

COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE

HAMMONDS PLAINS - ST. MARGARETS DISTRICT #13 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2021



Congratulations graduates! It's been a difficult year, but you did it. Thankfully, it looks like this pandemic is almost behind us now. When this newsletter reaches your door, we will hopefully be well into the reopening plan and school and university classes are back on. That is thanks to every one of you doing

your part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and following public health guidance.

Please check the municipal website at www.halifax.ca for updates on parks and recreation as we follow the provincial guidelines for returning to a "new normal" in HRM. Information included in this newsletter relates to green cart/blue bag collection, Regional Plan Review, Peggy's Cove Land Use Bylaw, Hubbards Streetscape Project, and more.

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

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
- Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee
- Peggy's Cove Commission

It remains a privilege to be your representative on Halifax Regional Council. Please contact me to discuss municipal programs and services at Pam.Lovelace@halifax.ca or call 902-225-4624.

Respectfully,

Pam Lovelace
Councillor District 13 | Hammonds Plains – St. Margarets

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, Quentin Hill: Quentin.Hill@halifax.ca or call 902.490.1463

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E-Newsletter: In addition to this print newsletter, I also provide a monthly E-newsletter via social media and e-mail as well as regular municipal updates throughout the month. Subscribe to my e-newsletter by visiting www.halifax.ca/district13 and click on "Communications."

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Police/Fire Emergency: 911
Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020
Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530
Halifax Water Emergency: 902.490.9287
Councillor Support Office: 902.490.4050

YOUR PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Danielle Barkhouse, MLA Chester-St Margarets
Ben Jessome, MLA Hammonds Plains-Lucasville
Iain Rankin, MLA Timberlea-Prospect

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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY - LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

SEPTEMBER 30 - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Earlier this year, the Government of Canada designated September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Previously known as Orange Shirt Day, the new holiday provides an opportunity to commemorate and recognize the tragic legacy of residential schools and to ensure that Indigenous history is never forgotten.

Photo of Indigenous craft taken by Cheryl Copage-Gehue, Indigenous Community Engagement Advisor, Halifax Regional Municipality.



RURAL RECREATION STRATEGY

HRM has undertaken the creation of a Rural Recreation Strategy to address the growing needs for recreation in our rural communities.

This strategy will identify the future needs for parks and recreation programs in rural HRM. Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate.

REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Regional Plan sets out a common vision, principles, and long-range, region-wide planning policies that outline where, when, and how future growth and development should take place between now and 2031.

This includes topics such as affordable housing, identification of wilderness areas, impact of COVID-19, population growth and more.

Recently, as part of Phase 2 of the Regional Plan engagement process, public feedback was sought on Themes and Directions that were established for the Regional Plan. Public engagement for the Regional Plan Review's *Themes & Directions Report* closed on July 16, 2021.

Using this feedback, municipal staff are currently putting together a *What We Heard Report* that will provide an overview of the feedback received, and how these

comments and requests will be considered as staff move forward with the Review.

The Report will also include a summary of the resources that will be required to complete the work that has been identified for the next phase of the Review. It is anticipated that this report will be brought to Community Planning and Economic Development and Regional Council in the Fall.



DEVELOPMENT IN HAMMONDS PLAINS - ST MARGARETS

As new development projects and rezoning applications are proposed in District 13, each one is included in my E-newsletter and posted on www.halifax.ca.

On August 17th Regional Council began the process to review the zoning of the Upper Hammonds Plains Designated area.



POLICING IN HRM

In April, Regional Council passed a motion for a staff report to review HRM's unique shared policing model. HRM is the only municipality in Canada with two police forces.

The question is, does the shared policing model provide HRM with the best results, and if not, what are our alternatives?

The RCMP are different than Halifax Regional Police; they provide policing via a contract with the Province. This means HRM doesn't have direct control over RCMP resources.

With so much changing in the world of policing, and HRM potentially embarking on some significant reforms in how we do things over the next few years, one of the key questions is, can a nationally controlled Ottawa police force be an effective partner and adapt to HRM's unique requirements?

COVID-19 UPDATES

As we experience more recoveries of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia, regular testing remains important. Testing is an important aspect of our province's reopening plan, to limit community spread by catching new cases early on.

Dr. Strang has said that he is hopeful we may move through the vaccine rollout more quickly than anticipated.

Stay tuned to the Province's COVID-19 news briefings to learn when you may be able to receive your second vaccine if you have not already received it.

As we move ahead with reopening, we must remember that getting two vaccine doses is critical for maximum virus protection - particularly against variants.

- Nova Scotia's COVID-19 case data, testing, and vaccine information: www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus/data/
- Nova's Scotia's five-phase reopening plan: www.novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/
- Businesses and other organizations can find information to help them safely reopen and operate at: www.novascotia.ca/reopening-nova-scotia
- Government of Canada COVID-19 information: www.canada.ca/coronavirus or 1-833-784-4397 (toll-free)

2021 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Every year during National Volunteer Week, HRM honours our community volunteers. This year, the recipient for District 13 was Chris Pelham. Congratulations Chris, and thank you for contributing your time, talent, and energy to help build an amazing community!



2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to your community? The deadline to nominate an adult, youth, or group for the 2022 Volunteer Awards is Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 2021. Successful nominees will be invited to attend a ceremony and reception in the spring to receive their award with the Mayor and members of Regional Council.

Nomination forms for groups, and individual adults and youth are available now: www.halifax.ca/volunteerawards

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT

In the Spring, Regional Council established new rules around illegal dumping, new fines, and dedicated personnel to follow up on complaints by adopting By-law S-612, an Amendment to By-law S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law – Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement. Fines now range from \$500 to \$10,000.

GREEN CART & BLUE BAG COLLECTION

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 biweekly (every two weeks), not weekly. Subscribe to the Halifax Recycles App for weekly reminders by downloading it on Google Play or the App Store.



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PEGGY'S COVE LAND USE BY-LAW REVIEW

The Peggy's Cove Commission is undertaking a Land Use By-law Review for the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area.

You are invited to participate by sharing your perspective at www.peggyscovelub.ca.

The Land Use By-law is an important document that helps manage land use and provides guidance to the development of Peggy's Cove.

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS



Peggys Cove Area Festival Of the Arts

Peggys Cove Area Festival of the Arts opening with (L-R) Hon. Bernadette Jordan, MP, CEC President Chris Pelham (seated on rock), District 13 Councillor Pam Lovelace, Keith McPhail and Kathryn Fraser, Halifax Art Map, Carolyn MacKay, Shining Waters, Debbie Smith, PCAFA Board of Directors, Sarah Irwin, SMB Food Bank.

Hubbards Streetscape 1st Anniversary

The Hubbards Streetscape Project has released their "What We Heard" report available at www.onehubbards.org. After extensive community consultation, this report will inform the Hubbards Streetscape Community Plan. Congrats Hubbards, great work!

2022 Sailing World Championships

A grant will be provided by the municipality to the Hubbards Community Waterfront Association for the 2022 World Sailing Championships for upgrades to the public wharf and boat ramp, conditional on similar funding from other levels of government.

Additionally, Regional Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute a contribution agreement with the Hubbards Community Waterfront Association.

Sail Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Hubbards Sailing Club and the St. Margaret Sailing Club, learned in March 2021 by the International Class Association that they won the bid to host the 2022 World Sailing Championships.

The event, which has never been held in Canadian waters, is scheduled to take place from Aug. 27 to Sept. 5, 2022. Over 400 competitors from more than 35 countries will be taking part in this event.



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, Quentin Hill at Quentin.Hill@halifax.ca



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