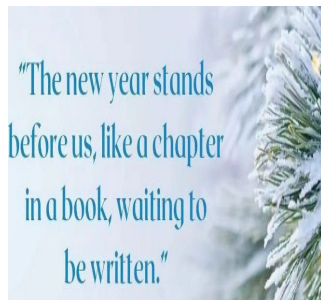




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DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME JANUARY



Happy New Year! Cheers to 12 new chapters and 365 new chances to get it right! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and got to spend some special time with family and friends.

As we enter 2026, let's commit to making our communities welcoming places to live, work and play.

Regional Council has begun budget planning for the 2026/27 fiscal year. I encourage you to participate in the public engagement portion of each Budget Committee meeting to ensure Council hears where you wish to have funds allocated in relation to municipal programs and services.

I hope you will find this newsletter helpful and informative.

Contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phone at 902-476-2484 or by email at Jean.St-Amand@halifax.ca

JANUARY MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, January 13 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 27 at 10 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Grants Committee:

Special Meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.

NorthWest Community Council:

Monday, January at 6 p.m.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

Wednesday, January 21 at 10 a.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

Thursday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

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DID YOU KNOW...

January is named after [Janus](#), the god of beginnings and transitions in ancient [Roman religion](#) and [mythology](#).

January is Tamil Heritage month, Alzheimer's Awareness month and National Hobby month.

January 1 is New Year's Day
 January 1 is World Day of Peace
 January 1 is Polar Bear Plunge
 January 4 is World Braille Day
 January 6 is Epiphany
 January 11 is Sir John A. MacDonald Day
 January 14 is World Logic Day
 January 21 is Bell Let's Talk Day
 January 24 is International Day of Education
 January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day

NOMINATE AN EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER BY JANUARY 8TH



Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the warmth and generosity of volunteers with an awards ceremony, celebrating the invaluable contributions of these individuals, who give their time and skills in our community. Please consider nominating an outstanding youth, adult volunteer, or a community group in your community for a volunteer award.

Selected award recipients will receive their award from the Mayor and their Councillor during a ceremony and reception in April 2026. This is your chance to nominate exceptional volunteers

by filling out a nomination form at [Volunteer Awards | Volunteering | Halifax](#).

Award [nominations](#) close on January 8.

TAX RELIEF FOR NONPROFIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

The 2026/27 Tax Relief Program is now OPEN for applications. Because the Jan. 31, 2026, deadline falls on a weekend the application deadline has been extended to Monday, Feb. 2, 2026.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. HRM's website has an overview of the program and the Application Form for those organizations seeking to add a property to the program next fiscal year. For those organizations already accepted into the program ("Renewals") the web page also has the annual Confirmation Form.

This form must be completed and submitted by the stated deadline to avoid a 50% reduction in level of tax relief up to a maximum of \$5,000 per property. Any deduction for non-compliance with the program's reporting requirements will be apportioned between the interim and final tax bills.

The web page address is:

<https://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/tax-relief-non-profit-organizations> or simply use the search bar on HRM's home page. Inquiries should be directed to 311 or Contactus@311.halifax.ca

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DATES FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PROCESS



Budget and Business

Planning Sessions



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of key dates for the 2026/27 municipal budget process. The municipal budget funds all costs associated

with servicing a growing municipality. This includes day-to-day municipal operations, priority initiatives approved by Regional Council and capital investments to purchase, construct, rehabilitate and replace assets.

There are several key dates in the annual municipal budget process. During each week of meetings, time will be set aside for the public to provide comments and feedback.

Below are the key dates for the 2026/27 municipal budget process:

- Jan. 27, 2026 – Special evening public participation session (6 p.m., following Regional Council)
- Jan. 28 and 30, 2026 – Capital Plan Recommendation (Reserve Withdrawals, Multi-Year Projects)
- Feb. 4 to 6, 2026 – Operations Budget Presentations
 - Major Projects Office
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Planning & Development

- Public Works
- Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning
- Halifax Transit
- Property, Fleet & Environment
- Feb. 11 to 13, 2026 – Public Safety Budget Presentations
 - Community Safety
 - Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency
 - Halifax Regional Police
 - RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment
- Feb. 18 and 19, 2026 – Corporate Services & Other Budget Presentations
 - CAO's Office
 - Finance & Asset Management
 - Human Resources
 - Information Technology
 - Legal Services
 - Auditor General
 - Halifax Public Library
 - Fiscal Services
 - Mayor's Office
- Mar. 4 and 6, 2026 – Budget Adjustment List debate
- Mar. 31, 2026 – 2026/27 Municipal Budget and Business Plan approval

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Residents will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Budget Committee during the process. Pre-registration is required by 4:30 p.m. on the business day prior to the meeting. Virtual participation will also be available. For meeting details and agendas, visit halifax.ca/city-hall.

