



DEPUTY MAYOR LISA BLACKBURN
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
 MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME MAY!

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While Mother Nature may be in a bit of a flux during this pandemic, it is perhaps more important than ever to express our appreciation for all mothers and what they do to keep us safe

and healthy every day. Reach out to your moms for Mother’s Day via social media and let them know you are thinking of them: I know it will make their day a special one!

Nature is springing to attention with buds forming and early spring flowers popping up signaling that all will be well!

Due to COVID-19, the monthly Beaver Bank Hub office hours are cancelled until further notice. Please contact me via email at: LISA.BLACKBURN@HALIFAX.CA OR BY PHONE: 902.579.7164.

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VISCOUNT RUN PARK



VISCOUNT RUN PARK CONCEPT PLAN

I am pleased to announce an exciting park plan being developed for Viscount Run Park in Kingswood North.

The above concept plan is based on community input from park visioning workshops with community members last fall and earlier this spring to gather ideas used to generate a park concept.

information from both community meetings can be found on our [park planning webpage](#).

The next step in the process is to complete a park planning report to accompany a staff report for Regional Council's review this year.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Stephen Cushing, Landscape Architect, Policy & Planning, Parks & Recreation at: [902.292.1565](tel:902.292.1565).

GREEN CARTS

[Sign up](#) for weekly reminders and service alerts, or print a calendar customized for your address. Collection can start as early as 7:00 a.m. but may not happen at the same time each week. You can place your green cart curbside as early as 7:00 p.m. the night before. Any carts not collected must be removed from the curb by 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

The municipality provides green carts and mini bins to properties that received curbside collection. Call 3-1-1 to request a bin delivery for new homes, or for repairs to a damaged cart.

Carts are assigned to the property, not the owner. If you move, the cart and mini bin must stay at the property.

CANCELLATION OF MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS FOR MAY 2020

To further support Public Health directives related to staying home and social distancing, the following upcoming Mobile HSW drop-off events have been cancelled:

- May 2 - Sackville Transit Terminal
- May 9 - Porters Lake Transit Terminal

Future events will be evaluated on a month-by-month basis. Every attempt will be made to reschedule the cancelled events, conditions permitting.

Operation of the Household Special Waste depot (located at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive), has also been suspended until further notice.



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This change was implemented on March 19, 2020.

Impacts to HRM's solid waste program are kept up to date online at www.halifax.ca/coronavirus. Residents may also register for service alerts through the Halifax Recycles mobile app, or online at www.Halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere.

MESSAGE FROM DIABETES CANADA

D We all have a stake in the health and safety of our communities. And in these times, it is even more apparent that we need to work together to protect residents while we do our best to live and work in new and challenging ways.

Diabetes Canada donation bins are overflowing, and some are becoming a dumping ground for well-meaning citizens who want to support our work.



PLEASE STOP dropping donations to bins while COVID-19 emergency measures are in place!

Due to the covid-19 pandemic and crucial physical distancing orders by governments that non-essential services be stopped, **the pick-up of all textile donations by Diabetes**

Canada from homes and donation bins across Canada stopped on March 23rd.

The current donations at the donation bins and, in some unfortunate instances, the **dumping of garbage at donation bins is posing a serious health and safety issue.**

Diabetes Canada has been urging the public to hold off on their bin donations until business resumes.

Diabetes Canada relies on generous charitable clothing donations as a crucial source of revenue to support the 11 million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes. Efforts include innovative diabetes research, supporting children and youth living with type 1 diabetes, and developing evidence-based policy recommendations to improve the lives of those living with the disease. Additionally, thanks to the donation bin business, more than 100 million pounds of textiles are diverted from landfill annually.



LIFTING OF SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

At 11:59 a.m. on April 26th, Halifax Regional Municipality lifted spring weight restrictions on roads it oversees. Spring weight restrictions were simultaneously lifted on roads in the municipality maintained by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

For updated information on the provincial



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restrictions still in place in other parts of the province, please visit the [Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal website](#).

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



I am so grateful to have such caring and dedicated volunteers in our community especially during the COVID-19 situation. Included in those volunteers are the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association (BBCAA) and the Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club

(BBKLC) who are reaching out to community members who may need assistance in areas of providing food or picking up items for them etc.

These are difficult times for all and the more we can help our neighbours the better it will be for our beloved community. Just knowing that someone is there for you means more than we can imagine – a helping hand or just a word of comfort and reassurance can make such a positive difference in someone’s life in a time of uncertainty.



If you know of someone in need of assistance – a neighbor, a senior or even yourself, please contact the following and leave a message, someone will contact you:

BBCAA: 902.252.3291 or 902.865.1035

BBKLC: 902.864.8521

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

See article on Case 22865 - 1633 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville on page 7.

You may view the [agendas](#) online.

COVID-19 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For detailed information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit Halifax.ca/coronavirus.

The following information may be helpful to you as you maneuver through this time of self-isolation, unemployment and health concerns while we battle hard to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- If you have been laid off, contact check with your employer’s Employee Assistant Program. Most have mental health supports and counselors available via telephone. Even if laid off, these services are available for up to six months after the job loss.
- National Mental Health Hotline: 1-833-456-4566 or text “talk” to 686868
- For younger residents, the Kid’s Help Phone is 1-800-668-6868
- Nova Scotia Mobile Mental Health Crisis line is: 1-888-429-8167.

