

Councillor Iona Stoddard

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CLAYTON PARK - WEDGEWOOD

DISTRICT 12
NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024



DEAR RESIDENTS,

It is hard to believe this is my fourth summer as your municipal councillor. It has been an interesting four years with councillors being on-boarded during COVID-19 and a steep learning curve into how the municipality works.

There have been wildfires, floods, and challenges with the housing crisis. Regional Council continues to make hard decisions that are to advance our beautiful municipality.

In this newsletter, I will recap some of the great work that has happened in District 12 in the last four years along with a list of some of the most recent capital projects I was able to support through district funds for local non-profits.

There are lots of wonderful things happening in District 12, for example the Keshen Goodman Public Library renovations and construction beginning on our new BLT Community Centre. Both of these will be such great additions to these communities.

I am honoured to be your municipal representative on Halifax Regional Council. Thank you for your support and I appreciate hearing from you regarding municipal programs and services.

Respectfully,

Councillor Iona Stoddard

CONTACT US

Call 311 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 & New Year's Day.

CONTACT ME

You can reach me by phone at 902.240.7926, by email at iona.stoddard@halifax.ca or by fax at 902.490.4122

CALL MY OFFICE

Contact Victoria Palmeto, Council Constituency Coordinator by phone 902.490.2012 or by email at victoria.palmeto@halifax.ca

COUNCILLORS' SUPPORT OFFICE

PO Box 1749, 1841 Argyle Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

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: 902.428.6230

NS Power Outage Line: 877.428.6004

Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team: 888.429.8167

Kids Help Phone: 902.668.6868



ENHANCEMENTS TO DISTRICT 12

1. Traffic lights at the intersection of St. Margaret's Bay Road and Timberlea Village Parkway
2. Pedestrian activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Market Way and Timberlea Village Parkway
3. RRFB at Chain Lake Drive and Chain of Lakes Trail for walkers, joggers, and cyclists
4. RRFB at St. Margaret's Bay Road and Brentwood for pedestrians and those using the trail
5. RRFB at St. Margaret's Bay Road and Higgins Avenue
6. Extra crossing guards
7. Playground at Parkwest School will be installed by the end of summer
8. Crosswalk paintings at various locations
9. Crosswalk with RA-5 (overhead lighting) at Washmill Lake Drive near Grandhaven Boulevard
10. Security boxes at the Mainland Commons ball field
11. Laying mulch along the Belcher's Marsh Trail
12. Radar boxes for speed detection in four locations
13. Repairs to Korean War Memorial Park
14. Washroom update and assistance with septic field for the Canadian Legion Branch #156
15. RRFB at Higgins Avenue and St. Margaret's Bay Road
16. Various traffic calming projects, concentrating in school areas
17. Speed lowered on Timberlea Village Parkway from 70km to 60km per hour
18. Parks and trail inspections were completed of all the district parks in 2023 with municipal Parks and Recreation staff
 - a. Repairs and replacement needs were noted. Most of the recommendations and repairs have been actioned.
19. Provided "We love our kids" lawn signs for residents to discourage speeding and driver's distraction on the roads
20. HRP and RCMP increased patrols to monitor traffic violations in District 12
21. States Lane Park playground replacement including accessibility features

22. Supporting the purchase of a new table for Wedgewood Park

Are you on the list of electors?

MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTER'S LIST

The Halifax Regional Municipality is encouraging residents to verify that they are on the elector's list for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election by visiting halifax.ca/voter-list.

The information on the elector's list will be used to send out voter information letters in late September. Once they have received their voter information letter, residents will be able to vote online or by phone starting Tuesday, October 8. Residents can also vote in-person during advance voting days (Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15) and on election day (Saturday, October 19).

Information on the elector's list is provided by Elections Nova Scotia, but all residents – particularly those who have recently moved within the municipality or have recently turned 18 – should verify that their information is accurate. Residents who do not appear on the elector's list, or who have information that needs to be updated, can call the voter helpline at 902-490-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-844-301-8683.

For more information, please visit halifax.ca/election.

