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DEAR RESIDENTS

April has been a balanced month of virtual meetings, and thankfully some outdoor socially distanced, mask wearing, and just a few (limited numbers) in person meetings.

Recently, I had the opportunity to tour our beautiful district, which included the rural areas and surrounding Musquodoboit Valley with Halifax's Parks and Recreation staff. Also, I enjoyed two horse stable visits - one at Todd Hill Farm and another with Councillor Morse, at the Bengal Lancers. In addition, Councillor Mancini and I had the opportunity to see the proposed site for a new Portobello Bridge with members of the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway. I also viewed the maintenance at Beechcrest Park in Frame Subdivision. The results are much appreciated. Especially the Lakecity Plastics picnic tables.

A Sunday drive to Lake Egmont to meet and celebrate Ava Gross, was one of the most delightful days for me this month (see more about Ava in this newsletter). The second was acknowledging Mr. Winfred Baker, of Fall River, who turned 100 years old. His five tips for a good long life are faith, exercise, moderation, positive attitude and avoid stress, if you can.



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COUNCIL ITEMS TO NOTE

- [Case 19117 Old Truro Rd passed at the North West Community Council by a vote of 3 to 2.](#)
- Transit Bus Route 55 Motion to remain the same with an extension to the Ferry Terminal (cost approximately \$50,000) failed in a vote 9 to 8.
- Illegal Dumping at the end of Perrin Drive

Thank you to all residents who reach out to me either by a phone call, text or email. My journey is only enhanced by your contributions.

Also, we're in the midst of another lockdown – please social distance, wear a mask, obey Public Health Guidelines, get tested and book your vaccine.

BUDGET UPDATE 2021

May heralds in a new budget for HRM and the motion before Regional Council on May 4th, 2021 reflects a 1% tax increase, which is far better than the anticipated 1.9%. Many would have preferred no increase at all, which is understandable, but is a challenge to attain. Some of the costs described as over/under budget, yet approved by Councilors were:

One-time items:

- Contract Expert for IT Audit
- Body Worn Video Project Coordinator (12-month term)
- Traffic Calming Budget Increase
- Non-Accepted Streets (land title search - Capital)
- COVID Event Grant Program & Recovery Event Program
- Multi-District Facility Subsidy Request – COVID impacts to Revenue Shortfall/Expense

- Public Art at Queen's Marque
- Report on E.coli Microbial analysis in First Lake
- Measures necessary to achieve 75% of the goals established in the Urban Forestry Plan over next 3 years

On-going

- Anti-Black Racism Project
- Council Newsletter Funding
- Increase non-profit tax rebate for affordable housing from 25% to 50% starting in fiscal 21/22
- Journey to Change Training
- Court Disposition Clerk
- Library Food Program
- Library Electronic Resources
- Bi-Weekly Recycling (Blue Bag) Collection: Service Impact: Reduce to bi-weekly service
- Mobile Household Special Waste Events (x6)
- Enhanced Transit Stop Clearing (48 to 24 hrs)
- Discover Halifax – Destination Management-Integrated Tourism Master Plan/COVID Recovery
- Multi Service Youth Centre - Future Commitment
- Heritage Conservation District Grant Funding
- Additional positions Planning & Development:
 - 3 Planner I Positions
 - 3 Assistant Building Officials
 - 3 Compliance Officer I Positions
 - 1 Senior Program Engineer
- Costs associated with in-year staffing requirements



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MEAGHER'S GRANT COMMUNITY MEETING

May 3rd – 2021 Postponed due to COVID lockdown, we will reschedule pending the change in Public Health Guidelines.

The post of Ava's invention is [here](#) (Scrolling down on that page will show you the maker's blog on how he is building the working model)

Ava's idea, the "Cleaner Picker Upper", will be featured in an online exhibition, which will be launched by NSERC in early summer, as part of Science Odyssey week and celebrate the launch of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

The main mission page can be found [here](#) and the general Little Inventors Page (UK) is [here](#).

Jean Deslauriers, the maker, who is bringing Ava's idea to life, is a retired Nuclear Physicist from Quebec.

Currently, a video is being made by Little Inventors of the Cleaner Picker Upper for the exhibition based on Ava, The Little Inventors and Jean's video conference/interview, her original drawing, and Jean's creation. We are anxiously waiting for it to be completed.

Contributed by ~ Jolene Gross "a proud Mom"

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK



May 1 – 7: A week dedicated to the celebration of youth and their active participation in their community. Click to find out what's happening in the Halifax Regional Municipality for youth, during this week: [National Youth Week](#)

MEET AVA GROSS



Ava, who's 11 years old, participated in a challenge for children to draw an invention for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and Little Inventors (UK).