The above listed services are available 24-7.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

If you have been laid off/stopped working because of COVID-19, the [Canada Emergency](#)



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[Response Benefit \(CERB\)](#) may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

If you experience any issues when applying for the CERB, please contact your federal representative, Member of Parliament, **MP Darrell Samson** at 902-861-2311 or **MP Geoff Regan** at 902-426-2217.

General medical / health related questions related to COVID-19 in Nova Scotia:

- 211 OR Public Health support line 902-481-5800 (staffed 8am-8pm M-F)

Note: For people concerned they may have COVID-19 –use this online self-assessment BEFORE calling 811 - <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>.

- To report people not following social distancing rules in the community: Police non-emergency line 902-490-5020 OR 902-490-7252
- To report workplaces not following social distancing rules: 1-800-952-2687 to register concern with provincial occupational health and safety inspector.
- Government of Canada coronavirus information line: 1-833-784-4397.

Provincial Representatives for District 14 and area:

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VIRTUAL SPECIAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MAY MEETINGS

Regional Council meetings:

Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Budget Committee meetings:

Tuesday, May 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m. **(if required)**

Tuesday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.

You can click the [video link on the meeting agenda](#) to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES



All branches of [Halifax Public Libraries](#) will be closed indefinitely, as a precaution to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Visit the Halifax Public Libraries website for the multitude of services available online for all ages!

Local Poetry - Call for Submissions

The Writers’ Federation of Nova Scotia (WFNS) in partnership with the Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Public Libraries, is bringing back another year of Poetry in Motion to the city of Halifax and beyond.

May 2020

Poetry in Motion is a public poetry art project that features short poems on transit ads in buses; on digital signs at libraries, ferry terminals, and recreation centres; and on social media posts. Poems will be original work by Nova Scotian residents 16 years of age or older on the theme - journeys - this theme can be interpreted broadly, and may touch on journeys outward, journeys back home, the passage of time, or other forms of travel, transportation, and exploration.

Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2020.

For more information or to submit a poem, click [here](#).

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Call [311](#) if:

- You see debris on HRM property that requires cleanup
- You witness someone leaving garbage / recycling / debris etc. on your property or a neighbour’s property
- You see garbage on the side of a municipal road that requires cleanup

Call the [police](#) if:

- You see someone currently dumping debris and they are still in the area

Contact the [Department of Transportation](#) if:

- You see something that requires clean up on the side of a provincial road

HRM is not responsible for removing illegally dumped material from private property. Place the material curbside for collection on your [regular garbage day](#) or make arrangements for it to be removed.



CASE 22865 - 1633 SACKVILLE DRIVE

WSP is applying on behalf of the property owner (Keizer Property), to rezone a portion of 1633 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville, from R-6 (Rural Residential Zone) to R-4 (Multiple Unit Dwelling Zone), to allow for a multiple unit dwelling with four (4) residential dwelling units.

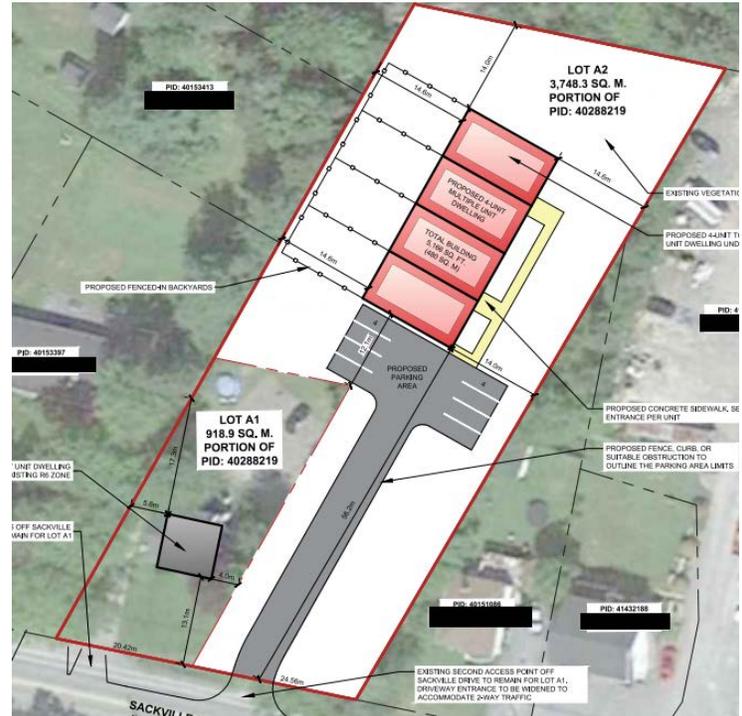
The proposed new building is designed as a 4-unit, 2-storey, townhouse-style multiple unit dwelling with separate exterior entrances for each unit.

