

# COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON

## WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2021



### DEAR RESIDENT,

It is hard to believe that by the time this newsletter gets to your mailbox it will be almost a year since I became your Councillor! This first year did not go exactly as I had imagined; virtual meetings, while effective, kept us mostly apart. I freely admit the learning curve is high, but my commitment to you is to get information, make sure it is credible, and respond to emails and calls from residents within a timely manner. My goal to respond to you is within 24-36 hours, regardless of the day of the week.

Living with COVID has led some to be more aware of our neighbours, to embrace our outdoors, take on home projects and also to support our community to *Buy Local and Buy Social*. As we enter Phase 5, we must continue to be vigilant, and show our care and concern for each other.

Being back in school can be a challenging adjustment for students, their families, and teachers. As your Councillor, I have had many emails expressing concern about the drop off and pick up at schools due to the congestion of traffic in and around our schools. Please be sure to watch out for others while adhering to any posted signage. Speeding is the number one issue and traffic calming measures receive mixed reviews. Please email and let me know about your

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experiences and I will add them to the growing list that I share with the RCMP. I am hopeful that the new provincial government will pass the *Traffic Safety Act*, which will give HRM the authority use Photo Radar. It is one more tool – ultimately, we need to change behaviour – Please SLOW DOWN!

Homelessness in our municipality is a crisis; HRM has seconded Assistant Chief of Emergency Management, Erica Fleck from Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency to coordinate our response efforts with those in the tent encampments and their advocates, the service providers, street navigators, and provincial partners. Housing is a provincial mandate, though HRM does have a role to play. 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. To learn about what we have done visit: [www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/helping-address-homelessness](http://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/helping-address-homelessness)

There are major projects underway in HRM and you will find updates in my monthly e-newsletter. I would appreciate being made aware of community event(s), updates, or tidbits you would like to pass along that I can share in the newsletter. We have just four pages here, so I am hoping this newsletter is informative. I welcome all comments for the next edition, as well as for online newsletters.

Take care, stay safe,

*Cathy*

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### HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

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, December 15, 2021.

Visit [www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/volunteer-awards](http://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/volunteer-awards) to begin the nomination process, and thank those special individuals who make a difference in our community through their volunteer work. 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.

### 2021 HRM YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in our municipality. Each school has only one award recipient, and schools choose their award recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, and academic performance. Citizenship Award recipients receive a special plaque with the HRM crest, along with their name and the year engraved in it. Congratulations to our two winners from District 1!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
2021 HRM Award Recipients from  
District 1 – Waverley, Fall River and Musquodoboit Valley.

**JAY CAMERON**  
HRM VOLUNTEER AWARD

**TIA MASSIH (Musquodoboit Rural High School)**  
**XAVIER PARIS (Lockview High School)**  
HRM YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARD

### MEAGHERS GRANT COMMUNITY MEETING ABOUT BALLFIELD

A small yet committed group of youth, adults and seniors collaborated on August 3rd to discuss the community vision for the ballfield. The following items were agreed upon as priorities:

- Combination of benches/picnic tables/gazebo – 8 votes
- The kids' idea of camping platforms, fire pits, realigning fence, picnic areas, and a storage shed – 10 votes
- Trail signage of history and park name – 5 votes

Our next steps are to work with Parks and Recreation to make a plan, cost it out, establish a timeline, and check back in with the community.

Then, if still in agreement ...getting to work!

### CONGRATULATIONS, AVA!

A local 11-year-old named Ava designed the *Cleaner Picker Upper* earlier this year for a challenge held by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and Little Inventors (UK). Then in June, Ava was selected as one of two winners from over 800 applicants across Canada. Now, the Canadian Science Fair Journal's Little Inventors Project wants to work directly with Ava to develop her idea into a published article. Well done, Ava!

### CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS

As your Councillor, I am compiling my list of non-profit organizations in District 1. If you have not already reached out to me or if I haven't connected with you yet – please send me an email with a link to any information about your organization. I want to get to know you so I can be of assistance and share your mission!



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### INVESTMENTS IN DISTRICT 1

#### 2020/2021 - District 1 Councillor Capital Funds

|                                                                              |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| LWF Archives: Pamphlets                                                      | \$800  |
| LWF Minor Baseball Assoc.: New ATV for mowing fields                         | \$4000 |
| LWF Fireman's Assoc.: Fireproofing of building                               | \$5000 |
| Waverley Amateur Athletic Assoc.: Picnic Tables & Park Benches               | \$5000 |
| Wellington Fletcher Lake Station House Society: Kitchen Appliances/Equipment | \$6535 |
| Meaghers Grant Cemetery Committee: Fence                                     | \$7500 |

#### 2021/2022 - District 1 Councillor Capital Funds Allocated To-Date

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue: Septic Cap | \$2,645  |
| St Georges Church: Expenses for Steeple                | \$2,200  |
| Royal Canadian Legion Branch 90, Waverley: Heat Pumps  | \$10,000 |
| Shubenacadie Canal Commission: New Bridge for Trail    | \$2,500  |
| Moose River Gold Mine Museum Society: Paint & Supplies | \$500    |
| Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank: Refrigerator      | \$1,000  |
| Middleton United Church: Cemeteries Funds - Vault Roof | \$2,490  |
| Cheema Aquatic Club: Building Accessibility            | \$15,000 |
| Waverly Village Green: Picnic & Benches                | \$4,967  |
| Meaghers Grant Vol Fire Dept.: Port-a-Potty            | \$1,000  |

