



COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON
DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY

DEAR RESIDENTS,

What a year we will not soon forget! Some of us have lost loved ones, faced serious illness, lost jobs, suffered financial hardship, experienced separation from family and struggled with all things COVID.

And yet, the generosity of others has never been greater. Donations and acts of kindness increased, we supported our province and purchased local, neighbours looked after each other, homemade bread became a must have with many and the great outdoors became a destination of choice again.

Some individuals changed jobs, like me. Thank you to all who voted and helped me to become the Councillor for District 1. It's an amazing journey.

I hope you had a great Christmas. Here's to all that was positive in 2020.

*Happy New Year. Bring on
2021!*





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The reason I use this graphic in my email signature:



Removing barriers and creating opportunities for the full participation of all Halifax residents and municipal employees.

Support provided to:

- Fall River Christmas Express
- Musquodoboit Food Bank Association
- NS Ground Search & Rescue
- Upper Musquodoboit Playground
- Various Youth Hockey Teams

CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

- Regional Council
- North West Community Council
- Environment and Sustainable Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee
- Grants Committee
- Halifax Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

While adhering to all Public Health Protocols, I was pleased to meet with the following organizations; either in person or virtually:

- Cheema Aquatic Club
- Elderbank Rink Restoration Committee
- Fall River Turf Committee
- Lays Lake Outdoor Association
- MacDonald Sports Park Board
- Meagher's Grant Community Hall
- Musquodoboit Ground Search and Rescue
- SWEPS Williams Trail Opening
- Waverley Community Association
- Waverley Legion (Remembrance Day)

COVID-19 ALERT APP

Together, let's limit the spread of COVID-19. COVID Alert is an additional tool to protect yourself and your loved ones. COVID Alert helps to break the cycle of infection. The app can let other app users know of possible exposures before any symptoms appear.

COVID Alert does not use GPS or track your location. It's not aware of your location, your name or address, your phone's contacts or health information.

To sign up today, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/id1520284227>





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THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

When and where you park in the winter can have a big impact on clearing streets and sidewalks.

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from Dec. 15 to March 31. It will be enforced only during declared weather events and ongoing clearing operations. When enforced, the parking ban is in effect from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m. throughout the Regional Centre of the municipality.



Winter Parking Regulations

To help avoid receiving a winter parking ban ticket, as well as the inconvenience and cost of being towed, residents should ask themselves these four questions when considering parking on the street this winter:

1. Is the overnight parking ban currently being enforced?
2. Is your vehicle causing a safety issue?
3. Is it making the road impassable?
4. Is it impeding snow operations underway in the area?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, parking on the street is prohibited.

Did you know, you can sign up to receive winter parking ban notifications through hfxALERT, found here:

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085617760/login>



PLAYING FIELD STRATEGY SURVEY

It's not too late survey closes Jan 18th, 2021



Help shape the municipal Playing Field Strategy by sharing your feedback through our online survey.

The municipality is developing a Playing Field Strategy to guide the planning and



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development of playing fields over the next 15 years to meet community needs across the region. The strategy will include an examination of:

- Sports fields - all weather and natural grass sport fields, often used for soccer, football, rugby, and ultimate frisbee, among others
- Ball diamonds - often used for sports like baseball, softball, slo-pitch, and fastpitch

Whether you use playing fields for organized sports, leisure, or other recreational uses, your input will help develop recommendations towards meeting future recreation needs in our communities.

This survey should take you about 10 minutes to complete. Please go here to share your feedback:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home/surveys>

FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Now available in municipal facilities

The Halifax Regional Municipality will now be offering free menstrual products at municipal recreation facilities, community centres, and Halifax Transit terminals. Tampons and sanitary pads will be available and restocked daily. Complete facility listing available at this link:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home/news/free->

[menstrual- products-now-available- municipal-facilities](#)

Note: A number of these facilities remain closed under current COVID-19 regulations. For more information, visit halifax.ca/coronavirus

This initiative aligns with the municipality's commitment to reducing poverty through the Building Poverty Solutions report developed in collaboration with United Way Halifax. The municipality is committed to building healthy communities, where necessary health products are easily available for people who menstruate.

TRAFFIC CALMING

While campaigning, speeding issues were at the forefront of constituent's minds:

Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers. That means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that reducing the posted speed limit in an area typically has no significant impact on how fast people drive.

Physical measures are more effective and could include:

- speed humps
- speed tables
- raised intersections and crosswalks
- curb extensions
- traffic circles or mini roundabouts
- on-street parking



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- raised median islands

To learn if your street is eligible, how to request traffic calming and the current list of assessments and ranking go to :
<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/road-safety/traffic-calming-for-safer-streets>

HALIFAX RECREATION

Programs and registration

Please visit halifax.ca/myrec for recreation programs, course codes, and registration information.

Winter 2021 Recreation Programming

Winter recreation programs, including aquatics will be returning across the region.
 Visit halifax.ca/myrec for programs available by community.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 6** - All dryland programs
- **Thursday, Jan. 7** – Swimming and aquatics programs

Participants are encouraged to register by phone at (902)-490-6666 or [online](#).

Halifax Water Customer Connect

Access Your Halifax Water Account Online with Customer Connect

(November 23, 2020) Halifax Water is pleased to announce that customers can now access their Halifax Water accounts and a suite of services online through Customer Connect. Following the installation of over 83,000 new water meters, Halifax Water can now offer several benefits to customers through Customer Connect, the new, convenient and easy way for Halifax Water customers to access and manage their account online!

Customers can sign up for Customer Connect with ease by visiting www.halifaxwater.ca and clicking the "My Account" button in the menu bar at the top of the page.

Halifax Water Extending Support to Customers in Need

We realize that access to a clean, safe water supply and reliable wastewater service to maintain individual health, ensure proper hygiene, and sanitation of businesses, health care facilities and households is vital. To further support our customers, Halifax Water is taking additional measures to assist those facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic:



Customers may defer payments on overdue accounts from March 13 - July 31, 2020.



No interest will be charged on overdue accounts and dishonoured payment fees will be waived from March 13 - July 31, 2020.



Disconnection of service for non-payment is suspended until July 31, 2020.

Customers facing economic impacts due to the COVID-19 situation that will cause them to struggle with paying their accounts are asked to please contact Halifax Water's Customer Care Centre at customercare@halifaxwater.ca or 902-420-9287 to discuss payment arrangements.



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311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to important municipal services and information.



Hours of operation:
Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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SIGN UP TO MY E-NEWSLETTER

I'll be regularly sending out e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with Stephanie Brown, my Council Constituent Coordinator at browns@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090

