

## COUNCILLOR TIM OUTHIT BEDFORD - WENTWORTH DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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### DISTRICT 16 RESIDENTS,

It is Saturday, June 3 and I am finalizing this newsletter so it can be printed and mailed to you prior to Bedford Days and Canada Day in Bedford. Our municipality and province are today finally receiving the much needed rain to help extinguish

the wildfires that have been the focus of our attention and worry for the past week. I want to thank all the first responders who have worked so hard, and dealt with such incredible adversity, to combat unprecedented fires and their resulting devastation. We have observed career and volunteer municipal firefighters, provincial firefighters, DND firefighters, and requested expertise and equipment from other provinces and countries working tirelessly together. Police, Public Safety, Communications, and Emergency Response personnel have worked around the clock to protect and inform us. They have been incredibly supported by volunteers to help update, evacuate, feed and house those impacted by evacuations or the fires. We all send them our deepest gratitude and respect!

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to those who lost their homes or business. My council colleagues and I, along with representatives and staff from the other orders of government, are committed to helping you as you rebuild your homes and your lives. We will endeavour to create policies and initiatives to cut red tape, expedite approvals to aid in the rebuilding phase process. HRM will also be creative with solid waste collection and the availability of potable water, during the massive cleanup phase that will be required.

The goal of this newsletter is to also update you on highlights of projects, policy creation, and initiatives on which I receive the most frequent inquiries by phone, email, and social media.



### 2023 SCHEDULE

Please see the **back page of my newsletter** for the Bedford Days 2023 schedule. We're all looking forward to this annual event...  
*the fun begins on June 24!*

I am pleased that over the last year we have seen budget approval or the construction for new facilities in our District. These include pickleball and tennis courts, a planned pump track, several playground updates, upgrades to the LeBrun Centre, significant progress on planning and designing our new ferry terminal and library complex, and the opening of our first park & ride in District 16. I am very happy to confirm that an additional fire station has been approved, designed and funded for our District!

Council has continued with unprecedented action to assist those experiencing homelessness. Plus, HRM continues to work with the other orders of government, developers, and non-profit organizations to try to address the overall housing shortage and the growing affordable housing crisis in HRM. Actions include distribution of federal funding for rapid housing initiatives, construction fee reductions or elimination, and zoning changes to permit tiny homes, shared homes and secondary units. In addition, we are making some surplus land available for affordable housing development opportunities.

HRM and Council continue to address your concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, by constructing more speed calming infrastructure such as marked crosswalks and overhead lighted crosswalks, and by reducing speed limits where appropriate. We still cannot implement photo radar or red light camera technology in NS.

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However, we have received provincial approval to legislate additional noise bylaw restrictions in order to further combat noise complaints from modified motor vehicle mufflers. Council has given direction to staff to investigate options and the costs for implementation.

One of the frequent questions I receive is regarding the condition of the Bedford Hwy. This corridor has received significant repaving within our district boundary over the last two years. For example, the repaving done between Southgate Dr and Larry Uteck Blvd, and Rocky Lake Dr through Sunnyside to Fourth St. However, this corridor is largely in a "hold and maintain status" purposely between the Windsor Street Exchange and the Kearney Lake Rd. This is because HRM, CN and the other orders of government are funding a redesign and upgrade of the Windsor Street Exchange. The next step will be the implementation of the Bedford Highway Functional Plan between the new Interchange and Kearney Lake Rd. This process will help to address the need for more sidewalks, bus and vehicle traffic, safer cycling, and longtime flooding issues. It was unanimously passed by Council after significant public consultation. Basic maintenance only will be undertaken versus piecemeal repaving work that would then become redundant. Information on the Windsor Street Exchange can be accessed at [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/windsor-street-exchange-project](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/windsor-street-exchange-project) and the Bedford Highway Functional Plan at [cdn.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/districts-councillors/Regional%20Council%20-%20Bedford%20Highway%20-%282020-05-26%29.pdf](https://cdn.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/districts-councillors/Regional%20Council%20-%20Bedford%20Highway%20-%282020-05-26%29.pdf).

I want to thank the volunteers and HRM event staff working to ensure there is something for everyone, as we celebrate our community and country.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

As always, I encourage you to contact me with your questions and ideas! For those wishing to receive my updates via email, in addition to social media, please email my Coordinator, Nancy: [vinern@halifax.ca](mailto:vinern@halifax.ca) with the subject line, District 16 Email Updates.

### MILL COVE FERRY SERVICE

The initial planning and design for the future Mill Cove Ferry service is now complete. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and provided feedback on how you would use this exciting new service. The final proposal submitted for federal and provincial funding assistance includes the purchase of five new electric ferries, building

a new Mill Cove ferry terminal complete with marine infrastructure and roadway access and a parking area. Also included is the rebuilding of the Halifax Ferry terminal. The vessels will hold 150 passengers, are planned to depart every 15 minutes during busy times and reach downtown Halifax in less than 20 minutes!

Both new terminals (Mill Cove and Halifax) will be built as energy efficient buildings, to help us meet our climate change/HalifACT goals. The Bedford terminal is being designed to incorporate and the new Bedford library.

