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 DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS
 HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! BONNE ANNÉE!
 BUON ANNO!**



A new year; a new start. It has been an honour to represent you on Regional Council this past year and I look forward to working with you in 2018.

I have enjoyed meeting you at various community events and assisting with concerns you have brought to my attention. We have accomplished much over the past 12 months: improvements to Farrell Park, changes to Halifax Transit service including free low income transit passes, mobile payment options at parking meters, passing of the Integrated Mobility Plan, successful community events such as the Dartmouth North Community BBQ and Shubie Park Tree Lighting, just to name a few.

Included in this E-newsletter is information on: the **Call for Submissions** for the Gray Memorial Arena surplus property (page 6); Pickleball / Women’s Boot Camp registration; a fascinating video on the historic Marine Inclined Plane Railway along the Shubie Canal; and, an important notice for a local Job Fair coming up in April 2018.

All the best to you in 2018.

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Un nouveau départ en cette nouvelle année. Ce fut un honneur de vous représenter au conseil régional en 2017 et je me réjouis à l'idée de travailler avec vous en



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2018. J'ai eu beaucoup de plaisir à vous rencontrer dans le cadre de différents événements communautaires et à vous fournir de l'aide par rapport aux préoccupations que vous avez soumise à mon attention. Nous avons réalisé tant de choses au cours des 12 derniers mois. Pour n'en nommer que quelques-unes, mentionnons les améliorations apportées au parc Farrell; les changements effectués au service de transport d'Halifax, y compris les laissez-passer gratuits pour les personnes à faible revenu; la présentation des options de paiement mobile dans les parcomètres; l'adoption du plan de mobilité intégré; la réussite de différents événements communautaires, comme le barbecue de la collectivité de Dartmouth North et l'illumination de l'arbre du parc Shubie.

Le présent bulletin électronique offre des renseignements sur [la demande de propositions pour les biens excédentaires du Gray Memorial Arena](#) (page 6); les inscriptions aux camps d'entraînement pour femmes et aux programmes de pickleball; la fascinante vidéo sur le chemin de fer historique de plan incliné maritime le long du canal Shubie et l'avis important sur le salon de l'emploi local, qui aura lieu en avril 2018.

Tous nos meilleurs vœux pour 2018!

SENIORS SNOW REMOVAL – PROGRAM EXPANSION

Great news! On December 5th, Regional Council approved a \$200,000 increase in funding for the [YMCA Seniors and Persons with Disability Snow Removal Program](#) for a total 2017/18 operating budget of up to \$600,000. The increased funding will enable support to be provided to an additional 150 properties. **The**

program operates on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the [YMCA online](#).



HALIFAX HARBOUR BRIDGES

The Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB) Community Report for 2016/17 is now available.

HHB thanks you for your patience during the Big Lift project: a once-in-a-lifetime task that has seen almost the entire suspended structure of the Macdonald Bridge replaced, including the road deck, truss, floor beams and vertical hangers.

The report also outlines what is next following the completion of the Big Lift project. There are a couple of significant projects on the horizon that will help ensure the bridges continue to provide safe and efficient cross-harbour transportation well into the future.

You may view the report in full at: www.hdbc.ca/2016-17-annual-report.



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THE HISTORIC SHUBENACADIE CANAL - INCLINED PLANE MARINE RAILWAY



For anyone interested in the history of the Shubenacadie Canal and the marine railway

that operated from Dartmouth Cove to the Minas Basin in the mid-1800's, you will find this [video](#) very informative.

Local merchants wanted a reliable passage to inland resources and the military needed an expedient method of transporting troops and supplies to and from Dartmouth Cove and Cobequid Bay. The centuries-old route used by the Mi'kmaq was proposed by the engineers hired to design the most expedient, direct passage.

Construction on the stone locks began in 1826 but by 1831 the investors had run out of money and construction halted. Twenty-three years later, a new design was proposed – that of an inclined plane water powered marine railway based on the Morris Canal system in New Jersey. The inclined plane replaced the first 5 locks.

Today, the area is drawing renewed attention to this historic engineering feat.

PAYTON AND I ENJOYING THE HURRICANES BASKETBALL GAME



PICKLEBALL





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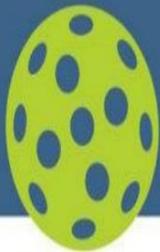
Harbourview Elementary School (Dartmouth North)

- Beginner: Saturday 9-10am, 8 weeks starting Jan 13, \$29, Code #406175
- Women's Boot Camp: Saturday 10-noon, 4 weeks starting Jan 13, \$58, Code #415130
- Women's Boot Camp, 4 weeks starting Feb 10 \$58, Code #415131

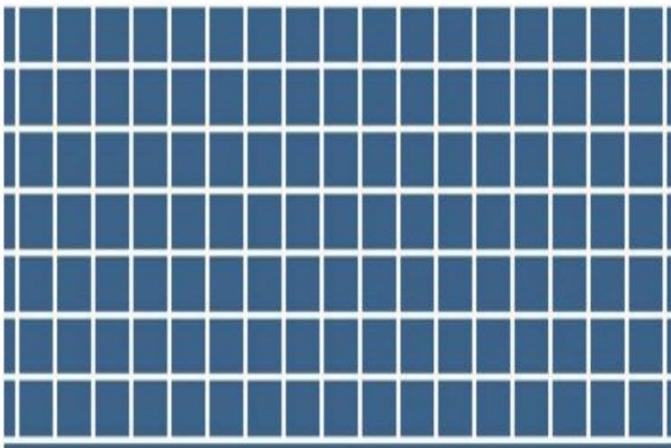
Prince Andrew High School (Dartmouth East)

- Beginner: Friday 6-7pm, 6 weeks starting Jan 12, \$22, Code #420380
- Non-Competitive: Fridays 7-9pm, 6 weeks starting Jan 12, \$43, Code #420382

Register at 902-490-5900



WINTER 2017 Dartmouth North & Dartmouth East PICKLEBALL



MAYOR SAVAGE, ME AND COUNCILLOR HENDSBEE AT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HALIFAX EXPLOSION RECEPTION EVENT WITH DESCENDANTS OF VINCENT COLEMAN



COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN AND I WITH SUPPORTERS OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN OUTSIDE CITY HALL





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MP DARREN FISHER, ME AND COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL AT THE TD DARTMOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2017 SHUBIE PARK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT!



