

## COUNCILLOR WAYE MASON DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2016



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### DEAR RESIDENTS,

I hope you had a great summer! It's fall again, and that means our beautiful, and slow moving summer community is transformed back into the energetic and youthful place it becomes when school is on.

Please, take the time to welcome your new neighbours, help people find their way if they look lost, and be careful when driving our busy streets. Students of all ages are once again finding their way to schools and universities in our neighbourhoods.

To our new student neighbours - welcome, or welcome back! **Once again the last page of this newsletter is devoted students.** I know that pretty much all students want to be seen contributing positively to these neighbourhoods, and this article talks about common issues we've seen, all of which can easily be avoided.

This issue also contains updates on the **work that is underway in our parks**, the **JEM team**, and update on the final results from the **2016 Participatory Budgeting** vote, and a number of other articles I hope you find useful.

As always, if there are other issues that concern you or you want to know more about any other issue facing the city, please call or email me, I'd love to chat!

Thanks,

### ENEWS SIGNUP

In addition to this paper newsletter, I have been sending regular email updates approximately once a month for the last four years. This is the best way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our District and in the Halifax area. Please visit [wayemason.ca/mailling-list](http://wayemason.ca/mailling-list) and enter your information. You will receive an email to confirm subscription, you must click on the link supplied. You can unsubscribe at anytime and email addresses will not be shared.

If you are aware of a community event or announcement and would like it included, please forward the information to my Coordinator Melody Campbell at [melody.campbell@halifax.ca](mailto:melody.campbell@halifax.ca) so I can include it in a future update.



**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. To find out who your councillor is, please visit: [eservices.halifax.ca/districtLookup/](http://eservices.halifax.ca/districtLookup/) or call 311.

### CONTACT US

#### 311 - HRM CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE



Call 311 or visit [halifax.ca/311](http://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.

#### CALL MY OFFICE

Contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Melody Campbell by email at [melody.campbell@halifax.ca](mailto:melody.campbell@halifax.ca) or by calling 902.490.2012

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#### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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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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### 2016 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On May 10th, the 2016 Citizenship Awards were presented at City Hall to students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and in our communities. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all Award recipients, including District 7 Award Recipients **Kate Fredericks** – Halifax Central Junior High School, **Janie Morency** – Halifax Grammar School and **Mary Cate Driscoll-Sangster** – Sacred Heart School of Halifax. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school and community.

\*Janie Morency and Mary Cate Driscoll-Sangster were not present for the photos.



Halifax Mayor, Councillors, staff, families and allies ready to walk in the 2016 Pride Parade!



Mayor Savage, Councillor Craig and myself welcoming Halifax's newest town crier, Will Brewer.



### BIGGEST TURNOUT YET FOR DISTRICT 7'S 4TH ANNUAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING VOTE

Hundreds of residents of Halifax South Downtown came out June 1 to vote in the fourth annual participatory budget vote. Residents were asked to pick which citizen-led initiatives should receive capital investments from the District 7 capital fund.

This year, people were lined up out the door at the 6pm start time. Residents brought family and friends to come out and determine what projects were important to them.

Eligible projects were presented in a science fair style event where residents of District 7 could ask questions before voting on no more and no less than five projects. This commitment of our residents was reflected in the numbers voting - this year 360 residents cast a ballot, up from 335 in 2015, 260 in 2014 and 120 in 2013.

Full funding was provided to the **Common Link Association** – \$10,000.00 for connecting greenspaces in the downtown; **Common Roots Urban Farm** – \$3,500.00 for tags and signage; **Gorsebrook Junior High H&S** – \$10,000.00 for exterior mural; **Inglis Street Elementary School PTA** – \$10,000.00 to help fund an accessible playground; **Brunswick Street United Church** \$10,000 for washroom upgrades; **Halifax Cycling Coalition** \$3,669.00 – for Seasonal On Street Bike Racks. Partial funding was provided to **Saint Mary's Elementary School** with \$7664 for parkland upgrades.

Next intake is scheduled to start February 2017. For more information visit [wayemason.ca/pb](http://wayemason.ca/pb)



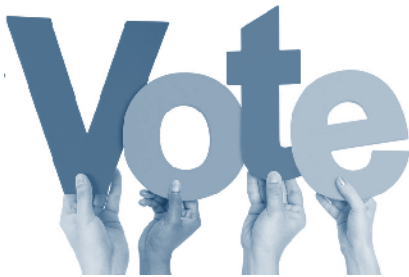
Canada Day at the Citadel!: Kulie Tompa (Parks Canada), me, Mayor Savage, their Honours Mrs and JJ Grant, Minister Diab, Andy Filmore, MP



Helping to plant a ceremonial tree in Gorsebrook Park with the help of HRM Urban Forester John Simmons (left) and Dr. Peter Duinker (right).

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## 2016 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Election Day is **October 15, 2016!** Not sure which District you live in? You can verify your district using the District Lookup Tool at <https://apps.halifax.ca/districtlookup>. You are entitled to vote using the internet or telephone under By-law A-400, the Alternative Voting By-law.

During a municipal election the Halifax Regional Municipality hires workers for a variety of positions. If you are interested in working for the Municipal and School Board Election, you will need to submit an application form which can be found at [https://www.halifax.ca/forms/election\\_worker.php](https://www.halifax.ca/forms/election_worker.php).

