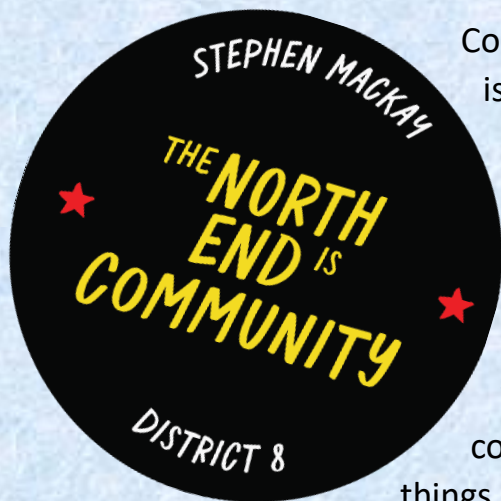
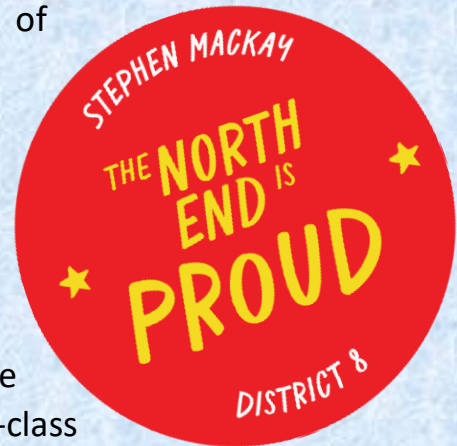


The diversity of the North End is a source of pride of people that live here, and with good reason. Teachers, healthcare workers, taxi drivers, social workers, accountants and bartenders live here. Families that have roots in Africville live here. And they're all proud to say they live in the North End.

It's important to me that we work toward ensuring that living in the North End is something that people from all backgrounds can afford - it's the working-class heart of the city, and it's important that it remains that way.



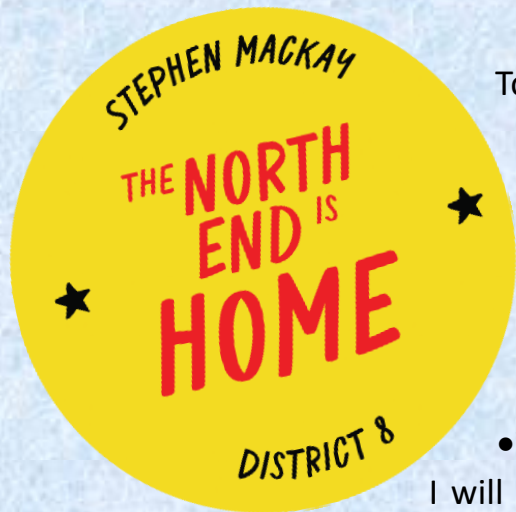
Community can take many forms but at the heart of it all is communication. As your councilor I will be open and active in my communication with everyone. One of the main functions of a councilor is to be the voice of the citizens to the city and to be the messenger of the city to the people. I may not always say the thing you want to hear, but you'll hear it from me.

The North End is home to so many wonderful community organizations doing all kinds of wonderful things. They feed the hungry, provide care to the sick, organize events, provide recreation opportunities and kindness and comfort to all.

- These organizations don't pop up out of nowhere, they are built by the people in our community, the North End is full of people who care for their neighbors. It's important that the city supports these organizations that support so many people.

Places like the Needham pool and recreation center are vital to maintaining the health and well-being of our community. The badly needed redevelopment project has been stalled, with no communication from HRM, for over two years.

- I will push to prioritize this project, and ensure that once built, the new facility is affordable and accessible to everyone.

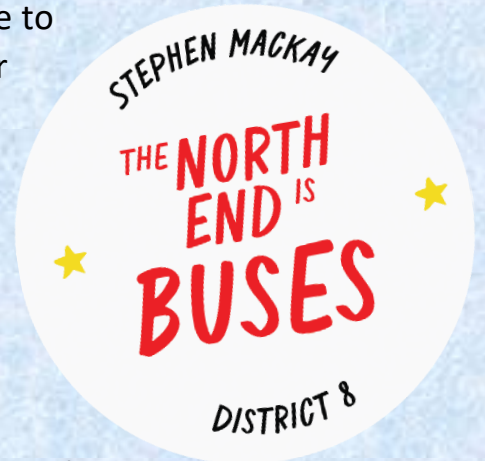


Today we have hundreds of people living rough on our streets, in our parks and couch surfing. Speaking to the residents of our community it is clear that the housing crisis is a priority; people are worried about our vulnerable neighbours. As a growing city we need more housing of all sorts: we need houses, condos, apartments, backyard suites and housing co-ops.

