

# Councillor Lisa Blackburn

MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE -  
BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

DISTRICT 14  
NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Hello and happy summer! As you may be aware, I am not reoffering for the Municipal Election in October. This decision was made even before my first election in 2016. Progress comes when different life perspectives contribute to

decisions made around the council table. Making room for others to have a seat at the table is important.

Since being elected, my number one goal has been standing up for the residents of District 14. To make sure your voice is heard at Regional Council and our communities are reflected in the decisions we have made. There have been so many highlights from the past eight years!

I was proud to push back against the provincial government when they introduced special planning areas, taking decisions about planning away from the Halifax Regional Municipality and overturning other decisions we made for you as Regional Council.

Serving as Deputy Mayor during the pandemic was also memorable and gave insight to the incredible team of staff at the municipality.

It's been an honour to represent you at many board tables over the past eight years including the Board of Police Commission, Halifax Water, Halifax Regional Library Board, Discover Halifax and the very first Women's Advisory Committee.

While serving as your Councillor, I've been able to bring forward new bylaws on flyer delivery, parked vehicle booting and protect some of our most vulnerable residents with new laws for land lease communities.

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## CONTACT ME

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## CALL MY OFFICE

Contact Kate Richardson, Council Constituency Coordinator by phone 902.490.4090 or email [richark@halifax.ca](mailto:richark@halifax.ca)

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Police, Fire Emergency: 911

Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020

Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530

Halifax Water Emergency: 902.490.6940

Councillor Support Office: 902.490.4050

It's been exciting to see parks built in new subdivisions, see the historic community boundaries of Lucasville reestablished, support sports teams, make changes leading to safer streets and protect our environment.

This is only a snapshot of what we've been able to accomplish and none of it was possible without community support. Thank you Middle and Upper Sackville, Lucasville and Beaver Bank for your hard work, vision and dedication.



It's been an honour to serve as your councillor.

During my last eight years I have been proud to serve District 14 and use my voice at Council Chambers to solve problems and make an impact in the everyday lives of constituents. I wanted to highlight some of the initiatives that I have been most proud to have accomplished during the last eight years.

## **LUCASVILLE/ HAMMONDS PLAINS AND AREA COMMUNITY BOUNDARY PROJECT**

In December 2017, after seven years of community consultation and work on the part of staff, Halifax Regional Council approved the historic community boundaries for Lucasville. The recognition of historic community boundaries allows for better 9-1-1 emergency services to be delivered to local residents.

The recognition of community boundaries also allowed for an Halifax Regional Municipality community sign to be installed recognizing the area as historic Lucasville and encourages a sense of community pride. I would like to thank everyone in the Lucasville community who participated in the long public consultation process to make this happen.

## **LAND LEASE COMMUNITIES**

There are five land lease communities located in District 14. Land lease communities are those areas where the residents own their home, but they lease the lot it is placed on, usually in a park setting. Prior to August 22, 2023, there were three different by-laws regulating land lease communities. These land lease by-laws pre-dated amalgamation and did not consider the municipality's modern permitting and development standard. During the August 22, 2023 Regional Council meeting, By-law L-500 *Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-lease Communities* was passed.

This by-law will greatly improve conditions and quality of life for residents living in land lease communities both here in District 14 and across the municipality. The implementation of this by-law means that all operators must have a valid operating permit and meet the requirements set out in the by-law. Failure to comply with the requirements of the by-law can result in fines or legal prosecution.

In June 2024, municipal staff were able to successfully win a court proceeding when one of the land lease communities

located in District 14 failed to provide the required services to residents as indicated in the by-law and were operating without an operating permit. This court case will help set a precedent for other land lease communities who may be in similar situations.

## **CAR IMMOBILIZATION**

During my first term as councillor, I was able to put forward a motion during council that resulted in the creation of By-law V-200 *Respecting Immobilization of Vehicles on Private Property* which was passed by council on September 14, 2021. This by-law addresses common concerns brought forward by residents around the use of car boots on wheels in private parking lots and regulates who can boot a vehicle.

## **FLYER DISTRIBUTION**

During my time on the Environment and Sustainability committee I put forward a motion to have flyer delivery be a subscription only service here in HRM. As a result of this motion By-Law F-400 *Respecting the Distribution of Flyers* was created. This by-law allows residents of the municipality to opt out of receiving flyers by placing a municipally issued sticker in their window.

## **HALIFACT**

In June 2020, Halifax Regional Council adopted HalifACT, an ambitious thirty-year plan that was created as a result of council's declaration of a climate emergency in 2019. The ultimate goal of HalifACT is to achieve a net-zero economy in Halifax by the year 2050. This will be achieved through both adaptation and mitigation practices to reduce the amount carbon emissions produced in the Halifax Regional Municipality. This plan will also help communities throughout the municipality adapt to a changing climate.