To find out if you qualify to vote or to find more information about the election process, visit <http://www.halifax.ca/election/voting.php>. If you have any questions you can contact the Halifax Regional Municipality's Elections Office: Phone: (902) 490-VOTE (8683) or 1-844-301-VOTE (8683), TDD 1.866.236.0020, Fax: (902) 490-4208, or email: [election@halifax.ca](mailto:election@halifax.ca)

E-voting and advance poll dates are: October 4 - 13, 2016 – Alternative voting dates (electronic/telephone); October 8, 2016 – First advance in-person poll and October 11, 2016 – Second advance in-person poll.



## JOIN THE JEM

JEM is the local Joint Emergency Management team, a community-based volunteer organization that works with HRM's EMO. JEM's motto is "neighbours helping neighbours". During emergencies, residents need to be prepared to help themselves and to assist others. More info at <http://wayemason.ca/jem>

Upcoming meetings are at the Halifax Central Library 7:00 p.m, on Wednesday, September 28, October 26 & November 23.



## 2016 NOVA SCOTIA RECYCLES CONTEST

Every October RRFB Nova Scotia, in cooperation with Halifax Solid Waste, organizes the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

This year, students were challenged to consider the 3R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) and composting as they created artwork for cloth bags, designed advertisements using old magazines, created television ads and wrote research essays.

Congratulations to runner up **Sophia Tugwell** (top picture), Grade 3 Sacred Heart School of Halifax in the ad design category.

Congratulations also to 1st place winners in the grade 7/8/9 short film category **Erin Watkins & Lilly Eddington** (middle picture), 2nd place winners **Maggie McLaren & Georgia Pardy** (bottom picture with Mme Farmakoulas), all of Gorsebrook Junior High School.



## PARKS UPDATE

After a lot of consultation and planning we developed an aggressive plan to improve the district's parks this summer, and a lot of that work is complete! **Inglis Street, Queen & Green, Public Gardens** all saw work this summer. **Gorsebrook** had signs installed, the path realigned, the playground made more accessible, trees planted, and of course the **Great Gorsebrook Pick Me Up** had 85 volunteers (some pictured above) come out to clean, sweep and paint the park one morning in June.

I'm going to have a meeting in the fall on next steps. Please contact me or visit [wayemason.ca/parks](http://wayemason.ca/parks) if you want to help improve our parks!



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# WELCOME STUDENTS!

For your consideration, a few pointers to help you enjoy Halifax.

Welcome, welcome, welcome to Halifax South Downtown!

Our community is a very diverse mix of students, renters, long-term homeowners, businesses and more. Our diversity is what makes our neighborhood great. We're glad you're here!

This area is a real mixed bag of housing, with apartments mixed in with other homes. There is no "student ghetto" in Halifax - you are as likely to live next to your professor as to an apartment of undergrads. This can create challenges, as your neighbours could be emergency room doctors, retired people, seniors, preschool and school age children, babies, professionals of all kinds.

Sometimes students are new renters and just don't know they have legal obligations as tenants and neighbours. We know most students just want to get along with their neighbours. Here are three things that seem to cause most of the friction: noise, booze & mess.

**NOISE:** You have the right to enjoy yourself with friends while respecting that your neighbors have the right to a good night's sleep.

**You can be fined if your party or gathering "unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the peace and tranquillity of a neighbourhood" starting at \$463.95 and rising to \$1268.95 for a third offence.**

Keep noise to a reasonable level. Tickets can be given any time of day. Remember if your neighbour has kids, they are going to expect some late night quiet!

**BOOZE:** The drinking age in Nova Scotia is 19. **Underage drinking can result in a fine of \$463.95.** Same goes with walking across the street with an open drink. **Being intoxicated in a public place can result in a fine of between \$130.45 and \$463.95.**

Basically, don't walk around drunk with open liquor (no, not even on St Patrick's Day)! You can have fun but make sure that it doesn't impact others enjoyment of their neighbourhood.

**MESS:** This is often a result of a party. Clean up any litter. You'd be surprised how many neighbours ask me to remind students not to go to the bathroom outside. Nothing undermines the reputation and dignity of students in general like public urination. Pick up any garbage after a party & see if your neighbours have any concerns, and they are more likely to cut you some slack.

HRM can order a property cleaned up and if the work is not done, HRM will clean the property, and bill the property owner, which will upset your landlord! Make sure you put the right stuff out Monday morning, visit <http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/area1and2.php> (we live in area 1). **Fines are \$463.95.**

**FINAL WORDS:** Halifax is your home now too, and we are glad you are here! Nobody wants to fine you, or call bylaw on you, or call the police, but we all have to share this space. Please, respect your neighbours and the community.

If your actions or actions of your guests unreasonably and repeatedly disturb the neighbourhood, people will call the city, the police, the universities, and your landlord.

The responsibility for a good neighbourhood belongs to everyone. Halifax is one of the best small cities in Canada, and it takes all of us working together to make it so.

This is my forth back to school message since being elected, and I do want to thank you all as the last two years have actually been some of the smoothest back to schools in decades. Let's keep working together to share this community respectfully!