



WELCOME JANUARY & 2024!

Happy New Year! A new year is a gift to each of us, the gift of another opportunity to forgive and heal as well as plan and implement our goals. May this new year bring you health, happiness and the fulfillment of your dreams.

I am truly honored and privileged to represent District 1: Waverley-Fall River-Musquodoboit Valley and all the wonderful communities within. As I reflect on the past three years, I am continually amazed at the generosity of people, the respect shown to others and the patience shown to me and our HRM staff team as we research, navigate and find answers to difficult questions: it is truly appreciated. I am also humbled to have been elected Deputy Mayor and look forward to a year of more learning, more community engagements and more collaboration among all orders of government.

One of my projects, that unfortunately is behind schedule, is the report/update on the Waverley Road survey. The data gathered was wonderful and lengthy and is now being shared with the relevant departments. However, it is budget

season and that takes priority so once again I ask for your patience.

My Council colleagues and I have commenced budget discussions for the 2024/25 capital and operating budgets. In acknowledging the challenge before us, please reach out to me with suggestions on how to continue providing the municipal programs / services you want to see. Your voice is important! You may also have your say during Budget Committee meetings by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at clerks@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.4210. You can attend any Budget Committee meeting in person or online and will have five minutes to address the committee on the capital/operating budget for 2024/25.

Keep reading for more information on the HalifACT Community Update, E-scooters on trails, an update on the Lockview Sport Field and much more!



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Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Standing Committees

January 11th, Appeals Standing Committee

January 12th, Executive Standing Committee

January 17th, Audit & Finance Standing Committee

January 22nd Executive Standing Committee

External Meetings:

January 8th, LWFRA Board Business Planning Meeting

January 11th, Halifax Water Audit & Finance Committee

January 15th, Halifax Partnership Audit & Risk Committee

January 17th, LHS Field Update

January 18th, Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee

January 19th, WAAA Pickleball Committee

January 25th, Halifax Water Board

January 25th, Halifax Partnership Board

JANUARY MEETINGS

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, January 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, January 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council:

Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m.

NWCC UPDATE

At the December 11th meeting of the North West Community Council, we elected Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024, presented the 2023 annual report and approved the 2024 meeting schedule.



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Councillor Pam Lovelace was elected Chair of NWCC for 2024 and Councillor Lisa Blackburn was elected Vice-Chair.

[TABLING OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT PROPOSED 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE](#)

To view the full meeting agenda [click here](#).

BUSINESS UNIT BUDGET PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Regional Council has begun the 2024/25 municipal budget process by presenting the [2024/25 Budget Direction on November 28th](#).

The annual municipal budget funds all costs to service a growing municipality. This includes day-to-day municipal operations (i.e. transit, police, fire, garbage collection, snow clearing, staffing costs), capital priority initiatives approved by Regional Council (i.e.: HalifACT, Cogswell District project, Integrated Mobility Plan), as well as capital projects and investments to purchase, construct, rehabilitate and replace municipal assets such as buildings, roads, active transportation, parks and bridges.

The Budget Direction is presented annually to Budget Committee with recommendations for tax and non-tax revenues to accommodate changing operational costs, capital investments, as well as debt and reserve changes. It is also reflective of on-going and emerging opportunities and challenges.

Municipal staff will present their [business unit proposed budgets](#) on the dates outlined below. Information on each of these items will be posted on [Halifax.ca](#) the Friday before the meeting.

