

# COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

*Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets*



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

WINTER 2023

## DEAR RESIDENTS:



Thank you for sharing your feedback and ideas over the last year. I appreciate hearing from you on the many ways we can improve District 13 and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Together, we are improving our communities by upgrading parks and trails, establishing a National Urban Park at Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes, resolving long overdue road infrastructure deficits, and supporting our most vulnerable neighbours.

For the next few months, Regional Council will be building the 2023-24 municipal budget and we want to hear from you. While we work to keep costs low and improve services and programs for residents, we must also plan appropriately for the growth we're experiencing. In 2022, Halifax added over 20,000 new residents.

## CELEBRATE AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

This year's African Heritage Month theme, Seas of struggle – African Peoples from Shore to Shore, outlines the struggles of People of African Decent faced from the shores of Africa to the shores of Nova Scotia. Recognizing that the one thing that has remained constant in our history is the Atlantic Ocean. In the long-standing history of People of African Descent in the development of Canada, the sea has played a vital role. This theme explores the struggle and adversity that was overcome and examines the effects of slavery and seafaring for African Nova Scotians.

Halifax is currently recruiting volunteers for African Descent Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. For more information, please visit [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca).

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Call 311 or visit [halifax.ca/311](http://halifax.ca/311) to report a municipal issue. Hours are: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat - Sun 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Police/Fire Emergency: 911

Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020

Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530

Halifax Water Emergency: 902.420.9287

Councillors' Support Office: 902.490.4050

NS Public Works: 844.696.7737

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### SIGNUP FOR DISTRICT 13 E-NEWS

In addition to this paper newsletter, I send frequent email updates to my email list. If you would like to keep up-to-date on what is happening in District 13, please email to subscribe: [pam.lovelace@halifax.ca](mailto:pam.lovelace@halifax.ca). You can unsubscribe anytime and your email address will not be shared with anyone.

### 2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLANNING FOR HRM

The annual budget is a very important thing for the operation of the Halifax Regional Municipality - it funds all costs associated with servicing our municipality each year. That's ensuring we can have our roads plowed during a snowstorm, that we have recreational facilities to enjoy, regular garbage pickup and so much more!

The municipality's 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process has now started and will continue into the spring of 2023. Over the winter, municipal business units present plans to Regional Council with their intentions for the upcoming fiscal year and outlining the required budgets to achieve their goals.

During this process, Regional Council will ask questions, discuss, debate, and consider each department's proposed priorities and budget. This can result in revisions to budget plans along the way. You can review the proposed schedule of budget presentations, learn about the budget process, and keep up to date on upcoming milestones here: [halifax.ca/budget](https://halifax.ca/budget).

### HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE BUDGET:

Members of the public also have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. You can speak directly to me as your Regional Councillor about budget priorities. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. If you wish to make any presentations before HRM Council about the municipal budget, then please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210. Written submissions are also welcomed.

### PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FOR 2023/24:

Dates could change, so the most up to date information and more background on the budget process can be found here: [halifax.ca/budget](https://halifax.ca/budget)

### ROADS & PARKING: WINTER OPERATIONS IN HALIFAX

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

For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, and tips to help you prepare for inclement weather, please visit [halifax.ca/snow](https://halifax.ca/snow).

### 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 as quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared by 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. If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time in each chart, please e-mail [ContactUs@311.halifax.ca](mailto: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.

Of course, certain roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. Provincial road information is here: <https://novascotia.ca/tran/winter/losmap.asp>

### WINTER PARKING:

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect annually from Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. The ban is enforced from 1 a.m. to 6 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: [halifax.ca/hfxalert](https://halifax.ca/hfxalert). For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit: [halifax.ca/snow](https://halifax.ca/snow) or keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates via @hfxgov on Twitter.



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### ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES

In 2022, Regional Council unanimously approved a three-year contract to Extra Care Taxi to provide an accessible taxi service for passengers who are unable to use conventional taxis. As part of the contract, passengers pay the regular taxi fare and HRM covers any extra costs for the service. Extra Care Taxi has 10 accessible vehicles and offers service 24/7. Bookings can be made by phone at 902-334-0334 or online: [www.extracaretransit.com](http://www.extracaretransit.com)

### POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

Every eight years the boundaries for HRM's polling districts are reviewed to ensure each district has roughly equal number of eligible voters. The boundary review started in early 2022 and finished in December 2022. Council determined that the 2024 Council would remain at 16 councillors and a mayor.

