleague -- Hospice Halifax will be hiring 20 new staff members this fall -- seems in keeping with our way of life. Please visit [www.hospicehalifax.ca](http://www.hospicehalifax.ca) for more information.



### BRINGING KIWANIS BACK TO THE PENINSULA

Councillor Smith and I invite you to attend a

meeting hosted by Kiwanis Dartmouth to talk about re-establishing a Kiwanis Club on the Halifax Peninsula. Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

Kiwanis in HRM provides community service from the Kiwanis Festival to helping maintain the Graham's Grove Park in Dartmouth and other good works. There has not been a Kiwanis Club on the peninsula since the 1990s.

**If you are interested in helping reestablish a Kiwanis**, join us October 3rd at 6:30pm at Needham Community Centre 3372 Devonshire Ave, or contact me if you have any questions.



District 7 2018 Citizenship Award Recipient Mychael Paris

### **2018 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

On May 8th, the 2018 Citizenship Awards were presented at City Hall to students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and in our communities. I would like to extend my congratulations to all Award recipients, including District 7 Award Recipient Mychael Paris from Oxford School. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school & community.

### **2018 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

On April 11th Halifax recognized the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.



Wenceslao Amezcua, District 7 2018 HRM Volunteer Award recipient.

Congratulations to the four District 7 Award recipients who are pictured on this page. Thank you all for making our community a better place!



Meredith Otley, District 7 2018 HRM Volunteer Award recipient.



Ding Fan, District 7 2018 HRM Volunteer Award recipient.



Dave Jones, District 7 2018 HRM Volunteer Award recipient.

### **UPDATE REGARDING THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN HOUSE**

I'm pleased to share this contributed letter with residents. Dear Members of our Community,

I write to you as an update about the use of the Women's Council House at 989 Young Avenue. At our AGM in May, the House Committee and the Executive Committee notified the membership and the greater community that the Local Council of Women in Halifax is looking to ensure that our fantastic asset that is the Women's Council House is used for community support.

We have done extensive work in the last few months updating the safety and learning more about the home - all in efforts to ensure that it stays a community space for many years to come. We have more work to do, though we are very confident that our efforts will result in a bigger positive impact for our city.

Recently, we had to let our tenants know that it is not safe for us to have residents in our space. This was a decision we had to make based on recommendations from safety officials. However, this gives us a remarkable opportunity to ensure that all of our space is used to further the mandate of the Local Council of Women in Halifax and community affiliates that look to improve the lives of Haligonians. We plan on using this space for more of what the first floor is used for - community development work, offices, classes, hosting, meetings, and gatherings.

Currently, we are working with the city to ensure that our space is safe, accommodating, and welcoming to all.

The Local Council of Women in Halifax looks forward to your support as our transition of the 2nd and 3rd floors encourage further community growth and activity.

Many thanks,

Sarah B. MacDonald, President, LCW-H





Galiba and Unaiza take PB voting very seriously!

## **PB 2018 RESULTS AND RE-INVENTION**

On June 13th, the 6th Annual Participatory Budgeting vote was held. Residents, many of them children, came to the Halifax Central Library and voted to support five of the nine citizen-led initiatives through funding from District 7 discretionary capital fund.

It was very exciting to see so many people of all ages and from around the district come and have their say.

Full funding was provided to the **Le Marchant St Thomas PTA** – \$20,000.00 for playground improvements, **Partners for Care / Common Roots Urban Farm**, \$4,600 for signage, shade and garden upgrades, **Inglis Street Elementary School PTA** – \$10,000.00 for playground improvements, **Halifax Brewery Market** – \$18,000 for play

equipment and furniture, **Halifax Cycling Coalition** \$16,450 – for eco counters and adaptive bicycles, **Halifax Central Junior High** – \$20,000 for new basketball backboards and armatures. Partial funding was provided to **Halifax Minor Baseball** for \$5000 towards a batting cage at Conrose Park. The Inglis Street funding will be matched from other available funding already set aside for improvements in Gorsebrook Park for a total commitment of \$20,000.