Business Unit presentation schedule:

January 2024

Wednesday, January 24th

Contingency date: Friday, January 26th

- Assessment/Budget Direction Update and Capital Plan

Wednesday, January 31st

Contingency date: Friday, February 2nd

- Corporate Services
CAO's Office
Finance & Asset Management
Human Resources
Information Technology
Legal & Legislative Services
Auditor General
Property, Fleet & Environment

Friday, February 2nd

Contingency date: Wednesday, February 7th

- Halifax Public Libraries

Wednesday, February 7th

Contingency date: Friday, February 9th

- Halifax Regional Police; RCMP

Friday, February 9th

Contingency date: Tuesday, February 13th

- Public Works

Tuesday, February 13th

Contingency date: Wednesday, February 14th

- Planning & Development

Wednesday, February 14th

Contingency date: Wednesday, February 28th

- Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, February 28th

Contingency date: Friday, March 1st

- Halifax Transit

Friday, March 1st



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Contingency date: Wednesday, March 6th

- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

Wednesday, March 6th

Contingency date: Friday, March 8th

- Community Safety; Fiscal

Tuesday, April 2nd

Contingency date: Wednesday, April 3rd

- Budget Adjustment List (BAL) Review

Tuesday, April 23rd

Contingency date: Tuesday, April 30th

- Budget Approval

DID YOU KNOW

January is: [Alzheimer Awareness Month](#).

January 1st is New Year's Day

January 2nd is [World Introvert Day](#)

January 4th is [World Braille Day](#)

January 11th is [Sir John A. MacDonald Day](#)

January 14th is [World Logic Day](#)

January 24th is [International Day of Education](#)

January 24th is [World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture](#)

January 26th is [Bell Let's Talk Day](#)

January 27th is [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

STREET TREE PRUNING



The Halifax Regional Municipality's cyclical tree pruning program is now underway. Proactive tree

pruning activities, as outlined in the [Urban](#)

January 2024

[Forest Master Plan](#), improve the health of the urban canopy of street trees, ensuring longevity, while reducing damage to trees and local infrastructure due to weather events.

Crews will complete the tree pruning program according to best practices regarding tree health and infrastructure clearances (relating to roads, sidewalks, power lines and signage). Municipal trees are assessed for maintenance and removal on an individual basis. If removal is deemed necessary, a new tree will be planted in its place.

To learn when tree pruning may take place in your area, visit our [website](#) to view detailed schedules and maps. Work schedules are approximate and weather dependent. The tree pruning program is expected to be completed in March 2024. There may be temporary street and sidewalk closures while work is underway.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2024-25

2024-2025

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

This program provides cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities.

HALIFAX

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program will begin accepting applications from registered non-profits and charities located

within Halifax Regional Municipality on January 3rd. The application deadline is April 1st, 2024.

Application forms and program guidebooks are available from:

- [The municipal website](#)



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- Visiting one of our [Customer Service Centres](#):
 - Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, - Dartmouth, 1st floor.
 - Musquodoboit Harbour Strip Mall, Corner of Hwy #7 & East Petpeswick Road
 - Bayers Road, 7071 Bayers Road, 2nd floor.
- Contacting 311
- E-mail - nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca

Organizations considering an application to the program are encouraged to review the guidebook.

For further information, please email nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 902.497.0479.

2022/23 STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE REPORT



The Halifax Regional Municipality has released the [2022/23 Strategic Performance Report](#) – the second annual report providing

updates of the [Strategic Priorities Plan 2021-25](#). The [Strategic Performance Snapshot](#), the municipality’s public-facing dashboard with key performance indicators aligned to the Strategic

Priorities Plan, has been updated with data for 2022/23.

The annual Strategic Performance Report highlights the municipality’s progress on delivering Regional Council’s priorities and the priorities of the administration in the governance and management of municipal services, staff and finances.

The following are some key highlights from the 2022/23 Strategic Performance Report:

- The creation of the Community Safety business unit, allowing the consolidation of programs and activities in the areas of social policy, housing and homelessness, public safety and emergency management.
- The implementation of the [Framework for Addressing Homelessness](#), which builds on continued work with the Province of Nova Scotia and service providers to better coordinate resources and assistance to persons experiencing homelessness – including the creating of [designated outdoor sheltering locations](#).
- The continued commitment to key climate action deliverables, including transitioning municipal vehicles to electric, retrofitting municipal buildings to align with [HalifACT guidelines](#) and progressing towards decarbonizing the public transit fleet, with electric buses scheduled to be in service in Fall 2024.
- The [Cogswell District Project](#) has entered its second phase of construction and will be complete by the end of 2025.