- To quickly increase the availability of non-market housing, I will make the most of the experience and expertise of local not-for-profit groups. Investing in and partnering with the groups already doing the work is the fastest way to get people off the streets and into safe, actually affordable homes.
- Bloomfield and St. Pat's Alexandra school sites are examples of key neighbourhood properties that could house a lot of people, which are unoccupied and unsafe and have been for years. I will work with council to develop a system that disincentivizes developers and landlords from sitting on vacant properties.
- I will work to promote and enhance programs that provide funding to homeowners who build additional housing at their primary residence by reducing or waiving development fees for residents that qualify.

Housing is a priority for residents of District 8, and it will take a multi-layered approach to solving the housing crisis. I'm committed to doing everything I can to improve housing stock to ensure that the North End is a place that people can continue to call home.

In its current state, Halifax's public transit system isn't able to provide reliable service to most Haligonians. With our already growing population set to double over the next 25 years now is the time to invest in a transit system that works, that people can rely upon, and that people enjoy using and operating. Talking to residents- aside from housing- their top concerns are the cost of living and traffic congestion. A reliable transit system would help to tackle both concerns, and more.



- Fewer cars on the road means less congestion, fewer crashes and resulting gridlock, more parking options for people that need to drive, improved air quality and safer, quieter streets.
- Economically, making it easier to choose to leave your car at home it makes it easier to shed a car from your driveway- and budget. Cars are expensive, but with lackluster transit options, many people are forced to spend money on vehicle ownership which may otherwise be spent on housing, food, or a hard-earned vacation.

My top priority for transit improvement is to push for the implementation of the planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network.

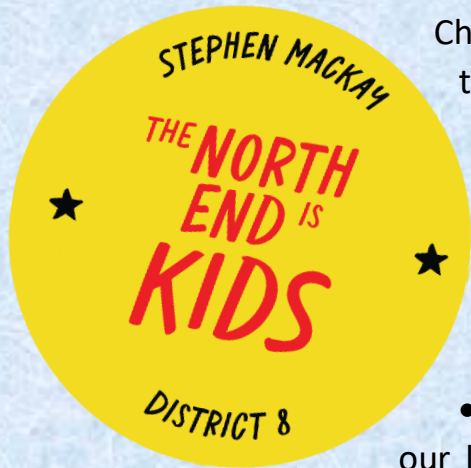
- The BRT is key to providing a reliable, accessible transit system that works for Haligonians; essentially an above-ground subway system serviced by buses in dedicated lanes connecting key communities and business parks, with lines within walking distance of approximately 120,000 residents.

Another shortfall in transit is the availability of operators and staffing shortages. A healthy work-life balance is crucial for operators and staff to ensure that the buses and ferries run on time, which, in turn, affects the movements of entire city.

- I will meet with Transit operators and staff, union representatives and management to determine how to improve recruitment and retention.

Our aging population, families, and people with disabilities deserve a reliable transit system with more benches and bus shelters at bus stops to make it more comfortable and accessible for people waiting.

Bottom line, Halifax is growing, and we can't fit more cars on the road. A well planned, functioning transit system with a healthy work force is vital.



Children need to be active, they need to develop independence and they need to have options available to them to unlock all of their potential.

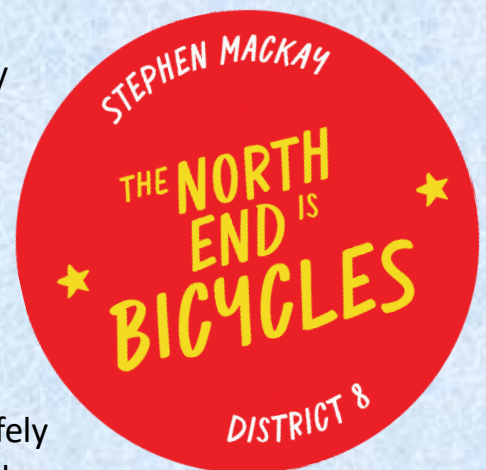
- By supporting safer streets, better transit and active transportation options and sustaining and enhancing affordable recreational facilities and programming we open up more pathways to growth and development in an equitable way.
- Small meaningful changes could be made to improve our city for our kids include installing permanent washroom facilities at parks and playgrounds and changing zoning by-laws to allow more in home childcare centers.

