

Councillor Shawn Cleary

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER FALL/WINTER 2025



DEAR RESIDENTS,



Happy holidays! As we approach the holiday season, I extend best wishes to all who celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa. What these religious and cultural celebrations have in common is the emphasis on joyful time spent with family and friends, embracing their respective traditions.

I also wish to thank you for your continued patience and understanding during transformative capital investments that may have impacted your travel over the past year. As we expand and improve our integrated mobility network through projects such as the redevelopment of the Cogswell District, replacement of underground infrastructure, and repaving of roads, I know it becomes temporarily difficult to move around. With upcoming projects like the Windsor Street Exchange redesign, Rapid Transit implementation, and recommendations from our HalifACT climate action plan, we will try to minimize disruptions while making critical infrastructure upgrades.

The 2026-2030 Strategic Plan was approved by Regional Council on August 5 and is now with staff to develop Action Plans and Budget and Business Plans in alignment with this Strategic Plan for a period of four fiscal years commencing 2026/27.

I encourage you to become involved during the 2026/27 budget process as your input is invaluable to Regional Council as we face challenging decisions on how best to allocate funds to continue providing the programs and services required to maintain healthy and vibrant communities, a strong and diverse economy, and a sustainable environment. Contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk if you wish to participate during the Budget Committee process by email at: clerks@halifax.ca or phone: 902.490.4210.

CONTACT US

Call 311 to reach the 311 Municipal Contact Centre, or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue. Please call 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, except Christmas & New Year's Day.

CONTACT ME

You can reach me at 902.579.6746 or by email at Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca

Mailing Address: PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

CALL MY OFFICE

For assistance with municipal issues, you can also contact my Constituency Coordinator, Chris Newson, by email at newsongc@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.1562.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Councillor Support Office: 902.490.4050

Police, Fire & Emergency: 911

Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020

Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530

Halifax Water: 902.420.9287

Halifax Water Emergency: 902.490.6940

NS Power Outage Line: 877.428.6004

Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team: 888.429.8167

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You can email me at shawn.cleary@halifax.ca and request our District 9 monthly e-newsletter delivered directly to your inbox.



CHOCOLATE LAKE DAM PROJECT

This project involves land acquisition, design, and construction to rehabilitate the Chocolate Lake Dam. The work is being undertaken in conjunction with the Province of Nova Scotia. This project will also support the Integrated Mobility Plan for Herring Cove Road, and the new dam supports the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan and proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) by moving the dam towards the lake creating space for an additional vehicle lane.

The water geotechnical investigation is planned to resume late in the fall of 2025. The project team is working with the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change to ensure environmental compliance.

Construction of the new dam is estimated to cost \$4.965 million. Project completion date is projected to be late spring 2027.



Aerial view of the Chocolate Lake spillway and dam.



View across Chocolate Lake spillway.

WEST END MALL FUTURE GROWTH NODE AND MUMFORD TERMINAL – CASE 23472



The municipality has received technical studies and a revised proposal from the new landowner of West End Mall (PRIMARIS REIT) to move forward with planning for a portion of the West End Mall Future Growth Node (FGN). These materials are being reviewed by various internal and external agencies such as HRM transportation planning, parks and recreation, transit, and Halifax Water. Please note proposal materials are not final and are subject to review through the planning process.

The FGN area includes several separate lots owned by nine different landowners. While only one has submitted a redevelopment proposal to date, others have been invited to participate. FGNs are intended to be planned comprehensively to ensure coordinated and sustainable growth.

Under new ownership, the revised proposal focuses on the northwestern portion of the site, which includes commercial lands and the existing Mumford Transit Terminal. Key features of the proposal currently in review include:

- Removal of existing buildings on the northwestern portion of the site;
- Extension of Romans Avenue;
- New at-grade transit terminal integrated within a podium;
- 4 residential towers (up to 42 storeys) and 42 at-grade townhouse units;
- Proposed community space within a residential podium;
- Publicly accessible pedestrian pedway over Mumford Road;
- A mix of residential and commercial uses; and
- Approximately 1,386 new residential units.

