



SPECIAL BULLETIN

COUNCILLOR TIM OUTHIT
DISTRICT 16 - BEDFORD - WENTWORTH

Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

Open House

Thursday, February 26th, 2015

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunnyside Mall (near Shopper's Drug Mart)

1595 Bedford Highway, Bedford

The commuter rail technical study, directed by HRM Regional Council, is now well underway, and we invite you to attend a public open house to view the information compiled and the analysis that has been completed to date. Information boards will be on display, and representatives from CPCS will be present to answer questions and discuss the preliminary analysis.

For more information on Halifax Transit's Commuter Rail Feasibility Study, visit halifax.ca/transit

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HRM Call Centre 311

The HRM Call Centre is open 7 days a week, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, and is your fastest way to access information on a wide variety of municipal services and information.

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OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING BAN

The overnight winter parking ban will be in effect from December 15, 2014, to March 31, 2015. Like last season, the ban will be enforced only during declared snow and ice events, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Those in violation of the ban can be ticketed or towed. The easiest way to stay informed is to sign up for notifications. To sign up visit www.halifax.ca/snow/ParkingBan/ For those who signed up last season, you will continue to receive notifications when the ban will be enforced. Residents who subscribe will receive timely messages by phone, email, and/or text message, throughout the winter season, about the status of overnight winter parking bans in the Halifax region. Regular text messaging rates apply.

WINTER FAQ'S



1) When will my street be plowed?

During and after a snowfall, our snow and ice crews are out in full force working to clear the streets and sidewalks. Crews prioritize which streets to salt, sand or plow based on service standards approved by Regional Council. Priority 1 streets include main arteries, bus routes, hilly areas and streets leading to schools and public buildings. Once those are complete, then crews will clear residential streets, known as Priority 2 routes. Service standards require that Priority 1 streets be completed within 12 hours after the end of a snowfall and 24 hours for Priority 2 streets. Sidewalks may take up to 36 hours. Things like the amount of snow, time of day and equipment breakdown can affect whether or not your street might be plowed in that time period. Residents are asked to be patient and know that crews will not stop until all the streets and sidewalks are completed.

2) When will my sidewalk be plowed?

The service standards dictate that Priority 1 sidewalks, abutting main arterial roads, should be cleared within 12 hours after the end of a snowfall. Priority 2 sidewalks, abutting transit routes and in front of schools, are cleared within 18 hours after the end of a snowfall. Priority 3 sidewalks, abutting local roads, are cleared within 36 hours after the end of the snowfall.

3) When will the bus stops be plowed?

Bus stops along Priority 1 and 2 sidewalk routes are opened up as much as possible during sidewalk clearing; however, most aren't fully cleared until all the Priority 1 streets are complete, as the snow needs to be removed with larger equipment and trucks. These operations are carried out under the requirements of the Nova Scotia Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Manual. Much of this work is done after hours, when lighter traffic conditions enable the work to be carried out more safely.

4) Who is responsible for damage caused by snow-clearing equipment?

As part of their contracts, performance-based contractors who plow most of the sidewalks in the region are responsible for repairing any damage their equipment causes. The municipality would repair and pay for damage caused by its in-house clearing equipment. Residents who have sustained damage to their property or know of damage to municipal property caused by snow-clearing equipment should report the damage by calling 311 or by filling out an online customer service form. Unless there is an immediate safety concern, most damage will be repaired in the spring, when the weather improves.

For more information visit www.halifax.ca/snow/index.php