

The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

Governments Partner on Infrastructure

It was exciting to be in Bridgetown last month to take part in welcoming Prime Minister Trudeau and hear firsthand the announcement of a huge infrastructure funding agreement that will greatly improve life and transport across our province. The crowd applauded this bilateral agreement between Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada which will see \$238 million in new investment for wastewater systems and public transit. This commitment will ensure that our water systems are pristine and protected and our public transit is more reliable and accessible.

Over the coming months we'll be seeing significant upgrades to our infrastructure. Both HRM and Halifax Water will be going forward with major projects that our communities need. Of particular interest to Armdale and the surrounding area is the Northwest Arm sewer system rehabilitation project which will receive over \$8 million from the federal government, \$4 million from the province and \$4 million from HRM. For the Herring Cove central water and sewer service installation, the federal and provincial governments will be investing \$2.28 million and \$1.14 million respectively. Additionally, \$32.2 million in new federal money will be provided to our municipal partners for public transit priorities such as new and replacement buses, improved bus stops and shelters, rapid transit and priority corridor studies, and better transit security.

With Housing Nova Scotia joining the new federal Social Infrastructure Fund Agreement, our province will see a doubling in the current funding for affordable housing. This represents an almost \$75 million investment in new and existing social housing, construction and renovation of shelters and transition homes, and affordable housing options for seniors. This money will be directed to those who need it most, and is part of our government's commitment to ensuring everyone has a safe place to call home.

Helping Newcomers Thrive

I've also had the chance to person-

ally see the impact our resettlement efforts are having for Syrian newcomers in our community. Last month, I visited Chebucto Heights Elementary and the Captain William Spry Public Library to meet some of the families who are taking advantage of our summer English classes. As parents learned the words and phrases necessary to navigate their daily routines, the children were given reading instruction and had some fun with African drumming and craft time. I'm very fortunate to be able to meet with our newest Nova Scotians and talk with them in their native Arabic, and I'm happy to see them getting access to the instruction they need to feel comfortable here. The Office of Immigration put \$32,000 into these types of summer classes and they're clearly making a big difference in people's lives. Good luck to our newest neighbours with tackling a new language, and thanks to Halifax Public Libraries and everyone who made these programs such a success.

History in Halifax

Over the summer, I've attended many significant events, from cultural festivals and sporting tournaments to milestone birthdays. Recently, however, I had a very unique opportunity, offered to me by a kind and passionate constituent, Mr. Bert Walker.

Bert, a trustee with the Canadian Naval Memorial, extended an invitation to me to tour the HMCS Sackville at the Maritime Museum this summer. I was fascinated to learn just how much history we have docked right here in Halifax.

The ship itself represents a significant part of our nation's history. The 75-year-old HMCS Sackville is the last remaining Canadian Corvette from the WWII period, and represents the fleet of small, but vital ships that—through their defensive and shepherding roles—meaningfully altered the course of the Battle of the Atlantic. The Corvettes quickly took on a convoy-leading role they were not initially designed for and, through the bravery of their crewmembers, became an indispensable counter against German submarines.

Today, the HMCS Sackville lives

on as Canada's Naval Memorial. Bert provided me with an informative and riveting tour, and I'm quite grateful for the experience. I would encourage everyone to visit this special piece of our history on the waterfront before she is stored for the winter months.

Reminders

This month I'll be participating in two important fundraising events to support Ovarian Cancer Canada. On September 11, I'll be joining the Walk of Hope at the Halifax waterfront. To donate or register to walk with me, please visit ovariancancerwalkof-

hope.ca and enter "Lena Diab" in the Team search bar. I'm also walking the runway at the Lady Ball fashion show fundraiser on the evening of September 15, with an inspiring group of community leaders. If you'd like to purchase tickets, please visit theladyballhalifax.com or contact my office.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at info@lenadiab.ca or (902) 455-1610. You can follow me on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with all the latest community events and government news.

Continuing to work on a solution for Harrietsfield water

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As I sit here writing this month's article, I can't believe the month of August is over and the summer is coming to an end. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and got to spend lots of time with family and friends. Let's hope September brings us lots of nice weather to close out a beautiful summer.

Investing in Herring Cove

On August 16th I had the honour of attending an historical announcement at Jubilee Park in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia. That day I was on hand to witness our prime minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Stephen McNeil announce \$238 million for water and waste-water systems, along with public transportation. Seven major transportation projects were announced for HRM, including monies for water and waste-water for Herring Cove. The scope of the project is the continuation of services to the Shore Road and John Brackett Drive area. This was a promise made over a decade ago, and I am proud to have worked with our local MP and Councillor to make this a reality for the people of Herring Cove.

While I am on the topic of water, I want to address the people affected by the RDM landfill in Harrietsfield. I want you to know I am continuing to work with the city and the federal government on a solution for the community. I will not stop until I am able to find a solution.

Seven Mile Fire and Park Ban

I want to thank all of our first responders for their hard work on the Seven Mile Lake fires. Your bravery and commitment to our community is irreplaceable; you are true heroes. I also want to thank the public for your patience and understanding during the burning ban and the ban on using our trails and parks. Your co-operation helped prevent fires. Now that the ban has been lifted, I hope you get out and enjoy all the beautiful trails and parks our community has to offer.

In the Loop Annual BBQ

A big thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who made the 3rd annual In the Loop Association community BBQ a big success. The family fun event has turned into one of the biggest community celebrations in all of HRM. I originally envisioned an event that brought our community together, encouraged people to come to our community to help break

stereotypes, and that was free and welcoming to all. I am proud to say, because of the hard work of dozens of volunteers, this is now a reality. Thank you to all who attended. I hope you had a great time!

Sou'Wester Days

Speaking of celebrations, congratulations to everyone involved in another successful Sou'Wester Days celebration. Rena, Oliver, Rufina and I had a fantastic time, and we were overwhelmed by the warm reception we received during the parade. This event is the model of community spirit and volunteerism and continues to show off all that is great about the community of Sambro!

Reflection and re-election

I took some time this summer to reflect on the previous two and half years as your MLA – what I had set out to do when I was first elected and if I had lived up to your expectations. I did not get into politics for personal gain; I got into politics to make our community better for our families, friends and children. To put partisan politics aside and invest my time and energy into bringing investment and programs into our community. To have an open-door policy and to be accessible to everyone. Over the last few years, we have seen a lot of new investments, our communities have received recognition and awards, the stigma is dropping to the wayside and people see this as the place to live and raise their family. So I sat down with my partner, my love, my rock Rena and together (because this job takes an understanding, patient, loving partner) we decided that I had more work to do. I love this community, the people, and I still feel I owe everyone for helping me grow up in a safe, stable community. So on August 24th at the Purcells Cove Club, I put my name forward for re-election in the next provincial election. I hope, whenever the election is, that I have your confidence and support.

Welcome Back Students and Staff

Finally, I would like to wish all the returning students, teachers and staff the best year yet!

Please contact me anytime: Email Brendan@brendanmaguire.ca office number (902) 444-0147 or add me to Facebook

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Honourable

Lena M. Diab

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Best Of Luck With The Coming School Year!

Sept. 11 – Walk of Hope for Ovarian Cancer

Sept. 15 – Lady Ball Gala for Ovarian Cancer

** Contact me for tickets/registration **

Sept. 25 – Open House at Constituency Office
1 Craigmore Dr. [2:00-3:00pm]

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