For more information on the 2026/27 municipal budget process, visit halifax.ca/budget.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY INTRODUCES 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to introduce the [2026-2030 Strategic Plan](#).

This plan is the municipality's overarching guide for everything we do. It defines our purpose, articulates our vision, mission and values, and sets priorities that will shape projects, initiatives and service delivery over the next four years.

The Strategic Plan establishes five priority areas:

- **Enabling Prosperity** focuses on building inclusive, sustainable communities and a resilient economy.
- **Strengthening Communities** focuses on the quality of life of residents, and promoting safety, belonging and the protection of the natural environment.
- **Moving Better** focuses on creating a transportation system that safely, reliably and efficiently connects residents throughout the region.
- **Responsible Administration** focuses on delivering quality services through a commitment to fiscal responsibility, environmental sustainability and community engagement.
- **Our People** focuses on making the organization a place where employees feel engaged, safe and proud of their work.

Accompanying the Strategic Plan is the [Action Plan](#) that outlines the major projects and initiatives the municipality will undertake to achieve the goals identified in the Strategic Plan.

The plan was developed by Regional Council, municipal employees and strategic partners, and

was informed by the 2024 Resident Survey and existing municipal plans and strategies.

To learn more and access resources, including the Strategic Plan video, full document and summary, visit: halifax.ca/strategic-plan

SUBURBAN PLAN



The municipality's suburban communities are changing. The Suburban Plan is an opportunity to talk about community needs and develop a vision for the future.

We want to hear from you! Learn more about the Suburban Plan and how you can get involved [here](#).

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE



Mayor Andy Fillmore and members of Regional Council invite you to join them in celebrating the arrival of 2026 at the New Year's Levee. Light refreshments will be provided.



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DUTCH VILLAGE COMPLETE STREET UPDATE



The vast majority of work in support of the [Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project](#) are now

complete, including underground infrastructure upgrades, road paving, new sidewalks and bike lanes, enhanced bus stops and crosswalks with shortened crossing distances to improve pedestrian safety.

Final touches will continue in the coming weeks. In spring 2026, landscaping work will take place, including the installation of benches, grass sod and other elements.

COGSWELL UPDATE



Heads up – a new southbound transit-only lane is now open from Artz Street to the Cogswell District roundabout. This lane is for buses only and completes a

missing link in the Barrington Street transit corridor from the north end to downtown, helping transit move faster and more reliably. Reminder: transit-only lanes continue through the roundabout. Please watch for signage and keep these lanes clear for buses.

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WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE REALIGNMENT

Significant transit detours and traffic changes are now in effect as part of preparation work for the Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment Project.

Transit Impacts

On Dec. 8, routes 135, 136, 137 and 138 went on a long-term detour (PM trips only) due to preparation work for the Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment Project. This detour will be in place for approximately two years.

Express Routes 135 and 138 will detour using Gottingen St., Novalea Dr., Duffus St., and Lady Hammond Rd. Service to 2 bus stops will be impacted.

Express Routes 136 and 137 will detour using Barrington St, Devonshire Ave, Duffus St, and Lady Hammond Rd. Service to 4 bus stops will be impacted.

Route 39 to Lacewood Terminal will detour using the Barrington St. Ramp, Barrington St., Duffus St., and Lady Hammond Rd. No bus stop service will be impacted.

Traffic Impacts

Highway 111 is being realigned between the Windsor Street Exchange and Massachusetts Avenue, and the continuous lane from the outbound Massachusetts Avenue ramp is being removed. Drivers from this ramp will now need to merge with traffic from the MacKay Bridge and Barrington Street. Expect delays in this area and consider alternate routes where possible.

Learn more: <https://brnw.ch/21wY1l1>



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SNOW CLEARING



Snow clearing in our municipality is a big job and if stretched into a straight line, it would reach from Halifax to Winnipeg.

Streets and sidewalks are prioritized based on commuter usage and access to key infrastructure.

The Winter - Street and Sidewalk Information maps and the **overnight winter parking ban zone map** are web-based, interactive maps allowing users to view street information pertaining to Winter Operations; for example, snow priority levels, street ownership, street maintenance and overnight winter parking ban zones. For more information, click [here](#).

