

## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

### MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE DISTRICT 14 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL 2023



### DEAR RESIDENTS,

Summer is winding down, and that means it back to the fall routine of school, work, and the activities we love to participate in during this time of year. I think we can all agree this past summer was one that we will never forget. Between the fires in May and the floods in July I think we are all

hoping for calmer weather this fall. I would like to say thank you to all of our first responders and municipal staff who have been integral in helping our community recover from these challenging conditions.

To all the students starting or heading back to school this year, I wish you the best of luck on your academic endeavors and hope you have a fun and safe school year!

As a reminder, the North West Community Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Meetings may be held in-person or virtually. I encourage you to visit [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) and search for "North West Community Council" for details on specific meetings. I invite you to attend these meetings to keep informed on what is being discussed.

I love being your municipal councillor and with your help, we continue to make District 14 a fun, safe and desirable place to live, work and play. The suggestions you share help to shape the future of our district; so give me a call, send me an email or even flag me down at the grocery store. If you have any questions concerning our district, please contact me. As always, you can call 311 or email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca) with questions about municipal programs and services, concerns about illegally parked cars, fireworks or graffiti, to apply for licenses or building permits, request information about garbage collection, transit schedules, and more.

Best wishes,

Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
District 14

Middle/Upper Sackville – Beaver Bank – Lucasville

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Municipal Call Centre: 311

### REGIONAL PLAN ENGAGEMENT

The municipality is inviting residents to participate in the Regional Plan Review. The Regional Plan sets out a common vision and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place. It was adopted in 2006 and is reviewed approximately every five years to ensure that the plan still reflects the municipality's goals for growth and development.

Have your say in the growth of our region at the following pop-up events being held in our community:

**Sackville Farmers Market** (650 Sackville Drive): Saturday, September 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunnyside Mall** (1595 Bedford Highway): Wednesday, September 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At pop-ups, staff will be on-site with a small table or booth. Here, you'll have an opportunity to meet municipal planners to talk about your ideas for our community. For more information, visit [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan).

### SUBURBAN PLANNING

The Suburban Plan is a new planning document being completed over the next four to five years to help guide the development of suburban communities. The Suburban Plan is part of Phase 4 of the Regional Plan, with a goal to improve and create new land use policies and refresh current policies to reflect the needs of modern suburban communities. To receive updates about the Suburban Plan, email [suburbanplan@halifax.ca](mailto:suburbanplan@halifax.ca). Learn more at [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan/survey\\_tools/suburban-plan](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan/survey_tools/suburban-plan).

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### DEVELOPMENTS IN DISTRICT 14

Wondering what is being developed in your area? You can go to [halifax.ca](https://halifax.ca) and type "Active Planning Applications" in the search box to obtain details on specific developments, such as the ones listed below for District 14:

#### Case 21639- Middle Sackville Master Plan

The municipality initiated a comprehensive secondary planning process for the Middle Sackville Urban Local Growth Centre to enable mixed residential, commercial, institutional and recreational uses on lands surrounding the Highway 101 – Margeson Drive interchange in Middle Sackville.

#### Case 23293- Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank

WM Fares Architects, on behalf of property owners, is requesting to enter into a Development Agreement to build an apartment building on lands located near the intersection of Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive. This application was denied by the North West Community Council (NWCC) in January, however the land owners have successfully appealed the decision through the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and NWCC has now been directed to approve the development agreement.

### HAZARD, RISK, AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT IN DISTRICT 14

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Emergency Management Division will be conducting Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (HRVA). These assessments are used as a tool to understand community vulnerabilities, and mitigate emergency risks and hazards. This program will be divided into four phases and will establish profiles and recommendations for action for each municipal district.

If you are interested in contributing to the Hazard Risk and Vulnerability assessment for District 14 you can do so in one of two ways. The first is to participate in the Public Engagement session being held on Wednesday October 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sackville Heights Community Centre. The second is to complete the online survey which will be made available after the engagement session is complete. For more information, visit [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hrva](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hrva).

### FLOODING UPDATES

#### Roadway Infrastructure Repair

The flooding event of July 2023 resulted in 1,600 work orders being generated for staff. Over 20 per cent of these work orders have been completed as of August 25. All municipal roadways have been reopened except for portions of six roads which remain a top priority.

