

# COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

*Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage*



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2022



## DEAR RESIDENTS,

I am so pleased to bring this hard copy newsletter to all households in District 3, Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage.

I have the opportunity to mail a paper newsletter to you two times per year, and there is limited space to share exciting and important district notices and information. With this in mind, if you would like to receive my **monthly online newsletter** about the work I am doing on your behalf, please send an email to my Coordinator, Emily ([smithem@halifax.ca](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca)) asking to be put on the distribution list.

It is such an honor to be the municipal councillor to represent you, your family, and your neighbours. There has been lots going on over the spring and summer - and there is more coming up. I have tried to capture a few things in this newsletter for your information and consideration. Please feel free to let me know if there is something specific that you would like me to share in my newsletters.

I hope you were able to enjoy some of our amazing summer weather. I was able to take some time off with my family to recharge my batteries, but stayed close to home so I could attend the wonderful community events that are coming back since the pandemic. One of my most memorable was the funding announcement event at Abenaki Aquatic Club where Darren Fisher and I jumped in the lake fully clothed and quite spontaneously. Loads of fun!

As we approach the school season, I wish you great success in getting your loved one ready and off to school. Remember to remind them all to be careful when crossing busy streets.

I am hosting some town hall meetings early in the fall (outlined below) and I hope that I will have an opportunity to see you in person.

Please let me know if you have anything you would like me to work on, address, or consider in the role I have on your behalf. Thank you again for this honour. Stay well and be safe.

Warmly,  
Becky

## FALL 2022 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Join me from **6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** on the following dates to discuss community matters:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Eastern Passage/Cow Bay meeting - *Buffalo Club*
- **Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>:** South Woodside - *South Woodside Community Centre*
- **Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Dartmouth South - *Woodlawn Public Library*

You can register to attend by contacting Emily: [smithem@halifax.ca](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca) or 902.490.7177. I hope to see you there!

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### PORTLAND STREET FUNCTIONAL PLAN UPDATE

The Portland Street Functional Plan is being carried out for the length of Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road between Pleasant Street and Bisset Road. Corridors such as Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road are described in the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) as “existing road corridors that are key to regional traffic flow, transit, goods movement and active transportation.”

The IMP recommends the development of ‘Strategic Corridor’ plans to guide their development over time, which supports investment in infrastructure and programs aimed at improving transportation sustainability and creating complete communities. The Portland Street / Cole Harbour Road Functional Plan is assessing the feasibility of reconfiguring the corridor to improve transit and active transportation connections, as well as considering enhancements from a “complete streets” perspective. Land use planning is also an integral component of the functional plan.

There was community engagement in 2021 that has informed the project team and consultants on this project. Staff continue to work with the project consultant, WSP Canada Inc., on the functional design. Project completion and a recommendation to Regional Council are expected in Spring 2023.

### MARITIME RACE WEEKEND

I encourage you to take part this month in the Double Race Weekend hosted by Maritime Race Weekend. On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Sunset 5K at Fishermans Cove in Eastern Passage. On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. there will be a Sunrise 5K and a Coastal 10K at Fisherman’s Cove. You can run or walk! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/59382/maritime-race-weekend-2022>



### WOODLAWN RESIDENT’S ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to support the creation of the Woodlawn Resident’s Association. Dedicated members of the community are forming an association and planning a community event to introduce the association and hear more about what is important to residents in the area. I am so pleased to see this happening and look forward to chatting with you at the event - See you at the BBQ!

#### WOODLAWN COMMUNITY BBQ

*Free Food!*

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Morash Pond

(United Church Parking Lot)

### BELL LAKE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

I am working with staff to engage with the community regarding improvements to trails and open space at Bell Lake. There are informal foot paths that could be improved upon with benches, signage, etc. I will be coming out with staff to host stakeholder group and general community sessions to hear about your ideas for upgrades and improving the parkland around the lake.

### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TO CONNECT WOODSIDE & SHEARWATER

HRM staff and WSP Consultants have been presenting Active Transportation (AT) planning options to connect what is currently a 3km gap along Pleasant Street between Corsair Drive in Shearwater and the Woodside Ferry Terminal area. Also included in this planning exercise is the area from Atlantic Street to Acadia Street, to improve walking and cycling abilities to reach hospitals and the NS Community College.

The **Shearwater Flyer** is an 8km provincially owned rail trail between Bissett Road and Corsair Drive, leased to the Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association to develop and maintain.

The **Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail** is a 3km asphalt multi use pathway from Alderney Ferry Terminal to the Woodside Ferry Terminal and was developed and maintained by Develop Nova Scotia and HRM.

Options for AT infrastructure may include greenway trails (multi-use pathways), sidewalks, paved road shoulders, cycle tracks, bidirectional bikeways, local street bikeways with traffic calming measures, and well-designed intersections

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and crossings to making public transit stops easier to access. These elements are all part of improving walkability and cycling for all ages and abilities.

