

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST—ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2019



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Proud and honoured am I to represent a district brimming with resilient and patient residents. Since being elected to this position in 2016, I have witnessed how our district has faced major capital projects

resulting in significant interruptions to daily life. Projects such as: the St. Margaret's Bay Road Halifax Water project of 2017 including rebuilding the retaining wall, the CN Rail Bridge Rehabilitation project on Quinpool Road, demolition along Bayers Road in preparation for adding bus lanes and, most recently, the HRM and Halifax Water project and paving on Quarry Road. All projects were necessary to continue providing safe, quality infrastructure. Thank you for your helpful suggestions and, most importantly, your patience and understanding during the capital work projects.

Important news items included in this newsletter relate to Halifax Transit schedule and rate changes, District 9 Participatory Budget information, amendments to the Taxi and Limousine By-Law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39 and much more!

It remains a privilege to be your representative on Halifax Regional Council. Never hesitate to contact me concerning municipal programs and services.

Respectfully,

Shawn Cleary
Councillor District 9
Halifax West Armdale

CONTACT INFORMATION

311—MUNICIPAL CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue. Hours are: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

CONTACT MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Chris Newson by email at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.1562

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Police (non-emergency) 902.490.5020
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Halifax Water Emergency 902.490.6940
Councillor Support Office 902.490.4050

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HALIFAX TRANSIT FARE AND SERVICE CHANGES

On September 30th, new Halifax Transit fare rates came into effect. The increases are necessary to reflect increased levels of service and increased operational costs. A jurisdictional scan shows that Halifax Transit fares are consistently lowest or second-lowest when compared with Canadian cities of similar population and transit fleet size.

The introduction of the pilot program providing free transit for children aged 0–12 years also came into effect as of September 30th. This decision was based on direction from the Integrated Mobility Plan and the Youth Services Plan. Encouraging children to ride the bus from a young age will, hopefully, create transit users for life. This will also assist the United Way Poverty Solutions program by providing freedom of movement for children.

Regional Council is also studying free transit for seniors, which is another recommendation from the United Way Poverty Solutions report. HRM currently provides free transit service for seniors on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to end of service (excluding Access-A-Bus). A Low-Income Transit Pass Program is also available. Please call 311 for more information on this program.

Effective Monday, September 30, 2019, the following Halifax Transit fares will be in place:

Children (0 to 12 years) ride Halifax Transit FREE

Payment of any bus fare will allow transfer to ferry

Conventional Bus, Ferry, Access-A-Bus and Route 159

	Cash	10 Tickets	Monthly Pass
Youth – 13 to 17 years Senior – 65 years and up	\$2.00	\$18.00	\$60.00
Adult – 18 to 64 years	\$2.75	\$24.75	\$82.50

Additional payment for transfer to Regional Express

Regional Express – Routes 320, 330 and 370

	Cash	X Pass	with ticket, Monthly Pass, UPass, EPass or transfer
Youth – 13 to 17 years Senior – 65 years and up	\$3.00	\$90.00	+ \$1.00
Adult – 18 to 64 years	\$4.25	\$127.50	+ \$1.50

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HALIFAX TRANSIT'S MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER PLAN (MFTP)

Approximately 26% of the total MFTP network has been implemented: a total of 20 routes. The resulting increase to ridership has been notable across the transit network. For example, an observed ridership increase of:

- 21% on routes impacted by the November 2017 MFTP service changes.
- 8% on routes impacted by the August 2018 MFTP service changes.
- Overall system-wide boardings increased more than 7% in 2018/19, and revenue ridership increased 4.8%.

More good news from the MFTP that will impact District 9:

- **Mumford Terminal:**

This terminal is a key facility in the new network and is tentatively scheduled for replacement in 2020/21, with design work starting in 2019/20.

- **New Route 25 Governors Brook** (late fall 2019)
This new route will provide service from Mumford Terminal to Herring Cove Road to Purcells Cove Road to Williams Lake Road back to Herring Cove Road to Pinegrove Drive to Theakston to Danforth Road then Katrina to Alabaster Way and reverse back to Mumford Terminal.
- **Route 415 Purcells Cove** (late fall 2019)
York Redoubt to Mumford Terminal to Bayers Road and back.

For more information please visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/service-adjustments>

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TAXI AND LIMOUSINE SERVICE CHANGES

Taxi zones that previously restricted pick-up and drop-offs were eliminated as of September 28th. Taxis are now permitted to pick-up and drop-off passengers anywhere in the municipality.