A resident panel proposed changes for every district, however District 13 has major changes. In the recommendations to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB), Brookline will move to District 16. All of St. Margarets Bay, Upper Tantallon and Hubley will join Prospect. Hammonds Plains will become part of Upper/ Middle Sackville and Lucasville, and Sheldrake Heights subdivision will join with District 12.

The final decision regarding the number of councillors and the district boundaries rests with the UARB, and is expected sometime in mid-2023 following a public engagement process in the spring. Changes coming to polling boundaries will come into effect for the October 2024 municipal election.

### PEGGY'S COVE LAND USE BY-LAW REVIEW

The Peggy's Cove new Land Use By-law has been drafted and is available for review and comments at [www.peggyscovelub.ca](http://www.peggyscovelub.ca).

### SCHOOL ZONES AND SPEED LIMITS

To help make school zones safer, in 2012 the Province of Nova Scotia required the speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where the approaching limit is 50 km/h, when children are present. Where the speed limit is higher than 50 km/h, drivers continue to be required to reduce

speed to a maximum of 50 km/h when children are present. Children present is defined as being (i) on the highway in the school area, or (ii) outdoors, within 30 metres of the highway, in the school area. This reduced speed limit is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year when children are present in the school area.

The reduced speed limit applies only when children are present in the school area, within 30 meters or 100 feet of the roadway. To visualize 100 feet, it is roughly half the size of a hockey rink.

### HUBBARDS STREETSCAPE PLAN

The Hubbards Streetscape Plan (HSP) is complete! Staff in Active Transportation from HRM & Chester, as well as staff from the province, all had the opportunity to input feedback to the plan to keep it achievable. Hubbards has been identified in the Halifax Rural Active Transportation Plan as 1 of 5 top priority communities. As part of this, Active Transportation will lead community engagements in 2023.

### MCCABE LAKE PARK PLANNING

The McCabe Lake parkland planning project is underway and focused on determining the type of local park facilities for each of the park sites within Indigo Shores (<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/indigo-shores-parkland-plan>).

However, the considerations around potential boat access to the lake has a broader impact around the lake. HRM welcomes input and feedback from all residents in the area and are raising awareness of this project in the other residential areas on McCabe Lake in White Hills and Glen Arbour. HRM is in the process of developing some preliminary proposals and park concepts on the lake in Indigo Shores.

The intent for the next round of public engagement, planned for March 2023, is to share these preliminary plans with the public for feedback and engage on key issues that emerge. An in-person open house event is being planned (date TBA) along with online engagement through the Shape Your City online platform.

To receive notice about future engagement, please subscribe for project updates on Shape Your City Halifax.



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### 2023 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program is currently accepting applications for the 2023 program.

This program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region.

There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000 OR
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

The application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Applicants should review the Program Guidebook prior to applying for a grant. Application forms and program guidebooks are now available. You can access them in several places:

- Online: [www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants](http://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants)
- At an HRM Customer Service Centre: Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, - Dartmouth, 1st floor, Musquodoboit Harbour Strip Mall, Corner of Hwy #7 & East Petpeswick Road and Bayers Road, 7071 Bayers Road, 2nd floor
- By contacting 311: [www.halifax.ca/home/311](http://www.halifax.ca/home/311)
- Or by emailing [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca)

For further information, please email [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca) or call 902.490.7310.

### UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following Public Hearings for District 13 applications will take place in the coming months. Details on each case can be found on the [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca) website:

- Heritage Status for 1608 Hammonds Plains Road
- Case 22097 - 94 & 96 Pockwock Road, Hammonds Plains
- Case 23720 - 9 Crestfield Drive, Hammonds Plains
- Case 24205 - Hemlock Drive, Upper Tantallon



*In December, Councillor Lovelace presented a certificate of congratulations to Glider Pilot Thomas Adams, Warrant Officer First Class (WO1), 250 Vimy Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, for earning his wings in 2022.*

*The New Year's Day Levée on January 1<sup>st</sup> at Halifax City Hall. Councillor Lovelace is here with Town Crier Will Brewer, Allison Brewer, Councillors Patty Cuttell and Cathy Deagle-Gammon.*



*Enjoying a beautiful day at the Haliburton Family Fun Day.*

*Attending the Lebanese Film Festival. L-R: Councillors Stoddard, Cuttell, MP Lena Metlege Diab, MLA Rafah DiCostanzo.*



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