WINTER GARBAGE COLLECTION



As the snow season approaches, please remember to place [waste for curbside collection](#) in a spot that won't

interfere with sidewalk or road clearing.

To help our crews keep pathways safe and accessible, place waste at the edge of your driveway, not on the sidewalk or road.

PARKING BAN



The overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from Dec. 15 until Mar. 31; however, it is enforced only during declared

weather events and clearing operations. When the ban is enforced, it restricts any on-street parking between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be ticketed and/or towed.

Remember to [stay informed about the status of the parking ban](#) and please think before you park.

OVAL OPENS FOR THE SEASON

The Emera Oval opened on Monday, Dec. 15 for winter season.

Beginning on Monday, Jan. 5, the Emera Oval will host a Sensory Skate every Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. There will be no music playing or any large group bookings during that time. Free equipment rentals, including skates and helmets, are available. Valid ID is required for all rentals. CSA-approved multi-impact hockey helmets are mandatory for children 12 years of age and younger. However, all skaters are encouraged to wear a helmet for their own safety.

A full schedule of public skate times can be found on: [halifax.ca/skateHRM](#)



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MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Regional Council has approved a one-time grant of \$150,000 through the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to support the

purchase of a six-unit building to be used for affordable housing.

Dartmouth Non-profit Housing Society, under the business name Rooted: Community Development Partners a registered non-profit, is planning to acquire a six-unit building in Spryfield for use as affordable housing.

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

CYCLICAL TREE PRUNING PROGRAM



The municipality's cyclical tree pruning program is now underway.

Proactive tree pruning activities improve the health of street trees and extend their

lifespan, while reducing damage to trees and local infrastructure due to weather events.

During this time residents are advised to use caution when around crews and obey any posted signs.

For details about tree pruning, including where to expect pruning crews this season, click [here](#).

HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND DRIVING PROGRESS

The municipality is making strong progress under the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), a federal program that supports faster housing development across Canada.

Since signing its agreement in October 2023, Halifax Regional Municipality has:

*Achieved 77.5 per cent of its three-year housing target and is expected to surpass the goal before October 2026.

*Completed 10 of 11 initiatives outlined in its HAF Action Plan.

*Received \$39 million in funding so far, with another \$19.8 million expected by late December 2025.

The federal program, administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, provides funding to municipalities that remove barriers and accelerate housing supply. The municipality's Action Plan sets a target of 15,467 new housing units over three years, an increase of more than 20 per cent compared to historical growth. This includes adding 2,600 net new units over the life of the project.

The program runs until 2026 and rewards municipalities for meeting critical milestones. HRM's success means more housing options for residents and continued federal investment in the region.

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

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AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM



With the Halifax Regional Municipality's Affordable Access Program, you only need one application to apply for:

- *Affordable Transit Passes (applications open mid-May and processed on a first-come, first-served basis)
- *Recreation programming funding (applications are open year-round with no deadline)
- *Property tax payment assistance (deadline of August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill)

To learn more, to see if you qualify, or to apply, call 311 or visit our [website](#).

ENGAGE HALIFAX

Want to stay up to date on municipal projects and opportunities to provide feedback? Visit Engage Halifax, the municipality's online hub for public engagement. You can explore active projects, learn about upcoming initiatives, and share your input on planning, transportation, parks, housing, and more.

Learn more at <http://engage.halifax.ca>

NEW REC PROGRAM PROPOSAL PROCESS



Looking for ways to share your talents and skills with your community? Recreation is now accepting applications for new program ideas from residents interested in leading their proposed classes.

Proposals are accepted year-round and reviewed regularly.

Learn more and apply: buff.ly/marEnX6.

311 CONTACT CENTRE

311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Email contactus@311.halifax.ca or call 311 to speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related; including property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, by-law concerns, litter, and much more. Operators are available:

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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UPCOMING HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY RECRUITMENT

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) will accept applications for career firefighters from Jan. 6 to Jan. 20, 2026.

Becoming a firefighter with HRFE is serious commitment that requires unwavering dedication and extensive preparation at every stage of the recruitment process.

As a candidate, you will face rigorous evaluations designed to ensure you are physically and mentally prepared to tackle the challenges of this demanding profession.

This process will test your resilience and determination, and it is essential to approach every aspect with seriousness and focus.

