

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST—ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPRING 2017



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Spring has sprung and District 9 is looking great! We are fortunate to live in such a great part of Halifax—from the vibrant main streets of Quinpool Road and Herring Cove Road, to the beauty and history of the Northwest Arm, to the amazing recreation opportunities at Chocolate

Lake, Ardmore Park, St. Andrew's Community Centre, the Dingle, and far too many others to name here. We are also a diverse district with wonderfully distinctive neighbourhoods, each with unique needs and aspirations.

In the next few years, I am very excited to move forward and focus on the many priorities that I have heard from residents: making Transit more reliable, more frequent, and faster; getting traffic flowing better through the Armdale Roundabout; protecting what makes our neighbourhoods great and bringing in development that is appropriate, in context, and references the character of our communities; creating an environment where more local, small businesses can thrive; and investing more in our active transportation infrastructure to get more people out on our trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

I want to visit, call, and email all of you in the coming years. Only by working together can we make our neighbourhoods, our district, and the whole municipality more dynamic, livable, walkable, healthy, and sustainable. I commit to being available, open, and responsive so please feel free to contact me at any time.

All the best,

CONTACT INFORMATION

311—MUNICIPAL CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue, the contact centre is open daily from 7 am–11 pm except Christmas & New Year's Day.

CONTACT MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Stephanie Brown by email at browns@halifax.ca or by calling 902.490.4090

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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

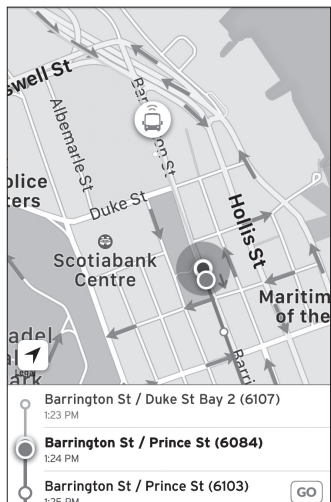
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TRANSIT UPGRADES



There have been, and will continue to be, some big changes to Halifax Transit service with the Moving Forward Together Plan. In the past couple of months, we've seen the implementation of some exciting technology that is making transit more accessible and reliable.

Audible stop announcements are allowing riders to know exactly where they are in their commutes and when they are approaching their desired destination. This

helps visually impaired passengers as well as tourists or those visiting a new area of the city.

Thanks to GPS units on every bus and the recent release of real-time data, you will be able to see where your bus is and know if it will be at your stop on time, using a Transit app on your smartphone or looking it up on Google Maps Transit. You can also call the Departure Line at 902.480.8000 and enter your stop and route number to get an estimated departure time based on the real-time GPS data.

MOBILE FOOD MARKET PILOT EXTENSION



The Mobile Food Market was back on the road as of February 25th and will continue until May 24th. Building on the successes and lessons learned from the summer/fall pilot, and with the support of their generous partners, volunteers, and host teams, they have revamped the project for the winter

and spring to continue to meet the needs of different communities. They are offering a Produce Pack option for \$10 for residents in Spryfield, Harrietsfield and East Preston and indoor markets for residents of North Preston, Fairview and North End Halifax. Orders for the produce packs are placed two weeks in advance of the pick up date.

If you are interested in getting fresh fruits and vegetables or if you would like to volunteer for the Mobile Food Market, check out their website at www.mobilefoodmarket.ca or contact Julia Kemp, Mobile Food Market Coordinator at juliam.kemp@nshealth.ca or 902.402.6498.

ARTS AND CULTURE IN DISTRICT 9

There are lots of great things to do here in District 9 and I will always carve out a little space in these newsletters to let residents know about these events.

Theatre Arts Guild at the Pond Playhouse

6 Parkhill Road | www.tagtheatre.com

- Pride and Prejudice: March 16–April 8
- Playwrights @ TAG Festival: April 21–22
- Double Indemnity: June 1–24

Inner Space Concerts

www.innerspaceconcerts.ca

These are small, intimate concerts hosted in private homes throughout HRM. I will be hosting the *Going for Baroque* concert on May 9 at 7:30pm.

