

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPRING 2024



DEAR RESIDENTS,

We're coming to the close of another four year term, and I've been honoured to serve you as Regional Councillor for District 9. The municipal election is scheduled for October 19, 2024 and I'm

looking forward to meeting you on the campaign trail again in the Fall.

We've made progress advancing the bike lane and transit corridor network, solutions to traffic issues, and homelessness and housing, but there's more work to be done.

Please reach out to me or my office with any questions or concerns about municipal issues. You can find my contact information in this newsletter.

Respectfully,

Councillor Shawn Cleary
District 9
Halifax West Armdale

E-NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

In addition to this print newsletter, I also provide a monthly e-newsletter and email, and regular updates throughout the month on various municipal topics. To subscribe to the email list, visit shawncleary.ca/contact-subscribe.html and enter your information. You can unsubscribe at anytime.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue. Hours are: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

CONTACT MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator, Chris Newson at Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or 902.490.1562

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Police (non-emergency) 902.490.5020
Fire (non-emergency) 902.490.5530
Halifax Water Emergency 902.490.6940
Councillors' Support Office 902.490.4050

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Speed limits are being reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in the residential area of Armcrescent and Flinn Park in Halifax. The impacted streets are highlighted in the map shown below and include the area bounded by Chebucto Road, Connaught Avenue and Quinpool Road, including the following:

- Roosevelt Drive
- Joseph Street
- Phillip Street
- Sherwood Street
- MacDonald Street
- Churchill Drive
- Patricia Street
- Flynn Street
- Westmount Street
- Blink Bonnie Terrace
- Quinn Street
- Armcrescent West Avenue
- Armcrescent East Drive
- Newton Avenue
- Fourth Street
- Third Street
- Second Street
- First Street

Neighbourhood speed limit reductions are part of the municipality's ongoing initiatives to improve road safety. Studies show, a reduction in operating speed from 50km/h to 40km/h increases the pedestrian survival rate by 40 percent.

Through the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, the Province of Nova Scotia legislates speed limits on public roadways to a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The province allows municipalities to request posted speed limits below 50 km/h if accompanied by necessary documentation including current operating speeds and roadway characteristics.

Neighbourhood speed limit reduction is one of many road safety initiatives employed by the Halifax Regional Municipality to achieve the Regional Council-approved commitment to move toward zero fatalities and injuries related to any mode of transportation. Road safety is key to ensuring safe communities with thriving, accessible mobility options for all ages and abilities. To learn more

about the municipality's commitment to road safety, including how streets are considered for neighbourhood street speed limit reduction, visit halifax.ca/roadsafety.



YOUTH WORX

Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment? If you're between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the Youth WORX Program. Apply by April 8.

The Youth WORX Program (formerly called Youth Live) offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for those having difficulty finding employment. While in our supportive environment, you'll gain hands-on work experience operating the Youth WORX Café in the Sackville Sports Stadium and delivering and repairing green carts on behalf of the municipality. You'll also participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. At Youth WORX you will work to learn and learn to work!

For more information or to apply please contact us:

- Call 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446
- Send us an e-mail to youthworx@halifax.ca
- DM us on Instagram @hfxnextgen

We will contact you to get some more information about you, and to tell you more about the program. After that, you may be invited to an information session. Make sure you check your junk mail for our email.

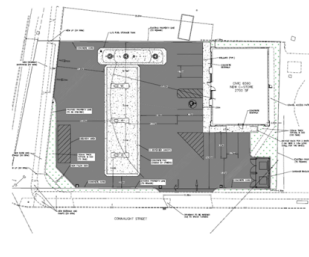


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CASE 2023-00534 (FORMERLY CASE 24638): DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR 6590 BAYERS ROAD

Proposed Development



Applicant: Irving Oil
Location: 6590 Bayers Road
Proposal: Redevelopment of Existing Gas Station and Convenience Store
Type of Application: Development Agreement

HRM is in the process of acquiring a six to eight meter strip of land along the north property boundary of 6590 Bayers Road, as part of a project to widen the existing Bayers Road public street in order to accommodate proposed public transit lanes. This land acquisition will impact the use of the existing fuel canopy of the Canadian Tire Gas+, resulting in a need to redevelop the site. The site is designated and zoned Corridor (COR) within the Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Regional Centre Land Use By-law (LUB). Service Stations (gas stations) are not permitted uses within the COR (Corridor) zone, therefore; the site is a non-conforming use and a development agreement is necessary to permit the redevelopment and continued operation of a service station.

