



## WELCOME AUGUST!



Happy August! Summer is the time for BBQs, ice cream, and quality time with friends and family. I hope that you're having a great summer and enjoying all the various community events being held across the municipality!

After the devastating floods that we experienced in July let us hope for sunnier skies in the month of August. I would like to take a moment to thank all first responders and municipal staff for their efforts in helping our community to recover from these floods.

Keep reading for more information on supports available after the floods, upcoming Natal day events, and mowing in municipal right of ways.

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).

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

WELCOME AUGUST!	1
TABLE OF CONTENTS	1
AUGUST MEETING DATES	2
NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL	2
HAPPY NATAL DAY!	2
RIGHT OF WAY MOWING UPDATE	3
DON'T FORGET YOUR HELEMT !	3
FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER THE FLOOD	4
HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE GRADUATION	4
CELEBRATING ONE YEAR IN SERVICE:	
EXTRA CARE TAXI	5
BUSKERS FESTIVAL 2023	5
PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL PLAN	
REVIEW	6
IN THE COMMUNITY	6
PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL	
REPRESENTATIVES	7
COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN	8
HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	8



## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

### UPCOMING MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 22 at 10 a.m.

#### North West Community Council

Monday September 18, 2023.

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

### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The North West Community Council did not meet in the month of July. The next meeting will be held on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm.

To review upcoming or past agendas, click [here](#).

### HAPPY NATAL DAY!

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in the 126<sup>th</sup> Natal Day celebrations.

As part of the municipality's programming, residents are invited to participate in the Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade on Monday, August 7. The parade will begin at Novalea Drive in Halifax at 10 a.m. and will conclude at Maple Street in Dartmouth.

In addition to the parade, residents can also participate in the following activities taking place throughout the municipality over the Natal Day weekend:

- **Natal Day Kickoff - The Crescendo Outdoor Fashion Show** on Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m.
- **Crescendo Main Event Concert** on Saturday, August 5 at 5 p.m.
- **Natal Day Harbour Fireworks** on Saturday, August 5 at 10 p.m.
- **African Nova Scotian Music Association 'Freedom Festival'** on Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m.
- **Natal Day & Buskers Festival's All-Star Showcase** on Sunday, August 6 at 9 p.m.
- **Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race** on Monday, August 7 at 8 a.m.
- **Lake Banook Natal Day Fireworks** on Monday, August 7 at 9:30 p.m.

The municipality is attentive to safety concerns related to fireworks and remains in consultation with Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency on this issue. The municipality would also like to reassure residents that there are measures in place to ensure the fireworks used at municipal events are used in a safe manner and in accordance with any relevant fire regulations.

As always, the status of fireworks for events is subject to change. Notification of changes will be shared via the municipality's Civic Events' [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter channel](#). For more information, visit [natalday.org](http://natalday.org)





## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

### RIGHT OF WAY MOWING UPDATE

Back in 2007, concerns arose about inconsistent mowing along arterial streets, prompting Regional Council to include certain areas in our municipal mowing contracts. This decision aimed to ensure the upkeep of grass between the curb and sidewalks along these streets, especially since many property owners in those areas were non-residential. Select areas were included in mowing contracts managed by the municipality with an approximate yearly cost of \$50,000. Normally, in accordance with By-Law S-300 Respecting Streets, these areas would be the responsibility of the adjacent property owners.

The 2023/2024 budget has directed a \$50,00 reduction for these mowing contracts, therefore residents are now responsible for the maintenance and mowing of the right of way frontage of their properties and including any grass between the curb and sidewalks along various streets. More information on the decision can be located [here](#).

Maintaining consistency is crucial along our main routes. Remember, By-law S-300 requires all property owners to maintain the grass abutting their property.

While the municipality will still handle maintenance in certain areas, such as those owned by the municipality, center medians, and islands, we urge you to embrace this opportunity to contribute to the beauty and consistency of our city's main routes.

Let's work together to ensure the beauty and upkeep of our community. It's time for property owners to play their part in maintaining our right of way. Together, we can create a cleaner and more vibrant city!

### Mowing in the Right of Way

HALIFAX



### DON'T FORGET YOUR HELEMT !

School has finished up and summer vacation has begun. Halifax Regional Police is reminding everyone to fasten on your helmet before hopping on your bike, strapping on your rollerblades or pushing off on your scooter.

The Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act requires a helmet to be worn for all wheeled activities, whether on public or private lands and roads, skate parks or playgrounds.

Wheeled activities include:

- bicycles
- skateboards
- rollerblades/skates
- scooters (both self-propelled and motorized)
- Segways

A proper helmet should:

- Fit comfortably on top of your head and sit low on your forehead, just above the eyebrow.
- Not move if you shake your head.



## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

- Have an outer shell, inner protective liner, chin straps that hold the helmet firmly in place and adjustable sizing pads.
- Meet CPSC, CSA or Snell standards.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER THE 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](#)
- 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.

## HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE GRADUATION

I was fortunate enough to attend the most recent Halifax Police Cadet Graduation on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Halifax Regional Police proudly announces that twenty-six cadets graduates from the 2023 Halifax Regional Police's Police Science Program, have been sworn in as officers with the service.

"Our twenty-six newest officers come from diverse backgrounds and bring a wealth of experience, talent and dedication to their new roles," said HRP Chief Dan Kinsella. "These officers worked diligently throughout the program, and we congratulate them as they take their oath of office and embark on a rewarding career in policing with Halifax Regional Police."

The Halifax Regional Police's Police Science Program is offered through the Halifax Regional Police Training School in Dartmouth, a private career college recognized by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

"I am confident that this newest generation of our officers will represent HRP well, and serve our community members with professionalism, respect and dignity. We wish them the very best," said Chief Kinsella.







## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

### RCMP Road Safety Stats

June 2023, District 14

Middle-Upper Sackville, Beaverbank - Lucasville

283 Calls for Service in June 2023 - Down 17.7% over same period in 2022

15 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 13 in June 2022)  
1 cellphone, 6 speeding, 8 other MVA (e.g., no insurance or registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)

57 Proactive Assignments (vs. 92 in June 2022)  
17 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/  
Radar Enforcement

29 Traffic Stops (vs. 54 in June 2022)  
3 Impaired Driving Charges (same as June 2022)  
0 Impaired Driving Suspension (same as June 2022)

7 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 10 in June 2022)  
• one of these accidents resulted in injuries

0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as June 2022)

Please  
Drive  
Safely!

### CELEBRATING ONE YEAR IN SERVICE: EXTRA CARE TAXI

Congratulations to Extra Care Taxi on their first year in service! This partnership with the Halifax Regional Municipality has helped to provide more accessible transportation options to residents throughout the region. Since July 2022, Extra Care Taxi has completed more than 11,000 trips.

Currently, Extra Care Taxi is completing an average of 48 trips per day, a 600 per cent increase in service compared to their first month in operation!

Learn more by visiting [their website](#).



August 2023

### BUSKERS FESTIVAL 2023

Don't miss the extravaganza! Join us at the 2023 Buskers Festival in Halifax from August 2-7 for an unforgettable experience with hundreds of performances across the Dartmouth and Halifax waterfronts!

Witness FREE jaw-dropping performances, laugh until your sides ache, and immerse yourself in a world of artistry and entertainment. The festival promises a captivating lineup of international talents, sure to leave you amazed and inspired. Come together with friends and family to enjoy this celebration of live entertainment and support emerging artists.

All performances are free, however tipping the buskers is encouraged. Mark your calendars and head to their [website](#) for all the details on show schedules, locations, and more. You can also follow the official festival page on Instagram [@buskershfx](#).



HALIFAX



## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

### PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

We're inviting residents to provide feedback on the Draft Regional Plan, both [online](#) and through [in-person](#) public engagement events. The public engagement period will run until October 27.

Feedback received will be summarized in a *What We Heard* report and used to refine key regional policy directions.

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. The Regional Plan was adopted in 2006 and is reviewed approximately every five years to ensure it is reflective of the municipality's goals for growth and development.

The Draft Regional Plan is responding to the Halifax region's population growth and need for housing, the need to act on climate and equity, as well as updating policies to reflect Priority Plans.

Residents may submit feedback at any time on the Draft Regional Plan, including any requests for site-specific amendments.

For a full schedule of public engagement events, visit our [Shape Your City](#) page. For any questions, contact 902.943.3248 or [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca).



### IN THE COMMUNITY

*Please Donate Today* **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**  
DONATIONS - FUNDRAISING

Helping our community's children go back to school with confidence.

SCHOOL BUS

Join Frankie Hollywood & FX 101.9 Today's Country for the  
**3RD ANNUAL ROYAL LEPAGE ANCHOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 11AM TO 3PM AT 405 SACKVILLE DR. LOWER SACKVILLE

FOR MORE DETAILS SUCH AS MAKING A DONATION, DROP OFF LOCATIONS, OR SCHOOL SUPPLY CHECKLISTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @ ROYAL LEPAGE ANCHOR-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

ROYAL LEPAGE Anchor Realty  
SACKVILLE BLAZERS  
FX 101.9 TODAY'S COUNTRY  
S SOUTHLAND





## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

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.



## PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



### Provincial Representatives in District 14:

- **MLA Brad Johns** Sackville – Uniacke  
Unit 103, 1710 Sackville Drive  
Middle Sackville, NS B4E 3A9.  
Phone: 902-865-6467  
[mlabradjohns@gmail.com](mailto:mlabradjohns@gmail.com)
- **MLA Steve Craig** Sackville – Cobequid  
Unit 104, 445 Sackville Drive  
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2S1.  
Phone: 902-864-6271  
Fax: 902-864-0483  
[Steve.Craig@novascotia.ca](mailto:Steve.Craig@novascotia.ca)
- **MLA Brian Wong**  
Waverley – Fall River – Beaver Bank  
Suite 101, 1265 Fall River Road  
Fall River, NS B2T 1E6.  
Phone: 902-576-3411  
Fax: 902-576-3413  
[brianwongmla@gmail.com](mailto:brianwongmla@gmail.com)
- **MLA Ben Jessome** Hammonds Plains – Lucasville  
2120 Hammonds Plains Road, Unit 3  
Hammonds Plains, NS B4B 1P3  
Phone: 902-404-9900  
Fax: 902-404-8415  
[jessomeben@gmail.com](mailto:jessomeben@gmail.com)



## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE



### Federal Representatives in District 14:

- **MP Darrell Samson Sackville – Preston - Chezzetcook**  
2900 Highway 2  
Suite 2nd Floor  
Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1W4  
Telephone: 902-861-2311  
Fax: 902-861-4620
- **MP Lena Metlege Diab Halifax West**  
1496 Bedford Highway  
Suite 222  
Bedford, Nova Scotia B4A 1E5  
Telephone: 902-426-2217  
Fax: 902-426-8339

## COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN  
District 14  
Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville



Halifax Regional Municipality  
PO Box 1749  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 3A5  
Cell: 902.579.7164  
Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca  
Twitter: @newsbag  
halifax.ca 311

HALIFAX

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
- Women's Advisory 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:

*"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."*