

# Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon

WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER -  
MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY



## DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

### DEAR RESIDENTS,



Many of us are looking forward to a sunny and safe summer. It is wonderful to be a returning Councillor with eight new Councillors and a new Mayor! We are getting to know each other and started with the heaviest of issues – Budget 2025/26. As chair of Audit and

Finance, I also chair the Budget Committee. This year there was no increase to the tax rate (however property values did increase, therefore average tax bills increased). Approximately 30% of taxes collected go directly to the province.

Welcome to our new MLAs within District 1 Braedon Clarke and Scott Armstrong; to whom I have the pleasure of connecting with on issues that affect residents in our district.

This newsletter has information on the 2025/26 Budget, District 1 investments in planned capital projects, updates on parks, active planning applications, where your district capital funds were allocated, our District 1 Volunteer Award recipients, to list just a few.

To our 2025 graduates – from now on your journey through life will be whatever you choose to make it! Congratulations and may you walk your own special way.

*Cathy Deagle Gammon*

### SIGN UP FOR MY MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

E-mail [vinern@halifax.ca](mailto:vinern@halifax.ca) to sign up for monthly updates via my e-newsletter!

### CONTACT US

Call 311 to reach the 311 Municipal Contact Centre, or visit [halifax.ca/311](http://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 902.717.2718 or by email at [deaglec@halifax.ca](mailto:deaglec@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, Nancy Viner, by email at [vinern@halifax.ca](mailto:vinern@halifax.ca) or by calling 902.490.4086.

### 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: 888.4298167

### CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

I share regular Facebook updates for District 1 and invite you to follow me there: <https://www.facebook.com/cathyincommunity>



## 2025/26 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**2025/26 Budget at a Glance**

**OPERATING BUDGET \$1.33B**

**CAPITAL BUDGET \$314M**

**MUNICIPAL AVERAGE TAX BILL INCREASE 4.7%**

**TOTAL AVERAGE TAX BILL INCREASE 5.2%**

**RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 0.770 (UNCHANGED)**

<b>20</b> new firefighters	<b>14</b> new RCMP Officers	<b>Creation</b> Community Crisis Diversion Team
<b>Expanding</b> Youth Advocate Program	<b>Enhancing</b> transit service by extending service life of 10 buses	<b>\$2 million</b> increase to non-profit support
<b>Creation</b> Office of Major Projects and Office of Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning	<b>\$150 million</b> Windsor Street Exchange redevelopment construction approved to begin 2025/26	<b>2025/26 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS</b>

## 2025/26 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK IN DISTRICT 1

- Street Recapitalization**
- Anthony Ave – Collins to Carlheath (HW Integration)
  - Carlheath Dr – Lawrence to End (Collins) (HW Integration)
  - Collins Dr – Highway 2 to Carlheath (HW Integration)
  - Lawrence Pl – Jeffrey to End
- Asphalt Overlay**
- Rocky Lake Dr – Powder Mill Bridge to Quarrystone
- Retaining Walls**
- 1298 – 1322 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- Guidrails**
- Lawrence Pl
  - Ingram Drive
  - 1293 Waverley Rd (Carryover)
- Traffic Management Projects**
- High Road
  - Kinclaven Dr

## INVESTMENTS IN DISTRICT 1

Each fiscal year, all districts are allocated District Funds that Councillors have the ability to designate for community benefit. District Capital Funds, totaling \$94,000 for the fiscal year, can provide a grant to: any non-profit organization or charity, provide funding to support HRM projects or, projects proposed by the Councillor. The following is the list of projects funded in the last fiscal year 2024/25. Grants allocated in previous years may be viewed at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-1/district-activity-district-capital-funds>

### 2024/25 District 1 Capital Funds

Applicant	Description	Amount
Fall River Skate Park	Skate Park Re surface	12,500.76
HRM Northern Suburban Turf Field	Artificial Turf Field Contribution	10,000.00
Fall River Dragons Minor Football Association	2 Heat Pumps at Clubhouse	9,000.00
Ryan Rosen Park	Court Fencing	5,830.53
St. Margaret's Church of Scotland	Air Conditioner	5,000.00
Cheema Aquatic Club	Air exchange system for After School Program	5,000.00
Sackville Lakes Park and Trail Association	Lake water quality monitoring	5,000.00
Middle Musquodoboit Cemeteries Committee	Fencing for Pioneer Cemetery	5,000.00
Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue	Contribution to off highway vehicle	5,000.00
Upper Musquodoboit Community Association	Entrance and wheelchair ramp replacement	5,000.00
Fall River Minor Football Association	Football shoulder pads	4,940.73
Upper Musquodoboit Playground Society	Maintenance and Porta Potty	4,453.28
LWF Firemen's Association	Upgrade Ventilation System	4,000.00
Musquodoboit Rural High	Team uniforms	3,698.42
Meaghers Grant Cemetery Committee	Unstable tree removal	3,000.00
Royal Legion Branch 147	New Cooler	3,000.00
Eldersbank Recreation Club	Printing of Cookbooks	2,500.00
Mobile Food Market	Expansion scaling up its operations	2,500.00
Musquodoboit Valley Communities Association	Bi-monthly newsletter	2,000.00
Shubenacadie Canal Commission	Lock 5 Winter Maintenance	1,200.00
Camp Courage	Equipment	1,031.37
Waverley Village Green Association	Porta Potty	1,000.00

## PARKS PROJECTS

### New All Weather Field - Lockview High School Park (multiyear project)

**Update:** The all-weather turf field is scheduled to open in September 2025.

The civil contractor has completed the site servicing work (water, storm and sanitary) and is currently preparing the field subgrade for the Turf contractor. They are also placing gravel around the perimeter of the field. Work is also progressing on the high mast and perimeter pathway lighting; this work will carry over into June. In late June we expect the Turf contractor will commence work on the field and continue until September. The turf work



includes drainage, turf and rubber curing installation. Asphalt paving and fence installation is expected to take place late summer.

