



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

## WELCOME NOVEMBER!

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I am honoured to have been re-elected to serve you for another 4 years and sincerely thank you for your confidence and support. I look forward to this next term and encourage you to contact

me with questions or concerns you may have about municipal programs and services.

This month's Enewsletter has lots of interesting updates on topics such as the 2020/21 Tax Relief Program, Seniors and Persons with Disability Snow Removal Program, Youth Services Guidebook and much more!

My regular Beaver Bank-Hub office hours will be commencing as of November 6<sup>th</sup>. Hours are the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre, 1583 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank.

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### NOVEMBER REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Regional Council meetings will be held on the following dates:



**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Please check our [website](#) as dates/times/locations are subject to change.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1ST



Turn clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.

### 2020/21 TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The deadline for applications to add a property to the tax relief program is **November 30, 2020**. Deadline for organizations in the current program applying to “renew” (continue) tax relief is **March 31, 2021**.

November 2020

Forms available [online](#). For assistance email [nonprofittax@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofittax@halifax.ca).

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Due to COVID-19, Remembrance Day services have either been cancelled or modified this year. Please contact your local Legion for details on their plans for this November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community service has been **cancelled**. The Greater Hammonds Plains - Lucasville will host a virtual event. You can view my virtual message here: <https://youtu.be/c8qgqxq6Kb18>.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2020  
AT 10:45 AM**

Due to COVID-19, The Greater Hammonds Plains-Lucasville Remembrance Day Committee is hosting a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony this year to honour our veterans.

The link to the ceremony will be available on YouTube by searching "St. John's Anglican Church" at 10:45 AM on November 11, 2020.

The ceremony at the Grand Parade Cenotaph will be limited to 50 attendees.



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## YOUTH SERVICES

## WINTER OPERATIONS



I know we have some creative and involved youth in District 14 who may find this guide very helpful for future projects. The step-by-step work book, created by the Youth Section Community Developer, can help lead you through the process to create your own community project. [Download the guide.](#)

If you have questions, contact Becca at [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca).

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



The Municipal Clerk's Office is currently recruiting for [board or committee volunteers.](#)

**Deadline for applications is November 9, 2020, by 11:59 p.m.**

Contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at: [serve@halifax.ca](mailto:serve@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210.

Yes, winter is on its way and that means snow is coming! Here are the details surrounding our extensive Winter Operations program including equipment used and service standards for both in-house and contracted operators.



With each weather event, crews are responsible for approximately:

- 3,844 lane kilometers of streets
- 1,000 kilometers of sidewalks
- 2,300 bus stops across the Halifax region.

This requires a coordinated, strategic approach necessitating a prioritization system based on the following criteria:

- frequency of use by commuters
- access to important infrastructure, like hospitals and schools
- major bus and transportation routes.

The municipal service standards identify priority levels and timelines for clearing [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#).

Most streets and roads in the Halifax region are the municipality's responsibility, **however; the clearing of provincial highways and some private roads are the responsibility of the province.** Use our [WINTER MAINTENANCE](#) map to find out which level of government is responsible for your street.

### Service standards

Given the Halifax region's expansive geography, it takes time for crews to get to all



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areas. Crews work as fast as they safely can in difficult conditions and plan their routes according to the priority levels and timelines approved by Regional Council.

Before contacting 311 to report snow and ice clearing issues, **please check the service timelines for [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#)** to confirm when clearing should be completed. **If clearing efforts are still within the timelines, residents should not contact 311 as the agent will be unable to dispatch any crew. Please wait until the service timeline has expired before contacting 311.** This will ensure those trying to contact 311 with urgent issues are able to reach an agent.

**Note: In snowfalls greater than 30 centimetres, or in blizzard conditions, more time is needed to complete clearing.** The same exception may apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions, such as sudden freezing after rain, wet snow packed to ice and freezing rain. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe.



### Priority 1 streets:

- Main arterials
- Major bus routes
- Roads with steep inclines
- Emergency routes to hospitals and streets leading to schools and public buildings.

**Goal:** To have a plow or salt truck pass through these areas at a minimum of once every three hours and have them clear of snow and ice within 12 hours of the end of a weather event.

### Priority 2 streets:

- Residential and rural routes with medium to low volume traffic
- Gravel roads
- Private lanes that fall under the municipality's responsibility

**Goal:** To start cut-throughs on these streets once accumulations have reached 10 cm and repeated a minimum of every eight (8) hours during extended periods of snow. This allows initial access for emergency vehicles and residents needing to get out of their homes. Crews will return to finish clearing Priority 2 streets, to a snow-covered and passable state, within 24 hours from the end of a weather event.



**Priority 1 sidewalks** include those along main arterials and within the downtown core. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks within 12 hours from the end of a weather event.

**Priority 2 sidewalks** include those along transit routes. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks



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within 18 hours from the end of a weather event.

**Priority 3 sidewalks** include those along residential streets and municipal walkways. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks and walkways within 36 hours from the end of a weather event.

### Intersections & bus stops

The municipality aims to clear bus stops, starting with the highest volume stops, within 48 hours from the end of a weather event. Bus stops along Priority 1 and 2 sidewalk routes are opened as much as possible during street clearing; however, most aren't fully cleared until all streets are complete. Much of this work is done after hours, when lighter traffic conditions enable work to be carried out more safely.

### Equipment

The municipality owns approximately 46 pieces of street-clearing equipment, including loaders, snow blowers, tandems, 5-tonne and 3-tonne trucks. The fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors including salt trucks, plows and loaders - bringing the total count to approximately 250 pieces of equipment engaged during a winter event, depending on weather conditions.

In addition to the street equipment, the municipality owns 10 skid steers and mini-loaders, which are used to plow approximately 100 kilometres of sidewalks. The other approximately 900 kilometres of sidewalks in the region are cleared by contractors. As with the street equipment, the municipal sidewalk fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors and equipment on retainer, including an additional four to eight sidewalk machines that can be brought in for heavier snow.

### Salt

As part of the municipality's [salt management strategy](#), a proactive approach is taken to help prevent the buildup of snow and ice during a weather event. This is done by preparing the streets in advance with rock salt, brine or a mixture of the two. There are three municipal salt domes in the region.

### Brine



[Direct liquid application \(DLA\)](#) is one of several tools in the municipality's overall salt management strategy that involves spraying the streets with a salt water solution, also known as brine. This minimizes the bond that forms between the surface of the road and snow or ice, similar to using cooking spray to prevent food from sticking to the pan. This practice also enhances public safety while reducing the environmental impact due to less sodium chloride being required to create liquid brine. It also stays on the road surface instead of bouncing or blowing off into the ditches and/or curbs, which is what typically occurs when only applying dry rock salt.

These preventative methods only work in certain conditions. For example, rock salt won't melt ice in extremely cold temperatures. Crews evaluate the weather forecast and choose the



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best method to prepare streets for snow and ice to maintain clear, safe roadways throughout a weather event.

### YMCA SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



The YMCA Senior & Persons with Disabilities Snow Removal Program, in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, provides a subsidized snow removal service to create safe access to: front and back steps, walkways, ramps and access to fuel tanks.

The YMCA pays all service fees directly to the contractor on behalf of program participants.

To apply for this program, call (902) 483-3678 or click here: [Application Package for 2020/2021 YMCA Senior Snow Removal](#).

### IN THE COMMUNITY



I was thrilled to attend the Thrive Business Conference in Sackville celebrating local businesses and present awards to the winning businesses.



Here I am at the Grand Parade in support of the Feed Nova Scotia fundraiser launch of Burger Week 2020!



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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North West 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
- Women’s Advisory Committee

