

Councillor Nancy Hartling

PROSPECT ROAD – ST.
MARGARETS

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2025



DEAR RESIDENTS,

As 2025 comes to a close, I want to share my achievements in my first year serving as your Councillor for District 13, Prospect – St. Margarets, and the communities I so proudly serve. It has been a year

of listening, learning, and working together to make our district safer, cleaner, healthier, and more connected. From advancing emergency egress routes and wildfire resilience, to expanding recreation spaces, improving transit options, and supporting community-led cleanups, I'm deeply proud of what we've achieved together. When I ran for this position on Council, I committed myself to four main priorities: safe, clean, healthy and thriving. These priorities have shaped my actions, and I am thrilled to communicate the results.

The strength of our district lies in the people who call it home – your ideas, your volunteerism, and your care for our shared environment and one another. As we look ahead to 2026, I remain committed to putting community first and continuing to deliver on the priorities you've shared with me.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season, and a healthy, peaceful, prosperous and hopeful New Year.

SIGN UP FOR MY E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for monthly newsletter to stay on top of municipal news, and important information for District 13: <https://www.nancyhartling.ca/subscribe>.



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CONTACT US

Call 311 to reach the 311 Municipal Contact Centre, or visit halifax.ca/311 to report a municipal issue. Please call 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, except Christmas & New Year's Day.

CONTACT ME

You can reach me at 902.579.6746 or by email at Nancy.Hartling@halifax.ca
Mailing Address: PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

CALL MY OFFICE

For assistance with municipal issues, you can also contact my Constituency Coordinator, Vicki Palmeter, by email at Victoria.Palmeter@halifax.ca, or by calling 902.490.2012.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Councillor Support Office: 902.490.4050

Police, Fire & Emergency: 911

Police (non-emergency): 902.490.5020

Fire (non-emergency): 902.490.5530

Halifax Water: 902.420.9287

Halifax Water Emergency: 902.490.6940

NS Power Outage Line: 877.428.6004

Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team: 888.429.8167

OFFICE HOURS

PRCC Wednesday 10–11:30 AM

SMB CEC Friday 10–11:30 AM

(Drop-ins welcome, but it's recommended to call or email to confirm I'll be there with availability)



SAFE

- Secured an emergency egress route for Westwood Hills (design in 2025, construction in 2026) and advanced a community connector to improve evacuation capacity.
- Advocated for a region-wide Subdivision Egress Review to identify communities needing secondary emergency routes, with early priorities flagged for the 2026 Capital Budget.
- Strengthened wildfire resilience by securing \$20,000 in additional support for FireSmart™ Community Cleanups, making vegetative debris disposal safer and more accessible.
- Advanced the integration of wildfire CO₂ emissions and forest-loss accounting into HalifACT, ensuring HRM tracks wildfire as a standalone climate hazard and recognizes forest loss as reduced carbon sequestration.

CLEAN

- Launched the 1K for \$1K Litter Pickup Challenge to support community cleanups while fairly distributing District Capital funds, empowering community groups, schools, nonprofits, and sports organizations to earn \$1,000 by picking up litter from 1 km of District 13's roads, parks, beaches, or trails.
- Partnered with Divert NS and the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up to provide free cleanup kits (safety vests, gloves, bags) and free/waived tipping fees at Otter Lake.
- Advanced and passed a motion at Council for a comprehensive HRM litter strategy focusing on commercial and industrial debris.
- Committed to continuing the program in 2026, with community litter pickups also counting toward FireSmart™ volunteer hours.



THRIVING

- Submitted a motion for a staff report on on-demand transit for areas outside the urban service boundary, including communities like Prospect not serviced by other rural transit providers.
- Advocated for improved park-and-ride facilities and expanding daytime/weekend routes and schedules for transit, and flexible service models to grow economic opportunity and enhance affordability for residents.
- Moved a motion to hire 10 additional firefighters in 2025 to strengthen HRM's emergency response capacity.
- Supported Council's investment in 14 new RCMP officers, including 6 for Halifax West, improving response times and strengthening community policing in District 13.



HEALTHY

- Advanced the community vision for Hackett's Cove Park by coordinating site walks and consultations on accessible paths, kayak access, picnic areas, and low-impact design.
- Continued support for West Dover's baseball field revitalization, securing a new land lease and improving long-awaited recreation infrastructure.
- Supported Bay SailAble at the St. Margaret Sailing Club with District Capital funding, to advance their free, inclusive sailing opportunities for individuals with physical, cognitive, mental, or emotional challenges.
- Advanced HRM's Rural Active Transportation Program for Hubbards alongside the Hubbards Streetscape Project, with new multi-use paths and sidewalks prioritized along Trunk 3 to enhance safety, accessibility, mobility, and village connectivity.
- Invested \$22,000 in the Whites Lake Legion for a generator to maintain Comfort Centre operations during emergencies.
- Supported restoration efforts at St. John's Anglican Church in Peggy's Cove, preserving an important historic, cultural, and community landmark.