#### 2020/2021 - District 1 Councillor District Activity Allocated

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Halifax Nordic Ski Club                          | \$200 |
| Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank Association        | \$500 |
| The Lions Christmas Express                      | \$500 |
| Alnaas Community & Youth Development Association | \$100 |
| Metro Care & Share Society                       | \$100 |
| Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre      | \$500 |
| Waverley Heritage Society                        | \$500 |
| Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association          | \$600 |
| Musquodoboit Food Bank Association               | \$600 |

### MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARK UPDATE

HRM has acquired Lot 74-1, Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit (PID 40219396, approx. 21,300 square feet in area) to be used for a park. Next, we need to determine which assets will be installed and then prepare a cost estimate for possible inclusion in the 2022/23 Capital Budget.

We'll work with our community developer to consult with residents and make a plan. While we anticipated a meeting in May, COVID had other plans, so that wasn't possible.

Now, we have a Rural Recreation Strategy pending - it was advised that we await this strategy as it may be in our best interest.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS IN DISTRICT 1 FOR 2021/2022

**Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley/Fall River:** \$25,000 towards the purchase and installation of an exterior wheelchair lift to enable participation in adaptive paddling and kayaking programs.

**Waverley Heritage Society – Waverley:** \$4,000 to establish a permanent display recognizing the Indigenous history of the Waverley area.

**Waverley Amateur Athletic Association – Waverley:** \$5,000 towards the purchase of outdoor adaptive furnishings for the Waverley Sports Park.

**LWF Minor Baseball Association – Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River:** \$8,480 is towards the purchase of a mini-tractor and accessories to be shared among community groups for annual maintenance of community recreation facilities.

**Lemmon Hill Sports Association - Upper Musquodoboit:** \$10,000 towards a clubhouse roof upgrade conditional upon submission of proof of insurance.

**Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher's Grant:** \$8,000 towards the purchase of a shipping container for storage subject to confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits.

**Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit:** \$5,000 towards the construction of a replacement outdoor riding ring.

**Todd Hill Farm Association:** \$12,500 towards the installation of an accessible washroom.



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### 2021-22 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

You can view a map outlining projects that have been approved for capital work in District 1, including guiderail installation, street repairs, bridge work and more: [halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair](http://halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair)

### PARKS & RECREATION UPGRADES

#### Playground Replacement

- Beaverbrook Park
- Mornington Park
- Taylor Drive Park

#### Court Rehabilitation

- Wellington Fire Hall Park
- Thompson Drive Park

### ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At any given time, there are applications for possible developments around our municipality. To view an interactive map for more details about these active planning applications and many more - in our district and across HRM - visit:

[www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications](http://www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications)

**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. *\*While not in District 1, we are affected by this application.*

**Case 21460 – Site C in Fall River/Ingram Drive:** Application by KWR Approvals Inc., on behalf of Perry Lake Developments, for a site specific amendment to the River-Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) under the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes), to enable a **residential development at the south end of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102**, Fall River, known as Opportunity Site C (PID 40844375, 40551277, 00472910, 00472902 and 40551558).

**Case 22195 – 19 McPherson Road, Fall River**  
Application by KWR Approvals Inc., on behalf of LawDia Developments, to amend the policies for Block B of the River-Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy within the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 14 and 17, and to amend the Land Use By-law to enable a **development agreement for 16 townhouse units on a portion of Block B in Canal Court**, Fall River.

#### Case 22218 – 32 Dutch Settlement Rd., Lantz

Application by EDM Planning Services on behalf of AIM Elmsdale Inc. to enter into a development agreement to **permit the construction of a new building** for the purposes of consolidating the existing buildings related to a non-conforming salvage yard use. The applicant wishes to construct a new building to consolidate salvage yard related uses (sales, devolution, staff space and storage) that are currently carried out in two separate buildings on the site.

#### Case 22670 – Conrad Quarry Lands Rezoning

A Regional Council-initiated project to **consider industrial and highway commercial development** on the Conrad Quarry lands (PID: 00276105; 00276188; 00275966; 40174286 and 41168279).

**Case 23188 – 2136 & 3124 Hwy #2 Fall River:** Application by KWR Approvals Inc., on behalf of John and Judith MacDonald to enter into a Development Agreement to **construct 18 townhouses** on lands located at 2136 & 3124 Hwy #2, Fall River

**Case 23325 – 3195 Hwy #2 Fall River:** WSP Canada Inc. is applying for a development agreement at 3195 Highway 2, Fall River, for a **4-unit townhouse and 8000 square-foot commercial building**. The application has been submitted and is undergoing initial review by municipal staff and may change as a result of staff comments.

#### Case 23495 – Inn on the Lake, Fall River

Application by Ron Nelson to extend the construction commencement date in the development agreement for the **redevelopment of the Inn on the Lake**, Fall River. This was approved at the September North West Community Council.

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES I SERVE ON

Regional Council, North West Community Council, Environment and Sustainability Committee, Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair), Grants Committee (Chair) Halifax Water Commission, North West Planning Advisory Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee, and the following Community Committees: Halifax International Airport Authority, Goffs Quarry Community Liaison.

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