

COUNCILLOR BILLY GILLIS
DISTRICT 15 NEWSLETTER
LOWER SACKVILLE – BEAVER BANK

WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations to
all graduates!
Happy Father's
Day to all Dads!
Happy first day of
Summer! Happy

[PRIDE](#) month! Happy [National Indigenous History month](#)!

I am delighted to live in a country that proudly acknowledges and celebrates diversity. In the month of June, we observe the heritage of the Filipino, Italian and Portuguese cultures, as well as National Indigenous month and Pride month. I think [John Gibbon's](#) explanation of a Canadian mosaic being that “...each cultural group retains a distinct identity and still contributes to the nation as a whole...” is so accurate!

Keep reading for more information on the Beaver Bank Road/Stokil Drive intersection, Volunteer Award recipients, Citizenship Award recipients, Curb Side Give Away weekend and much more!

If you wish to discuss a municipal program or service, please contact me at Billy.Gillis@halifax.ca or call me at 902.471.6906.

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JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Northwest Community Council and Standing Committee meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 10 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council: Monday,
Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Appeals Standing Committee

- Thursday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, June 18 at 10 a.m.

Special Events Advisory Committee

- Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW....

June is heritage month for the following: Filipino, Italian, Portuguese and National Indigenous month. June is also PRIDE month.

June 1 is World Reef Day

June 1 is World Day of Parents

June 2 is World Eating Disorder Day

June 5 is World Environment Day

June 8 is World Oceans Day

June 8 is World Brain Tumour Awareness Day

June 12 is World Day Against Child Labour

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day

June 15 is Global Wind Day

June 16 is World Sea Turtle Day

June 19 is Juneteenth

June 20 is the First Day of Summer

June 20 is World Refugee Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 is World Rainforest Day

VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Batoul Al Mallah

(no photo available)

Batoul is an inspiring volunteer whose compassion, resilience and dedication have positively impacted her community. From organizing fundraising events to supporting newcomers at the YMCA, Batoul's volunteer journey has been a testament to her deep commitment to helping others. She has also launched the "Hope in Every Can" initiative to provide resources and hope for those experiencing homelessness.

Bruce Colborne



Bruce has dedicated many years of volunteer service to the Lower Sackville community, motivating others to give back and fostering collaboration. As a leader in the Knights of Columbus Sackville Council, Bruce's teamwork and kind words have inspired many to participate in community initiatives, strengthening bonds and encouraging volunteerism. His commitment and leadership continue to have a lasting impact on the community.



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Jen Donaldson



Jen is the founder and General Manager of the Nova Scotia Monarchs Baseball Women's Division, the first all-women's baseball league in the province. Through her leadership, she has empowered women of all skill levels to play baseball and step outside their comfort zones. Jen also coaches youth and advocates for inclusiveness in sports, leaving a lasting impact on her community.

Mandi Louise Holness



Mandi has become an indispensable part of Parker Street, dedicating 749 hours in just four months to managing registrations, sorting donations and distributing food to those in need. Her unwavering commitment, tireless work ethic and passion for helping others have made a lasting impact. Mandi's exceptional leadership and compassion make her a true community builder.

Sean Kelly



Sean has been an unwavering force in his community for over thirty years. He dedicates hundreds of hours annually to coordinating the Nova Scotia Special Olympics event in Lower Sackville and volunteering with the Knights of Columbus. His leadership, kindness and work ethic inspire others to volunteer and contribute to local charitable efforts. Sean's service and dedication to community building make him an exceptional volunteer leader.

Dani Squires



Dani has been an outstanding volunteer for the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia since 2020, raising over \$50,000 for mental health programs and services across the province. She is a passionate advocate for mental health awareness and brain injury support, using her platform to end stigma and raise crucial funds. Dani's tireless dedication and courage in sharing her story continues to inspire and impact the community.



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Jonathan Primack

(No photo available)

Jonathan has been an invaluable volunteer at the Back to the Sea Centre for over seven years, bringing his expertise in graphic design, leadership and community building to the forefront. His contributions include redesigning the website, spearheading fundraising events and tirelessly supporting the centre's operations and initiatives. Jonathan's infectious enthusiasm, dedication and collaborative spirit inspire everyone around him.

Congratulations to all volunteer award recipients and my continued gratitude for all you do to make District 15 communities more vibrant!

CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Every spring, on behalf of the Regional Council, the Deputy Mayor hosts the Annual Citizenship Awards. This award recognizes outstanding Grade 9 students from each school across the region who excel academically and through community volunteer work. The 2025 Citizenship Awards ceremony was held on May 13 and I am proud to acknowledge the youth from District 15.

Cabrini Sponagle (no photo available)

French Immersion Student - 95% average.
Member of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps - 305 Sackville.

Member of the RCSSC band, Drill team, Biathlon and Marksmanship teams.

Member of the Millwood High Remembrance Ceremony Committee- played the Last Post, read speech and helped plan the ceremony.

Member of the Sackville Community Band.

Morgan Rent



Leadership qualities- intrinsically motivated; seeks opportunities to improve herself, be a role model for other youth and to empower young women.

Attention to detail, good communication skills. Involvement in school (Student Council, Green Team).

Involvement in the community at large (volunteer youth leader).

High academic achievement, French Immersion.

Moyo Bode-Owolabi



Highest achieving academic student.

Impeccable record of service both inside and outside the school - student leader and member of following clubs: Student Association, Worship Team, Yearbook, Youth Ministry. Sets an excellent example in character to peers as she is hard-working, honest, and kind.



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HALIFAX TRANSIT – BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION

Below is a list of bus stop construction projects planned for District 15 for the 2025 season. Some of the work listed is being completed through integration with capital projects. Information on bus stop closures and detours due to construction will be available on the municipal webpage [Service disruptions | Halifax Transit | Halifax](#).

New requests received in 2025 will be reviewed by our team over the fall and winter for prioritization and inclusion with future budget years.

| Bus Stop Location | Nearest Civic Address | Location of Work | Scope of Work | Status |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Cobeguid Rd After Hillside Ave (6435) | 512 Cobeguid Rd | West side of Cobeguid Rd in front of Civic 512 | Removal of bus stop concrete bus pad, installing curb, new bus stop will be approximately 45 metres North before Hillside Ave, stop will be closed permanently after new stop is constructed | Pending 2025 construction |
| Cobeguid Rd After Maple Grove Dr (6431) | 400 Cobeguid Rd | West side of Cobeguid Rd near Civic 400 | Installation of new shelter on shelter pad behind multi-use path | Pending 2025 construction |
| Cobeguid Rd Before Hillside Ave (6442) | 211 Cobeguid Rd | East side of Cobeguid Rd at Civic 211 | Relocation of the stop approximately 55 metres South, installation of a concrete bus pad and sidewalk, with a connection to a crosswalk to access the sidewalk on the opposite side of street | Pending 2025 construction |
| Cobeguid Rd Before Hillside Dr (2352) | Opposite to 123 Cobeguid Rd | West side of Cobeguid Rd opposite to Civic 123 | New reduced-stop reflecting stop Cobeguid Rd After Hillside Ave (6435), installation of concrete bus pad between curb and sidewalk, and sidewalk repairs | Pending 2025 construction |

UPDATE - STOKIL/ MILLWOOD/ BEAVER BANK ROAD SIGNALS

Through investigation, staff discovered a Traffic Detection Sensor on the east/west entry points was defective and was replaced on May 21. This was in addition to the communication modem replaced a few weeks prior. Fresh sets of Signal Timing Instructions are currently being uploaded and should be completed by the end of day May 22.

Thank you for your patience while we worked on this issue.

Please contact 311 if you notice any issues related to this intersection or others on municipally owned/operated roads.

PROPOSED HIGHWAY 102 WEST CORRIDOR & SPECIAL PLANNING AREA



On Tuesday, May 16, 2025, approximately 255 hectares (630 acres) of land located west of

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RCMP STATS - MARCH

RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATS

March 2025, District 15
Lower Sackville - Beaver Bank

- 912 Calls for Service in March 2025 (up 15.3% from March 2024)**
- 44 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 42 in March 2024)**
 - 12 Aggressive Driving
 - 6 Unregistered Vehicle
 - 6 Cell Phone
 - 20 Other MVA (No Insurance, Unlicensed Driver, etc.)
- 197 Proactive Assignments (vs. 163 in March 2024)**
 - 19 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements
- 210 Traffic Stops (vs. 133 in March 2024)**
 - 3 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 8 in March 2024)
 - 4 Impaired Driving Suspensions (vs. 1 in March 2024)
- 33 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 31 in March 2024)**
 - 31 Non-Injury, 2 Injury
- 2 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (vs. 0 in March 2024)**
 - 1 Non-Injury, 1 Injury

Please Drive Safely!