For more information, please contact Meg Meldrum, Planner, at meg.meldrum@halifax.ca.



TRANSFORMING TRANSIT



The Rapid Transit Strategy includes a network of four Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines and three new ferry routes, which will promote the creation of more compact and walkable communities and increase mobility options alternative to private vehicles.

The BRT lines will operate every ten minutes and will be within walking distance of approximately 120,000 residents, helping in the creation of complete communities by orienting land use towards transit and reducing the need to invest in road expansion. In turn, complete communities contribute to improved public health from higher rates of walking, rolling, and cycling in conjunction with transit use.

The three new proposed ferry routes will provide direct connections between downtown Halifax and new terminals at Mill Cove, Larry Uteck and Shannon Park. These routes would provide reliable service with travel times to downtown Halifax likely faster than travel by private vehicle or bus. The routes are anticipated to use multi-hull catamaran vessels with a 150-passenger capacity and a single deck, capable of operating at higher speeds while minimizing wake effects.

This project contributes to the municipality's HalifACT 2050 initiative, which calls for a 75 per cent reduction in community-wide emissions by 2030 from the baseline year of 2016 and to achieve net-zero by 2050.

It is expected that the service will start in the 2027/28 fiscal year.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING DISTRICT 9: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Each district in the municipality has access to District Capital funding that can be used to support important community projects throughout the district. These District Capital funds must be used for capital projects that will benefit the wider community, must be payable to a non-profit organization, or can be used to support an unbudgeted HRM initiative, and must be for projects under the municipal mandate.

To involve residents in how these tax dollars are spent, I will be organizing another Participatory Budgeting (PB) process in 2026. The benefits of the Participatory Budget process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local individuals and groups, builds community support and collaboration, and gives residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 capital funds to be spent. Examples of past projects funded from the District 9 Participatory Budget and District Funds process are: outdoor gym equipment in Saunders Park (seen here); concrete table tennis in Flinn Park; picnic tables, outdoor classroom, and bike rack at Sir Charles Tupper Elementary School; bike rack for the Spryfield Farmers Market located at St. Paul's United Church; outdoor walkway and Community garden at Chebucto Heights Elementary School; new playground equipment at Whimsical Lake Playground, and others.



Proposal Submission Deadline

Friday, May 8, 2026

You may email submissions before midnight to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or mail to:
Chris Newson
Council Support Office
PO Box 1749
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

Vote Night

Wednesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. at Maritime Hall, Halifax Forum

District 9 residents of all ages can **VOTE** on their favourite projects in person. That's right, **YOU** decide which project gets funding. Winners are announced that night.



SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

It is the time of year when we start to plan for the winter months including snow removal. HRM partners with, and provides \$600,000 annually, for the YMCA Senior Snow Removal Program to help seniors (65+) and people with disabilities, who reside in the Greater Halifax/Dartmouth area and meet the criteria, come and go safely from their home. The criteria is:

- 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 \$35,000, and;
- The participant may not be a landlord.

The YMCA will oversee the clearing of the following areas;

- Front and back steps
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Access to fuel tanks

The YMCA Senior Snow Removal program does not apply to the clearing of driveways. Should a participant wish to request support in the clearing of a driveway, the contractor who oversees the snow removal will be happy to provide a quote. Any costs incurred from the clearing of a driveway will be paid directly to the contractor by the individual requesting services.

YMCA Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When the program reaches maximum capacity, registration in the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

For more information contact the YMCA by Email at: ssr@halifax.ymca.ca or call 902.483.3678.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Last May, I took part in the Blue Nose Marathon 5K -- one of my facourite traditions. The Blue Nose returns in May 2026, and I encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to get involved.



My council colleagues and I had the chance to tour the Halifax Forum and the temporary shelter space in the Forum Multipurpose Centre.



Taking part in this year's Parade of Lights!



Delivery Note:

Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.