Other changes include:

License cap increase

The number of owner licenses has increased from 1,000 to 1,600. Those drivers currently on the wait list will be offered a taxi owner's license when their name has been reached. This process is expected to take several years before the full list is exhausted.

Mandatory training

New drivers will be required to complete mandatory training, including cultural sensitivity, once it becomes available. They will also be required to complete a winter driving course.

Debit, credit, and GPS requirement

Taxi owners will have six months to install these devices in their vehicles.

As a passenger in a taxi or limousine, you should expect:

- A professional operator who is courteous and knowledgeable and who practices good hygiene.
- To be transported by the most direct route unless you request a different route.
- A vehicle in good mechanical and physical condition.
- A vehicle that has a clean passenger and trunk compartment and vehicle exterior.

As a taxi or limousine driver, you should expect passengers to:

- Behave in a civil manner.
- Refrain from smoking, drinking, or eating food inside the vehicle.
- Clearly disclose their destination prior to departure.
- Make prompt payment of the posted fare.

Find out more about these changes in Administrative Order 39, Schedule 6 and Taxi By-Law T-1000 at www.halifax.ca.

NON-ACCEPTED STREETS

On October 26, 2017, I put forward a motion at the Transportation Standing Committee requesting a staff report on cost estimates for providing the non-accepted streets in HRM with a comparable level of service, maintenance, and replacement along with options for "accepting" these streets; and, a recommendation on a way to proceed.

I am pleased to advise that on July 16th, Regional Council approved a motion to:

- Have staff prepare the capital budgets for the 2020/21 and 2021/2022 fiscal years to consider allocating funding for Phase 1 (title/boundary review of 42 non-accepted streets)
- If funding has been approved in the capital budget for Phase 1 (title/boundary review of 42 non-accepted streets), direct staff to undertake the title/boundary review of all 42 non-accepted streets listed on Appendix A of the April 11, 2019 revised staff report that are in Category 2 (5 non-accepted streets), Category 3 (9 non-accepted streets), Category 4 (28 non-accepted streets).

This means that pending capital budget approval, the non-accepted streets in District 9, as listed in the staff report dated April 11, 2019, will be considered for title/boundary review which is step 1 in consideration of providing comparable service to these streets.

HERRING COVE ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN REVIEW

Many residents have been asking about repairs to Herring Cove Road such as the sidewalk project from Glenora Avenue to Civic #222 on Herring Cove Road. Although approved in the 2017/18 budget, this project has been on hold pending the completion of the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan which is expected to be presented to Regional Council later this fall.

The Herring Cove Road Functional Plan is reviewing the entire stretch of road from the Armdale Round-about to just past Lynnett Road (500 Block) and is divided into at least 8 sections with varying projects planned for each section. Improving traffic and pedestrian safety are top priorities for residents as learned from the public input during the SHAPE YOUR CITY online survey and open house that was held. Suggestions such as improvements to the intersection at Herring Cove Road and Purcells Cove Road and safer 500 block crosswalks / sidewalks / lighting were some of the ideas put forward by residents.



DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING DISTRICT 9: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Each district in the municipality has access to \$94,000 in District Capital funding annually 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 organize a Participatory Budgeting process each year. The benefits of the Participatory Budget process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local 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 process are: picnic tables 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 property, new play equipment at Whimsical Lake Playground, etc.

Key Events and Dates

Participatory Budgeting Info Session and Idea Swap Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is an evening when everyone is welcome to discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 9.

You will also obtain more information on submitting a project proposal.

Community Vote/Town Hall - Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Bethany United Church Fellowship Hall, 2669 Joseph Howe Drive, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Proposal Submission Deadline – Friday, May 15th, 2020

You may Email submissions before midnight to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or mail to:

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In addition to this print newsletter, I also provide a monthly E-newsletter via social media and email as well as regular updates throughout the month on a variety of municipal topics. To subscribe to the email list, please visit shawncleary.ca/contact--subscribe.html and enter your information. You can unsubscribe at anytime. Your email address will not be shared.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like it included in a future newsletter or E-newsletter, please forward the information to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

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BY-LAW NUMBER F-400 Respecting the Distribution of Flyers was approved by Regional Council on July 30th.

The stickers / decals are now available, for free, from HRM Customer Service Centres, libraries and recreation centres.

Or, you can print your own from our website at <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/no%20flyers.pdf>.



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