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- The development of the [Draft Regional Plan](#) – the municipality’s long-range region-wide plan for growth and development, which was presented for Regional Council review and public feedback.

For more information, visit halifax.ca/budget.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW UPDATE

[District Boundary Review](#)

On December 21st, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, (NSUARB) reached its decision on the polling districts for HRM. There are some changes to what HRM proposed specifically for Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16, however; District 1 remains as proposed!

Below is the conclusion given by the NSUARB:

IV CONCLUSION

[93] The evidence presented by HRM supports maintaining 16 polling districts. All proposed polling districts fall within the $\pm 10\%$ guideline applied by the Board, except six districts. Three of the districts only slightly exceed $\pm 10\%$, while the other three districts still fall within $\pm 25\%$. The Board accepts HRM’s reasons for altering the polling district boundaries, except for the findings of the Board in this decision.

[94] The Board commends HRM on the extensive consultation and study process followed. Both staff and Council worked diligently to ensure the views of the public were properly solicited and that relative parity of

voting power was achieved among the polling districts, while respecting communities of interest.

[95] The Board approves the application, as amended by this decision. The number of polling districts is set at 16, each electing one councillor. The Board approves the proposed changes to the polling district boundaries, subject to its findings in this decision.

[96] HRM has filed digital maps of the proposed polling district boundaries. In recent years, some municipalities and towns have requested to provide the descriptions of its polling districts or wards using digital GIS technology. While the Board is mindful of the benefits of digital mapping over text descriptions, both in terms of cost and efficiency, the important factor to be considered is the subsequent use of any polling district or ward descriptions during the conduct of municipal elections. Regardless of the format adopted by a municipality or town, the description must be able to address any inquiry made by electors or municipal election staff during the conduct of municipal elections. Accordingly, it is necessary that the scale of any digital mapping descriptions be capable of being adjusted to respond to any inquiry. In addition to filing a large hard copy map showing all polling districts collectively, the Board also requires the separate filing of individual digital mapping for each polling district or ward. The Board approves the filing of the digital polling district maps by HRM.



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[97] HRM will prepare new digital maps, as amended in this decision. An Order will issue after the Board receives the new digital maps for the polling districts.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ACCESSIBILITY



Regional Council has approved the decision to incorporate new standards for diversity and inclusion in all staff reports presented to Regional Council moving forward.

Staff reports are the primary method through which staff communicate to Halifax Regional Council about projects, decisions, and programs. Applying a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) lens during the preparation of staff reports is an important process for ensuring transparency and highlighting how DEIA was considered during the project. For this lens to be genuine and effective, consideration of DEIA must occur at every step of the process, from scoping onwards.

The guidelines adopt an approach focusing on the needs of underrepresented groups and serve as a resource for report authors and collaborators to inform the direction of municipal services, programs, and projects to better meet these needs. They are designed to help report authors and collaborators inform the direction of municipal services, programs, and

projects with a clearer focus and intersectional perspective. This approach ensures that inclusion and participation of all residents can be achieved and that the insights from groups who face systemic barriers and inequities are sought and reflected in reports, recommendations, and outcomes.

The checklist provides a resource that delineates multiple ways to ensure diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility are taken into consideration when planning, designing, and managing projects related to municipal policies, services, and programs that may result in the preparation of a council report.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).

ROOFTOP SOLAR PANEL SYSTEMS



Carroll's Corner Community Centre

The Environment & Climate Change team has begun the installation of rooftop solar panel systems at nine municipal sites across the region. These efforts support the goal to decarbonize corporate buildings by 2030 as part of the municipality's transformational [HalifACT](#) plan. The Sackville Transit Terminal was the first site to receive a rooftop solar panel system earlier this fall, with installations expected to be completed at the following sites by the end of 2024, pending a structural analysis for some.

