

COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

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



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DEAR RESIDENTS,

It's hard to believe summer is winding down, but what a summer it was! Wasn't it great to have free concerts all summer at Acadia Park? Thanks to all supporters and organizers of the shows, and to the amazing talents involved.

As much as I love summer, there's something comforting about the routine that comes with fall. Back to school, and back to work. 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. Meetings may be held in-person or virtually. I encourage you to visit www.halifax.ca and search for "North West Community Council" for details on specific meetings. I invite you to attend these meetings virtually to keep informed on what is being discussed.

I love being your municipal councillor, and with your help, we continue to make District 14 a fun, safe and desirable place to live, work and play. The suggestions you share help to shape the future of our district; so give me a call, send me an email or even flag me down at the grocery store. If you have any questions concerning our district, please contact me. As always, you can call 311 or email ContactUs@311.halifax.ca with questions about municipal programs and services, concerns about items such as illegally parked cars, fireworks or graffiti, to apply for licenses or building permits, to request information about garbage collection, transit schedules, and more.

Best wishes,

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STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY 2022

The 2022 State of the Municipality event was held earlier this year. The event provides an overview of where we stand as a municipality each year. Mayor Mike Savage addressed the challenges of today and opportunities for growth, saying, "*I believe that Halifax is a city for today, and more and more a city for tomorrow. We are building a city for everybody, and the work continues.*" Below I've included some highlights from the Mayor's address:

Halifax Regional Municipality:

- was the first city in Canada to be named a welcoming city for refugees by the UN High Commission on Refugees;
- has the highest number of housing units under construction ever, with the Mayor adding that while this is good, it's still not enough: "*we are in a housing crisis. It is time to put aside ego and jurisdiction to find solutions that address supply and affordability*";
- has the fastest growing downtown in Canada, with a population increase of 26.1 percent in the last five years (StatsCan Census);
- is ranked the #1 place to live in Canada, post-pandemic, out of 415 communities (MacLean's Magazine);
- has had 21+ new companies set up here during the pandemic;
- ranks 7th on the top 25 tech talent centres to watch in in North America (CBRE Tech talent scorecard);

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- welcomed nearly 9,300 new residents to our municipality - a growth rate of 2.1 percent - in a pandemic.

Further, the fastest-growing demographic in Halifax are people aged 15-34 years, with Mayor Savage stating, "Halifax is now becoming the destination for young people, not the departure point." Overall, we have a lot to celebrate. Together, we are focused on making sure we are not just a bigger city, but a better city.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Accessory Building Regulations

The accessory building regulations for the Sackville Plan Area Land Use By-Law are under review by HRM Planning and Development staff. Want to know more? Check out the fact sheet at www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications under Case 23405 – Sackville Accessory Building Zoning Review. Want to share your thoughts? Fill out the survey at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca under Case 23405 or contact planner Claire Tusz at 902.430.0645 or tusz@halifax.ca.

Mixed Use Zoning

On May 17th 2022, Regional Council passed a motion to consider changing the size thresholds for permitted commercial uses, encouraging children's recreation and other low impact commercial uses, while mitigating the higher impact commercial uses for the Mixed Use 1 (MU-1) Zone. Staff are seeking feedback from the communities around Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville on the appropriate size of different commercial uses in the MU-1 Zone. I invite you to take the survey for Case 24313 online at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca.

2022/23 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

As we are now partway through the year, some capital projects have already been completed. The following capital projects are scheduled to be done in District 14 this season (weather permitting):

Street Recapitalization

The removal of asphalt concrete and granular material to a specified depth, replaced with new material.

- Millwood Dr – Rafting to Beaver Bank Cross

Asphalt Overlays

An asphalt overlay can be placed directly over the existing road surface, resulting in a grade raise, as no milling or asphalt removal is completed prior to placing the overlay

except where curb and gutter are present.

- Old Sackville Rd – Connolly to Lucasville (Integrated Traffic Calming)
- Wilson Lake Dr – Rhodora to Civic 97 (Reinstate Traffic Calming)

Bridges

- BR41 Lucasville Bridge (Additional Design Work)
- BR164 Millwood at Jackladder (Repair)

Planer Patching

A low-cost maintenance treatment that involves removing the existing asphalt, in partial or full depth, in a relatively small area, and replacing it with new asphalt.