Cecilia Concerts

www.ceciliaconcerts.ca

Lilian Piercey Concert Hall

Maritime Conservatory of the Performing Arts

6199 Chebucto Road

(technically just outside District 9 but within walking distance, especially for those in the Ardmore neighbourhood)

- Le Jongleur de Notre-Dame, Suzie LeBlanc, Soprano:
April 9 at 2pm

If your group has a play, concert, museum event, or any other arts or cultural activity happening in the district, please send information to Stephanie Brown at browns@halifax.ca so we can help promote it.



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING COMES TO DISTRICT 9: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Councillors have access to \$94,000 in District Capital funding annually that can be used to support important community projects throughout the district. These District Capital funds must be used for capital projects that will benefit the wider community, must be payable to a non-profit organization or can be used to support an unbudgeted HRM initiative, and must be for projects under the municipal mandate.

In an effort to involve residents in how your tax dollars are spent, I will be bringing Participatory Budgeting to District 9, similar to what a number of other Councillors have been doing the last few years. The benefits of this process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups, builds community support and collaboration, and gives local residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 capital funds to be spent.

Key Events and Dates

Participatory Budgeting Info Session and Idea Swap

(Wednesday, April 26, 6–9 p.m., Bethany United Church, 2669 Joseph Howe Drive)

Everyone is welcome to come discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 9. Find out more information about submitting a project proposal.

Proposal Submission Deadline

Midnight Wednesday, May 24

Email submission to Stephanie Brown at browns@halifax.ca or mail* to

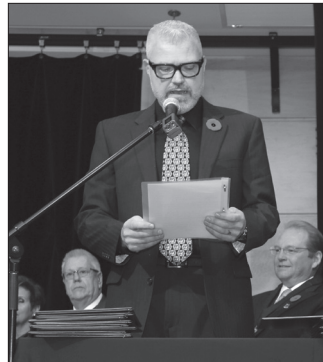
Stephanie Brown
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**Mailed submissions must be received in the office during business hours by May 24th to be considered*

Community Vote

(Wednesday, June 14, 6–9 p.m., Bethany United Church, 2669 Joseph Howe Drive)

District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favourite projects in person. Winners announced that night.



On November 1st, I was filled with emotion as I was sworn-in as the Councillor for District 9 – Halifax West Armdale.



District 8 Councillor Lindell Smith and I after receiving the Medal of Office.



Councillor Tony Mancini and I celebrated Winter Bike Week and rode in the Frost Bike Ride.



I spent a morning with the hard working volunteers of the Theatre Arts Guild at the Pond Playhouse.



Councillors Waye Mason and I meeting with MLA Joachim Stroink and Municipal Affairs Minister Zach Churchill discussing changes to the Halifax Charter.



MP Andy Fillmore, North End Business E.D. Patty Cuttall-Busby, MLA Brendan Maguire, and I discuss the need to protect Williams Lake & Backlands.



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STONE HEARTH BAKERY WINS HALIFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS



I was honored to celebrate with the Graduating Class of the Options program at MetroWorks and get a tour of the Stone Hearth Bakery with MetroWorks CEO Dave Rideout. As a social enterprise, it was fantastic for Stone Hearth Bakery to win two prestigious awards from the Halifax Chamber of Commerce in January: Small Business of the Year (Gold award) and Innovative Business of the Year (Silver award).

E-NEWS SIGNUP

In addition to this paper newsletter, which only comes out twice a year, I am sending regular email updates approximately one to two times per month. This is the best way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our district and in the Halifax area. Please visit shawnclearlyhalifax.ca/get-in-touch/subscribe/ and enter your information. You can unsubscribe at anytime and your email address will not be shared.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like it included in a future newsletter or e-newsletter, please forward the information to my Coordinator, Stephanie Brown, at browns@halifax.ca.



Walking, talking, and surveying the Arm with the Northwest Arm Heritage Association.



Meeting with King's student and iMatterYouth rep Lily Barraclough, Wooden Monkey owner Lil MacPherson, and Ron Zima from the Children's Clean Air Network and GoGreen Communications to discuss an Idle-free policy for Halifax to save HRM money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



At our first Council meeting, Councillors Sam Austin, Wayne Mason, and Lindell Smith (not in photo), and I rode our bikes to City Hall. Kelsey Lane, Eliza Jackson, and Ben Wedge of the Halifax Cycling Coalition celebrated the occasion with us.



Please recycle.

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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