

Councillor Janet Steele

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DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026



DEAR RESIDENTS,

This is my first print newsletter since being elected, and it remains an honour to serve as your Councillor. I've valued hearing from you about the issues and opportunities in our growing district. Over the past 15 months, it has been

a pleasure meeting many of you at my community town halls, monthly drop ins at the Keshen Goodman Library, my holiday skate, and various community events. I look forward to hosting regular Councillor drop ins at the new BLT Recreation Centre once it opens later this year. Please reach out if you have an upcoming community event you'd like me to attend.

Thank you for your patience during the District 12 road and sidewalk work over the past year. The new traffic lights at Timberlea Parkway, sidewalk improvements along St. Margarets Bay Road, and extensive work in the Munroe Subdivision have all impacted travel, and I appreciate your understanding.

I'm pleased that many of you already receive my monthly E Newsletter and on February 3, I sent out the 15th edition. If you haven't subscribed yet, it's a great way to stay in touch with what's new.

While I share updates regularly on Facebook at Janet Steele - Councillor - District 12, email remains the best way to reach me if you need assistance: janet.steele@halifax.ca.

Sincerely,

CONTACT US

Contact 311 by phone or by emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca 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 and New Years Day.

CALL MY OFFICE

For assistance with municipal issues, you can also contact my Constituency Coordinator, Emily Simonov by email at smithem@halifax.ca or by calling **902.490.7177**.

CONTACT ME

You can reach me at **902-471-3123** or by email janet.steele@halifax.ca

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Council Support Office Main Line: 902.490.4050

Police, Fire and Emergency: 911

Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020

Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530

Halifax Water Customer Service: 902.420.9287
or customercare@halifaxwater.ca

Halifax Water Emergency: 902.420.9287

NS Power Outage Line: 1.877.428.6004

24-7 Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team:
1.888.429.8167

SIGN UP FOR MY MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

You can email Emily at smithem@halifax.ca and request our District 12 monthly e-newsletter delivered directly to your inbox.



DISTRICT 12 CAPITAL FUNDS

Since November 2024, approximately \$185,000 of my Councillor District 12 Capital Funds have been invested in supporting many groups with projects across the District and HRM. Some of the groups include Beechville Baptist Church, The Beechville Walkets, Friends of Clayton Park Society, Beechville Blissful Blast, BLT Residents Association, Saint Benedict Parish, Trinity United Church, Halifax Christian Church, the Mayflower Curling Club, Halifax West High School, MacDonald Memorial Legion, St. Andrew’s Church, Rockingham Heritage Society, and many more.

If your group has a project that you feel would be a benefit to the community, please email me and we can discuss if it fits our capital funding criteria.



Viewing progress on the new BLT Rec Centre with MLA Rankin



Halifax West cheque presentation with Councillors’ Morse and Hartling

BLT COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Work on the new recreation centre continues to move forward. I am pleased to share that a full season of activities is planned for the Spring. There will be fitness, dance and art classes along with sports programming including pickleball!

The classes and programs will be posted on the HRM Parks and Recreation website (halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities) as of February 24 with registration opening on March 10. I will continue to share updates as they become available in my monthly E-Newsletter and on my Facebook page. Stay tuned for the official grand opening!

SUBURBAN PLAN ENGAGEMENT

We need your feedback on the development of our Suburban Plan.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is developing a Suburban Plan, a new planning document that will guide growth and change in our suburban areas.

Residents will have opportunities to share their ideas and help influence the Suburban Plan throughout the planning process at open houses and through an online survey.

The goal of the suburban planning process is to update land use policies under one plan while respecting each community’s unique history, characteristics and aspirations.

The survey will remain available until June 15, 2026. Learn more and fill out the survey by visiting: engagehalifax.ca/suburban-plan



At the BLT Suburban Plan Open House



COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026

The Halifax Regional Municipality is now accepting applications for the 2026 Community Grants Program. Applications opened January 2 and close March 31, 2026.

The program offers annual cash grants to registered non-profits and charities for projects that enhance community life. Two types of grants are available:

- Project grants: up to \$5,000
- Capital grants: up to \$25,000

Funding categories include community arts, diversity and accessibility, environment and climate change, emergency assistance and public safety, community histories and leisure and recreation.

Applicants should review the Program Guidebook and first-time applicants are encouraged to contact staff for guidance. For details and to apply, contact 311 by phone or by email at contactus@311.halifax.ca or visit: halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-non-profit-resources/community-grants

COUNCILLOR SLOW DOWN SIGNS

If you are interested in a slow-down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me at janet.steele@halifax.ca. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation.

Please be informed that the District 12 “Please Drive Slowly” signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.



ENGAGING WITH CITY HALL

The Halifax Regional Municipality offers several ways for residents to share their views with Regional Council.

Send Correspondence

Residents can submit written correspondence to formally express opinions, concerns, or requests to Council.

Take Part in Public Hearings

Public hearings - often related to planning or by-law changes - allow community members to speak directly to Council on specific matters.

Request to Present

Individuals or community groups can present to Council committees or community councils, offering input on local issues or proposals.

Submit a Petition

Petitions enable groups of residents to collectively voice concerns and have their views added to the public record.

Participate in Public Participation Periods

Some meetings include an open participation period, giving residents the opportunity to raise issues not on the agenda.

For more details, including contact information, visit: halifax.ca/city-hall/regional-council/communicating-halifax-regional-council

CELEBRATE YOUR MILESTONE WITH A COMMEMORATIVE SCROLL

Are you or someone you know celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary? You can request a commemorative scroll signed by both your district councillor and the Mayor! To request one, simply email me at janet.steele@halifax.ca with the following details:

- Name of the individual or couple
- Occasion (birthday or anniversary)
- Date of the celebration
- Community they live in

We'll take care of the rest and ensure a scroll is prepared to mark the special occasion.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Town Hall at Trinity United Church with MP Lena Metlege Diab, MLA Iain Rankin and the RCMP



Friends of Clayton Park BBQ at Veterans Corner



September 2025 District 12 Townhall at the Canada Games Centre



2025 Beechville Christmas Parade



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.