

# COUNCILLOR PATTY CUTTELL DISTRICT 11 NEWSLETTER

*Spryfield - Sambro Loop - Prospect Rd*



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2021

## DEAR RESIDENTS OF SPRYFIELD-SAMBRO LOOP-PROSPECT COMMUNITIES:

Hard to believe a year has passed since the election in 2020. It has been a challenging one for many, and I thank everyone for doing your part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

This first year on council was a busy one. Throughout the pandemic, Regional Council continued to meet, holding over 330 virtual meetings.

I was thrilled to have our first in-person Regional Council last month, and I am so grateful things are slowly returning to normal.

Mostly, I look forward to attending more public meetings and events in our communities. Currently, there are a few community meetings being planned, so please sign up for my e-newsletter to receive further information and notices.

As part of my Councillor duties, I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee
- Ragged Lake Community Liaison Committee
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Discover Halifax Board of Directors
- Halifax Water Board of Commissioners
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Western Common Advisory Committee

It is my sincere privilege to be your representative on Halifax Regional Council. Please contact me to discuss municipal services, programs and projects, as well as any local issues.

Respectfully,

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Please e-mail Stephanie to sign up for my **e-newsletter**.

## CONTACT 311

Call **311** or email [ContactUs@311.halifax.ca](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca) for concerns such as illegally parked cars, fireworks or graffiti, to apply for licenses or building permits, to request information about garbage collection and transit schedules, and to report dangerous dogs or other animal concerns.

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### CITY HALL

#### ***Affordable Housing***

The HRM is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada. Our population is expected to increase by about 9000-10,000 people in 2022, as it's been doing for the past several years. With over 2,800 already approved lots in Spryfield, we will see a lot of growth in District 11. However, access to affordable housing remains a big concern. Over the past year, Regional Council approved several initiatives to support affordable and emergency housing in HRM, including the Rapid Housing Initiative for 52 affordable units, the Affordable Housing Grants Program (now accepting applications), and most recently, \$3.2 million in emergency shelter funding. For more information on what HRM is doing to address housing needs, visit the Affordable Housing page at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca).

#### ***Anti-Litter, Anti-Dumping Campaign***

In October we launched a new anti-litter and anti-dumping enforcement and awareness campaign to address litter and dumping issues throughout HRM. Fines for illegal dumping are now up to \$10,000. If you see illegal dumping activity, please call 311. Over the past year a number of offenders in District 11 were identified, and illegal dump sites were cleaned up. But there is much more work to do. Special thanks to community members who help with clean-up efforts. Let's keep working together to keep our communities clean.

#### ***Regional Plan Review***

The Regional Plan establishes long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place. To make sure it still reflects goals for growth and development, Council initiated a review of the Regional Plan in February 2020. To-date, Themes and Directions have been identified and public engagement completed.

Staff is currently putting together a *What We Heard Report* to provide an overview of citizen feedback. That report should be coming to Regional Council very soon. This is a significant opportunity to reconsider how our suburban and rural communities grow and respond to issues related to housing, social policy, climate change, the environment, and mobility. Visit Shape Your City Halifax for information.

#### ***Rural Recreation Strategy***

HRM has undertaken the creation of a Rural Recreation Strategy to address changing needs in our rural communities. Earlier this year, a public survey was conducted to get input from residents, and the report should be coming back to Council in January. I am quite excited about this initiative, so please stay tuned for more opportunities to participate.

#### ***Motions at Council: Coastal Access***

In September, I made a successful motion at Council to include policies and regulations regarding access to coastal shorelines as part of the Regional Plan Review, with the goal of protecting existing access points and increasing opportunities for new public access points. More and more traditional access points to the shoreline are being lost with the sale and subdivision of land.

This impacts our public enjoyment, recreational opportunities, and cultural identity of living in a coastal region. Through this process, the intent is to have both a strategy and policy for protecting coastal access for future generations.

### **SPRYFIELD & SAMBRO LOOP**

#### ***Spryfield gets First Speed Bumps***

Speeding and road safety are two of the top issues I hear about almost daily. In the 2021/2022 budget, Council approved an additional one million dollars toward traffic calming projects. As a result, Spryfield got its first speed bumps on Rockingstone and Pine Grove.

Requests for traffic calming never stop, and the need continues to grow. HRM is currently reviewing the traffic calming program to better prioritize and address areas in need. While not all requests can be granted, stay tuned for more traffic calming projects in the next year.

#### ***Off-Leash Dog Park***

A new designated off-leash dog park has been approved at Roaches Pond Ballfield. You can expect upgrades to the parking lot and access trails, as well as some benches, more garbage cans, and fencing to enclose the off-leash area. As a reminder, please obey on-leash rules in other areas of the community and pick up after your dog. Let's make this work for everyone.



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### **Herring Cove Bus Rapid Transit**

The Herring Cove Functional Plan was endorsed by Regional Council this year. This is a multi-phased, multi-year, multi-million dollar upgrade to Herring Cove Road. Key features of the project include:

- adding sidewalks where critical gaps exist
- upgrading existing sidewalks
- connecting bus stops
- having protected cycling infrastructure
- transit priority measures where possible

With over 2,800 already-approved new lots in the Spryfield area, transportation alternatives are going to be essential to address congestion and transportation affordability. As well, with the announcement of 60 new electric buses, public transit is key to helping us meet our climate action goals. The addition of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will mean frequent, regular, reliable all-day transit service that is connected to the Bus Rapid Transit Network. The proposed BRT network consists of four routes, providing service to over 120,000 people and access to over 100,000 jobs.