DISTRICT 13 SNOW REMOVAL

Here's what you need to know about snow removal in District 13, including which roads are municipal, which are provincial, and what timelines you can expect for plowing.

Upper Tantallon, Stillwater Lake, Hubley, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Boutiliers Point & Lewis Lake

These communities fall under municipal responsibility for snow clearing. Here are the priority levels and timelines:

Priority 1 Roads

Main arterial roads, emergency routes, Halifax Transit routes, and roads with steep grades

- Clearing begins: After 2 cm of accumulation
- Completion: **12 hours** after the end of the storm
- Surface: Bare pavement

Priority 2 Roads

Residential streets and gravel roads

- Clearing begins: After 10 cm of snowfall
- Completion: 24 hours after the end of the storm
- Surface: Snow-covered but passable

To report a municipal road issue, call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca (and feel free to copy me).

Communities Along Highway 333 & Ingramport → Hubbards

Roads in these areas are provincial roads, meaning snow removal is handled by the Province of Nova Scotia. For updates and reporting:

- Contact the Operations Contact Centre at 1-844-696-7737 or email dpw-occ@novascotia.ca.
- For more details, visit the Winter Times in Nova Scotia page.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance, you can reach me at 902.579.6746 or nancy.hartling@halifax.ca.

FLOOD READY

Floods happen in the HRM. Climate change is increasing the risk. With the new municipal flood maps and resources, you can learn:

- what flooding is;
- where it could flood;
- how the municipality is building resilience;
- how to get flood ready.

Learn more by visiting: halifax.ca/flood-ready

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

Starting Dec. 1, Nova Scotia transitioned to an enhanced recycling system managed by Circular Materials, a not-for-profit organization that is committed to growing an efficient and effective recycling system. What does this mean?

- Your curbside collection day/schedule and requirements for placement (i.e. blue bags) will stay the same.
- You'll be able to recycle the same materials, no matter where you live across the province.
- You'll be able to recycle more materials than ever before, including hot and cold beverage cups, deodorant, toothpaste tubes, frozen juice containers and ice cream tubs, to name a few!
- Recycling and collection questions will continue to be addressed by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Learn more at: circularmaterials.ca/NS or halifax.ca/recycling

HFX ALERT

Get notified when it matters most. Sign up for hfxALERT, the Halifax Regional Municipality's mass notification system, to receive critical and non-urgent alerts, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.

To find out more and to register, visit: <http://halifax.ca/hfxalert>

FREE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT FROM FIRESMART

Wildfires are becoming more frequent and severe, especially in areas where homes meet natural vegetation. To help reduce this risk, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is offering free, voluntary FireSmart property assessments to residents.

As part of this service, trained staff will visit your home, identify potential wildfire hazards—like flammable materials or overgrown vegetation—and provide personalized tips to help you make your property safer.

Request your free assessment today at halifax.ca/firesmart or call 311 to learn more.

Taking action now can make a big difference in protecting your home.



CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED NOVEMBER 2024 – MARCH 2025

- SMB Community Enterprise Centre
- Prospect Road Community Centre
- Brookside Junior High
- Nova Scotia Resettlement Society JOINT D10 D06 D07 D11 D12 D13 D14 D15 D16
- BayRides
- St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association
- Mayflower Curling Club JOINT 8,11,12,13,14,16
- Roots and Boots Forest School Society

APRIL 2025 – CURRENT

- Halifax West High School
- St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association
- Roots and Boots Forest School Society
- Team Black CFB
- West Dover Community Association
- Prospect Peninsula Residents' Association
- Saint Luke's Parish
- Terence Bay Community Hall Association
- Building Futures Employment Society (JOINT 1, 13, 14, 15, 16)
- Chebucto Atlantics U9 Advancing
- New Life Community Church
- Peggy's Cove Area Art Society
- William Black Memorial United Church
- Mayflower Curling Club – Team Ivany Francis U15 Curling Team
- HCU U15AAA Boys Soccer
- 1st Prospect Scouting Group
- Fire Safe Society of Masons Point
- The Peggy's Cove Preservation Society
- 2025 Womens Canada Games Softball
- St Margaret's Sailing Club
- Halifax Regional Search and Rescue Team
- Fury U/16 Girls Basketball Team
- Prospect Road Community Center
- Hubbards Area Recreation Association
- Prospect Road Communities Minor Baseball Association (on behalf of teams 6U/8U, 9UBlue/9UGrey, 11U Rec, 11U Competitive, 15U)
- New Life Community Church
- Royal Canadian Legion Atlantic Branch #153
- St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association
- 250 Vimy Royal Cadet Air Squadron Sponsoring Committee
- Halifax International Society for Krishna Consciousness
- St. John's Church of England
- Mobile Food Market Joint with all districts



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts Studio Tour



Five Bridges Heritage Trust AGM – HRM Nine Mile River Watershed Study



Christmas Seniors Social at the St. Margaret's Bay Legion