- Keshen Goodman Library



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- Ragged Lake Transit Centre
- East Preston Community Centre
- North Preston Community Centre
- Carroll's Corner Community Centre
- Cole Harbour Place
- Sackville Sports Stadium
- Wallace Lucas Community Centre

Installation work will take place as to not impact regular operations at each site. These rooftop solar panel systems are in addition to those installed at five other municipal sites between fall 2022 and summer 2023, which included the Acadia Centre, Dartmouth North Community Centre, Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility, Kiwanis Grahams Grove Community Building and Mackintosh Depot.

Altogether, the rooftop solar panel installations are expected to produce more than three million kWh of renewable energy annually, which will save more than \$350,000 in electricity costs each year.

Residents are encouraged to learn more and participate in the [Solar City program](#), which offers property owners access to innovative solar energy options and is financed through the municipality.

For more information on solar energy systems at municipal sites, visit halifax.ca/solarenergy.

E-SCOOTERS PERMITTED ON SELECT MUNICIPAL TRAILS



The operation of e-scooters is now being permitted on the following municipal trails:

- Mainland Linear Trail
- Chain of Lakes Trail
- Halifax Common pathways
- McIntosh Run Trail
- AT Trail around Lake Banook
- Park and Brookdale Crescent)
- Dartmouth Waterfront Active
- Transportation Trail (between Alderney and Woodside ferry terminals)
- Portland Lakes Trail (between Baker Drive and Freshwater Trail to Waterside Terrace)

The use of e-scooters is guided by By-law M-300, the Micromobility By-law and the Province of Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act (MVA).



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HALIFACT COMMUNITY UPDATE



In our fourth [HalifACT community update](#) we offer a look at some of the recent work the municipality and its partners have been doing to accelerate action on climate and commit to environmental protection.

We're inspired by all of the people working tirelessly to make our region a healthier, more sustainable and enjoyable place for people to live. Since we face serious challenges now and into the future, we appreciate that a real change is happening.

Because of their shared love of nature and understanding of the costs of burning fossil fuels, many people are joining the HalifACT movement. We think that is something to celebrate. Acting on climate together is how we will address the climate emergency and keep moving forward.

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Electrifying the fleet

The Parking Services team replaced some of its gas-powered vehicles with electric bikes, supporting HalifACT by decarbonizing transportation. These ebikes allow our employees to move through downtown traffic faster than if they were driving. Parking Services started with just four ebikes, but they were so popular that the program grew to seven units. So far, our growing fleet of ebikes has saved more than 1,000 km in fuel-dependent vehicle use.

The Urban Forestry team gave away hundreds of trees to residents in August 2023 and encouraged them to plant and care for them as a way of reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide. About one-third of the trees were fruit trees, thanks to meaningful collaboration with the [JustFOOD](#) team, a group of local stakeholders working to fight food insecurity in the region.



Community action & engagement

The JUNOs come to Halifax

In March 2024, the JUNO Awards will take place in Halifax for the first time since 2006. Environment & Climate Change is part of this year's team and, as part of the municipality's efforts, we'll be providing free public transportation for JUNO volunteers, installing music-themed bike racks and much more.



Alliegra Swanson of Music Nova Scotia

BLANEY ROAD - NEW LOCAL STREET



A new local street will be created off Wilcot Lane in Dartmouth. Subdivision of a lot and a permit to create a new dwelling brought to the attention of staff that a section of roadway was not directly fronting off Wilcot Lane, and; that a new Local street would need to be created.



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The suggestion of Blaney Road was brought forward to honour a 50-year long-term resident of this section of roadway. As shown on the image above, Wilcot Lane runs directly to Montague Road. The lands that occupy this unnamed section of roadway are municipally owned.