HRM staff would like to thank those who took the time to attend the public meetings, review options and provide input throughout this initial planning process. Please visit the Shape Your City page for the Woodside-Shearwater Active Transportation options currently being considered, and to view community input so far: [www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/woodside-shearwater-at-planning](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/woodside-shearwater-at-planning). For more information contact David MacIsaac, Manager Active Transportation, Public Works: [macisad@halifax.ca](mailto:macisad@halifax.ca) or 902.490.1665.

### ABENAKI FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The funding announcement this summer for Abenaki Aquatic Club was a very exciting day: MP Darren Fisher announced \$500,000 toward a boathouse project. HRM also contributed to this significant contribution for the club.



### DISTRICT 3 ACTIVITY FUNDS

These small grants are for non-profit organizations and registered charities for local initiatives, including by way of advertising with such entities. District 3 Activity Funds were used to support the following organizations:

Organization	Donation
Cheer Nova Scotia	\$200
Woodlawn High School Advisory Council	\$500
Cultural Society and School of Serbian Language	\$200
United DFC Soccer Club	\$75
Portland Estates and Hills Residents' Association	\$2,000
Lacrosse NS U14 Boys	\$150
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival	\$300

### DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS

The District Capital Fund is used to fund capital development projects and infrastructure enhancements that are a benefit to the community.

Below is a list of grants that have been issued in fiscal 2022/23 so far for District 3:

Organization	Donation
Rainbow Artwork Crosswalk Program – 8 Painted Crosswalks in District 3	\$8,342.88
Camp Courage, The First Responder's Society – Food, Operating Costs, Promotion	\$2,000
Ellenvale Junior High School – New Stage Curtains	\$7,000
Maritime Race Weekend Association – E-Bikes for Medial First Aid Response During Events	\$6,817.20
Local Council of Women (Shared with 7 Other Districts in HRM)	\$625.00
Royal Canadian Legion Caen Branch – Roof Repairs	\$10,000
Portland Estates and Hills Residents' Association – Community Event Promotion Materials	\$1,035.00
Abenaki Aquatic Club – Funds Towards New Boathouse	\$10,000
Eastern Passage & Area Business Association – Community Banner Project	\$5,000
South Woodside Community Association – Repair of Community Sign	\$1,759
Maritime Race Weekend – Advertising and Promotional Costs	\$1,500

### Additional Commitments:

- \$20,000 for the Eastern Passage Skate Park Commons Master Plan
- \$10,000 for Friends of McNabs Island Society Timmin's Cove trail repairs
- \$15,000 for the Quigley's Corner Revitalization Project



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## REGIONAL PLAN - WHAT'S NEXT?

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

We are now in Phase 3 of 5 of the Regional Plan. Certain adjustments can still be made to the plan as it currently stands, and we are still collecting feedback from residents.

An in-person public hearing to hear feedback about the proposed amendments for Phase 3 will be held by Regional Council on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Regional Council Chambers (City Hall).**

Learn how you can participate by visiting [www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan) or call the Municipal Clerk's office at 902.490.4210.

Here are the proposed Regional Plan amendments - part of **Phase 3 of the Plan** - that you can provide feedback on:

- Requiring Council to consider the policies and objectives of the priority plans (the Integrated Mobility Plan, Halifax Green Network Plan, HalifACT) as part of discretionary planning applications.
- Requiring Council to consider environmental and cultural values, relationship to wilderness areas, mobility planning, and climate action as part of secondary planning.
- Policy and regulations to support housing diversity, that remove regulatory barriers in land use by-laws for tiny homes and converted shipping container dwellings.
- Allowing the adaptive reuse of municipally registered heritage properties by development agreement.
- Supporting ongoing work on community action plans for historical African Nova Scotian communities.
- Revised Conservation Design Development policy to improve its interpretation and implementation.
- Amendments to support site specific requests for development, including Birch Hill Mobile Home Park, Eastern Passage and more.

- Minor housekeeping amendments, including correction to watercourse setbacks for Cow Bay Lake, and accessory buildings in Eastern Passage/Cow Bay and corrections to the Service Requirements Map to ensure that lands currently serviced with water and/or wastewater are accurately represented.

I encourage you to visit the Regional Plan webpage to learn more about these items and how you can provide feedback regarding other elements of the Plan: [www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan)

## IN THE COMMUNITY



Dartmouth South Senior's Tea (*top left*), EPCB Summer Carnival Parade (*top right*) and Congratulations to Nathan McKinnon on his Stanley Cup victory! (*below*)



**BOARDS & COMMITTEES I SERVE ON:** Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, Vice Chair, Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council, Transportation Standing Committee, Board of Police Commissioners, Appeals Standing Committee, Vice Chair, and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.



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