

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST—ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

WINTER 2018



DEAR RESIDENTS,

For me, the holidays and winter season are a time for reflection. It's hard to believe that I have been the District 9 Councillor for two years and this term is half over. It has been extremely rewarding to be your municipal representative—

learning more about what is important to you and what makes our communities so amazing.

We are at the start of another winter season and, hopefully, Mother Nature will be kind to us this year. I have met with the Supervisors of our snow removal crews and discussed issues that arose last winter and emphasised that those issues be addressed during our first snowfalls. Our snow removal crews work long hours in cold, stormy conditions to keep the streets and roads safe for us. I have the utmost respect and appreciation for the work they do.

It remains an honour to be your representative on Halifax Regional Council. Do not hesitate to contact me about the issues that are important to you.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2018

Happy New Year! Soon we will be saying good-bye to 2018 and hello to 2019. Check out our municipal website at www.halifax.ca for updates on exciting events to ring in the New Year including events at the Grand Parade and Emera Oval. The expected season-opening of the Emera Oval is December 15th weather permitting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

311—MUNICIPAL CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue, the contact centre is open daily from 8 am – 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am – 5:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday, except Christmas & 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
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PARTICIPATORY BUDGET 2019/20

Each district has an annual budget of \$94,000 in District Capital Funding that can be used to support important community projects. Requests for District Capital Funds must come from not-for-profit organizations, support initiatives that have community benefit, and fall within HRM's mandate. Projects could be public art, bike racks, playground equipment, benches, or other community enhancements in your neighbourhood. Examples of past projects are: new playground equipment at Whimsical Lake playground on Mabou Ave; music education hardware and software for the Boys & Girls Club; metal "dugout" awnings over the baseball player benches at Larry O'Connell Park.

To involve residents in how some tax dollars are spent, I will be hosting Participatory Budgeting in District 9. There are many benefits with Participatory Budgeting: it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups and individuals; it builds community support and collaboration; and it gives residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 Capital Funds to be spent.

Key Events and Dates

1. Participatory Budgeting Info Session and Idea Swap

Everyone is welcome to come discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 9. You will also find out more information about how to submit a project proposal. Our information session will take place on **Thursday, April 4th at the Multipurpose Room, Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, 14 Purcell's Cove Road from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

2. Proposal Submission Deadline Midnight Friday, May 24th

Email to Chris Newson: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or mail* to: Chris Newson, Coordinator

Council Support Office
PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

***paper submissions must be received in the office during business hours by May 24th to be considered**

3. Community Vote

District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favourite projects. Winners announced that night. Our vote night will take place in **Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at Bethany United Church, 2686 Joseph Howe Drive, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

PARKING SOLUTIONS TECHNOLOGY PROJECT



Modernized parking technology is coming to the Halifax region as the municipality's current parking technology is coming to the end of its useful life, except for HotSpot.

We are replacing existing parking technologies with modern technology solutions including:

- **On-street parking payment stations** that provide modern and more methods for purchasing on-street parking.
- **Parking mobile payment solution that provides a modern and convenient method for paying for parking using smart phones.**
- **Parking enforcement solution** that enables efficient and accurate parking enforcement. The municipality will also evaluate the advantages of a mobile license plate recognition solution to aid parking enforcement activities.
- **Parking ticket management system (PTMS) solution—**retirement of the existing technology solution (PTMS) that has reached end of life and replacing it with a new PTMS solution to support parking ticket payment and enforcement.
- **Parking permit management solution** to manage and improve issuance, tracking and reporting of parking permits and residential parking exemptions, as well as ensuring integration with the enforcement technology solution.

We expect to begin the implementation of the new parking pay stations at the end of 2019.



Olde Town of Halifax crier Wil Brewer (2nd from right next to Mayor Savage) was made an

honorary member of the Ontario Guild of Criers. Mr. Brewer is the first official Town Crier with Down Syndrome.



DISTRICT 9 PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES UPGRADES

There are several new pieces of equipment and complete renovations happening at many of the playgrounds across District 9. Ardmore Park received a beautiful new set of swings this summer. Whimsical Lake Park at the end of Mabou Avenue, Havill Park on Fenwood Road, and Stanley I Raine Playground on Ridge Valley Road will have completely new playgrounds built this year.

One of the biggest projects in District 9 is the construction of a new St Andrew's Community Centre on Barnstead Lane just off Bayers Road.