The 1,350 outstanding work orders impact over 400 roads and two bridges with the majority being in Bedford, Sackville, Hammonds Plains, and Fall River. Many of the road work orders pertain to repairing road shoulders. Residents driving and walking on these roads are urged to exercise caution, as many are soft or damaged. Staff will be working through work orders similar to how they deal with snow clearing, with main roads being the priority followed by secondary roads.

I ask that residents continue to report any damage by contacting 311. This helps staff ensure concerns are logged and tracked.

Best efforts will be made to complete repairs prior to the winter to facilitate safe winter operations and maintenance. Repairs are being undertaken while capital projects are ongoing. Increased construction and traffic impacts are expected to accommodate this work. Please consider adding extra time to your route and plan ahead. Thank you for your patience.

#### Claims with Halifax Water

Residents that wish to submit a claim with Halifax Water about damage can call 902-420-9287 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or email [customercare@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:customercare@halifaxwater.ca). They will be asked to provide an email address when submitting their information via telephone. Residents should be sure to include their civic address, full name and contact number when submitting via email. A Halifax Water representative will be in touch to confirm their request has been received within 72 business hours.

You can also visit their website for additional information at [halifaxwater.ca/homeowner-responsibility](https://halifaxwater.ca/homeowner-responsibility).



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#### Financial Assistance after a Flood

Nova Scotians can now apply for disaster financial assistance related to damage from the severe flooding through the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Province's Disaster Financial Assistance Program is designed to help Nova Scotians, municipalities, small businesses and not-for-profit organizations get back on their feet after a major storm or natural disaster. Not all disasters are covered by private insurance, and this program helps those whose losses are not insurable. Types of losses can include flood damage and damage to uninsurable items like household appliances, such as washers, dryers and furnaces. The program covers up to \$200,000 in uninsurable losses per household, small business or not-for-profit organization.

Applications are available at:

- Online: [beta.novascotia.ca/disaster-financial-assistance-storm-flooding](https://beta.novascotia.ca/disaster-financial-assistance-storm-flooding)
- Access Nova Scotia centres
- MLA offices

Residents are asked to continue to assess damage, keep all receipts, take pictures and video and work with their insurance companies. This program will be accepting applications up until October 31, 2023.

#### PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season's arrival emphasizes the vital importance of preparedness. Understand the risks, create an emergency plan, safeguard property, stay informed, engage with your community, regularly review your preparations, and have a 72-hour kit on hand to be as prepared as possible.

Securing your property against hurricane damage is also essential. This may include reinforcing windows and doors, clearing gutters and drains, and ensuring that the roof is in good condition. Areas prone to flooding should elevate electrical systems and sealing basement walls can help mitigate water damage.

Monitoring weather updates is vital. Our government agencies provide timely information on storm tracking, severity, and projected paths. Having a battery-operated weather radio on hand will allow you to receive updates even if the power goes out. Sign up for HRM emergency alerts [halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/hfxalert](https://halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/hfxalert), check [Halifax.ca](https://Halifax.ca) frequently, and follow @hfxgov on Twitter for municipal updates and information during a storm.

#### HALIFACT COMMUNITY UPDATE - ISSUE #3

Wondering about the work we're doing to fight climate change? Curious or concerned about how we're adapting to extreme weather and the risk of wildfires? Find out more about how we're coordinating climate action throughout the municipality by reading the latest issue of the HalifACT community update.

HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada. We're committed to keeping residents informed of the ways we're leading, collaborating and supporting the climate movement in the Halifax region.

Head to [halifax.ca/halifactupdate](https://halifax.ca/halifactupdate) to read the update, and for more context on the climate movement here in the Halifax region.

#### IN OUR COMMUNITY



*Great time volunteering at the Sackville Heights Community Center Family Fun Day!*



*Proud to attend the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics track meet recently held in Sackville.*





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A great afternoon at Building Futures for their fundraiser BBQ and yard sale. Thanks to the Sackville Kinsmen for their support!



Celebrating the Sackville Business Association at their recent AGM with MLA Steve Craig, Mayor Mike Savage, Councillor Paul Russell and SBA board chair Ashley Jollimore.



Congratulations to the Lucasville Greenway Society on their community walk fundraiser!



Meeting with the Sackville Rivers Association to discuss the health of our waterways.

Erica's Place - Support Services

# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

ARE YOU SEEKING SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY?

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT, WE MEET EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY.

PEER-LED  
OPEN SUPPORT GROUP  
6:30-8:00

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

E-MAIL: [ericasplace@outlook.com](mailto:ericasplace@outlook.com) for more information.



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