Highway 102 between Kearney Lake Road and Lacewood Drive in Halifax, were designated a Special Planning Area under the Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.

[The Regional Plan Review](#) has identified the need for additional serviced lands to accommodate population growth. In January 2022, Regional Council directed staff to advance background studies needed to consider urban development of four potential Future Serviced Communities and the Highway 102 West Corridor Lands were included in that study. Since then, the [Future Serviced Communities \(FSC\) Study](#) has been completed for the Highway 102 West Corridor Lands and the Minister of Growth and Development has initiated secondary planning, also known as comprehensive neighborhood planning. A comprehensive neighbourhood planning process considers all aspects of planning a new neighbourhood. Strategic public investments in infrastructure, parks and facilities may also be identified. The outcome is new municipal policies and regulations to guide and support new development in the area informed by HRM priority plans, public consultation, collaboration with internal and external review agencies, proposals from landowners, and supporting studies.

Expected Units: Approximately 11,500 units

Status: Background studies are complete and will inform potential future development of the area. The studies include a land suitability analysis, watershed analysis, transportation and mobility analysis, and water and wastewater servicing study. On May 16, 2025, the Minister of Growth and Development initiated secondary planning for Highway 102 West Corridor Lands Special Planning Area.

More information on the planning process will be provided once planning is underway.

To read the staff report on the Regional Plan Review and learn more about the proposed amendments, please see item 4 on the [June 3, 2025 Regional Council agenda](#). If you have questions about the content of the report, please contact regionalplan@halifax.ca.

Questions, concerns, or feedback about this site? Contact 311.

RECREATION MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS SURVEY



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to provide feedback on recreation membership options.

In August 2024, the Regional Council directed municipal staff to explore developing a one membership option, which would provide access to all municipally owned and operated facilities, as well as all multi-district facilities.

Residents are invited to complete the [Shape Your City survey](#). The survey will remain open until Monday, June 30.

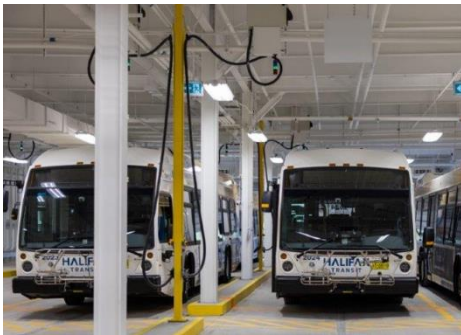
For more information, [click here](#).



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ELECTRIC BUSES ARE HERE!



On May 20, I was pleased to take part in the official launch of HRM's Electric Bus Fleet as well

as view the upgraded Ragged Lake Transit Centre where the buses will be charged and serviced. It is a welcome edition for our transit system as we strive toward our goal of environmental sustainability.



Me with Councillors Jean St-Amand and Katherine Morse at the Halifax Transit Ragged Lake Centre.



BEAVER BANK KINSAC VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



The Beaver Bank – Kinsac Volunteer Fire Fighters Association – Station 48 is celebrating 60 years of service! Residents of Beaver Bank & Kinsac are invited to an Open House at the fire station on Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help celebrate!



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Meet your local volunteer fire fighters, tour the fire station, and see the fire trucks. There will be a free BBQ, face painting, and a little something fun for the kids.

With the proceeds from the NS Fire Fighters 50/50 Raffle, the first 150 residents of Beaver Bank and Kinsac will be offered the choice of either a smoke detector, a fire extinguisher, or a fire blanket for your household on a first come, first served basis. All you have to do is show ID that you reside in Beaver Bank – Kinsac. So save the date and come out and celebrate your local Volunteer Fire Fighters!

SACKVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS



The [Sackville Community Development Association](#) [SCDA](#) is a great organization in need of volunteers to help out for Canada Day

Parade - Fireworks and First Lake Concert.

Sackville Community Days is looking for volunteers for all events including:

June 29 - First Lake Concert + Fireworks

July 1 - Canada Day Parade + Teddy Bear

Picnic. If you are able to help out, please email:

SCDAVolunteer@Gmail.com.

BEAVER BANK COMMUNITY AWARENESS ASSOCIATION



On May 14, I attended the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association's (BBCAA) Town Hall meeting. The BBCAA has been hosting this meeting since 1995. It is an opportunity to see what community groups are up to and a chance to ask elected officials questions at the Q&A. It is also a chance to meet and chat with neighbours over light refreshment following the meeting.

