

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2021



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Congratulations graduates and happy summer to all!

By the time this newsletter reaches your door, we will hopefully be well into Phase 3 of the 5-phase reopening plan.

That is thanks to every one of you who is doing their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and adhering to public health authority advisements.

Please check the municipal website at www.halifax.ca for timely updates on parks and recreation information as we follow the provincial guidelines for returning to a “new-normal” way of life in HRM.

Important information included in this newsletter relates to capital projects for District 9, green cart/blue bag collection changes, District 9 Participatory Budget information and infilling on the North West Arm.

It remains a privilege to be your representative on Halifax Regional Council.

Contact me to discuss municipal programs and services at Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca or call 902.579.6764.

Respectfully,

Shawn Cleary
Councillor District 9
Halifax West Armdale

CONTACT INFORMATION

311 - MUNICIPAL CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue. Hours are: Mon-Fri 8a.m. – 8p.m.; Sat-Sun 9a.m.-5:30p.m.

CONTACT MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Chris Newson by email at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.1562

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Police (non-emergency) 902.490.5020
Fire (non-emergency) 902.490.5530
Halifax Water Emergency 902.490.6940
Councillor Support Office 902.490.4050

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E-NEWS SIGNUP

In addition to this print newsletter, I also provide a monthly E-newsletter via social media and e-mail as well as regular updates throughout the month on a variety of municipal topics.

To subscribe to the email list, please visit shawncleary.ca/contact--subscribe.html and enter your information. You can unsubscribe at anytime. Your email address will not be shared.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like it included in a future newsletter or E-newsletter, please forward the information to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

GREEN CART AND BLUE BAG COLLECTION 2021

During budget discussions, Council approved the re-instatement of weekly green cart collection for the months of July, August, and September across the municipality. Blue bag recyclables will be collected bi-monthly (every two weeks), not weekly.

HERRING COVE ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN

Finally! The Herring Cove Road Functional Plan, integrating Rapid Transit Strategies, has been endorsed by Regional Council.

This is a fascinating, in-depth design of the Herring Cove Road from the Armdale Round-a-bout to civic #554 Herring Cove Road that involved public input over a two-year period starting in 2015. Key features of the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan project are:

- adding sidewalk where critical gaps exist
- upgrading existing sidewalks
- connecting bus stops
- protected cycling infrastructure
- transit priority lanes

You may read the full 602-page detailed report online at: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/210518rc1131.pdf.

RISK IMPACT ASSESSMENT – INFILLING OF NORTH WEST ARM

In response to decades of concern regarding infilling along the shore of North West Arm, I submitted the following letter in support of a Risk Impact Assessment:

Dear Honourable Minister Wilkinson,

As the elected official representing the Halifax West – Armdale area, which includes a portion of the North West Arm, I enthusiastically support the request for a regional impact assessment on infilling along the North West Arm, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The issue has been ongoing for decades; therefore, a clearer delineation of the effects infill activity has on the ecology, environment, fishery/fish habitat, navigability and aesthetic issues along this prominent, historic water body is long overdue. Clarity on the roles of the three government levels would also be beneficial when considering issues related to the North West Arm. On May 1, 2007, Halifax Regional Council passed amendments to the existing Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Laws (LUB) creating a new Water Access zone that restricted development of infilled water lots to docks, wharves, historic monuments, passive recreation, public utilities and ferry terminals.

These restrictions come into effect after the infilling of the water lots as the only jurisdiction municipal government has is on “land lots.” Basically, at the municipal level, our hands are tied when it comes to limiting or halting infill activity. I am confident that information provided from a risk impact assessment would greatly benefit the municipal government when considering future planning and development matters involving water lots along the North West Arm as well as recreational activity such as sailing lessons provided through municipal recreation programming.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shawn Cleary
Councillor, District 9 Halifax West - Armdale



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DISTRICT 9 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following street and sidewalk work will be done throughout District 9 this construction season:

Street Recapitalization

Blink Bonnie Ave – Churchill to MacDonald
Cork St – Oxford to Connaught
Flinn St – MacDonald to Quinn
Melville Ave – Winchester to End (Carryover)
Patricia St – Churchill to MacDonald
Multi-Modal Projects
Bayers Rd – Halifax Shopping Center to Connaught (Carryover)