2023 FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES GRADUATION

2023 Graduating Class

- Firefighter Jenna Currie – Station 38, Middle Musquodoboit
- Firefighter Sophia Jodrey – Station 38, Middle Musquodoboit
- Firefighter Johneil Johnson – Station 38, Middle Musquodoboit
- Firefighter Brin Jones – Station 24, Musquodoboit Harbour
- Firefighter Raymond Kline – Station 38, Middle Musquodoboit
- Firefighter Lindsay MacKinnon – Station 23, Chezzetcook
- Firefighter Mischa Moscovitch – Station 24, Musquodoboit Harbour
- Firefighter Julien Parsons – Station 54, Shad Bay
- Firefighter Tapiwa Rabwi – Station 62, Williamswood
- Firefighter Olivia Skinner – Station 54, Shad Bay
- Firefighter Drew Young–Shortall – Station 54, Shad Bay
- Firefighter Troy Zahara – Station 62, Williamswood

FIRST ELECTRIC BUS



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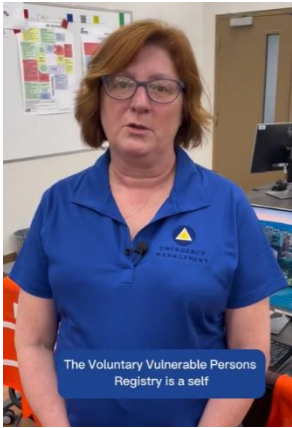
Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce that the first electric bus will be arriving at the Ragged Lake Transit Centre marking an exciting milestone for the Zero Emission Bus Project. The pilot electric bus will initially be used for [Halifax Transit](#) staff training.



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VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY



Important information is provided [in this video](#) by Erica Fleck, HRM's Director of Emergency Management, on the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry.

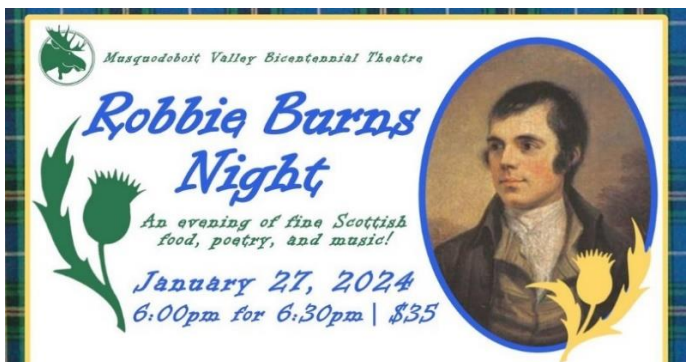
The municipality has launched the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons

Registry (VVPR) to assist residents who need more support during emergencies.

The VVPR provides important information to first responders, Emergency Management staff, and volunteers to help appropriately respond to resident needs in situations such as sustained power outages, severe storms, and more.

Learn more about the VVPR and [register here](#).

MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY BICENTENNIAL THEATRE



FALL RIVER ALL WEATHER FIELD



Lockview High School Park Field is anticipated to close in August 2024 to begin construction of an all-weather turf field scheduled to open in September 2025. The Northern Suburban Area Community Turf Committee championed the project, involving myself, the Hon. Brian Wong and MP Darrell Samson.

The upgrade to an all-weather field will allow for extended seasonal usage with more durable material for use in wet weather and field lighting of the field to allow for extended hours of use during shoulder seasons. The field will also include a walking path and an Indigenous programming space.

For more information, [click here](#) or contact Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Parks & Recreation: evansga@halifax.ca or by phone at 902.292.1264.



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IN THE COMMUNITY



On Friday, December 1st I provided opening remarks to The

Equitably Conference in my role as Deputy Mayor. Our town Crier, Will Brewer, gave the proclamation, followed by words of inspiration from Bradley Daye with Placemaking 4G. The event was MC'd by none other than Ann Divine. Our feature entertainer was the always wonderful DeeDee Austin. Did you know with all her talents she is also an advocate for full inclusion! Fantastic! Guest speaker was Sean Wiltshire. What a day!