Invited guests included myself, MLA Brian Wong, RCMP Staff Sgt. Lynden Morrison along with updates from community groups: the BBK Volunteer Fire Department, The Woodbine Family Association, The Brown Hall and The BBK Lions Club.

Thank you to all who attended and for the questions posed to both me and MLA Wong.

I am doing my best to address all concerns raised regarding municipal programs and services.





SLOW DOWN SIGNS AVAILABLE



Rio wanted to let everyone know that signs are now available to help keep two-legged and four-legged children safe. If you would like to have one for your property, reach out to me at Billy.Gillis@halifax.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Me with guests in attendance for the Grade 9 Citizenship Awards at Halifax Hall, City Hall.



Was pleased to support Councillor Jean St-Amand and volunteers cleaning up the DeWolfe Park Trail in Bedford.



I attended the Sackville Business Association's Spring Social at Boston Pizza. So proud to support local businesses.



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**NWCC Breakfast
at iconic Peggy's Cove**

Had a great time with my North West Community Council (NWCC) colleagues Nancy Hartling, John Young and Jean St-Amand at Peggy's Cove for a recent breakfast meeting. We were missing our Chair, Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, who was out of town.



Toured the HRM Citizen Contact Centre (311) with fellow Council colleagues Jean St-Amand, Nancy Hartling, John Young, and Virginia Hinch. It was wonderful to meet our hard-working and dedicated agents that take upward of 1000 calls a day! We got to listen-in with agents, take calls, and observe how calls get distributed to the various business units.

Thanks to Kim and her team for having us and a huge THANK YOU to our 311 Agents on the front line of service delivery for HRM!



Always a privilege to represent you at Halifax Regional Council along with colleagues John Young, District 14, and Jean St-Amand, District 16.



Catching up with MLA Brian Wong and former MLA Steve Craig to discuss how to best address issues on behalf of residents.



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Also met with MP Braedon Clark and MLA Paul Wozney at the joint AGM for the Friends of First Lake and Sackville Lakes Park and Trails Association. It is important to have a great working relationship between all levels of government.



I was honoured to present a cheque, from the District 1 and 15 District Capital Funds, along with Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, to the Friends of First Lake to provide water testing for the Lake Watchers Program at First and Second Lakes. This testing allows samples from multiple places and depths to ensure our Lakes remain healthy for years to come.



On May 6, I completed Narcan Training for overdose prevention along with fellow Council colleagues.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM)



I attended the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\)](#) conference in Ottawa with fellow colleagues, including Councillor John Young, representing Halifax among 3,500 attendees. We took part in study tours, workshops, and information sessions.

This was a wonderful opportunity for us to raise our community profiles and exchange expertise with others at the annual Conference and Trade Show. *"We are stronger when we work together!"*



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PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Provincial Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) representing the Lower Sackville – Beaver Bank area are:



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HALIFAX WATER



STRAIGHT from the SOURCE

Between 2019 and 2049, Halifax Water plans to invest about \$4 billion to upgrade infrastructure to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality water, wastewater and stormwater services to benefit customers and the environment.

To see a list of major Halifax Water projects, click [here](#).

24-Hour Emergency Service

Call 902-420-9287 for water, sewer, and flooding emergencies.

Customer Care Centre

902-420-9287

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca

(please allow up to three business days for a reply)

Head Office Address

450 Cowie Hill Road
Halifax, NS

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Halifax Water
PO Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS
B3K 5M1

Head Office Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

As a regulated public utility, [Halifax Water](#) must conduct business in accordance with the Halifax Water Regulations as approved by the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#). These can be used to help you determine if we have applied an approved practice.

Halifax Water will respond to concerns and complaints about:

- Billing



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- Metering and meter reading
- Application of standard charges
- Misuse of water resources, sanitary, or stormwater systems
- Halifax Water staff or service delivery

Formal complaints can be sent to:

Halifax Water
Complaints Department
P.O. Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS B3K 5M1

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca.

If you are not happy with Halifax Water's response, you may make an appeal to the [Dispute Resolution Officer](#) (DRO).

The Dispute Resolution Officer is an independent officer (not an employee of Halifax Water or the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board) who manages regulation-based customer issues.

HRM'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

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 and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council and the North West Community Council and serve on the following boards and committees:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee

Happy Father's Day!



Congratulations Graduates!