ADVANCED ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE – HOBSON LAKE DRIVE

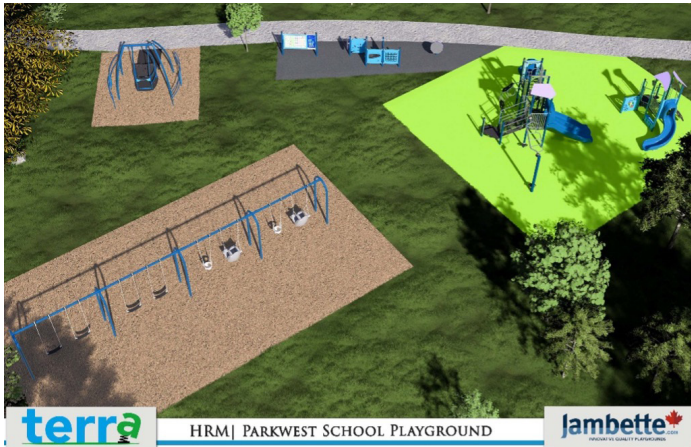
Residents, please be advised that on Friday, September 27 to Saturday, September 28, Hobson Lake Drive will be closed from approximately 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day for the Ride for Cancer event in our district.

Access to businesses will still be available at this time, from Horseshoe Lake Dr. to the end of Hobson Lake Dr. If there are any changes or updates, I will be sure to post in advance of the closure.



PARK WEST SCHOOL

Great news, the Park West School playground replacement project started the week of July 15 and should be completed before the beginning of the school year. Below is a rendering of the site plan.



HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN HRM

New invasive species are increasingly being detected in the Halifax region. These are species introduced from elsewhere that can have detrimental impacts on local ecosystems. This summer the municipality is focused on addressing invasions of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) and yellow floating heart (YFH). Both species are at a stage in their local introductions where they can be reasonably managed/contained, making them a high priority for treatment.

The municipality is conducting public engagement throughout the summer of 2024 to inform the development of future invasive species treatment and management plans.

If you were not able to make it to one of the public engagement sessions, we encourage you to complete the public engagement survey on HWA treatment options before mid-September 2024.

To access the survey and have your feedback on the management of hemlock woolly adelgid collected, please visit surveymonkey.com/r/hwa-survey.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED CAPITAL FUNDING 2023/2024

The District Capital Fund provides larger grants to non-profit organizations for projects that benefit our community.

- Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society
- Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank
- BLT Community Garden Association
- Lake City Woodworkers
- Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization
- Crosswalk painting
- The North Grove
- Beechville Baptist Church
- Hubbards Area Recreation Association
- MacDonald Memorial Legion Branch 156
- Halifax Meals on Wheels
- Halifax Christian Church
- Souls Harbour Rescue Mission
- Freedom Foundation
- HeART Youth Programs
- Ronald MacDonald House Charities
- Wonder'neath Art Society
- AIDs Coalition of Nova Scotia
- Birch Cove Baptist Church
- Upper Hammonds Plains Community Land Trust
- Ridgecliff Middle School
- Adsum Association for Women & Children – Sunflower Project
- Camp Courage
- Sail Able
- Nova Multifest
- Keshen Goodman Library
- HRM Northern Suburban Community Turf
- Maritime Fiddle Festival
- Nova Church
- Walk and Roll Safety Halifax Association
- ReachAbility
- The Marguerite Centre
- BayRides



DISTRICT 12 COMMITTEES

- BLT Residents Association
- Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes
- BLT Rails to Trails
- ATV Association
- Canadian Legion #156
- Engage Mainland North

I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Western Common Community Council
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Community Monitoring Committee re Otter Lake Landfill
- African Decent Advisory Committee
- Canadian Congress of Black Parliamentarians
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipals
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities

MAILING LIST

If you would like to have the District 12 monthly e-newsletters sent directly to your inbox, please contact Victoria Palmeter at victoria.palmeter@halifax.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Halifax West High School 50th Reunion



Flag raising for Jamaica's Independence Anniversary



Attending the Halifax Pride Parade with Councillor Patty Cuttell and municipal staff



Opening day of the Keshen Goodman Library with Councillor Kathryn Morse and Mayor Mike Savage



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.