Firefighting is both challenging and rewarding, with long shifts in highly physical environments. Careers with HRFE offer competitive salaries and a flexible work schedule.

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

SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM WINTER PAUSE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the [shared micromobility pilot program](#) will pause for the winter season on Monday, Dec. 15 (weather dependent), with the potential for earlier removal to enable snow clearing operations if needed. Bird Canada e-scooters and e-bikes will be removed from service until spring 2026. The municipality will provide an update on the return of the pilot program in spring 2026.

Residents are encouraged to plan alternative transportation options during this seasonal pause.

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Pausing shared micromobility programs during the winter months is consistent with best practices across Canadian municipalities, particularly during the pilot phase of shared micromobility programs.

Since the pilot program began in May 2025, there have been over 122,000 rides taken on these shared e-scooters and e-bikes.

Learn more about the shared micromobility pilot program [here](#).

NOVEMBER IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE - IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS

(November 2025)



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DRIVING
SUSPENSIONS



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CHARGES LAID
FOR IMPAIRED
DRIVING



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REPORTS FROM
THE PUBLIC WHO
SUSPECTED
IMPAIRED DRIVING

Don't drive impaired. Let's keep our roads safe.
Report suspected impaired driving by calling 911.



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NEW DATASETS ON OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released six new datasets on [Open Data](#), as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality.

The new datasets include:

[Active Transportation Area Rates](#)

[Civic Address Changes](#)

[HRM Tax Bill Info Archived](#)

[Municipal Facilities Snow Contract Areas](#)

[Regional Centre and Suburban Plan Study Area](#)

[Special Planning Areas](#)

[Residential Rental Registry](#)

The addition of these datasets brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 279.

As well, the following datasets have been updated and/or modified:

[HRCE School Boundary - Early French Immersion Elementary](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - Early French Immersion High](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - Early French Immersion Junior High](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - English Program Elementary](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - English Program High](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - English Program Junior High](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - Late French Immersion High](#)

[HRCE School Boundary - Late French Immersion Junior High](#)

[HRM Tax Bill Info](#)

[Tax Rates](#)

[Traffic Calming Assessments](#)

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on Sept. 10, 2025

The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. The program was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit: [Halifax Data, Mapping & Analytics Hub/Open Data](#).

DRINKING WATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM HAS ENDED

The Halifax Regional Municipality, in partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, has ended its drinking water distribution program on Dec. 14. The municipality has experienced significant rainfall over the last several weeks, with water levels in private wells returning to normal. Since Aug. 13, when the program was introduced, the municipality has distributed over 458,000 litres of water to residents across the municipality.

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SENIORS CARE GRANT

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service, healthcare services like physiotherapy and mental health support and home heating.

Grants are \$750 for each household. The grant is available for seniors with a household income of \$45,100 or less.

Applications are available [online](#) or print applications can be picked up at Access Nova Scotia and MLA offices. Previous recipients will also receive the applications by mail. Applications will close March 31, 2026.

HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program provides assistance to low and moderate income Nova Scotians for help with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$400/household. Apply by March 31, 2026.

More information can be found [here](#), or by calling: 902-424-5200 Or Toll-free: 1-800-670-4357

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Winter is on its way. YMCA Senior Snow Removal is available to all seniors who are sixty-five years of age or more and persons with disabilities who reside in the Greater Halifax/Dartmouth area, and meet the following 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 \$35,000, and;

*The participant may not be a landlord.

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. The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist. You can download the 2025/2026 application package online. Call (902) 483-3678 for more information.

Completed applications may be dropped off, mailed or emailed to: Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal
Community YMCA
2269 Gottingen Street
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

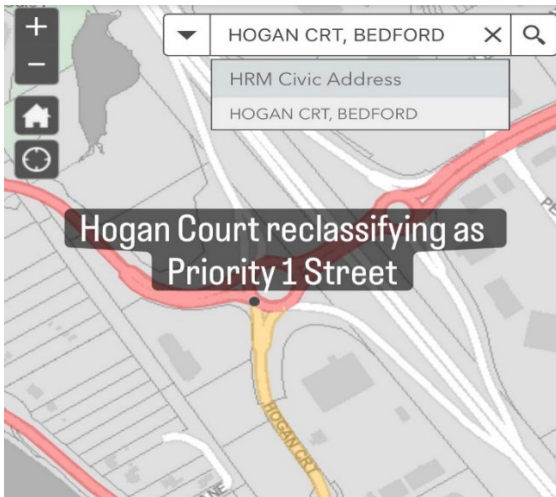
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IN THE COMMUNITY...



