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Iain pictured with Zach Churchill welcoming Founder of the Purple Day Cassidy Megan and her mother to the Legislature



Iain donating Blood to Canadian Blood Services



Iain presenting medals to athletes participating in speed skating at the 2023 Canada Games



Iain bringing coffee to EPAs and ECEs Workers at BLT Elementary School



Iain attending the Terence Bay Mother's Day breakfast



Iain visiting the Ummah Masjid Mosque in Halifax

Important Numbers

In case of emergency call 911

Nova Scotia Government Services

Community and Government Services Directory	211
Nova Scotia Road Conditions	511
Health Information and Services	811
Halifax Regional Centre for Education	902-464-2000
Seniors' Pharmacare	902-429-6565
Nova Scotia Public Works	1-844-696-7737

Halifax Regional Municipal Services

Councillor Patty Cuttell - District 11	902-579-6746
Councillor Iona Stoddard - District 12	902-497-7278
Councillor Pam Lovelace - District 13	902-240-7926
HRM Call Centre	311
Halifax Regional Police (Non-emergency)	902-490-5020
Halifax Water	902-420-9287
Lakeside Fire Department (Station 58)	902-876-7115
Prospect Road Fire Department	902-852-3371

Community Resources

Tantallon Library	902-454-9444
Canada Games Centre	902-464-5100
Prospect Road Community Centre	902-852-2711
Estabrooks Community Hall	902-876-5556
Lakeside Community Centre	902-876-8812
Nova Scotia Power Outage Line	1-877-428-6004

Help Lines

Addictions: alcohol, drugs, gambling, tobacco	902-424-8866
Domestic Violence Crisis Line	902-422-7650
Kid's Helpline	1-800-668-6868
Mental Health Crisis Line	1-888-429-8167



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MLA, Timberlea-Prospect

Healthcare



Bayers Lake QEII Community Outpatient Centre

As your Member of the Legislative Assembly, I have made it a priority to ensure the completion of the QEII Bayer's Lake Community Outpatient Centre remains on schedule and that the facility is properly staffed with the healthcare providers necessary to operate the facility when it opens this fall. We all know, the urgency of this facility opening on time and with a full complement of staff cannot be underestimated.

Expanding healthcare facilities is desperately needed, not only for the residents of Timberlea-Prospect, but for residents of the greater Halifax Regional Municipality who are unable to access the care they need to stay healthy. The QEII Bayer's

Lake Community Outpatient Centre is a much-needed addition to the healthcare infrastructure of HRM, and its completion is crucial to improving access to essential medical services for those who need it most.

I am proud to say that advocating for the approval of the Bayers Lake QEII Outpatient Center and securing its location in Timberlea-Prospect was accomplished back in 2017. Since then, the construction of the facility has been progressing steadily, with several important milestones set to be achieved in the coming months.



The first milestone is the substantial completion of the facility, which is expected to take place in August of this year. This means that the building will be ready for occupancy and the necessary equipment and furniture will be installed.

The second milestone is the occupancy

of the facility, which is set to take place in November 2023. At this point, the facility will be fully staffed with healthcare providers and open to the public.



The final milestone is the final completion of the facility, which is expected to take place in the Winter/Spring of 2024.

I am pleased to report that an additional \$33.2 million dollars has been allocated for construction completion. Investing in this infrastructure will bring outpatient services, including cancer care, diagnostic imaging, rehabilitation services, primary care, and mental health and addictions services close to home for many, especially for Timberlea-Prospect residents.

The completion of the QEII Bayer's Lake Community Outpatient Centre is significant for our communities, and I am proud to have played a part in its realization. The BLOC will improve access to essential medical services for residents of the HRM, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth. I look forward to the successful opening and operation of this much-needed facility.

Transportation

As the MLA representing one of the municipality's fastest-growing regions, my work has been centered on enhancing infrastructure and services for our community. This is crucial to accommodate the increasing number of people, housing, traffic, and commercial growth in the area. Here are some updates on this work:



Timberlea Village Parkway

Signal light installation work at the Timberlea Village Parkway and Saint Margaret's Bay Road intersection will begin in 2024. After inquiries from my office and local residents, HRM reviewed the Timberlea Village Parkway, including the intersections of Brunello Blvd and Maple Grove Ave, and Marketway Lane and Amalfi Way. They concluded traffic volumes do not warrant a crosswalk with flashers.

There are traffic controls planned for these intersections, the timing will be determined as the various phases of development are completed. I have met with the developer to ask that this be expedited and HRM is working with them on these plans.



Prospect Road

I am pleased to report that Prospect Road will finally be repaved from Evergreen Place all the way to St Margarets Bay Road this year during the provincial construction season.

This much-needed improvement will enhance both the safety and overall driving experience for all those who travel this route regularly.

As more information becomes available about the start date of construction, I will be sure to share it through my e-newsletter, so stay tuned for updates.



Highway 103

There has been some patching along Highway 103 in targeted areas during the month of May. The following is a current schedule of repaving my office worked together with Public Works staff to get approved within the capital plan.

2024-25: Inbound to Halifax, Exit 3 easterly to the Beechville CNR Overpass

2026-27: Inbound to Halifax, Exit 4 easterly to Exit 3

2028-29: Outbound from Halifax, Exit 3 easterly to the Beechville CNR Overpass.

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Environment

Prospect Region Organization for a Better Environment

In collaboration with Prospect Region Organization for a Better Environment (PROBE), I am actively working with the Province to highlight the impact and many implications growth and development will have on Prospect communities.

PROBE is a community non-profit organization formed to serve the interests of Prospect communities on issues of concern.

With the potential of 1,800+ acres of residential and commercial land available for development, its important early planning and consideration be given for the new infrastructure needed to support our growing community. By taking a proactive approach to development, we can ensure that our community remains a desirable place to live for generations to come.

Please visit my website for more information on these developments and opportunities to get involved.



Ingram River Wilderness Area

The Ingram River Wilderness area was added to the list of protected areas almost two years ago. I urged for its finalization during budget estimates. Once protected, it will be over twice the size of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area.

Thanks to those involved in this decade-long effort from our communities, especially St. Margarets Stewardship Association and the Ecology Action Centre. Let's make it happen!

Pictured above with Mike Lancaster, Executive Director, St Margarets Bay Stewardship Association.

A Note from Iain



Dear Residents,

It is a pleasure to provide a spring update on important issues facing our growing communities from West Dover, all the way to Upper Tantallon.

While it was disappointing to learn about the latest delay to rebuilding the BLT Community Centre, the province remains committed to providing funding for the project. I was anticipating the tender to be released this spring, however HRM Council deferred the construction phase of the project for one year.

Our communities are growing fast, and we have certainly been able to secure our share of funding over the last number of years for road improvements and safety features. It has been a transformation in and out of our communities with intersection expansion, active transportation lanes, and the redevelopment of the 102/103 overpass. But we need to continue to push for more road modernization and infrastructure investment.

An area that will require significant provincial support is around education. Over the next year plus, you will see me advocate for increased after school care availability and a plan for a new school in the BLT area.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue to go to bat for Timberlea-Prospect. This is the best place to raise a family, work, and explore nature. We just need to ensure the Province understands the ways in which we can maximize our potential.

Sincerely,

Iain