



**COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN**  
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS  
MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

## WELCOME SEPTEMBER!

Happy September! I hope that you had a lovely summer and got to spend lots of time outside enjoying the beautiful weather we had this summer.

Fall for many of us means back to school and back to routine. To all students commencing or returning to school, best wishes to you as you work toward completing your education. Stay safe and have fun!

Fall also means the Municipal Election is now in full swing. The boundaries of District 14 will be changing in the 2024 Municipal Election. District 14 will now be called Hammonds Plains-Upper Hammonds Plains-Lucasville- Middle and Upper Sackville Residents who were previously in District 14 may be voting in a different district this election. Please continue reading to learn more to learn about how to determine your municipal district.

Keep reading to learn more about the changes to transit fees, hurricane preparedness, and municipal election updates.

If you have questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902.579.7164 or by email at [Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca](mailto:Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca).

## SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

### Regional Council:

Tuesday, September 3 at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 10 at 10 a.m.

### North West Community Council

Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).





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### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The North West Community Council (NWCC) reviewed the following matters at their August 19 meeting:

#### [MINORREV-2024-00431- Dog Daycare Use In Light Industrial Zone in Bedford Plan Area](#)

During the Community Council the first reading of the changes to proposed the Bedford Land Use By-law to add pet daycare use as a permitted use to the Light Industrial (ILI) zone.

The first reading of these changes was approved and a public hearing has been scheduled to be held at the next North West Community Council meeting on September 9, 2024.

For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, [click here](#).

### BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season's arrival emphasizes the vital importance of preparedness. In coastal areas like ours, readiness is imperative due to the potential for catastrophic winds, rain, and devastation. Preparedness can save lives, protect property, and ensure community resilience.

#### Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

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When making your home emergency plan, you will need to think about the following:

- Safe exits from home and neighbourhood
- Meeting places to reunite with family or roommates
- Designated person to pick up children should you be unavailable
- Contact persons close-by and out-of-town
- Special health needs
- Place for your pet to stay
- Risks in your region
- Location of your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve and floor drain

*\*Photocopy your plan and keep it in your car and/ or at work.*

#### Protecting Property

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

#### Staying Informed

Monitoring weather updates is vital. Our government agencies provide timely information on storm tracking, severity, and projected paths. Pay attention to evacuation orders and warnings issued by local authorities. Having a battery-operated weather radio on hand can ensure you receive information even if the power goes out. Sign up for [HRM emergency alerts](#) check our [website](#) frequently, and follow @hfxgov on twitter for municipal updates and information during a storm.



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### Review and Practice

Periodically review your emergency plan and supplies to ensure they remain up to date and functional. Practicing evacuation procedures with your family can minimize confusion and anxiety during a crisis.

In hurricane-prone regions, preparedness for the impending storm season is not an option; it's a responsibility. By understanding the risks, creating an emergency plan, safeguarding property, staying informed, engaging with your community, and regularly reviewing your preparations, you can increase your resilience in the face of these powerful natural forces. Remember, the best defense against a hurricane is a well-prepared and informed community working together to weather the storm.

### 72-hour Emergency Pack

Have a 72-hour pack ready, in case you need to leave your home. Visit this [website](#) to learn more or visit our website [here](#).

## HALIFAX TRANSIT FARE CHANGES

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of upcoming fare changes for Halifax Transit that will become effective Sept. 1:

- **Cash Fares:** Cash fares on Halifax Transit will increase by 25 cents. Adult fares will increase to \$3, while Youth and Senior fares will rise to \$2.25.
- **Tickets and Passes:** The cost of 10 ticket sheets and passes will also increase. Tickets purchased prior to Sept. 1 will remain valid. September monthly passes will be available for purchase at transit retailers and on the HFXGO app at the new rates starting Aug. 20.
- **New HFXGO Regional Express fare products:** New 10 ride, 20 ride, 1 day, 2 day and weekly passes will be introduced on HFXGO. Monthly Regional Express bus passes will continue to be available at transit retailers and on HFXGO.
- **Removal of Regional Express top-up:** UPass and Student Transit Pass holders will no longer be required to pay an additional top-up fee to ride Regional Express bus service.

A full list of changes, including an updated fare table can be found on our [website](#).

A fare increase was proposed as part of the 2024/25 Municipal Budget and business planning process. The increased fares are one element of the ongoing funding required to support the provision of transit service. Regional Council approved the motion to increase fares on April 23, 2024.