Beacon House Interfaith Society Christmas Social



What an honour it was to bring greetings along with Councillor Iona Stoddard to the United African Canadian Women's Association (UACWA) event in December. I am pictured here with Daphne Daisy Durling. Councillor Iona Stoddard and MLA Ali Duale.



What an honour to have a [Bide Awhile](#) Kitty Council candidate named after me! Meet Kitty Council Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon.



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Our first packing night for Fall River Christmas Express! Thank you to [The Laker News](#) for photos. A generous community and great volunteers make Christmas special.



Fall River Lions Club Parade with me, new friend Hunter and Charlie, riding on the Halifax Regional Municipality float.

Thank you to our driver, Ed and his team

mate Whippe, who made sure the generator kept working. We collected food and financial donations - thanks so much to a generous community and many volunteers. Way to go parade organizer Elizabeth and team!



I had a great time at the [St Rose of Lima Church CWL Bake Sale and Bazaar](#) at the [LWF Community Hall](#).





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Special waiter Hunter and me at the 30th anniversary of the Grand Lake Seniors Christmas Tea. Organizers Vivian Kahout and Bonnie Hines are to be celebrated for all their work to make this happen. [Grand Lake Oakfield Community](#).



Congratulations to the recipients of long service awards with [Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue](#) (MVGSR). My father-in-law told me that the greatest gift was the opportunity to say thank-you! Recently, I was honored to do just that at the MVGSR in Elderbank. To all volunteers, our heartfelt thank-you for your service and support in the community and for being there when we need you most!



Had a wonderful time at the [BETTER TOGETHER NOVA SCOTIA](#) Christmas pageant. Thank you for an uplifting show: the music, the narration and the acting. Well done all!



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COMMUNITY HALLS/CENTRES

District 1 is home to many Community Halls and Non-Profit Organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community. Here is a list of some of the great organizations in our district:

- [Elderbank Recreation Club](#)
- Lemmon Hill Sports Association [Facebook](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- [Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)
- [Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)
- [Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)
- [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)
- [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)
- [Waverley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)
- [LWF Community Hall](#)
- [Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)
- [Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)
- [Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I have missed this time around please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal district 1](#).

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E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

My monthly e-newsletters are available on my municipal [website](#). I also maintain a mailing distribution list, if you wish to be added to the list, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

DEPUTY MAYOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON



I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority Goffs Quarry Community Liaison



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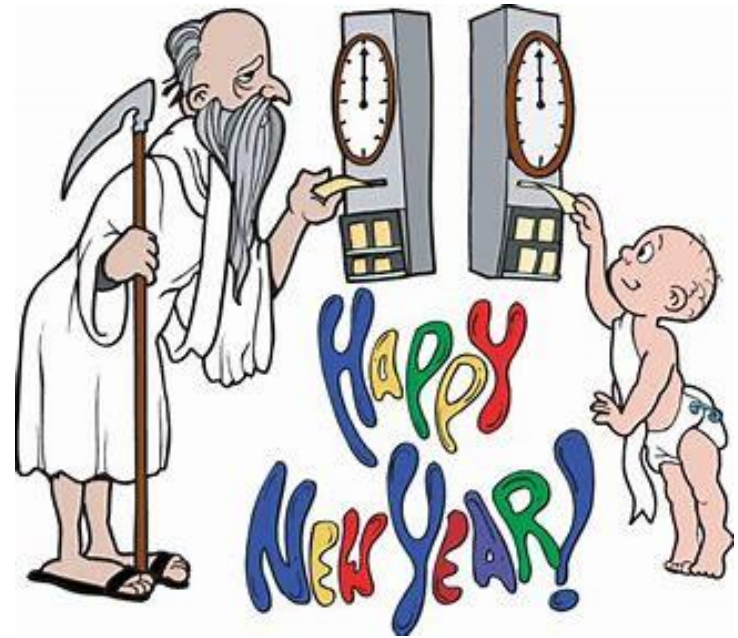
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.



Wishing you a very Happy New Year from me and my Council Constituency Coordinator, Chris Newson!