We expect a funding announcement later this year. If federal and provincial funding is secured, construction will begin in 2024, and we expect the service to launch in 2026/27.



### VOLUNTEER AWARDS

This annual awards event is an opportunity for Mayor Savage and all members of Regional Council to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our local volunteers. Congratulations to the 2023 Volunteer Awards recipients in District 16: Twila MacDonald, Johanna Sutton, Emily Ellen Walker and Aretha Williams!

### CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality honours a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen. I would like to congratulate Charley Samson (Ecole secondaire du Sommet), Carter Noseworthy (Sandy Lake Academy), Hania Ali (Rocky Lake Junior High School) and Sarah MacLean (Ross Road School) on being chosen as the 2023 Citizenship Award recipients in District 16.



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#### 2023/2023 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

##### Street Recapitalization:

Duffus Dr – Rocky Lake to end

##### Asphalt Overlays:

Shore Dr – Hatchery to End (Integrated Traffic Calming)

##### Walkways:

93 Duffus Dr to Scotia Dr

157 Duffus Dr to Rockmanor Dr

##### Guiderails:

Union St – Civic 11 (Carryover)

##### Community Association Grants (Active Transportation Projects):

Sackville Rivers Association - Fort Sackville Walkway,

Installation of Three Benches

Sackville Rivers Association - Fort Sackville Walkway, Refurbish Two Display Boxes

##### Traffic Calming:

Cutter Dr – Fleetview to Starboard (Vertical Deflections)

Fleetview Dr – Starboard to Starboard (Vertical Deflections)

Moirs Mill Rd – Bedford Hwy to Ahmadi (Vertical Deflections)

Starboard Dr – Larry Uteck to Friesian (Curb Extensions, Vertical Deflections)

Transom Dr – Starboard to Starboard (Vertical Deflections)

Shore Dr – Hatchery Ln to End (SW) (Vertical Deflections)

##### Planer Patching:

Fleetview Dr – Starboard to Starboard

Orchard St – Basinview to Monarch

Thorndale Ter – Ravines to End

Transom Ave – Starboard to Starboard

##### Proposed Crack Sealing:

Admiral Cove Dr – Eaglewood to Shore

Aspenhill Crt – Hazelton to End (Carryover)

Bedford Hwy – Hwy 102 to Rocky Lake (Carryover)

Bernard St – Lewis to Olive (Carryover)

Birchwood Crt – Rockmanor to Cul De Sac

Cadogan St – First to Second (Carryover)

Condor Rd – Eaglewood to End

Crozier Crt – Starboard to End

Cunningham Dr – First to End

Dartmouth Rd – Bedford Hwy to HRM Limit (Carryover)

Eagle Lane – Eaglewood to Cul De Sac

Falcon Run – Eaglewood to Cul De Sac

Fathom Crt – Transom to End

First Ave – Bedford Hwy to Pine (Carryover)

Gary Martin Dr – Hammonds Plains to Broad (Carryover)

Hammonds Plains Rd – Sandy Academy to Smiths

Hazelton Hill – Gary Martin to Larkview (Carryover)

Kaytyon Crt – Oceanview to End (Carryover)

Kingsbury Way – Ravines to End

Larkview Terr – Gary Martin to End (Carryover)

Lewis Dr – Hammonds Plains to Bernard (Carryover)

Monarch Dr – Orchard to End

North St – Dartmouth to End (Carryover)

Rochdale Pl – Vanier to End (Carryover)

Sedgewick Cl – Windridge to Cul De Sac (Carryover)

Snowy Owl Dr – Condor to Cul De Sac

Starboard Dr – Friesen to Civic 317

Thorndale Terr – Ravines to End

Transom Dr – Starboard to Starboard (Carryover)

Vanier Way – Shaughnessy to Ravines (Carryover)

Windridge Lane – Southgate to Stockton (Carryover)

##### Approved 2023/24 Parks Outdoor Recreation Capital Projects:

Kastik Park (Unnamed Park 27, Broad Street) - new tennis courts (carry forward project)

Playground - Sunnyside Elementary School Park (carry forward project)

Playground Replacement - Bedford Lions Park

Playground Replacement - Millview Park

Playing Field Rehabilitation - Bedford South School Park - sport field

#### NEW WEST BEDFORD FIRE STATION AND HEADQUARTERS CAMPUS PROJECT

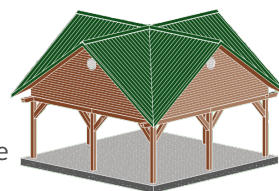
Regional Council has approved the New West Bedford Fire Station and Headquarters Campus Project. This is an important project for District 16 and surrounding communities, as this will provide residents with a net new fire station and help improve Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's emergency response. This campus style project will combine an additional Fire Station in Bedford with the relocation of staff from Headquarters, Logistics and Fire Prevention to help improve operational efficiencies and communications within the organization.

Over the next three months, staff will prepare the tender documents with plans to select a contractor by Q3. The construction phase is anticipated to start by Q1 of next year and expected to be complete in the spring of 2025. Stay tuned for more information as the project details are finalized.



