

# COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

## MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE DISTRICT 14 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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### DEAR RESIDENTS,

*"Looks like we've made it...!"*

Congratulations to everyone for your efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19. You have helped keep yourself, family, and friends safe by following protocols outlined by Nova

Scotia's Public Health Officer. The case count in NS is low and we are on our way to implementing Phase 5 of the provincial "reopening plan" by mid-September with over 70% of residents fully vaccinated. See more information on the reopening plan: [www.novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/](http://www.novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/).

I am sure you share my concern on the issue of housing insecurity in HRM. Although it is a provincial mandate to provide and maintain public and affordable housing, including housing options for those experiencing homelessness, my Council colleagues and I are doing everything possible within the municipal mandate to address this issue.

Actions we have taken include approving amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Laws to permit Secondary and Backyard Suites (smaller accessory dwelling units that can be used for housing), a new Affordable Housing Grant Program (eligible to all registered non-profit or charitable organizations for the development or renovation of affordable housing units), multi-year tax relief for non profits (especially beneficial for housing organizations who can claim multi-year tax relief when applying for funding from CMHC), waiver of the majority of municipal related construction fees for residential development by registered non-profits or charitable housing organizations, funding support for the Street Navigators Outreach program, along with donating municipal land for affordable housing projects and installing public washrooms.

As part of the Major Cities funding stream of \$8,659,527, HRM selected projects from the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, Adsum for Women and Children and the North End Community Health Association to receive this funding toward a total of 52 units/rooms of new permanent, affordable housing to be habitable by March 2022.

In this fiscal year, HRM will be hiring a new position focused on homelessness that will be responsible for guiding policy development and collaboration with stakeholders on addressing homelessness. We will also be developing a longer-term strategy to guide the municipality's response to homelessness. If you know someone in need of housing or support programs, please call 211 for more information on available provincial programs and services.

To all students commencing or returning to school, best wishes to you as you work toward completing your education. Stay safe and have fun!

As a reminder, the North West Community Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently being held virtually. I invite you to attend these meetings (virtually) to keep informed on what is being discussed. You will find the link to the agenda/meeting at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) then type North West Community Council in the search box.

If you have any questions concerning municipal programs and services, please contact me at 902.579.7164 or by email at [Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca](mailto:Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca).

Best wishes,

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District 14 Middle/Upper Sackville –  
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### **CIVIC ADDRESS SIGNS – HELP US FIND YOU!**

Do you have a properly displayed civic number to help First Responders quickly find your home in the event of an emergency? The Halifax Regional Municipality By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing, requires property owners to post their property assigned civic number on all structures or facilities.

#### **How to post your civic number:**

- Post your house number so it is highly visible from the street day or night, 12 months a year.
- Post at the beginning of your driveway if your house is more than 100 ft. (30 m) from the road or hidden from view. The sign should be at least 48 inches (1.2m) from the ground to meet regulations.
- The minimum height of numerals on residential properties shall not be less than 4 inches. On non-residential properties, the minimum height of numerals shall not be less than 8 inches.
- The colour of the numerals shall clearly contrast with the background upon which the numbers are displayed.

#### **How to get a blue & white civic number plate:**

- Although blue and white civic numbers are not mandatory, they do meet all the requirements and are highly recommended. The following are listings of Fire Stations and private suppliers for blue and white civic number signs.

#### **Fire stations:**

Beaver Bank #48  
1581 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank  
Call 902-865-3198 on Tuesday evenings to order sign.

Sackville #9  
1 Metropolitan Avenue, Lower Sackville  
Call 902-864-5273 to order sign (poles available).

Private Suppliers:  
R&M Rubber Stamp Co.  
10 Akerley Blvd, Dartmouth  
Call 902-468-4758.

### **GREEN AND BLUE COLLECTION**

Weekly green bin collection of your organic waste ends on September 30th. Check [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) for collection schedules for green bins, recyclables, and solid waste.

### **DEVELOPMENTS IN DISTRICT 14**

Wondering what is being developed in your area? You can go to [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) and type Active Planning Applications in the search box to obtain details on specific developments such as the ones listed below for District 14:

Case 20110 Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank - Application to enable the development of an open space subdivision design on 4 properties, located along Windgate Drive, between Rivendale Drive and Terry Road, in Beaver Bank, NS.

Case 21355 - Berry Hill, Middle Sackville - Armco Capital Inc. is applying to enter into a development agreement to allow a residential development on lands between Lively Road and Wilson Lake Drive in Middle Sackville.

Case 21639 - Middle Sackville Master Plan - HRM initiated a comprehensive secondary planning process for the Middle Sackville Urban Local Growth Centre.

Case 22820 - Amendments to Development Agreement, Swindon Drive and Hanwell Drive, Middle Sackville  
Application by WM Fares Architects requesting substantive amendments to an existing development agreement for lands at the corner of Swindon Drive and Hanwell Drive (PID 41292822), Middle Sackville.