### **Sambro Elementary Outdoor Classroom**

Congratulations to staff and parents at Sambro Elementary on the completion of Phase 2 of the Outdoor Classroom project. The whole community was involved in the fundraising and building of this amazing natural and inclusive new space, and I was pleased to support it with District Capital Funding. If you have a community project please let me know.



## **PROSPECT COMMUNITIES**

### **Western Common Advisory Committee (WCAC)**

The Western Common was formed to protect the environment and provide wilderness recreation. It contains eight lakes, twelve streams, wetlands and forest, and is home to the Otter Lake Waste Management Facility and Ragged Lake Organics Facility. WCAC was formed to advise Council on the Western Common Master Plan.

This year WCAC made two recommendations to Council: to add an extra seat on WCAC for a member of the Resource Opportunities Centre, and to request a staff report to review the proposed trail types. The committee wants to ensure the plan considers user experience, accessibility, environmental impact, and implementation. One of the priorities of WCAC is to complete the trails that were started a few years ago. Information on WCAC and how to join the committee can be found at [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca) under Boards, Committees & Commissions.

### **Prospect Road Recreation Association (PRRA) Area Rate**

Residential properties from Goodwood to West Dover pay into an area rate to fund recreational related activities and projects. The area rate is collected by HRM through your municipal property tax bill and transferred to the PRRA to manage. You can find your contribution on your property tax bill. The area rate is set at \$0.012 per \$100 of taxable assessment, and generated \$98,500 in revenue for 2021-22. All contributors to the area rate are members of the PRRA. If you are looking for more information on the PRRA check the Prospect Communities website. Terms of reference and links to the business plan submissions can be found on my Halifax Councillor webpage at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca)

### **Terence Bay Wharf**

Repairs were made to the Terence Bay Wharf this summer, including new decking, fixed railings, and a new ladder.



Replacements for the floating docks have also been ordered with funding from District 11 Capital Funds and PRRA area rate funds. Thanks to Josh Slaunwhite for his ongoing work in helping to maintain the wharf and boat launch, and to Kelly Carlton and the PRRA for managing the work on the new floating docks. The new floating docks will be ready for the spring of 2022.



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### **Speed Tables on Evergreen Lane**

Over the past year, I have received numerous complaints about stunting, parking, and large gatherings along Evergreen Place, near the Irving on Prospect Road. Working with Halifax Regional Police and HRM staff, speed tables have been installed to address the issue. Racing on public roads is illegal. Speeding is an issue throughout District 11 and I am working closely with HRP and RCMP to identify areas for ongoing enforcement.

### **Otter Lake Landfill Public Consultation Survey**

Having a landfill near one's community will always be a concern, and rightly so. I have received a number of messages about the discontinuation of the frontend processor (FEP) and waste stabilization facility (WSF) at Otter Lake, with the number one concern being how it will impact ground water. It is important to clarify that the FEP/WSF is not the tool that provides protection for groundwater at Otter Lake. Landfill cell-liners and leachate treatment protect the ground water. Please take some time to complete the Otter Lake Public Consultation Survey. It is available from Nov. 3 to Dec. 3, and it provides an opportunity to learn more about the landfill, the FEP/WSF, and what is being proposed. If you have more questions, please contact me via email at [patty.cuttell@halifax.ca](mailto:patty.cuttell@halifax.ca). As your representative, I want to make sure all concerns are addressed. You can find the survey by visiting [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) and searching "Otter Lake Public Consultation."

### **Ragged Lake Organic Waste Facility**

In 2017, Regional Council approved the site for new organics facility next to the existing Ragged Lake Organic Waste Facility on Evergreen Place. Work on the new facility has begun and Harbour City Renewables has completed clearing and grubbing operations. Special features of this new facility include air locks/double doors, a four-cell biofilter system, and an exhaust stack to better protect the surrounding community from odours. Unlike the existing composting facilities, the new facility will be water negative meaning any leachate produced is recycled through the process. Construction will take approximately two to three years to complete.

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If you are interested in being on the Community Liaison Committee for this facility, please email [raggedlakeCLC@aimgroup.ca](mailto:raggedlakeCLC@aimgroup.ca) or phone 902-876-5185.

### **Community Integration Fund**

As part of the expansion of the Ragged Lake Organic Waste Facility, Regional Council approved the establishment of a community integration fund in the amount of \$1 million for the Prospect Communities. I am currently working with municipal staff to develop a consultation process on the allocation of that funding. Please stay tuned for more announcements about this process and opportunities to participate.

### **Did you know: Tire Recycling**

Nova Scotians can return up to four regulated used tires at a time for recycling to any tire retailer in the province, free of charge. More than one million used tires are diverted from Nova Scotia's landfills each year through this Divert Nova Scotia program, with 70% of returned used tires going to Halifax C&D to be recycled into Tire Derived Aggregate (TDA). A lot of used tires get dumped this time of year, for no good reason. Please do the responsible thing and dispose of your tires properly.

### **Volunteer Nominations**

Nominations for the 2022 Halifax Volunteer Awards are open. This annual event puts a spotlight on residents that have made a difference in their community. We have so many wonderful volunteers in our community, show some love by nominating them! Forms for groups, adults and youth are available at [www.halifax.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerawards), and deadline for applications is December 15. Congratulations and thank you to the 2020 District 11 award winners: Bonnie Conrad, Gizelle de Guzman, Haillie Hersey, and Daryl Joseph.

### **OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS**

**Police/Fire Emergency** 911  
**Police (non-emergency)** 902.490.5020  
**Fire (non-emergency)** 902.490.5530  
**Halifax Water Emergency** 902.420.9287



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