



COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD
 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JANUARY!



Happy New Year - District 12! I hope we all enter the new year with fun, excitement, and assurance that good things are coming! Be sure to read up on HRM winter

operations and how to get involved with rec programs happening this winter.

Your Regional Council are entering a busy season of preparing the 2023-2024 municipal budget. You can find more details about the budget, upcoming meetings and how you can share your feedback below.

It's my honour to continue serving as your municipal councillor for another year. Also, join me in welcoming Eric Bowdridge as my new Councillor Coordinator for District 12. Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone (902.240.7926) or email (iona.stoddard@halifax.ca) to discuss municipal programs or services.

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meetings of Halifax Regional Council and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 20th, at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency)

Wednesday, January 25th, at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 27th, at 9:30 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on our [website](#) as they are subject to change.

HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Halifax & West Community Council has been busy throughout 2022, holding 8 Public Hearings through 11 meetings. The following Public Hearings were to held for projects in District 12:

CASE 20226: LAND USE BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES IN TIMBERLEA, LAKESIDE, BEECHVILLE

Motion approved which allowed Halifax and West Community Council to assist with the development of the new Beechville/ Lakeside community recreation centre by altering parking requirements to work with the existing Lakeside Community Centre location. [Read More!](#)

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CASE 20795: REZONING AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR ST. MARGARET'S BAY ROAD, BEECHVILLE

Motion approved which allowed Halifax and West Community Council to assist with the development of additional housing for the St. Margarets Bay Road in Beechville by rezoning 14 acres of land from R-1 (Single Family Housing) to CDD (Comprehensive Development District), allowing for 39 family units to be developed. [Read More!](#)

CASE 23016: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE BRUNELLO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, TIMBERLEA

Motion approved which allowed Halifax and West Community Council to assist with the development of additional housing around Brunello Golf Course in Timberlea to allow for more efficient use of lands. [Read More!](#)

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date
January 17, 2023
Monday February 13, 2023
Monday March 27, 2023
Monday April 24, 2023
May 16, 2023
June 13, 2023
July 4, 2023 * If required
September 19, 2023
October 10, 2023
November 21, 2023
December 5, 2023

The Halifax and West Community Council meets Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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Meetings may be held virtually or in-person (Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax).

The public is encouraged to come and participate. For more information on the Halifax & West Community Council or to view the full meeting agenda or video, click [here](#).

NEW HRM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)



I am pleased to welcome Cathie O'Toole as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Halifax Regional Municipality. O'Toole assumed their responsibilities on January 1st.

O'Toole brings more than three decades of leadership and public sector experience – most recently as the General Manager of Halifax Water, a role they held since 2019.

Prior to joining Halifax Water, they worked with the Halifax Regional Municipality for 10 years in a variety of roles including Director of Finance/ CFO and Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management. For more, visit our [website](#).

WINTER 2023 REC REGISTRATION



Registration is open for Rec programs happening this winter! 🛷🏠 This includes dryland programs, along with skating and aquatics! Program details are available [online](#).

Issues with registration? Questions can be directed to your local recreation centre or by calling (902) 490-6666.

Did you know?

✅ The Recreation Funding Access Program provides discounted recreation opportunities for children, youth and adults in financial need through the [Affordable Access program](#).

✅ Starting in January 2023, the municipality's aquatics program will be transitioning from the Red Cross Swim Program to the Lifesaving Society's Swim Program. Residents can find more information on the transition at [here](#).



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AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

together, we can all be better prepared for whatever the season may bring.



The municipality is seeking volunteers for the new African Descent Advisory Committee. The committee will advise Regional Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services for People of African Descent.

To learn more, visit our [website](#). Applications will be accepted until January 31st at 11:59 p.m.

HALIFAX ROADS: WINTER OPERATIONS

With each weather event, snow clearing crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometres of streets and about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks! We can't control Mother Nature or what this winter has in store, but if we work



For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, and tips to help you prepare for inclement weather, please see our [website](#).

SERVICE STANDARDS

HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops and the timing varies depending on the priority level. We prioritize commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools. When the snow stops, operators work quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared within 24 hours and major roads and bus routes within 12 hours.

Before contacting 311 about snow clearing, please ensure the service timelines for your area have expired. You can find detailed information about snow clearing service timelines on the interactive map or in the "when should clearing be complete?" section on the [website](#).



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If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time in each chart, please e-mail ContactUs@311.halifax.ca or call 311 so crews can be dispatched to address the issue. If an emergency vehicle needs to access a street, staff dispatch a plow immediately to that street.

Residents should note that in snowfalls greater than 30 centimeters or in blizzard conditions, more time may be needed to complete clearing. The same exception may apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe. Of course, some roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. Provincial road information is [here](#).

WINTER PARKING

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect annually from December 15th to March 31st. The ban is enforced from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations only. Sign up for [hfxALERT notifications](#) to receive important updates from the municipality, including Winter Parking Ban notifications.

For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit our [website](#) or keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates via [@hfxgov on Twitter](#).

KESHEN GOODMAN RENOVATIONS

The award winning Keshen Goodman Public Library will be updating key areas of public space in and around the facility. The renovation will include more study and meeting spaces for the public, larger spaces for staff and

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community members, better sound dampening, fully accessible washrooms and facilities, and more outdoor spaces with hammocks, seating, and electrical outlets.

The construction has started and will continue throughout 2023. Please take time to visit and watch their progress as the library will still have full service throughout the renovation. For information click [here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY BLT RUNNERS



Want to stay active this new year? Join the BLT Runners running club! This club is open to all residents and friends of the community. Members range from learn-to-run to intermediate/recreational to experienced/developed.

Get out in the community and join their Monday night MONRUN, a 40-minute group run held at 6:30 p.m. The starting location is at the BLT Trail Head, Lakeside Park Dr, Lakeside, NS B3T 1L1 (located in the Beechville Industrial Park off the St. Margaret's Bay Road). Learn more [here](#).



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Hanukah celebration at city hall

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BLT holiday lights contest



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee
- Western Common Advisory Committee



Firefighter Graduation

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*May this year bring
new happiness,
new goals,
new achievements,
and a lot of new inspirations.
Wishing you a year fully loaded with
happiness.
Happy New Year!*