The permitted uses in the R-4 Zone (subject to the zone requirements) are as follows:

- Existing multiple unit dwellings in excess of six (6) units
- Multiple unit dwellings containing no more than six (6) units
- Open space uses

The area where the existing single-family dwelling is located is not intended to be rezoned. The applicant is pursuing land subdivision to enable subdividing the dwelling area from the area to be rezoned leaving the home on its own lot under existing R-6 zoning.

For more information, please contact: **Brittney MacLean**, Planner II, at: [902.490.4919](tel:902.490.4919) or by Email at: macleab@halifax.ca.



Proposed site plan for Case 22865 - 1633 Sackville Drive.

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CAN'T PAY YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19

No Evictions for Three Months

The Premier has stated *"No tenant can be evicted because their income has been impacted by COVID-19 (effective for next 3 months)."*

- People are not required to be sick with COVID-19.
- Landlords may not serve a tenant with a Notice to Quit (eviction notice) until 15 days after rent was due, and Landlords should not serve anyone who has had their income impacted by COVID-19

What happens if I can't pay my rent?

Read about the [NS eviction process and what you can do](#) about it at the link above with information compiled by Councillor Waye Mason.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019/20 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

As part of National Volunteer Week, the Halifax Regional Municipality is honoured to announce the recipients of the 2019-20 Volunteer Awards.

These awards are given to outstanding individuals or groups in recognition of their extraordinary volunteer contributions to their community.

The award recipients in District 14 are:

- Roberta Hibbert

- Twan Jansen
- Victor Sampson
- Janice West

Congratulations and thank you for all you do to make our communities more vibrant and livable!

For more information and to see the full list of volunteer award recipients and community group recipients go to:

halifax.ca/volunteerawards.





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IN THE COMMUNITY



Mayor Mike Savage and I with Councillor Lorelei Nicoll at the Cole Harbour RCMP Headquarters as we lay a wreath in memory and in honour of RCMP Cst. Heidi Stevenson, a 23-year veteran killed in the line of duty on April 17, 2020.

Our hearts and prayers are with the family, friends and colleagues of Constable Heidi Stevenson at this most difficult time.



SACKVILLE AREA WARMING CENTRE IS OPEN

The Sackville Area Warming Centre (SAWC) provides a safe, warm place for those living outside to come overnight in the winter if you need a place to warm up or just rest for a bit. Simply ring the bell at the back door of 10 Beaver Bank Road and volunteers will greet you.

Sackville Area Warming Centre

Sackville · Waverley · Fall River · Beaver Bank · Bedford

SAWCconnect@gmail.com
10 Beaver Bank Rd · Lower Sackville · NS · B4E 1G3

Open Overnight

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
9:30p.m. until 5:45 a.m.

10 Beaver Bank Road, back entrance
(At Gateway Church, the old fire hall near Sackville Dr.)

Please join us! Come in from the cold!
Ring the doorbell at the back door of our Sackville Area Warming Centre and we will welcome you with a smile, hot drink, and soup.



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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the NorthWest Community Council:

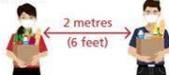
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Discover Halifax
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee

Shopping Etiquette



You must stay home if you have symptoms.

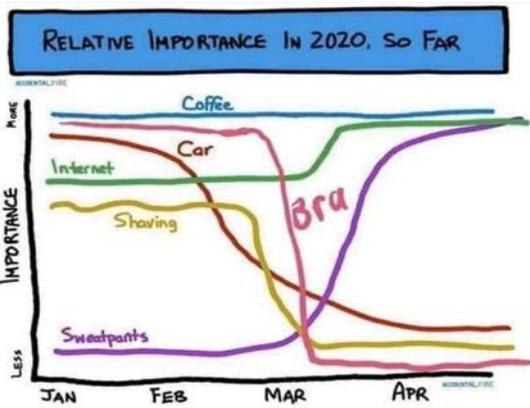
If you must go to stores for essentials, always practice physical distancing - stay 2 metres (6 feet) away from others. Stores are keeping up with new information and carefully changing how they operate to protect customers, staff and their families.



- Be patient**
Controlling the number of people allowed in the store at one time increases physical distancing.
- Follow store signs**
Designated aisles may have become one-way, with markings on the floor. Listen to store staff. They are trained on precautions and want to ensure everyone's safety.
- Shop alone**
Fewer people in the store allows for easier physical distancing and less people potentially exposed to the virus.
- Have a detailed list**
Organize your list by aisle to limit your time in the store and traffic within the store. Avoid lingering in the aisles.
- Take only what you need**
Get enough supplies for 2 weeks in case you or a family member get ill.
- Be understanding**
Some products may be less available.
- Shop with your eyes**
Avoid touching items that you do not intend to buy.
- Be patient at the cash**
Some stores may close every other cash to allow for physical distancing. Wait your turn. After placing your items on the conveyor belt, move to the end of the conveyor belt. Do not wait in front of or near the cashier.
- Use clean bags**
If you are allowed to use your own bags, make sure they are clean. Stores may only allow staff to pack items using store-provided bags.
- Pay with plastic**
Use tap if you can and avoid paying with cash to reduce the surfaces you touch and decrease money exchanges.

"Be kind. We're all in this together!"

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