Furthermore, although a service station is a defined use within the LUB, a convenience store as an accessory use is not defined. Through review of the planning application, it was determined that defining the gas bar and convenience store use would add clarity and ease of implementation.

The applicant proposes to relocate and redevelop an existing gas station and convenience store. The following changes are proposed as a result of the required redevelopment:

- Relocation of convenience store to southeast portion of the site;
- Reduction of number of fuel dispenser positions from eight (8) to six (6);
- Reduction of convenience store gross floor area from ~275m² to ~255m²;
- Reduction of driveway accesses from four (4) to two (2);
- Reduction of parking spaces to eleven (11) including accessible spaces; and

- Addition of bicycle racks.

The public hearing for this development agreement was held on February 12. For more information, the staff report is available online under the Halifax & West Community Council agenda of February 12th or, by contacting Kelly Greenland, Planner II, Urban Enabled Applications at kelly.greenland@halifax.ca or by phone at 902-497-5088.

BUDGET 2024/25

My Regional Council colleagues and I are getting closer to finalizing the 2024/25 municipal operating and capital budget. We are doing our best to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. The following are important dates regarding the budget:

On Tuesday, April 2 (Contingency date: Wednesday, April 3), Budget Committee will review the Budget Adjustment List (BAL). The BAL includes all additional items that business units have presented beyond their proposed budgets, including add-ons (“overs”) and subtractions (“unders”).

A full review of the 2024/25 Municipal Budget and the 2024/25 Capital Budget will occur on Tuesday, April 23 (Contingency date: Tuesday, April 30).

For more information on the budget process, visit halifax.ca/budget.

HERRING COVE ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN

Herring Cove Road is the primary arterial road connecting the Spryfield area to the Halifax Peninsula. There was a vision to widen the length of the road to four lanes dating back to the 1970's that has been partially implemented over time. This has resulted in an inconsistent cross-section with sidewalk gaps that favors car movement over pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit.

With the adoption of the Integrated Mobility Plan (2017), new plans for strategic corridors, including Herring Cove Road, are needed to address the mobility needs of all road users. The Herring Cove Road Functional Plan project was completed in September 2019.

Key features of the project focused on the active transportation needs of the corridor by adding sidewalk where critical gaps exist, upgrading existing sidewalks,



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connecting bus stops, and included protected cycling infrastructure.

In 2020, the Rapid Transit Strategy (RTS) recommended a more significant investment in transit along Herring Cove Road with transit only lanes between Greystone Drive and the Armdale Roundabout and the introduction of a proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line.

A preliminary design project (60 per cent design) was completed for Herring Cove Road between the Armdale Roundabout and Glenora Avenue in September 2020 to integrate the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan with the recommendations of the Rapid Transit Strategy. The 60 per cent design has provided a better understanding around some of the more complex design aspects with retaining walls, utility impacts and land acquisition as well as more detailed cost estimates for capital budget planning.

Staff are currently in the late stages of design for the north end of the Herring Cove Road corridor north of Cowie Hill Road. We are conducting preliminary design work for the sections between Glenora Avenue and Greystone Drive and anticipate public engagement activities in 2024. Stay tuned!

IN THE COMMUNITY



I spent the better part of a workday at Station No.5 (Bayers Rd) with a crew of hard-working firefighters. I was happy to learn about issues and challenges, and to feel just how heavy and uncomfortable firefighting gear actually is.



My wife Michelle and I riding our bikes on the Salt Marsh Trail, part of the amazing rails to trails system right across the municipality. I encourage you to walk, roll, or cycle on our trails all year round.



Receiving a Get Growing Award from Karla Nicholson, Executive Director of the Quinpool Road Business Association, for financially supporting the planters and beautification efforts of Quinpool Rd with the District Capital Fund . Thanks to CoWork Halifax on Quinpool Rd for hosting us.



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