Asphalt Overlays

Arlington Ave – Springvale to Milsom
Crown Dr – St. Margaret's to Finch
Herring Cove Rd – Cowie Hill to Old Sambro
Purcell's Cove Rd – Williams Lake to Boulderwood
St. Margaret's Bay Rd – Armdale Rotary to Balcomes

Sidewalk Renewals

Arlington Ave – Springvale to Brook (S)
Quarry Rd – St. Margaret's Bay to Edgehill (E) (Carryover)

Active Transportation

Dunbrack Greenway (Partial Carryover)
Retaining Walls
31 Fairmount Rd – Investigation and Inspection
Quarry Rd – St Margaret's to Edgehill (Carryover)

Guiderails

Quarry Rd – St Margaret's to Edgehill (Carryover)
Planer Patching
Herring Cove Rd – Armdale Rotary to Cowie Hill
Purcell's Cove Rd – Herring Cove to Williams Lake

Proposed Crack Sealing

Almon St – Oxford to Connaught
Chebucto Rd – Armdale Rotary to North
Connaught Ave (N) – Quinpool to Bayers
Cowie Hill Rd – Herring Cove to Civic 237
Glenora Ave – Herring Cove to Bridgeview
Herring Cove Rd – Old Sambro to Williams Lake
MacDonald St – Quinpool to Chebucto
McAlpine Ave – Federal to Chisholm
Oxford St – Bayers to Edgewood
Pepperell St – Oxford to Beech

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING DISTRICT 9

Building our community together

Each district in the municipality has access to \$94,000 in District Capital funding annually that can be used to support important community projects throughout the district. These District Capital funds must be used for capital projects that will benefit the wider community, must be payable to a non-profit organization or can be used to support an unbudgeted HRM initiative, and must be for projects under the municipal mandate.

To involve residents in how these tax dollars are spent, I organize a Participatory Budgeting process each year. Due to COVID-19, this process has been on hold, however; I hope to offer the opportunity for public input this fiscal year. The benefits of the Participatory Budget process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups, builds community support and collaboration, and gives residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 capital funds to be spent.

Examples of past projects funded from the District 9 District Capital fund are: garden soil and mulch for the CITY KIDDS ESCAPE gardens, Oasis garden project for TAG Playhouse, an LED display sign at St. Agnes Junior High School, wheelchair for Easter Seals Learn to Wheel program to name just a few. View the list of previous projects on my municipal website at: www.halifax.ca.

Key Events and Dates

Participatory Budgeting Information

Normally, a public information session would be held to provide information on the process to interested members of non profit groups and the public. Due to COVID-19 restrictions still in place, this public session will not be held. Please contact my Coordinator, Chris Newson at 902.490.1562 or Chris.Newson@halifax.ca for more information.

Proposal Submission Deadline – Friday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

You may Email submissions to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or mail to:
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Community Vote/TOWN HALL – Wednesday, September 29th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Bethany United Church

District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favourite projects in person (if public health authority permits). That's right, YOU decide which project gets funding. Winners are announced that night.

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE (HRP) PORTS UNIT

To ensure the safety of the many residents and boaters who enjoy Halifax Harbour and the North West Arm, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Ports Unit have been monitoring these areas to deter speeding and encourage safe boating on the water.

As part of their work, officers have been educating boaters on speed limits/safe boating behaviour, and encouraging them to refer to the "Halifax Boaters Guide."

If you wish to report unsafe behaviour or any violations you witness in real time, please call the non-emergency police line at 902-490-5020. Let us all do our part for safer, more enjoyable spaces in our community - whether on water or on land.

INSIDE HALIFAX CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tues, June 8, 2021



I regularly post videos to re-cap and explain what's been discussed in Regional Council meetings. Check out the videos on my social media to see what will be happening around District 9, and across the municipality.



Touring District 9 with the Halifax Cycling Coalition to discuss safer cycling connections and infrastructure.



Presenting Yasmin Abd El-Rahaman with her well-deserved Halifax Volunteer Award. Congratulations! Your volunteer efforts are truly appreciated by our community. Yasmin was a 2020 Volunteer Award Recipient.



Please recycle.

Delivery Note:

Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.