Case 23058 - Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville - KVM Consultants Ltd., is requesting to enter into a development agreement Sackville Dr., Middle Sackville

Case 23111 - 1155 Lucasville Road, Lucasville - Application by Brighter Community Planning & Consulting to amend the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains & Upper Sackville Land Use Bylaw.

Case 23213 - Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville Plan Area - Clayton Developments Limited has asked to amend the R-1 Zone of the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville Land Use By-law.

Case 23293 - Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank - WM Fares Architects, on behalf of property owners, is requesting to enter into a Development Agreement on Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive.



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### SPEEDING & SPEED LIMITS

**Speeding** remains the number one complaint I receive from residents. Exceeding the speed limit is an infraction of the provincial Motor Vehicle Act and is enforced by local RCMP and HRP. It is vitally important that all incidents of speeding be reported to the local detachment to initiate a complaint which will result in a member being assigned a task to conduct patrols. For the District 14 area, please call Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit at (902) 244-7208.

**Reducing speed limits** on public roadways is legislated through the Province via the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). Currently the MVA prescribes a default speed limit of 50 kph.

However, the province will consider speed limit reduction submissions from the Local Traffic Authority on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis where streets have similar characteristics and a representative sample of streets are shown to meet the criteria.

HRM staff are reviewing and analyzing neighbourhood data to support applications for reduced speed limits to the Provincial Traffic Authority for the following streets I put forward for consideration:

- Claudia Crescent
- Lucy Court
- Flora Drive
- 2051 block of Sackville Drive (request to reduce to 50km/h)
- Windgate Drive (From 70kph to 50kph from Beaver Bank Road to Rivendale)
- Beaver Bank Road (from 70kph to 50kph Woodbine Drive to Welkin Drive)

If the above streets meet the criteria for speed limit reduction, HRM's Traffic Authority will forward the list to the province requesting speed limit reduction.

#### COUNCILLOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Municipal Website: [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca)  
Municipal Call Centre: 311

### TRAFFIC CALMING

**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
- raised median islands

The following streets in District 14 are being done as part of the 117 streets to receive traffic calming measures in 2021:

- Beaver Bank Cross Road from Millwood Drive to Waterwheel Crescent (school zone only)
- Fenerty Road from Sackville Drive to Springfield Lake
- Joan Drive from Rivendale Drive to Monarch Drive
- Lakeview Avenue from Sackville Drive to the end
- Magenta Drive from Gaspereau Run to Margeson Drive
- McCabe Lake Drive from Magenta Drive to Gaspereau Run
- Midnight Run from Margeson Drive to Gaspereau Run
- Monarch Drive (S) from Amedee Drive to Joan Drive
- Newbury Road from Waterstone Run to Cranley Road
- Springfield Lake Road from Fenerty Road to end
- Waterstone Run from Lucasville Road to end

The following list of streets from District 14 have been assessed, ranked and scheduled for implementation in future years pending budget approval:

- Rafting Drive (ranked #11 out of 225 streets)
- Executive Drive (ranked #38 out of 225 streets)
- Beaver Bank Cross Road (ranked #41 out of 22 streets)
- Westpoint Drive (ranked #42 out of 225 streets)
- Fringe Drive (ranked #51 out of 225 streets)
- Stonewick Cross (ranked #56 out of 225 streets)
- First Street (ranked #75 out of 225 streets)
- Beaconsfield Way (ranked #169 out of 225 streets)

To have your street considered for traffic calming measures, call 311 or Email: [contactHRM@halifax.ca](mailto:contactHRM@halifax.ca). To view the list of all assessed streets, go to [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) and type in the search box: Traffic Calming for Safer Streets.



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## TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON OLD SACKVILLE ROAD

We are aware of traffic issues on Old Sackville Road near the Sackville Heights Elementary School. A number of portable classrooms have been added at the school this year, increasing the number of students and the number of vehicles in the area during drop-off and dismissal. RCMP have been advised of the congestion and will assist when possible. We ask parents to obey the traffic signs in place. The Lower Sackville detachment of the RCMP have been advised of traffic congestion issues surrounding schools in the Middle Sackville/Beaver Bank area. Please report any issues of unsafe driving behaviour to the RCMP at 902.244.7208.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



*Pleased to have met with Sandy Lake Conservation Association's Karen McKendry, Karen Robinson, and Walter Regan of the Sackville Rivers Association (not pictured), to discuss saving Sandy Lake.*



*Exploring Christina Falls in preparation for discussions on how to protect this stunning natural environment.*



*So pleased to have met these two articulate young ladies from Lucasville who were Valedictorians for their schools: Sackville High School's Akwaima Akpan (to my right) and Millwood High School's Janelle Oliver Harris (to my left).*



*Pleased to present a cheque from the District 14 District Activity fund to Mike Poworoznyk, Director, Sackville Area Warming Centre, in support of the warming centre.*



*I was honoured to be one of the Presenters for the Sackville Business Awards. Congratulations to all our local, small businesses providing services we rely upon.*



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### 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.