## **DISTRICT CAPITAL ACTIVITY FUNDS**

During my time as Councillor for District 14 I have been proud to provide over \$600,000 in District Capital funds to a variety of different community and non-profit groups to help make a difference within District 14.

## **BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON**

Hurricane season's arrival emphasizes the vital importance of preparedness. Understand the risks, create an emergency plan, safeguard property, stay informed, engaging with your community, and regularly review your preparations with a 72 hour emergency 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 prevent water damage.

Monitoring weather updates is vital. Our government agencies provide timely information on storm tracking, severity, and projected paths. Have a battery-operated weather radio on hand, sign up for the Halifax Regional Municipality emergency alerts at [halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/hfxalert](http://halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/hfxalert), check [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) frequently, and follow @hfxgov on Twitter for municipal updates and information during a storm.

### TRANSIT CHANGES AND DISRUPTIONS

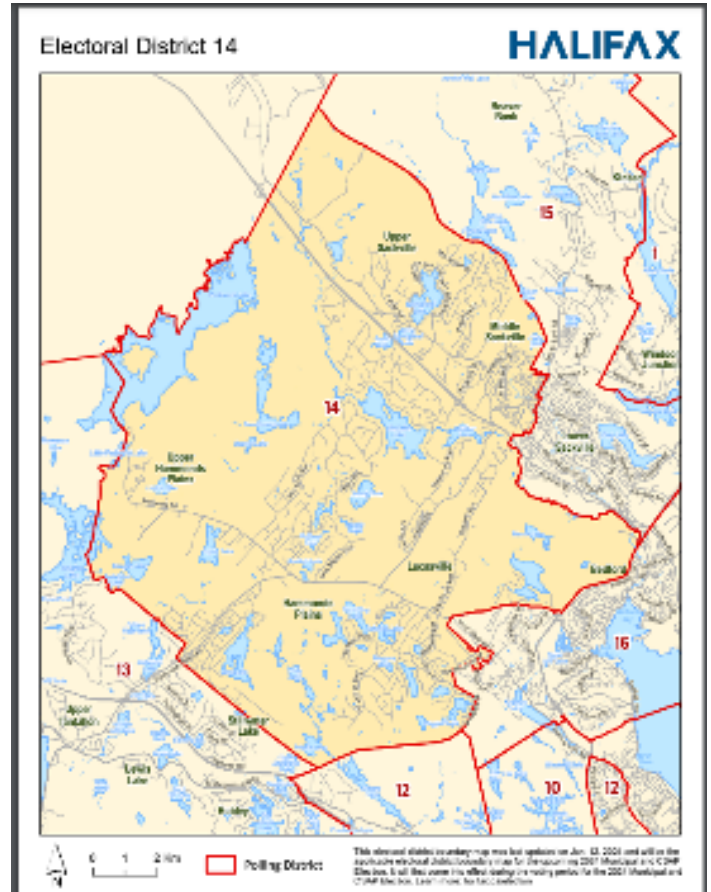
Crews are working on realigning and regrading Barrington Street, installing underground services, building a new Halifax Transit hub and removing the last overpass for the Cogswell project over the next six months. These upgrades require that we put traffic and transit disruptions in place until December. Visit [halifax.ca/cogswell](http://halifax.ca/cogswell) to learn more about this project.

### DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

As per the provincial 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.

The new electoral boundary for District 14 for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil Scolaire Acadien (CSAP) Election image is here. To view this map online in more detail, please visit [halifax.ca/city-hall/elections/district-boundary-review](http://halifax.ca/city-hall/elections/district-boundary-review).



### MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Residents considering running in the 2024 Municipal and Conseil Scolaire Acadien provincial (CSAP) Election are invited to learn more about becoming a candidate.

Municipal government plays an important role in delivering essential services and addressing the unique needs of our community. By running for a position on Regional Council, you'll have the opportunity to lead, advocate for your community and contribute to the growth of the municipality.

The 2024 Municipal Election will take place on Saturday, October 19.

All the information you need to know can be found on our website [halifax.ca/city-hall/elections](http://halifax.ca/city-hall/elections).

The Halifax Regional Municipality is also recruiting over 1,200 workers for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil





Scolaire Acadien provincial Election.

Election workers will have the opportunity to play a direct role in ensuring a fair, accessible and efficient election. These positions offer a unique opportunity for professional growth – gaining valuable expertise in project management, public administration and community outreach.

Temporary election workers are needed to support advance voting (Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15) and election day voting (Saturday, October 19) at voting locations across the municipality’s 16 electoral districts.

For more information on becoming a candidate or applying to work the election please visit [halifax.ca/election](http://halifax.ca/election).



*It’s been an honour to fight for Lucasville to secure their historic Black community boundaries.*

### IN THE COMMUNITY



*What a day it was welcoming the Prime Minister to District 14 and showing him around!*



*One of the highlights of my time on Council is supporting non-profits and service groups that do so much work in our communities.*



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