Ava's idea was one of 15, from across Canada, selected to be "brought to life" from over 600 submissions uploaded to

NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) and Little Inventors Mission: Protect Our Oceans.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE



Starting Friday, April 23, all recreation centres, gymnasiums, fitness centres and pools are closed until at least May 20. This means all indoor recreation programming and services in these facilities are also cancelled. Additionally, municipally-run spring



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programming is cancelled for the remainder of the season.

Once Public Health restrictions are changed, Parks & Recreation plans to provide alternative recreation delivery options for the spring.

Please contact your local recreation centre or partner facility for more information on impacts to spring programming and memberships.

Municipal staff will begin contacting spring registrants and facility members on next steps. Your patience is appreciated during this time. Additional questions can be submitted by email to myrec@halifax.ca.

All rentals at HRCE and municipally-run facilities are cancelled. Bookings will be suspended until at least May 20. Staff will be in touch regarding the status of your booking. Your patience is appreciated during this time. For full details, visit: [Halifax COVID-19 Response](#)

RURAL RECREATION SURVEY

ICYMI: We're inviting residents to participate in a Rural Recreation Strategy Survey. This survey will provide analysis on future needs for parks and rec services in the rural areas of the municipality. For more information and to take the survey, visit: halifax.ca/surveys



DISTRICT 1: 2021/22 PARK RECAPITALIZATION

Playground Replacement

- Beaverbrook Park
- Mornington Park
- Taylor Drive Park

Court Rehabilitation

- Wellington Fire Hall Park
- Thompson Drive Park

TRAFFIC CALMING NOTICE

Re: Holland Road (Cora Lane to Brook Street), Fletchers Lake

After a review of the speed data, volume data, and other features of the roadway, and given the proximity of Holland Road Elementary School, Holland Road was chosen for traffic calming measures between Cora Lane and Brook Street.

Speed tables were selected as the appropriate traffic calming measure for Holland Road. Speed tables encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds.

There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds, and there is no effect on resident access or on-street parking. With the construction of speed tables on Holland Road we expect slower vehicular speeds.

For more information regarding traffic calming in HRM, please visit the [website](#)

This work is planned for the 2021 construction season. Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be moved or removed before construction by the property owner. Please note, HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Please advise us if you have an invisible dog fence or in-ground



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sprinkler system. All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to your property during construction and a follow-up notice will be delivered to your property prior to the start of work.

If someone at your address has difficulty crossing uneven ground, gravel or steps, please let us know in advance so we can work with you for alternate access, where possible, during the project.

Notice of impacts to driveway access will be given at time of construction. Please contact :

Jason Hockley, P.Eng. at 902-580-2105 or email hocklej@halifax.ca if you have any questions.

DISTRICT 1: 2021/22 PLANNED PP&D CAPITAL WORK

Street Recapitalization

- Lockview Rd – High to Old Lockview
- Lockview Rd – Kinclaven to High (Drainage Improvements Only)

Asphalt Overlays

- Rocky Lake Dr – Cobequid to Powder Mill Lake Bridge

Retaining Walls

- 2342 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- 1298-1322 Waverley Rd (Carryover)

Guiderails

- 815 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- 823 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- 832 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- 1526-1572 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- 2608-2700 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- Beechcrest Dr & Laurie Dr

Bridges

- Barry’s Run – Repair Design

Proposed Crack Sealing

- Abilene Ave – Dakota to End
- Armada Cres – Jamieson to Jamieson
- Arnold Dr – Jamieson to Fall River
- Beech Hill Dr – Howe to Philip
- Behrent Crt – Brook to End

- Briancrest Rd – Elise Victoria to End
- Burnhope Dr – Montague to End
- Canterbury Lane – Ingram to End
- Celebration Dr – Confederation to Celebration
- Cindy Dr – Hartland to End
- Confederation Ave – Greenock to End
- Greenock Dr – Confederation to St Andrews
- Henry Ave – Christian to End
- Kinross Crt – Beaver Bank to End
- Laura Crt – Beech Hill to End
- Lincolnshire Dr – Ingram to Canterbury
- Marantha Dr – Carmel to End
- Meghan Crt – Regwood to End
- Piggott Ave – Kinross to End
- Regency Crt – Lexington to End
- Robert St – Howe to End
- Trunk 2 – Fall River to Coach
- Twinning Dr – Jamieson to Jamieson
- Waterford Cres – Canterbury to Ingram
- Waverley Rd – Spider Lake to Silverside
- Whittington Crt – Canterbury to End
- Windsor Junction Rd – Cobequid to Fall River

In addition, you’ll see here, the project that’s been approved. If you click on the project, a map comes up: [Paving & Repair | Streets | Sidewalks | Halifax](#)

Staff will make every effort to design, tender and construct in 2021; however, unforeseen circumstances may arise which could impact on the scheduling of the project, and potentially cause delays. It is our intention to complete this list in 2021; however, we are trying to manage expectations as best as we can in the event there is an unexpected delay.

DOMESTIC BURNING IN A NO PERMIT REQUIRED ZONE

If your property is **not** serviced with both municipal water AND sewer, then you are in what is described as a No Permit Required Zone. Most of the rural lots in the municipality are in a No Permit Required Zone. For more details, please go to the Halifax [website](#).



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All burning types below are limited by the time of day. Time of day allowed in this category is **2 p.m. to midnight**. The time of day may be further restricted by **provincial / municipal bans** and you must check for bans before you burn. They are posted daily at 2 p.m.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING APPLIANCES



The following criteria must be met for a device to be considered an 'outdoor wood burning appliance' under the By-law:

- placed a minimum of 4.75 metres (15 feet) from any dwelling or accessory building
- not placed on a wooden deck or combustible platform
- only burns dry seasoned wood
- equipped with a spark arrester with no opening large than 9.65 mm (3/8") to prevent sparks from leaving the appliance;
- The manufacturer's instructions are followed
- Only one is being used on the property at a time



Campfire burning (0.5 metre diameter open fire) is **allowed ONLY** if the fire is 4.75 metres (15 feet) away from any dwelling or accessory building. The campfire must be contained using non-

combustible material and you must burn dry seasoned firewood. Only one campfire is permitted per property. Campfire burning is also permitted in public and private campgrounds.

PICTURES WANTED!

With all our virtual meetings, many Councillors have pictures of their District as virtual backgrounds. While I do have some, I would love to have more.



This nice pic is from a Lakeview resident Shawn Hatton – the backyard visitor.

Please send me your community photos, so that I'm able to feature them. Please provide a description of each photo you send. When I post it as a screen background, I'll let everyone know where it came from and who was gracious enough to share it with us all.



No language can express the power, beauty and heroism of a mother's love. ~ Edwin Chapin



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Jacob Lucas Andre Boudreau

5 years ago, at the age of 9, Jacob asked if he / we could donate our Thanksgiving meal to a family in need. That Thanksgiving, through awareness in social media, others came forward matching his request and 25 families were provided with a Thanksgiving meal. Since that time Jacob's compassion has touched people across the country. His focus is to ensure that the homeless are treated with dignity. Jacob believes that we can never lose sight of the importance of inclusion and that we can never allow the less fortunate to become invisible.



DISTRICT 1

Marilyn Clarke

The Waverley Heritage Society would like to recognize Marilyn Clarke for her long-term commitment to the success of the Waverley Heritage Museum. Marilyn was the one who 'kept the light shining', becoming the heartbeat of the Waverley Heritage Museum through a period of transition and turnover. The museum continues today because Marilyn Clarke remained in place to carry it through rough waters and into the hands of a new generation. Her volunteer accomplishments include: museum curator, training, organizing and participating in special events and fund-raising activities such as the Annie Blois Smith Memorial Tea, leading special projects such as the History of the Waverley Volunteer Fire Department & the Waverley Gold Diggers Hockey Team and liaising with other community groups. She continues to be an inspiration to museum volunteers and visitors alike.





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DID YOU KNOW?

MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY FOOD BANK



The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank has been striving to meet food security needs in the Musquodoboit Valley for nearly 30 years.

During our most recent HRM lockdown they've gone back to a "drive through" service to meet Covid 19 guidelines and to ensure the safety of clients and volunteers.

They're always grateful to the community for much needed financial and food donations.

Community members who wish to make a donation may do so by sending an E-Transfer to: sandbar16@ns.sympatico.ca

Please type **Food Bank Donation** in the message box along with your

mailing address for tax receipt purposes.

Cheques may be mailed to:

Betty Lou Tilley

1790 Higginville Rd.

Middle Musquodoboit NS B0N 1X0

Please write **Food Bank Donation** on the memo line.

WELLINGTON FLETCHER'S LAKE
STATION HOUSE COMMUNITY HALL



Photo by Pat Healey The Laker News

The former Wellington Fletcher's Lake Fire Department incorporated as a non-profit society in 1984. The society owned and operated a volunteer fire station serving the community of Wellington and surrounding area.

In 2010, the society changed its name to the Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House to reflect that their operations now encompass only the community hall.

In non COVID times: Operations are sustained by bar sales and facility rentals. The hall hosts private and community social functions, such as: darts, card games, and local youth group events.

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS



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CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Community Committees
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

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

Or email: ContactUs@311.halifax.ca

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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:

Email: browns@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090



Portobello Bridge site with Councillor Mancini



Tour of Todd Hill Farm



Bengal Lancers tour with Councillor Morse