#### BEDFORD LION'S CLUB PICNIC TABLE PAVILLION

I am pleased to confirm that the Bedford Lion's Club and I are working together to provide a picnic table shelter in DeWolf Park. The structure will be located near the playground and washrooms and will provide shade for picnics. This timely initiative will help address the lack of shade in the park due to the unfortunate removal of the dead and infected ash trees. Thank you Bedford Lion's Club!







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The Bedford Days event is back! Please see below for all the exciting details.

**All events are free unless otherwise noted.** Events are subject to change, please visit [www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/bedford-days](http://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/bedford-days) or [www.facebook.com/hrmcivicevents](https://www.facebook.com/hrmcivicevents) for updates.



#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

**National Indigenous Peoples Day** - Sunnyside Mall - Indigenous art is being displayed in the Sunnyside Mall from June 21-27 during mall hours.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**Bedford Days Market\*\*** - Dewolf Park - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - A beautiful, curated selection of multiple vendors dedicated to our Bedford Days celebrations; items require purchase.

Rain date: Sunday, June 25

**Scott Manor House - Georgian Social**, 15 Fort Sackville Road - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy performances of the pipes and drums of the Clan Farquharson while we will be serving lemonade and our famous home-baked oatcake cookie.

**Rouge et Blanc** (food & wine event) - Sunnyside Mall - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. *19+ event. Drink responsibly and use a designated driver.* Free hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and live music. Special thanks to all participating restaurants and Harvest Beer Wine Spirits ([harvestwines.ca](http://harvestwines.ca)). Entrance with tickets only. Tickets will be available online via Eventbrite starting on June 12, you can find more information on the Sunnyside Mall homepage, [sunnysidemall.ca](http://sunnysidemall.ca). If you don't have access to a computer and can't get your ticket online, please contact Councillor Tim Outhit. Call: 902-229-6385 Email: [tim.outhit@halifax.ca](mailto:tim.outhit@halifax.ca)

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**Healthy Lifestyle Day\*\*** - Dewolf Park - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Join us and get inspired in a fitness event! Instructors will show you ways to work your health and have fun at the same time.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Zumba with Laura Irons

Noon to 1 p.m. - Modo Yoga

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. - D.a.n.c.e FIT

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Pound Fit

#### MONDAY, JUNE 26

**National Multicultural Day** - 805, 793 and 771 Bedford Hwy - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. In celebration of the National Multicultural Day you can visit participating restaurants and enjoy free samples at this event, held in various restaurants at the plaza. There will be a sign at all participating restaurants.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

**Arabic Night** - Dewolf Park - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Arabic/English dance mixes by DJ Milad as well as drummers.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

**Kids Extravaganza** - DeWolf Park - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring the kids and have some fun with the mermaids, cirque show, local dance performances, and activities with the Bedford Library. The evening ends with fireworks show for the kids. Presented by TD Bank.

Rain date: Thursday, June 29

**Glow's Fun Land** - Dewolf Park - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bouncy castles will be set up - arrive early to beat the lineups! Tickets and bracelets sold on site. Note: Wednesdays bracelets are only valid for Wednesday. Rain date: Thursday, June 29.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**West Bedford Days Ice Cream Party** - Tyler Sampson Park - 303 Gary Martin Dr, Bedford - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. DJ, free ice cream (while quantities last), R.E.C. Van

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

**Movie in the Park** - DeWolf Park - 9:30 p.m.: Enjoy a free showing of Sing 2! Bring your blanket, lawn chair, friends, and relatives. Rain date: Sunday, June 29.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 1 - CANADA DAY

**Canada Day Pancake Breakfast\*** - DeWolf Park - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enjoy delicious Sunnyside pancakes served by the Sunnyside Restaurant staff while quantities last.

**Glow's Fun Land** - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bouncy castles - fun park for kids. Arrive early to beat the lineups! Tickets and bracelets are sold on site and not transferable to evening event.

**Canada Day Live Music\*** - DeWolf Park - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us at the main stage for live music by Tyler Key.

**Kids' Canada Day Party** - DeWolf Park - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Activities with the mermaids, a cirque show and more.

**Glow's Fun Land** - DeWolf Park - 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Bouncy castles will be set up. Tickets and bracelets for the rides are sold on site. Note: Bracelets purchased during the day are not valid during the evening event. New bracelets must be purchased for the evening activities.

**Bedford Volunteer Fire Dept Beer Fest\*** - DeWolf Park - 6 p.m. to midnight. *19+ event. Drink responsibly and use a designated driver.* An entertaining evening featuring live music and a DJ. Cash bar.

**Canada Day Celebrations\*** - DeWolf Park - 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live music from Donair Supply. Kids entertainment. **Fireworks starting at 10 p.m.**

- \*July 1 Canada Day events - Funded in part by the Government of Canada.
- \*\*Community Group events - Organized by local individuals and organizations to encourage recreation, sport and community celebration. Participants in any of these events are on a voluntary basis and the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is not liable or responsible for any injury, loss or damages.

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