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BEDFORD - WENTWORTH DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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DISTRICT 16 RESIDENTS,

Another busy and challenging year has passed. I hope that you are well, as we look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer. As you will see on the back page, **Bedford Days** will be held in person.

The volunteer committee and HRM staff are working hard to plan fun events for all ages and interests. I hope to see you there! Those of you who follow me on Facebook or Twitter, or subscribe to my periodic email updates, will know that I share regular updates on events, budget discussions, projects, and infrastructure improvements or repairs. I will attempt to also accomplish this for you all within the limited space of this newsletter.

Design planning is ongoing for the **Bedford Ferry Service**. The approved HRM capital plan includes a new library and some community space at the terminal location. The project will require provincial and federal funding assistance, but to-date, all indications suggest their support. The almost-completed ferry and terminal design plan was funded by all orders of government.

Several streets in our community received **traffic calming** measures over the past year or two. This will continue with speed humps being placed on side streets and speed tables on main streets. HRM's traffic calming program began in 2017 to address your concerns. HRM Public Works and HRM Parks capital project information for District 16, plus overviews of significant regional projects, are highlighted in this newsletter.

Many of you will have heard that the provincial government has identified nine special planning areas for expedited development to address our housing shortage. This includes **Sandy Lake in Bedford**. While HRM did not believe

BEDFORD DAYS SCHEDULE

Please see the **back page of my newsletter** for the Bedford Days 2022 schedule.

We're all looking forward to this annual event...
the fun begins on June 21st!

development of this area was needed for over a decade, the province and developers feel it is required now in order to help accommodate growth. While HRM will no longer be the final decision maker on this development, all indications are that the provincial task force will be respectful of HRM's planning policies, processes and studies. This includes our desire to significantly expand Sandy Lake Park. Significant improvements and upgrades will be required to the Hammonds Plains Road and to transit to address additional traffic. The developers will continue to be required to share the cost of these improvements.

Affordable and social housing are issues facing many residents. Since 1996, housing has been a provincial responsibility. However, HRM is now partnering with the Province and service providers to address homelessness and social housing in our municipality. This includes initiatives such as paying for hotel rooms and constructing modular housing units.

HRM recently received approval from the province to implement "inclusionary zoning" to permit HRM to legislate that a portion of affordable units be built in many private developments. To assist with the need for **affordable housing**, Regional Council has undertaken the following actions: participation in the federal Rapid Housing program, establishment of a grant program, waiving municipal construction fees, multi-year tax relief for non-profit groups, a surplus municipal land program, and bylaw reform to permit secondary and backyard suites.

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KEEP IN TOUCH

As always, I encourage you to contact me with your questions and ideas! For those wishing to receive my updates via email, in addition to social media, please email my Coordinator, Nancy: vinern@halifax.ca with the subject line, District 16 Email Updates.

HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2022 Volunteer Awards recipients in District 16: Daphnée de Lamirande, Margaret Gullage, Farhan Pir Muhammad, Abby Nagar (Youth), Michael Ruan, Sonia Verabioff and Mitchell Zussman. This annual awards event is an opportunity for Mayor Savage and all members of Regional Council to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our local volunteers.



Several of the District 16 2022 Volunteer Award Recipients

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR HRM YOUTH

Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality honours a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen. I would like to congratulate Mariam Ahmed (Ecole secondaire du Sommet), John Torres Calderon (Sandy Lake Academy), Wylie Martin (Rocky Lake Junior High School) and Aaliyah Rashid (Maritime Muslim Academy) on being chosen as the 2022 Citizenship Award recipients in District 16.

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATES

The Cogswell District project is the biggest city-building project in the history of Halifax. This new neighbourhood district is now under construction, and will be a place for people to live, work, and play. Where the Cogswell Interchange now stands, we can look forward to a

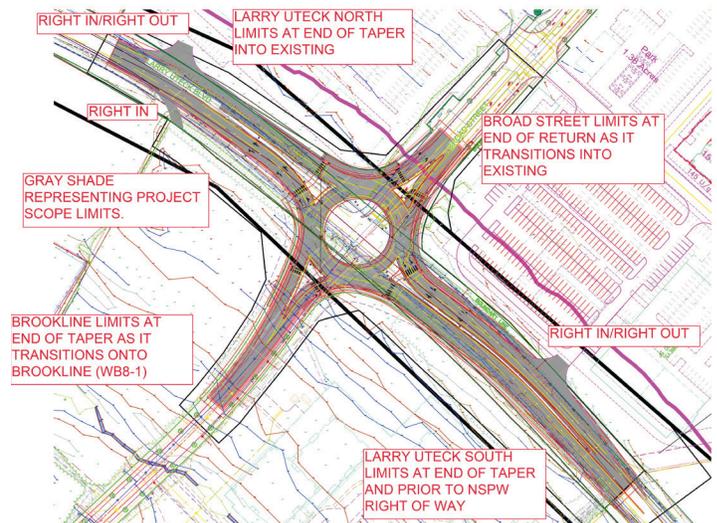
connection between downtown with the north end and waterfront. The completion of the Cogswell District project is expected to cost about \$122.6M with expected completion by Fall 2025. This project has the potential to be primarily self-funded in the long term; the sale of land, utility cost sharing, and the subsequent property taxes will help off-set the front-end investment and generate long-term recurring revenue for the municipality. As construction has started (awarded to Dexter Construction Ltd.) periodic road closures and lane drops will be required. Visit halifax.ca/cogswell to learn more about the project plan and see the latest updates and construction notices.