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## NEW ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

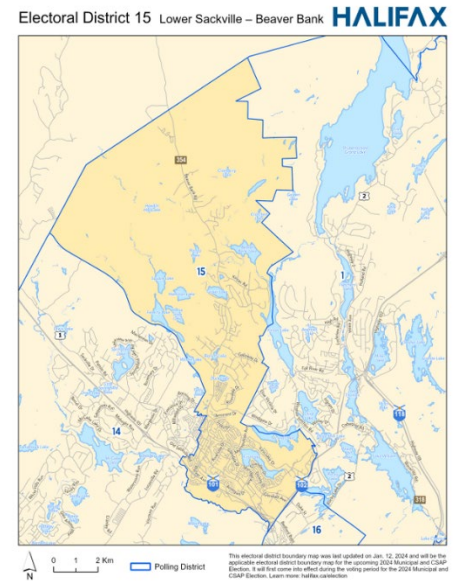
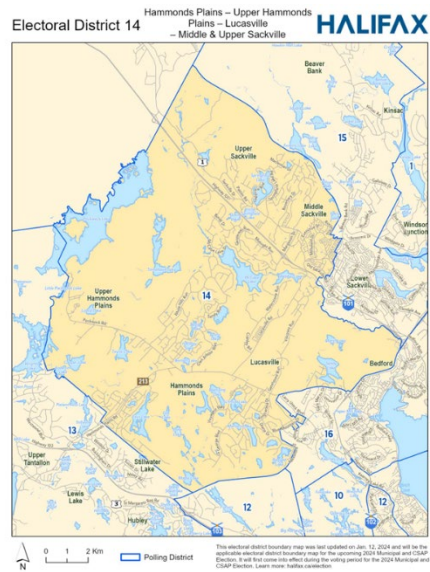
As per the province's *Municipal Government Act* each municipality in Nova Scotia is required to regularly conduct a review of the boundaries and number of electoral districts within the Municipality. The Municipality is responsible for completing the review and putting forth recommendations on any changes to the boundaries and number of electoral districts to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) who make the final decision.

In 2022, the Municipality began a thorough and collaborative review of the exiting electoral boundaries and made recommendations to the NSUARB. The NSUARB made their final decision on the new electoral boundaries on December 21, 2023 and these updated electoral boundaries will go into effect for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien (CSAP) Election.

As a result of this boundary review District 14 will look quite different in the next Municipal election. You can see a map of the new District 14 Hammonds Plains-Upper Hammonds Plains-Lucasville-Middle and Upper Sackville. For residents of Beaver Bank you will now be part of the new District 15 Lower Sackville- Beaver Bank. Maps for the new District 14 and District 15 can be found to the right

If you are unsure if you will be remaining in District 14 or if you will be in District 15 in the next election there are a few different ways for the residents to confirm their electoral district in the next election they include:

1. Each Voter card that is mailed out to residents will indicate the electoral district.
2. You can confirm your electoral district with the Halifax Elections office by calling 902-490-VOTE(8683)
3. A search your district will be available on the Halifax Election [website](#).





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### RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO VERIFY 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ELECTOR'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 our website [halifax.ca/voter-list](http://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, Oct. 8. Residents can also vote in-person during advance voting days (Saturday, Oct. 12 and Tuesday, Oct. 15) and on election day (Saturday, Oct. 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.



### MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Every four years, the Halifax Regional Municipality holds a general election for both Regional Council and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial's (CSAP) Halifax-area school board members.

The next Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19, 2024**.

The upcoming general election will allow eligible residents to vote for their choice of:

- Mayor;
- Councillor within their district (16 total); and
- Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Member (if applicable)

To learn more about the upcoming municipal election and to find candidates running for your district please visit the Halifax Election [website](#).

### ROAD SAFETY STATS IN DISTRICT 14

In District 14, there were 62 Summary Offence Ticket's issued for violations such as stunting, aggressive driving and speeding. There were four impaired driving charges in July, with two impaired driving suspensions. Police responded to seven Motor Vehicle Accidents, no accidents involving a pedestrian or cyclist occurred in July. Thank you to our RCMP for their work protecting our community.



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## IN THE COMMUNITY



One of the great summer events this year was the beach volleyball tournament on the waterfront



Great to welcome NDP Leader Claudia Chender to District 14 and discuss community issues

**SACKVILLE LEGION**

**MONTHLY FLEA Market**

ENTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE!

**SUNDAY SEPT 29 10 AM - 2PM**

- Local Artisans
- Food / Baked Goods
- New to you items
- Home Businesses
- ...and more!

Tables are \$10.00 - Contact Carol 902-252-6155 or 902-497-9955

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45 Sackville Cross Rd, Lower Sackville, NS

**Legion**



What a fun way to welcome the delegates to the Canadian Association of Police Governance conference in Halifax by dressing up as pirates!





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### PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



#### Provincial Representatives in District 14:

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

## HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY’S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi’kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement: