

# COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

*Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage*



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy March, District 3! We have had quite the winter so far this year, but spring is on the horizon. Shubenacadie Sam did see his shadow, predicting the early arrival of spring. Let's keep our fingers crossed for warmer and brighter

days ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

I am in the process of organizing some spring senior's teas for District 3, so keep your eyes peeled for the details. Once confirmed, the date and location will be posted on my social media pages as well as in my e-newsletter. You can also reach out to my Coordinator, Emily, at 902-490-7177 for details.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with your municipal questions or concerns. I love to hear from you!

Warmly,  
Becky Kent

## WORK ON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

It is my honour to accept another term for the role as Chair of Board of Police Commissioners. The board has completed its 2024 Strategic Priorities, with the following Strategic Pillars:

### *Develop*

- enhance board capacity
- increase accountability

### *Engage*

- strengthening communications and engagement with communities
- developing relationships with key stakeholders, information sharing and moving strategy forward

### *Adapt*

- enhance policies to adapt to growth and emergency situations

### *Evolve*

- review, align and action findings and recommendations from key reports
- oversee the development of people-focused policing strategies

I am also the chair of the HRP Chief Search Committee, contributing to the Policing Transformation Report for Council regarding better service integration with RCMP and HRP, as well as leading policing changes for more community agency collaboration, new service delivery models for mental health and intimate partner violence calls and changes in approaches to serving unhoused individuals and families.

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### WORKING WITH COMMUNITY IN DISTRICT 3

It is my distinct pleasure to work with so many wonderfully dedicated groups, schools and individuals in District 3:

- Woodlawn Residents Association
- Portland Estates and Hills Residents Association
- Abenaki Aquatic Club
- South Woodside Community Association
- Fisherman's Cove Association
- Eastern Passage Skate Park Committee
- Eastern Passage and Area Business Association
- Eastern Passage Legion
- Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club
- Buffalo Club
- Mount Edward Elementary School
- Ellenvale Junior High School
- Portland Hills Elementary School
- Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School
- Bel Ayr Elementary School
- South Woodside Elementary School
- Eastern Passage Education Centre
- Island View High School
- Horizon Elementary School
- Seaside Elementary School
- Oceanview Elementary School

Not to mention the many sports and activity groups around the district, and those within HRM that residents of District 3 are part of. Working together gets the job done. These organizations have direct and lasting impacts on communities. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, passion and commitment to our communities in District 3.

### EASTERN PASSAGE COMMONS SKATE PARK UPDATE

The project team is currently working on detailed design drawings and construction specifications for the Eastern Passage Commons Skate Park. Construction is anticipated to start in May 2024 and take 12-16 weeks to complete. The design and construction are being completed by New Line Skateparks; the company has more than 20 years of experience designing and building concrete skate parks. The design and construction of the

project was approved in the 2023-24 Capital Budget. Below are two images of the design rendering for the skate park. Please note, there will be minor adjustments made through detailed design.



### YOU ARE INVITED

District 3 | Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

*Join Councillor Becky Kent*

*to discuss community matters related to Bell Lake Parkland*

**Woodlawn Public Library**

Tuesday, May 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register, please contact Emily at 902-490-7177 or [smithem@halifax.ca](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca)





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### SPRING 2024

### REC FEES CHANGING

Parks and Recreation fees are changing on April 1, 2024.

In 2022, changes to the Parks & Recreation fee structure for recreation programs, services, rentals, drop-ins and membership fees were announced. In accordance with the five-year fee structure changes, Parks & Recreation fees, including membership fees, will be increasing effective April 1, 2024.

Please see the full list of changes here: <https://brnw.ch/21wGvUU>.

### DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS

The District Capital Fund is used to fund larger-scale capital development projects, infrastructure enhancements and operational expenses for non-profit organizations that provide a benefit to the entire community.

Below is a list of grants that have been issued since April 2023:

Organization	Donation
Square Roots (joint donation with other councillors)	\$5,000
The Social and Beneficial Society of Cow Bay Hall	\$1,500
Fisherman's Cove Development Association	\$15,000
The Passage Players Society	\$5,400
Cory's Lil' Anglers	\$8,401.89
Abenaki Aquatic Club	\$20,000
Scotia Cheerleading All-Stars	\$400
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club	\$22,866.60
Eastern Passage and Area Business Association	\$6,000
Eastern Passage Education Centre	\$1,220.50
Marine Riders Trails Association	\$1,110.00
St. Albans Anglican Church	\$7,000
Eric Graves Junior High School	\$5,000
18 Dartmouth Lions Air Cadet Squadron	\$3,000

### DISTRICT 3 ACTIVITY FUNDS

District Activity Funds provide small grants to non-profit organizations and registered charities for local initiatives.

Since April 2023, District 3 Activity Funds were used to support the following organizations:

Organization	Donation
Cheer Nova Scotia – 2022-23 Team	\$125
Nova Scotia Youth Cheerleading Team	
Nature Nova Scotia	\$165
Mi'kmaq Child Development Centre	\$250
IVHS School Advisory Council	\$150
Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Summer Carnival Committee	\$500
Bangladesh Canada Friendship Society (joint)	\$25
The Tunnel Vision Association	\$100
Eastern Passage and Area Business Association – Banner Apron	\$250
Eastern Passage and Area Business Association – Community Expo	\$500
Eastern Passage and Area Business Association – Tree Lighting	\$150
Cole Harbour Woodside United Church	\$100
Cheer Nova Scotia – 2023-24 Team	\$200
Nova Scotia Youth and Junior Cheerleading Teams	
Dartmouth U18 Boys Volleyball	\$250
Dartmouth U14 Boys Volleyball	\$300

#### BOARDS & COMMITTEES I SERVE ON:

Board of Police Commissioners, Chair  
Halifax Regional Water Commission  
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council  
Grants Committee  
Women's Advisory Committee





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### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR



*Green Shores Funding Announcement*



*RCMP 150th Anniversary*



*Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Awards Banquet*



*Cory's Lil' Angler Cheque Presentation*



*EPCB Summer Carnival Fun!*



*Beautiful new art installation at Quigley's Corner!*



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#### Delivery Note:

Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.

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