HALIFACT: OUR LONG-TERM CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

In 2020, Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT – a transformational plan to achieve a net-zero economy by 2050. HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada. It's our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future while preparing for current and future climate impacts. The Climate Action Tax will fund HalifACT projects such as electric vehicles and buses, net-zero buildings, installing public electric vehicle chargers, and taking actions to improve the resiliency of communities and infrastructure against the impacts of climate change – which range from flood mitigation and stormwater management to food security and emergency preparedness. To learn more, visit halifax.ca/climate.

2ND ROUNDABOUT - LARRY UTECK WEST

A second roundabout is being constructed for Larry Uteck West, and prior to the opening of the new schools!





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2022/23 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

Street Recapitalization:

Second St – Cadogan to Division
Duffus Dr (overlay paving plus curb) – Planning and design

Asphalt Overlays:

Bedford Hwy – Rocky Lake to Fourth
Clearview Dr – Shoreview to End
Southgate Dr – Kirkland to Larry Uteck (Integrated Traffic Calming/Raised Crosswalk)

Microsurfacing:

Larry Uteck Blvd – Starboard (S) to Southgate (Carryover)

Guiderails:

Union St – Civic 11

Active Transportation - New Community Association Grants (AT Projects):

Sackville Rivers Association - Purchase and Install Automatic User Counters (Districts 15/16)

Planer Patching:

Bedford Hwy – Southgate to Fourth
Brockwell St – North to Lister
Douglas Dr – Meadowbrook to Cul De Sac
Hammonds Plains Rd – Bedford Hwy to Highway 102 Limit
Lister Dr – North to Brockwell
Oceanview Dr – Amin to Armenia

Proposed Crack Sealing:

Alamir Crt – Fleetview to Cul De Sac
Arthur Lismer Crt – Waterfront to End
AY Jackson Crt – Waterfront to End
Bedford Hwy – Highway 102 Limit to Rocky Lake
Bernard St – Lewis to Olive
Crownridge Dr – Innisbrook to End
Dartmouth Rd – Bedford Hwy to Magazine Hill
Eaglewood Dr – Golf Links to Dartmouth
Estelle Ave – Lewis to Olive
Gary Martin Dr – Hammonds Plains to Broad
Hammonds Plains Rd – Smith to Sandy Lake
Innisbrook Way – Tilbury to End
Kaytyon Crt – Oceanview to End
Kearney Lake Rd – Civic 327 to Larry Uteck
Lasalle Crt – Gary Martin to End
Lewis St – Hammonds Plains to Bernard
Olive Ave – Lewis to Bernard
Parkvale Cres – Ridgevale to Ridgevale
Rose Fortune Crt – Broad to Innisbrook
Samaa Crt – Broad to Broad
Serotina Lane – Broad to Cul De Sac
Southgate Dr – Bedford Hwy to Kirkwood
Tilbury Ave – Broad to Innisbrook
Waterfront Dr – Arthur Lismer to South End
Worthington Pl – Vanier to End

WEST BEDFORD PICKLEBALL COURT AND OTHER PARKS UPDATES

The new regional pickleball court in West Bedford is now open, with thanks to HRM Parks & Recreation and Clayton Developments.

Plans are also in the works for two new tennis courts and a pump track in the West Bedford area. Other parks projects approved for 2022 include playgrounds for Teachery Park, Scott Saunders Memorial Park, Sunnyside Elementary School Park, and a court for Nicholas Meaghers Park. Further, a walkway will be constructed at the Lebrun Memorial Centre Park on Doyle Court.

SECONDARY & BACKYARD SUITES

Secondary and Backyard Suites can be used by aging parents or adult children or can be used as rental units. Regional Council approved Backyard Suites in 2020, and the rules apply mostly everywhere in the HRM for single-detached houses, duplexes or semi-detached houses, and townhouses/rowhouses.

- **Backyard Suites** are separate free-standing buildings, either built overtop an accessory structure like a garage, or simply on their own (i.e., granny suites, carriage flats or tiny homes).
- **Secondary Suites** are separate dwelling units that are completely contained within a home (i.e., in-law suites or basement apartments).

You can get permission to install or construct a secondary or backyard suite by applying for and obtaining a permit through HRM. Visit www.halifax.ca and search for “Permits” to easily access the permitting webpage, learn more about the specific requirements for each installation, and start your application process online.

You can also **call 311** and submit a service request if you would like to have a Planner contact you directly to help you get started.