OSO Planning and Design is engaging with Lockview students through the Mi'kmaw / Indigenous Student Support Worker to develop a design for the space. There have been weekly design sessions throughout May, which have included between 10 and 15 students. Engagement sessions will be completed in mid-June, at which point the consultant will finalize the design and provide technical drawings. The designs will be reviewed by HRM and the school administration / HRCE prior to construction.

Construction on the fieldhouse is expected to start in June by a separate building contractor. The building construction will overlap with the Civil and Turf work.



**Middle Musquodoboit Park - park development phase 1 and phase 2**

**SPLASHPAD UPDATE**

The construction of the splash pad was tendered in 2023, but the cost exceeded the park development budget. Under the 2024-2025 Capital Budget, staff requested an additional \$450,000 from Council, which was approved, and a new Request for Proposals was posted in March 2024.

The tender for the water feature was awarded to Lindsay Construction, who has started the process of securing permits. They expect the job to take at least 60 days to complete, depending on the weather and permit approvals.

**Next Steps:**

It is expected that the water feature will be completed by late June 2025.

**ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Case 22009 - Aerotech Business Park**

Planning & Development is working to update the zoning for the Aerotech Business Park and surrounding lands within the Airport Industrial Designation. This project includes introducing new zones that will protect and support these valuable industrial lands.

**MINORREV-2025-00111 Reduction in the Minimum Parking Requirements for a 'Day Care Facilities' use in Musquodoboit Valley/Dutch Settlement Plan Area**

Request for amendments to the Musquodoboit Valley/Dutch Settlement Land Use By-law to reduce the minimum parking spaces required for a day care facility use. Status: On May 12, 2025, North West Community Council approved the application.

**PLANAPP 2023-00673 (Former Case 23188) - Hwy #2, Fall River**

Application by Sightline Planning & Approvals, on behalf of the property owner, requesting to enter into a development agreement to construct 12 townhouse dwellings on lands located at 3124, 3134 and 3136 Highway 2, Fall River (PIDs 40103202 & 00504415).

Status: On April 14, 2025, North West Community Council approved the application.

**PLANAPP 2024-02788 PIDs 40165094, 41414509, 41542838, 41542853, 41542879, Fall River NS**

Application by Fathom Studio to amend the Fall River Business (FRB) zone in Planning Districts 14 & 17 Land Use By-Law to add 'Vehicle Services' as a permitted use. Status: A public hearing was held by North West Community Council on June 9, 2025.

**Provincially Designated Special Planning Areas:**

**Fall River Site C**

Status: The proposed development and supporting documentation is the same as what was submitted and considered by HRM under Case 21460.

**Fall River Site B**

Status: No Planning Application has been submitted requesting any changes to the approved development.



## 2025 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Pictured with Mayor Filmore and I: John Aikenhead, Andrea Angowski, Tyler Adamson, Isaac Burns, Rick Isenor and Nick Yeomans

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – SHARON ARSENAULT MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY



## 2025 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Every spring, Halifax Regional Municipality hosts the Citizenship Awards ceremony to recognize grade nine students throughout the municipality who exemplify qualities of leadership in, and service to, their school and community, while maintaining commendable academic performance.

A ceremony and awards presentation took place as part of a special presentation at Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, May 13.

Congratulations to outstanding students from District 1:

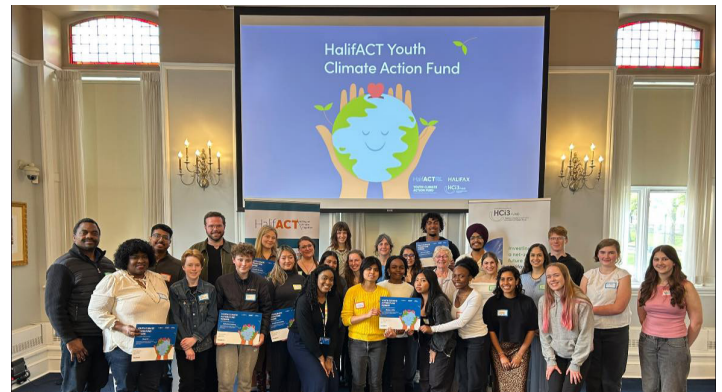
- Abby Sullivan, Armbrae Academy
- Grace Streach Musquodoboit Rural High
- Elizabeth Rose Marie Giffin Lockview High

## HALIFACT YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

One of the greatest moments as a councillor is participating and celebrating our youth. On May 26, along with Mayor Filmore and Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, I was humbled as vice chair of Environment and Sustainably Standing Committee to be in the presence of amazing Youth Climate Action Fund Round 2 recipients.

Stay tuned for results of their projects. The best of our future are so talented, intelligent, compassionate and environmentally conscious youth.

We are in good hands.



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