- Beaver Bank Rd – Meadow to Tucker Lake
- Lucasville Rd – Waterstone to Bryanston
- Rivendale Dr – Windgate to End
- Tucker Lake Rd – Beaver Bank to End

Crack Sealing

A low-cost maintenance treatment that involves sealing slight to moderate severity cracks – between three to 20 mm wide – with a modified asphalt-based sealant.

- Baker Dr – Jubilee to Civic 23
- Gaspereau Run – McCabe Lake to End
- Natura Dr – Newberry to Cul De Sac
- Newbury Rd – Waterstone to Cranley
- Sackville Dr – Beaver Bank to Millwood

DEVELOPMENTS IN DISTRICT 14

Wondering what is being developed in your area? You can go to 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 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. This application is currently on hold as requested by the applicant.

Case 21639 - Middle Sackville Masterplan – Indigo Shores: Phase 1 of the Margeson Drive Master Plan has been designated as a provincial *Special Planning Area*. Now that it has been approved by the Minister, the development of the Indigo Shores subdivision will no longer be limited to a maximum rate of 25 lots per calendar year. A development agreement is now in effect. Phases 2 and 3 of the Margeson Drive Master Plan process have been put on hold until further notice.



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TRAFFIC CALMING

Speeding remains the number one complaint I receive from residents almost daily. Exceeding the speed limit is an infraction under 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 to conduct patrols. For the District 14 area, **please call Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit at (902) 244-7208.**

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
- Raised intersections and crosswalks
- Curb extensions
- Traffic circles or mini roundabouts
- On-street parking
- Raised median islands

District 14 streets to receive traffic calming infrastructure in 2022 are:

- Connolly Road – Old Sackville to Sackville
- Executive Drive – Rafting to Sackville
- Fringe Drive – Executive to Rafting
- Magenta Drive – Gaspereau to Margeson
- Midnight Run – Margeson to Gaspereau
- Old Sackville Rd – Beaver Bank Connector to Claudia (W)
- Old Sackville Road – Lucasville to Melham
- Rafting Drive – Millwood to Executive

To have your street considered for traffic calming measures, call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca. You may view the current list of assessments and rankings of streets considered for traffic calming measures here: www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/road-safety/traffic-calming-for-safer-streets

IVY MEADOWS FACILITY

Northwood will be taking over the operations of the Ivy Meadows Facility located at 125 Knowles Crescent, Beaver Bank that Rosecrest Communities was in the process of decommissioning. As part of the Department of Seniors and Long Term Care's improvement process to facilities and increasing beds, Northwood will assume operations effective immediately and the full management transition will be

complete by April 2023. Ivy Meadows has been a part of the Beaver Bank community for over 50 years and is home to 51 residents, who have access to recreation programming supported by the Friends of Ivy Meadows Society. The accessible bus allows for trips to the local Tim's, special fishing derbies and other local attractions within the community. Feeling integrated into the greater community allows the residents to feel at home at Ivy Meadows.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



A great afternoon in Lucasville with John Young for the Greenway Society community walk! Thank you, Mayor Mike Savage and MLA Steve Craig, for your support!



I was honoured to present a long service award to Donald Connor, a volunteer with Fire Station 48 (Beaver Bank Kinsac) since 1973! Thank you, Chief Kevin Crewe, for inviting me to the annual dinner!



Deputy Mayor Lovelace and I were pleased to present a District Capital Fund donation to Vishal Bhardwaj and Tine Rossi for Nova Multifest 2022.



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Councillor Blackburn, Maggie Quinn, HRM's Citizenship Award recipient from Millwood High, and Mayor Mike Savage. Congratulations Maggie!



I had a blast trying the disc golf course pilot project on the Dartmouth Common with Mayor Savage and my Council colleagues!



Councillor Blackburn and Mayor Savage with 2022 Volunteer Award Recipients: Luke Webb, Sean Bowes, and Walter Fekeshazy.



At St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Middle Sackville, with Church Wardens Megan Sheen and Murray Watson and the AED machine that District 14 District Capital Funds helped to purchase.



Councillor Paul Russell and I presenting a cheque to representatives of the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame to expand the display area.



Proud to support the Suburban FC U15AAA team with my Regional Council colleagues.



Me, taking a pie at the Caudle Park Elementary School Spring Fling.



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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.

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