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The Bedford Days event is back in person this summer! Please see below all the exciting details. **All events are free unless otherwise noted.**

Let's thank our wonderful sponsors:

Diamond: TD Bank

Platinum: Municipal Group of Companies

Gold: MICCO Companies, Chicken Little Café, Develop NS, West Bedford Holdings

Silver: Nustadia, Presse Mason, The Berkeley Bedford, Provident Development, Universal Reality, Sobey's, Sunnyside Mall, Sunnyside Restaurant, Ajuga, Bedford Place Mall

Bronze: Bauld Insurance, Strum Consulting, Resto Urban Dining, Virgin Radio, COBS | **Government:** Halifax Regional Municipality

Visit www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/bedford-days or www.facebook.com/hrmcivicevents for updates, as events are subject to change.

2022 SCHEDULE

NOTE: Series of Modo Yoga classes at DeWolf Park to get you fit and inspired:** June 22 (9 a.m.-10 a.m.), June 23 (9 a.m.-10 a.m.), June 24 (noon-1 p.m.), June 27 (noon-1 p.m.), June 28 (noon-1 p.m.), June 29 (9 a.m.-10 a.m.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

NEW: National Indigenous Peoples Day, DeWolf Park - 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m.: Celebrate with Indigenous music, storytelling, food samples and other traditional activities.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Arabic Night, DeWolf Park - 6 p.m.-9 p.m.: Arabic/English dance mixes by a DJ and drummers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Tai Chi with Mirella Veras, DeWolf Park - 11 a.m.-noon:** Tai Chi Demonstration class for people of all ages and health conditions.

Georgian Social, Scott Manor House (15 Fort Sackville Rd.), 2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Featuring their famous oatcake cookies, lemonade, The Clan Farquharson - a performance piping group, and informative talks about this historical property. Bring chairs/umbrella (House not available for tours that day).

Rouge et Blanc (food & wine) Event, Sunnyside Mall - 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.: 19+, *Drink responsibly and use a designated driver* - Free hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, live music and entertainment from local dance groups. Special thanks to all the participating restaurants and Harvest Beer Wine Spirits (www.harvestwines.ca).

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Drive-In Movie, BMO Centre Parking Lot, 61 Gary Martin Dr, Bedford - 9:30 p.m.: Enjoy a free movie showing (Star Trek, 2009). Rain date, if needed, will be posted on the website. To register, visit showtix4u.com/event-details/65329 on June 19th at 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

NEW: National Multicultural Day, 805 Bedford Hwy - 6 p.m.-8 p.m.: Celebrate and enjoy free samples at this event, held in various restaurants at the plaza. There will be a sign at all participating restaurants.



TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Movie in the Park, DeWolf Park - 9:30 p.m.: Enjoy a free showing of SCOOB! Bring your blanket, lawn chair, friends, and relatives. Rain date: Wed, June 29th.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

POUND® Workout, DeWolf Park, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.:** Ages 13+ - Exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and Pilates-inspired movements, using Ripstix®.

Beat-Fit with Aya**, DeWolf Park, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:

Choreographed exercises to the beat of the music that keeps you entertained.

Glow's Fun Land, DeWolf Park - 6 p.m.-9 p.m.: Enjoy bouncy castles and more. Tickets/bracelets are sold on site. Note: Thursday bracelets are only valid for Thursday.

Kids Extravaganza, DeWolf Park - 7 p.m.-9 p.m.: Bring the kids and have some fun with mermaids, cirque show, dance performances and activities with the Bedford Library, ending with a kids fireworks show. Presented by TD Bank.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Canada Day Pancake Breakfast*, DeWolf Park - 9 a.m.-11 a.m.: Enjoy Sunnyside pancakes served by the Sunnyside Restaurant staff.

Glow's Fun Land, DeWolf Park - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Enjoy bouncy castles and more. Tickets/bracelets are sold on site. Bracelets are not transferable to the evening event.

Canada Day Live Music*, DeWolf Park - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Join us at the main stage for live music by Tyler Key.

Kids' Canada Day Party*, DeWolf Park - 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Activities with the Bedford Library, mermaids, a cirque show and lots more.

Chicken Little Ice Cream Social, 1527 Bedford Hwy - 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.:** Join us at Chicken Little Café & Dairy Bar (beside the Chickenburger). Enjoy a FREE Chocolate or Vanilla sundae or scoop. While quantities last, one per person.

Glow's Fun Land, DeWolf Park - 6 p.m.-9:45 p.m.: Enjoy bouncy castles and more. Tickets/bracelets for the rides are sold on site. New bracelets must be purchased for the evening activities.

Bedford Volunteer Fire Dept Beer Fest, DeWolf Park - 6 p.m.-midnight: 19+, *Drink responsibly and use a designated driver* - An entertaining evening featuring live music and a DJ. Cash bar.

Canada Day Celebrations*, DeWolf Park - 8 p.m.-10 p.m.:

Live music from Donair Supply. Kids entertainment. **Fireworks starting at 10 p.m.**

- ***July 1st Canada Day events** - Funded in part by the Government of Canada.
- ****Community Group events** - Organized by local individuals and organizations to encourage recreation, sport and community celebration. Participants in any of these events are on a voluntary basis and the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is not liable or responsible for any injury, loss or damages.
- **The Bedford Days program** will comply with any provincially-mandated COVID restrictions.