HRM Public Works Infrastructure and Maintenance is reclassifying Hogan Court in Bedford from Priority 2 to Priority 1. While this is being done headed into the holidays it may take a little while to make it official in the system, it's a positive step. With groceries, gas, dental and other vital services, as well as Nova Scotia Health's newly opened transitional care unit all connected to this street, I made a request of the team, backed by considerable resident support, and the HRM team quickly agreed it was time. I'll keep an eye on our infrastructure map for the change to kick in officially - please be patient while it does. Just know that it's coming.

UPDATE: I have confirmed with the infrastructure team that Hogan Court will simultaneously be reclassified as Priority 1 for sidewalks as well.

This means a shift in the timelines and standard of clearing for snow operations for street and sidewalk clearing. See halifax.ca for full details.

Thank you District 16 residents for your advocacy on this.



Commemorating the Halifax Explosion at Fort Needham Park, and then again at HRFE Station 4 on Lady Hammond Road



Holiday tea time in the community with Councillor Kent at the Shearwater Aviation Museum



Celebrating the holiday season with the Cobequid Health Centre Foundation

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Safe and secure housing is vital to a sense of community and belonging. Today I was honoured to join @andyfillmorehfx and @braedonclarkns for the groundbreaking for fifteen emergency & transitional units supporting members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in need of support - whether escaping violence or intolerance.

Led by the Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance, this project is the first of its kind in Canada - honouring identity, belonging, and community. The project was supported by all three levels of government, with HRM waiving permit fees and accelerating zoning to help this @w2salliance vision come to life in Bedford.



The @livinginhalifax is responsible for selling Halifax to the world so I was delighted to take part in a meeting at their offices with Her Excellency, the High Commissioner of Ghana that included executives from local technology firm @simplycast along with Deputy Mayor @pattycuttell11, MP @braedonclarkns and a representative of the Premier's office. We discussed opportunities for investment and innovation across a variety of sectors in which Halifax businesses could play a major part in Ghana, from green energy to ocean technology.

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A WORD ABOUT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ALONG THE BEDFORD HIGHWAY IN DISTRICT 16



There was some commentary on Facebook about the lack of Christmas decorations on the street lamps on the Bedford Highway in District 16 this year, and I wanted to share my response to the community members asking about this, because I think it's important that everyone knows why Bedford is a little different than other areas of the municipality and what we can do about it. Here's my commentary on the subject, in full, posted December 20th in the group "Talk Bedford":

The program that had been in effect most recently (and going back many years in total) was a series of banners that were erected on the light posts along the Bedford Highway – a set for the winter, a set for the summer, as well as a set honouring Remembrance Day (which had been up recently and were taken down just after November 11th).

Unfortunately the summer and winter banners have both reached the end of their lifespan and I have to consider how/what we might do as an alternative. It's not something I can spin up quickly however due to the costs associated with whatever is decided, and the impacts to a standing offer contract with a municipal vendor that is due to expire. The budget challenge is a very real one – I have spoken with former councillor Tim Outhit about what other decoration options have been looked at in the past and there's much to consider where form factor, storage, cost of

maintenance, etc. are concerned. Whatever the case, I would like to involve the community in that decision.

At present, the only municipally-supported decoration for the holidays is the lit Christmas tree in DeWolf Park, which I, as councillor, facilitate in partnership with Clayton Developments, Dexter Construction and the Light Up Bedford Parade organizing team.

In Bedford, we don't have a Business Improvement District like they do in Sackville, Fall River, Quinpool Road, Spring Garden Road, Downtown Dartmouth, etc. and those organizations commonly take the lead on seasonal beautification efforts as part of their role as marketing and support organizations for the businesses in their area. Without a BID in District 16, we have only the limited district capital funds afforded to the district to work with, and there are many demands on that capital fund. I think that makes it all the more important that I include the community in deciding how to proceed. I just wouldn't feel right making that decision myself. If members of our business community independently reached out to me seeking some assistance for their own seasonal decorations, I will always provide whatever support I can. With the time remaining leading into the holidays, I suspect I would have heard from them by now if I was going to.

All that is to say, I agree I would like to see some decorations available to amplify the season in Bedford. I want to do so responsibly and with community involvement now that I know the banners have outlived their lifespan – we may even opt to refresh the banners, but even that will require a formal request for proposals process for production, as well as a design phase, etc. and some of those are hoops we'll need to jump through together. It takes a bit of time to do it right. Let's remain positive - this is an opportunity - and please reach out to me at jean.st-amand@halifax.ca to share your ideas so we can work towards something beautiful for the coming seasons.

