

Councillor John Young

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DISTRICT 14
NEWSLETTER

WELCOME DECEMBER!



Happy December!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the constituents of District 14 who placed their trust in me during the Fall

election. It is a profound honour to serve as your Municipal Councillor. I look forward to working diligently to support our communities over the next four years.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and safe holiday season!

John

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DATES TO NOTE:

December is Universal Human Rights month;
Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness month;
National Write a Business Plan Month; and,
Universal Health Coverage Awareness Month.

December 21 – Winter Solstice
December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day
December 25 – Hannukah (Start)
December 26 – Boxing Day
December 26 – Kwanzaa
December 28 – National Call a Friend Day
December 31 – New Year’s Eve

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions. Applications are available [here](#) and will be accepted until Monday, December 16 at 11:59 p.m.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees or municipal staff – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

There are 39 volunteer positions available on the following bodies:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)
- [Active Transportation Advisory Committee](#)
- [Audit Committee](#)
- [African Descent Advisory Committee](#)
- [Board of Police Commissioners](#)
- [Grants Committee](#)
- [Heritage Advisory Committee](#)
- [Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee](#)
- [Special Events Advisory Committee](#)
- [Women & Gender Equity Advisory Committee](#)
- [Youth Advisory Committee](#)

Information on each board, committee and commission – including terms of reference, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas, and reports – can be found on halifax.ca. Applicants are encouraged to review these resources before applying to learn more about the role and typical work performed by each board, committee and commission.

The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from across the municipality. Applicants from Black/African Nova Scotian communities, youth, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, and Francophone/Acadian, newcomer and 2SLGBTQ+ communities are encouraged to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, visit halifax.ca/serve. Residents can also contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.

COGSWELL DISTRICT TRANSIT TERMINAL TO OPEN



Since June 17 Barrington Street, from Upper Water Street to Duke Street, has been closed to accommodate

construction in support of the Cogswell District project. This was a major closure that impacted drivers, Halifax Transit, pedestrians, cyclists, and property owners as it required the relocation of the Barrington Street bus bays and the rerouting of 30 Halifax Transit routes.

Residents are advised that on December 16 the new Halifax Transit Terminal at Scotia Square will open, rerouting approximately 30 Halifax Transit routes that have been on detour for the last six months. The Transit Terminal will include new heated shelters, additional seating and waiting space for passengers, wider sidewalks and an additional bus bay. New trees and landscaping elements will be installed in 2025.

In addition to these changes, Valour Way, which closed in February 2023, will re-open, and the new roundabout, which partially opened in October, will be fully operational as of December 16, with a temporary connection to Nora Bernard Street. The Nora Bernard Street connection will facilitate local access to the businesses on Amalamek Way but will not connect to Brunswick Street at this time.

Cogswell Street, from Brunswick Street to Upper Water Street, will also open on December 16. At this time, the transit lanes along Barrington Street through the roundabout, and on Cogswell Street between Barrington

Street and Gottingen Street, will come into effect.

To learn more about the Cogswell District project, visit our [website](#).

2025 URBAN DESIGN AWARDS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is calling for submissions to the 2025 Urban Design Awards – a celebration of urban design excellence in the Halifax region that occurs every two years. The submission deadline is February 10, 2025.

To qualify for an award, projects must have been completed after January 1, 2020, and meet one of the nine following awards categories (each with different eligibility requirements for award selection):

- Urban Design Plans
- Urban Architecture
- Landscape Architecture and Civic Design Projects
- Urban Elements
- Housing Solutions
- Community Connections and Initiatives

- Heritage Restoration Projects
- Heritage Adaptive Re-use Projects
- Student Projects

A panel of four independent jurors will evaluate the submissions looking for category-specific criteria and broader design principles such as human scale, community context and intentional accessible or inclusive features.

The submission fee is \$402.50 (including taxes) and this fee is waived for nonprofit and student projects. Student submissions will be accepted until April 20, 2025.

An awards ceremony will take place on **Monday, May 26, 2025** at the **Halifax Central Library**. Attendance will be open to the public and additional information will be shared closer to the event.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit [the website](#) or contact urbandesign@halifax.ca.

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Course catalogues for winter 2025 recreation programming are now available [online](#) and registration is open. Get registered by signing in to your myREC account [here](#).

HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY RECRUITMENT



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is accepting applications for career firefighters from January 2 to January 16, 2025. Career firefighters serve their communities by

protecting and preserving life, property and the environment through appropriate emergency management.

The recruitment process is multi-phased and will include an application, aptitude testing, physical abilities testing, a background screening and panel interview. The skills, abilities and competencies measured through each of these phases are in alignment with the requirements for firefighters. Becoming a firefighter is a serious commitment that requires unwavering dedication and extensive preparation at every stage of the recruitment process. Candidates will face rigorous evaluations designed to ensure they are physically and mentally prepared to tackle the challenges of this demanding profession.

HRFE is hosting several community sessions to help potential candidates learn more about the firefighting recruitment process. The community sessions will run from December 10 to January 15. For information about an information session near you, click [here](#).

Firefighting is a rewarding and challenging career. Firefighters work long hours and often under highly physically demanding work. Careers with HRFE offer flexible work-life balance and competitive salaries.

For more information, click [here](#).

2025 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications have opened for the 2025 Volunteer Awards. The application period closes on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Every year, the municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in their communities. The annual Volunteer Awards put a spotlight on the residents who volunteer in our region.

There are three categories open for applications: Youth, Adult and Group. The award recipients will be announced at the 2025 Volunteer Awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 30. This coincides with National Volunteer Week.

For more information, visit [our website](#).

SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



There's no denying it – winter is on its way.

Did you know that there is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home?

The [Senior Snow Removal](#) is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- The participant may not be a landlord.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2024/2025 application package online.

Completed applications may be emailed to ssr@halifax.ymca.ca faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal
Community YMCA
2269 Gottingen Street
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

WINTER GREEN CART TIPS



When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers. To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, our Solid Waste Resources team has some helpful tips:

- Put your green cart out for each collection, even if it's not full. This will give material less time to freeze
- Line the bottom of your green cart with a yard waste bag, boxboard or newspaper
- Place your green cart in a place where the sun can reach it
- Wrap food in paper scraps

More information on green carts can be found on our [webpage](#).

HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM



The provincial Heating Assistance Rebate Program provides

assistance to low-and moderate-income Nova Scotians for help with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$600/household. Find out more and apply by March 31 [here](#)

SNOW CLEARING

While the snow hasn't started to fly yet, I would encourage you to begin preparing your property for snow clearing season by removing planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk and trimming any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property that may obstruct access and visibility for snow-clearing equipment. You can mark any permanent structures or objects with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. This helps crews identify obstacles.

Effective December 15 to March 31, the municipal overnight winter parking ban will be enforced from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. during weather events and snow removal operations. You can sign up for hfxALERT to receive crucial updates, including Winter Parking Ban [notifications](#).

During snow events, all our equipment and operators work as quickly as possible to clear roads and sidewalks as efficiently as possible. If the [service standard](#) has expired for your street to be cleared, please contact 311 and they can dispatch a plow. Before the service standard has expired, please be patient and give our crews time – we are working as quickly as we can. You can find out what classification your street is by searching on our [interactive map](#).

Let's work together to ensure a safe and smooth winter season for everyone in our community. Stay warm and stay safe!

2024 NSFM CONFERENCE



2024 NSFM Conference photo of Councillor Young and Amazing Race Canada Host & 2010 Winter Olympic Gold Medal winner John

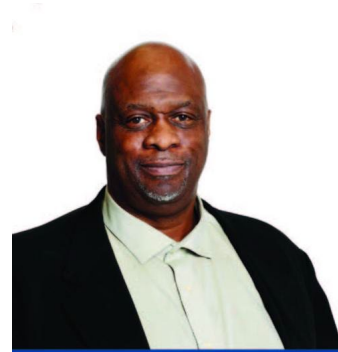
Montgomery, Keynote Speaker. Me wearing his Olympic Gold Medal.

2024 MUNICLE SWEARING IN



The Halifax Regional Municipality swearing-in ceremony took place on Tuesday, November 5. I would like to thank all the constituents who voted me into office.

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council

- North West Community Council
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Active Transportation Standing Committee
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

I encourage you to each out to 3-1-1 or me at any time with municipal questions or concerns.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to have e-newsletters sent directly to your inbox, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Victoria Palmeter at 902-490-2012 or victoria.palmeter@halifax.ca