We need to be aware that the choices that we make today will affect our children and the generations of tomorrow. We need to consider the environmental and socio-economic impacts of our choices. We need to build a sustainable city.

- I will work towards keeping our waterways healthy, our coastlines strong, our forests intact and our roadways safe so that the children of today can thrive and grow up to be proud of a vibrant, sustainable city in the future.

Having a safe, interconnected bike network will not only alleviate congestion and reduce our environmental impact and create healthier communities. Healthier both in the sense of individual health and social outcomes. By encouraging cycling as a mode of transportation we not only promote physical health through exercise but also communal health.

The people who receive the greatest benefit from safely connected cycling and active transportation networks, are those that are most vulnerable in our communities.



- Given the current state of our infrastructure and the volume of vehicles on our city streets, it is simply not safe for our children to enjoy the carefree feeling of riding a bike with their friends that most of us enjoyed as kids. Children should be able to explore their neighborhood safely.
- With the recent emergence of electric bicycles, seniors and people with disabilities now have access to the health, mobility, and economic benefits of cycling, that might have been out of reach even a few years ago. They deserve to be able to go where they need to without worry.

Residents that are not interested in cycling also benefit from safe infrastructure and connected bikeways.

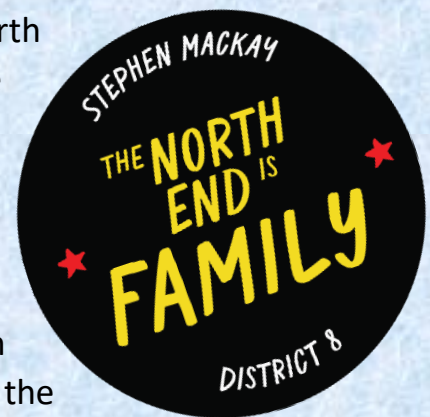
- People choosing to cycle rather than drive reduce the number of cars on the roads, alleviates congestion and frees up parking spaces.
- Adding protected bike lanes to roadsides make the road feel narrower, and when roads feel smaller, people drive slower. Slower speeds reduce the risk of crashes and increase road safety for all users, including people driving cars.

I will work towards building a bike network that connects residents to the places that they want to go to with the protection that they deserve.

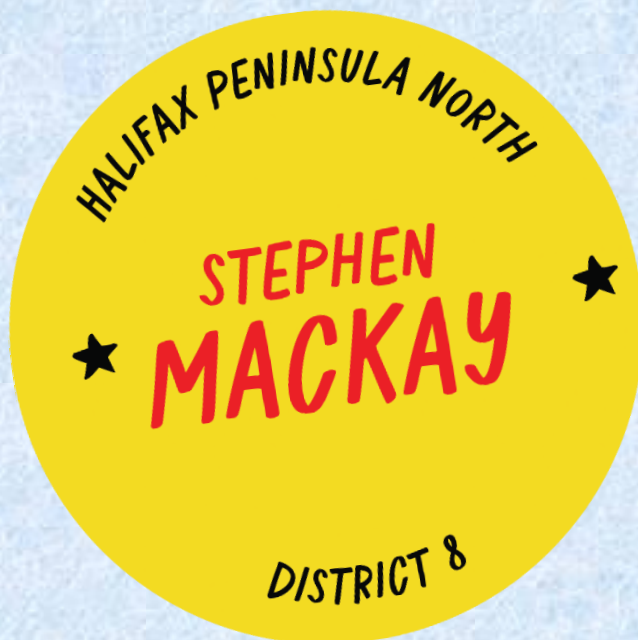
Families of all types are welcome and celebrated in the North End. We are a diverse community comprised of people from different backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identities, and accessibility needs.

- As your councilor, I promise to hold city staff accountable to HRM's Diversity and Inclusion Framework and Accessibility Strategy, and to push for enhancements of both, including members of the various communities in discussions to ensure that lived experience is centered in planning discussions.

Families are struggling right now. The cost-of-living crisis has hit many of our neighbours hard.



- The city could help alleviate the burden by supporting businesses to set up green grocers in areas where there are food deserts, improving access to lower cost healthy food.
- Transit improvements could go a long way to improving affordability, including updating Access-A-Bus services. Scheduling process improvements and changing the rules so that babies in arms are permitted will improve its functionality for young families.



As your councilor, I will work toward ensuring that living in the North End is something that all types of families can afford - it's the working-class heart of the city, and it's important that it remains that way.