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Community Events Over the Holidays

**Dec 24 10-11am, Greenfoot Energy Centre,
61 Gary Martin Drive**

Christmas Eve Friends & Family Skate in Support of Feed Nova Scotia

Councillor John Young and I are supporting the Walker family's 7th annual Friends & Family Skate, which has grown over the years and now requires 3 ice surfaces at the same time at Greenfoot Energy Centre! Please bring a food or cash donation for Feed Nova Scotia and enjoy some time on the ice in support of this great cause. I'll see you there!



Dec 24 12-2pm, LeBrun Arena, 36 Holland Ave
Community Skate with Councillor Jean St-Amand

I'm hosting a community skate of my own again this year! Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Bedford Lions Community Food Pantry, enjoy some hot chocolate and take a few spins around the rink. It'll be open house style, so you don't need to commit to all 2 hours!

New Year's Day Levees!

Downtown

**9:30-11am, Mayor & HRM Council
City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street**

**11am-12:30pm, Lieutenant Governor
Government House, 1451 Barrington Street**

In Bedford

**12-4pm, Bedford Legion Branch 95
1772 Bedford Highway**

**12pm, Bedford Basin Yacht Club
BBYC, 377 Shore Drive**

**1-2:30pm, Bedford Lions
LeBrun Centre, 36 Holland Ave**

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WHO DOES WHAT?

Federal Government

Airports	Criminal laws	Canadians Mortgages
Borders & passports	Employment Insurance	National RCMP
Broadcasting & telecommunications	Environment	National defence & veteran's affairs
Canada Child Benefit	Fisheries, oceans & national parks	Postal service
Charter of Human Rights	Immigration	Student loans
Correctional facilities	Income tax	International travel and support for abroad

Provincial Government

Addictions and mental health	100 series highways & off ramps	Property tax (property assessment)
Affordable/public housing	Hospitals	Provincial parks
Correctional facilities	Housing	Provincial RCMP
Employer and employee supports	Justice	Schools and school parking lots
Environment	Landlord and tenant supports	Student loans
Family and Community Support Services	Lakes	Workplace safety
	Post-secondary education	

Municipal Government

City Hall	Municipal police force (i.e. HRP & RCMP District H)	Property tax (municipal portion)
Development and building permits and fees	Municipal parks	Recreation facilities
Environment	Libraries	Snow removal & waste collection
Fire services (i.e. HRFE)	Local road maintenance & improvement	Transit
Halifax Water	Parks, trails and playgrounds	

Not sure what level of government does what - Federal, Provincial, or Municipal? See the helpful chart above.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

911 - Emergencies

Call this number for help right away to protect your safety or property.

811 - Primary Health Care

Call this number for health advice and peace of mind.

511 - Highway and Road Conditions

Call this number for information about provincial highways & roads.

311 - Municipal information, services, and complaints

Call this number for information about programs and services within the municipal government.

211 - Confidential information and referral service that connects individuals to community programs and services

Call this number for information on non-profit, community and government programs and services, including information about being ready for an emergency.

- Poison Centre (1-844-764-7669)
- Bell Aliant outages 611 or 1-800-663-2600
- Eastlink outages 1-888-345-1111
- Halifax Water 24-hour emergency (water, sewer, and flooding) (902) 420-9287
- Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line 1-888-429-8167
- NS Power outages 1-877-428-6004
- Police Non-Emergency (902) 490-5020
- Shelter Nova Scotia (902)-406-3631
- SPCA Dartmouth Shelter (902) 468-7877
 - to report Animal Cruelty 1-888-703-7722
- Red Cross 1-800-222-9597



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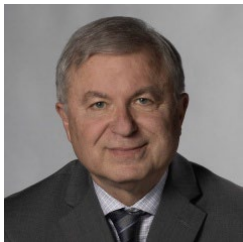


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- Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, Vice Chair
- Grants Committee, Chair
- Discover Halifax
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Acadian and Francophone Community Liaison

EMAIL LIST, SOCIAL MEDIA, COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Visit jeastamandhrm.ca to subscribe to my email list for occasional updates about District 16.

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Visit jeanstamandhrm.ca/events for my community events calendar.

For additional assistance, you may also reach my Constituency Coordinator, Nancy Viner at Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

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.



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