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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER COUNCILLOR WAYE MASON



Dear Residents,

It is a great honour to have been elected as the Councillor for District 7, Peninsula South Downtown. I look forward to talking to and working with you to make our community an even more exciting and vibrant place to live.

I am pleased to offer this newsletter to update you on things happening in HRM and our District.

Mayor Savage and the new Council are well into budget deliberations for the upcoming fiscal year. It is important that residents are aware of the budget and the impact these discussions will have on things like our residential and commercial tax rates, parks, recreation, transit, transportation and libraries. Information about the budget discussions will be posted regularly on my website. I urge residents to contact me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about the budget.

The new Halifax Central Library construction is well underway, and sometime this summer the building will be weather tight and interior finishing will begin. Scheduled to open in 2014, we will be able to see what this fantastic new building will

look like as construction progresses. One of the most exciting things about being a new councillor is being appointed to the Halifax Regional Library Board, and I am honoured to be a part of this Board at this pivotal time.

The Centre Plan is underway. This is HRMbyDesign Phase 3, which will create modern planning guidelines such as those that currently exist in downtown, but will cover all of the peninsula and Dartmouth inside the circumferential highway. The Centre Plan could result in significant changes to what is allowed (and not allowed) on our main streets and in our neighbourhoods. Meetings and public input will be sought throughout the next eighteen months. Information and meetings will be posted on my website.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to provide suggestions on any issue, please feel free to contact me.

Councillor Waye Mason
District 7



PLEASE RECYCLE

Due to Canada Post delivery routes, some residents who do not live in District 7 may receive this newsletter. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.

To find out who your councillor is, please visit: <http://eservices.halifax.ca/districtLookup/> or call 311.



GRAND PARADE

Grand Parade is HRM's electronic newsletter that celebrates our city. The Grand Parade will share stories and focus on topics such as festivals and events, transit, development projects, municipal services, and Council decisions.

Sign up at halifax.ca/grandparade



HOW CAN WE HELP?

My office is here to serve you.

We Can Help!

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HRM SERVICES

Call 311 for routine, non-emergency issues. The call centre is open 7am to 11pm year round except Christmas and New Years.

There is more information about 311 in the article on the last page of this newsletter.

CALL MY OFFICE


Call our office for assistance with your municipal issues.

Please contact my **Constituency Coordinator, Lynn Matheson** by email at mathesl@halifax.ca or by calling **902.490.7177**.

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SHAPE YOUR



Intersections @ the Common

NORTH PARK INTERSECTION REDESIGN

Upcoming Public Engagment Session

The intersections at North Park/Cunard/Agricola and North Park/Rainnie/Cogswell need to be upgraded.

Neither of these intersections meet national transportation standards and both suffer from aging infrastructure, problematic traffic flow, frequent collisions, and poor connectivity. HRM has been exploring options for the redesign of these intersections and after a great deal of research is recommending roundabouts at both locations.



**NORTH PARK,
AGRICOLA, CUNARD**

You're invited... come help shape your city.

HRM wants you to provide input on this redesign.

Think about the future of the North Park area.

These changes will impact all who work, play, shop or live in

the surrounding neighbourhoods as well as the commuters who pass through daily.

WHEN:

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
from 7-9 pm

WHERE:

Olympic Community Centre
2305 Hunter Street, Halifax



**COGSWELL, NORTH PARK
RAINNIE, AHERN,
TROLLOPE**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Dalhousie University and HRM have partnered to provide Dalhousie employees with the SmartTrip EPass. This is an annual transit pass with a 25% discount off the cost of 12 monthly Metro Passes, the cost of which will be split between Dalhousie and HRM. It is available to employees who register and pay for the pass via payroll deduction.

Plans are underway for the extension of the South Park bike lane south from University/Morris to Inglis Street in 2013. The institutional district bikeways plan is complete and was presented to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee in December. It is being incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan Review.

OVAL EVENTS

Get your skates sharpened and bring on the cold! New pathway lighting, seat walls, and planting beds have been added to the Emera Oval this year. Last year, more than 130,000 visitors laced up and enjoyed the venue. Keep in mind that events may be postponed or cancelled due to poor weather and ice conditions, so check the most up-to-date information at www.skateHRM.ca. Some great events are coming up in February:

February 14	Valentine Skate
February 17	Triathlon
February 22 – 24	Marathon Finale

HISTORIC IRISHTOWN SIGNAGE UNVEILED



In early November, Mayor Mike Savage, Ray Bassett; the Irish Ambassador to Canada, Troy Doyle; Past-President of the An Cumann Society, and Brian Doherty; President of the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax, unveiled Cultural District signage for Historic Irishtown.

The Irish were one of the founding cultures of Halifax. The name Irishtown was first coined

in the 1750's shortly after the founding of Halifax, when a number of Gaelic-speaking Irish fishermen, who were among the first settlers, built fishing camps along the harbour.

In addition to the Cultural District signage, the municipality has installed name blades on the street signs delineating "Historic Irishtown" - at Bishop and Lower Water, Bishop and Hollis, Hollis and Terminal, Hollis and South, and Hollis and Morris.

SERVICE STANDARDS

When will HRM clear the roads after a snow storm?

HRM asks that residents please allow **12 hours after the end of the snowfall** for crews to plow main roads and bus routes

HRM asks that residents please allow **24 hours after the end of the snowfall** for crews to plow residential and rural streets

DIAL 311 FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES

There are many ways to get the help you need. The 311 website can be found at halifax.ca/311 - it is fast, effective and your requests and orders are trackable online. The 311 phone service is also trackable by using the tracking number you will be provided.



Residents, visitors and businesses can dial 311 from anywhere in HRM for easy and direct access to important municipal government information and services. Citizens should continue to dial 911 for emergency calls.

Enhancements to HRM's citizen contact centre with the implementation of 311 telephone service include:

- Service in over 150 languages using a telephone interpretation service
- Return of holiday call taking (closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day)
- More efficient routing of calls through self-service options
- The ability to call from anywhere in HRM without it being a long distance call (regular pay phone and cellular phone charges still apply)

Residents can call the 311 citizen contact centre from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Hearing impaired teletypewriter users can continue to call (902) 490-6645. For more information on 311 telephone service, visit www.halifax.ca/311.



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Meet your Community Response Officers

As Community Response Officers, it's our job to work with the community to ensure families have a safe and fulfilling environment in which to live and work. We'll work with you to reduce crime and address **ongoing** quality of life issues, including: excessive noise, traffic violations, property damage, break and enters/thefts and loitering. Of course, please call 911 in the case of an emergency. Ask us about our CityWatch program!

Other ways to contact police:

Call **490-5020** to report incidents that require a police response but are not an emergency including:

- Break and enters where it's obvious the culprit is no longer present
- Parking complaints in progress (call 311)

Call **490-5016** for general inquiries and/or to report crimes not in-progress including:

- Thefts*
- Property damage*
- Leave a message for an officer*
- Stolen vehicles or license plates

*You can also report these incidents online at <https://www.halifax.ca/police/NonDispatch>



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Please note: Cst. Chris DeLong (delongc@halifax.ca) is also a Community Response Officer for the area between Cogswell and Cornwallis Streets.