## **PB - REVIEW, RETHINK AND REFLECT: OCTOBER 24**

It's been six great years of Participatory Budgeting, and it's time to talk about what changes we may want to see to make it even better! The program was designed by and for the community, and I want to hear what you think. Please join me Wednesday, October 24th, at Halifax Hall at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, 7pm.

For more information, please visit <http://halifaxsouth.ca/pb>.



It was an honour to represent Halifax on behalf of Mayor and Council at the unveiling of the interpretive plaque at the Last Steps WWI memorial on the Halifax Waterfront



You'll see changes around Gorsebrook JHS, some of which have been paid for in part by Participatory Budgeting. These "jack-o-lantern" windows on the gym are the newest improvements.



Mayor Savage and I were pleased to join the board and staff of Spencer House at their 35th Anniversary Celebrations this summer.

## **CONTACT US**

### **311 CONTACT CENTRE**

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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 Constituency Coordinator Melody Campbell call 902.490.2012 or email [melody.campbell@halifax.ca](mailto:melody.campbell@halifax.ca)

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### STUDENTS, WELCOME TO HALIFAX!

**We are glad you're here, and we are excited for what you bring to our community.**

I mean it when I say to our student neighbours welcome to Halifax South Downtown! Our community is a very diverse mix of students, renters, long-term homeowners, businesses and more. Our diversity in all its forms is what makes our neighbourhood great and we're glad you're here! This area is a real mixed bag of housing, with apartments mixed in with other homes. There is no "student neighbourhood" in Halifax - you are as likely to live next to your professor as to an apartment of undergrads.

This can create challenges, as your neighbours could be emergency room doctors, retired people, seniors, preschool and school age children, babies, and professionals of all kinds. Sometimes students are new renters and just don't know they have legal obligations as tenants and neighbours. We know most students just want to get along with their neighbours. Here are three things that seem to cause most of the friction: noise, booze & mess.

**Noise:** You have the right to enjoy yourself with friends while respecting that your neighbours have the right to a good night's sleep. You can be fined if your party or gathering "unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the peace and tranquillity of a neighbourhood" with fines starting at \$463.95 and rising to \$1268.95 for a third offence. Keep noise to a reasonable level. Tickets can be given any time of day. Remember, if your neighbour has kids, they are going to expect some late night quiet!

**Booze & smoking:** The drinking age in Nova Scotia is 19. Underage drinking can result in a fine of \$463.95. Same goes

with walking across the street with an open drink. Smoking on a street or in a park could lead to a warning, or a fine of between \$25 and \$1000. Being intoxicated in a public place can result in a fine of between \$130.45 and \$463.95. Basically, don't walk around drunk with open liquor (no, not even on St. Patrick's Day)! Smoke in designated areas. You can have fun but make sure that it doesn't impact others enjoyment of their neighbourhood.

**Mess:** This is often a result of a party. Clean up any litter. You

would be surprised how many neighbours ask me to remind students not to go to the bathroom outside. Nothing undermines the reputation and dignity of students in general like public urination. Pick up any garbage after a party and see if your neighbours have any concerns, and they are more likely to cut you some slack. The municipality can order a property cleaned up and if the work is not done, the municipality will clean the property, and bill the property owner, which will upset your landlord! Make sure you put the right stuff out Monday morning as we alternate green cart and solid waste each week. Visit <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/> Fines are \$463.95.

**Final Words:** Halifax is your home now too, and we are glad you are here! Nobody wants to fine you, or call bylaw on you, or call the police, but we all have to share this space. Please, respect your neighbours and the community. If your actions or actions of your guests unreasonably and repeatedly disturb the neighbourhood, people will call the city, the police, the universities, and your landlord. The responsibility for a good neighbourhood belongs to everyone. Halifax is one of the best small cities in Canada, and it takes all of us working together to make it so. This is my sixth back to school message since being elected.

**Let's keep working together to share this community respectfully!**

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