Although delayed by a few months due to the requirement to complete an archeological survey of the site, the tender for demolition of the existing building will be available on the Nova Scotia Tender (procurement) office in December. Demolition of the existing



Figure 1 Architectural rendering of proposed St. Andrew's Community Centre.

building is to occur early in the new year. This is a complete redesign and build project. The current building was constructed as a school and the layout did not respond to the needs of the community for a warm, welcoming and functional space. As a purpose-built facility the design and amenities have been influenced through community engagement. The new centre will include a beautiful and

much-needed full-size gymnasium, kitchen, community spaces, indoor playground, and other amazing features.

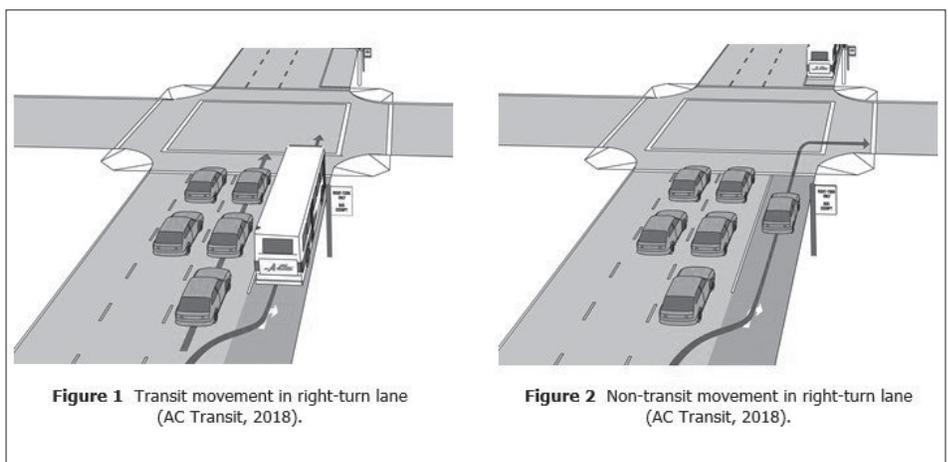
Periodic updates on the project will be available online at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/st-andrews-cc. If you require further information, please contact Diane Levandier at 902-490-4584 or email levanddd@halifax.ca.

MUMFORD ROAD TRANSIT PRIORITY BUS-ONLY LANE NOW OPERATIONAL

The inbound curb lane on Mumford Road between Romans Avenue and Leppert Street is now a bus-only lane, with queue jumps at Romans Avenue and East Perimeter Road. As part of Halifax Transit's Moving Forward Together Plan, this installation represents a type of Transit Priority Measure designed to provide transit vehicles with a competitive time advantage over private vehicles.

Cars are not permitted to travel in the lane unless they are making a right turn.

The queue jump at Romans Avenue and East Perimeter Road will permit buses to travel straight in a right-turn lane into a new receiving lane. This new lane adds approximately 500m of transit priority onto this corridor to help get buses and passengers to their destination faster.





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During Small Business Week, I met with Karla Nicholson of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association, Patty Cuttall-Busby of the North End Business Association and MP Andy Fillmore.



Great to see the new picnic tables at Sir Charles Tupper school being put to use. A project supported by District 9 Capital Funds



Mayor Mike Savage, Joe Mosher, and Councillor Shawn Cleary at the Swishes For Wishes fundraiser that raised for almost \$2,500 for the Children's Wish Foundation in Nova Scotia.



Hiking with my family in the Purcell's Cove Backlands. Halifax is working with the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Shaw Group to protect these lands and create an urban wilderness park.



Had a great tour of the Willow Park Armoury at the Army Reserve Open House event. As a former Army Reservist, I can attest to the personal and professional growth that comes from service in the Canadian Armed Forces.



In September, the G7 Environment Ministers meetings took place here in Halifax. In the photo: Halifax Councillors Russell Walker, Steve Craig, Shawn Cleary, and Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society Nova Scotia Executive Director Chris Miller discussing the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area on the tall ship Silva.



I still got it!! Participated in the E2C wilderness orienteering race with Councillor Mancini. Huge thank you to the organizers and many volunteers. Congrats to all who participated.



Deputy Mayor Waye Mason and I with Charles Marohn, from Strong Towns at the NSFAM Fall Conference.



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