BEING INTERVIEWED ON GLOBAL HALIFAX WITH COUNCILLOR LINDELL SMITH AND DAUGHTER JAHTAYA





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MOBILE PAYMENT AT PARKING METERS OPTIONS



As of December 4, 2017, mobile payment for parking is available on all municipal meters.

Users must download the mobile app via the [HotSpot website](#). The app has a monthly/annual fee. Watch this [HotSpot video](#) to see how the mobile app works.

Standard methods of payment for metered parking remain unchanged. The new mobile payment solution provides people with another option for their convenience. Coin payments are also available at all meters.

Users of the mobile payment app can end their parking session any time and will be refunded the remaining time. This option is not available for standard coin payments.

Users of the mobile app will not receive an electronic ticket or notification. Paper tickets will continue to be issued.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE GRAY MEMORIAL ARENA SURPLUS PROPERTY, 10 MONIQUE AVENUE, DARTMOUTH



A public information meeting was held on November 22nd regarding the process for surplus property, as outlined in Administrative Order 50, for property: PID # 00062604, 10 Monique Avenue, Dartmouth – also known as the Gray Memorial Arena.

The Call for Submissions opened on Saturday, December 9th and is restricted to registered non-profit organizations or charities and does **not** include joint proposals (non-profit/for-profit or government).

The deadline for proposals is Monday, June 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

The lot size is 4.75 acres with a 27,800 square foot building. The property is under the Dartmouth Land Use By-Law (LUB) and is zoned P (Park). The following uses are permitted under the P(Park) Zoning:

- a) public parks;
- b) recreational fields and facilities;



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- c) golf courses;
- d) cemeteries;
- e) circuses, sports meets or uses of a similar nature on motion of the City Council for limited periods of time;
- f) uses accessory to any of the foregoing uses.

In 2017, the assessed value of the subject property located at 10 Monique Avenue, Dartmouth is \$4,122,200. (Land -\$3,418,700. Building -\$703,500). Assessed values provided by Property Valuation Services Corporation.

The Commercial tax rate as of 2017 is 3.3180 and the Residential rate is 1.1980. The municipal tax rate is applied per \$100 of assessed value. The sale or re-development of the subject property will trigger a re-assessment by Property Valuation Services Corporation.

All submissions should be clearly labelled **Call for Submissions** with the civic address of the property for which the application is made and submitted in an envelope marked "private and confidential." **Late submissions will not be considered.** You may deliver your application:

By mail:

Halifax Regional Municipality, PO Box 1749
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3A5

In person:

Grants and Contributions
HRM Finance & Asset Management
c/o HRM Customer Service Centre
1st floor, 40 Alderney Drive
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

For more information, please email:
AO50@Halifax.ca.

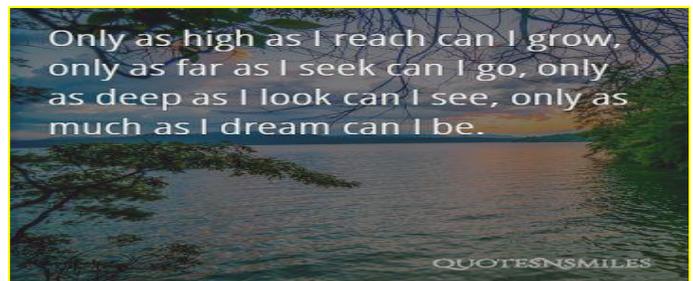
DARTMOUTH BURNSIDE COMMUNITY JOB FAIR APRIL 2018

The riding of Dartmouth North is home to the Burnside Business Park, the largest industrial park



north of Boston and east of Montreal. Housing 1,400 businesses which employ more than 18,000 people, it is the ideal location for residents to find employment. To facilitate just that, **a group of Dartmouth North community groups are coming together to host the Dartmouth Burnside Community Job Fair in April 2018.**

Free to everyone, the job fair offers job seekers the opportunity to speak directly with 'decision makers' from Burnside businesses who are hiring for full and part-time positions.



Dress your best, bring your resumes and be ready to introduce yourself to local employers! Candidates of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact **Amanda Sabo**, *Employment Readiness Coordinator*, Dartmouth Learning Network, (902) 463-9179 or by email at: amanda@dartmouthlearning.net.



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THANK YOU, NOVA SCOTIA POWER, AND HRM



Figure 1 Photo by Jon Tattrie CBC

Nova Scotia Power, owner of the property, has cleared an overgrowth of brush along the pathway through Farrell Park in north-end Dartmouth. Nova Scotia Power has agreed to clean-up the park

area and install lighting. HRM will maintain the park and later this spring will place additional unpaved paths throughout. Farrell Park has been identified as the location for a possible pilot Project involving security cameras which could help increase security for the area.



Figure 2 Photo by Jon Tattrie CBC

COUNCILLOR RICHARD ZUWARSKI AND I HIKING THE BLUE MOUNTAIN BIRCH COVE TRAIL



INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN – APPROVED



I am pleased to advise that Regional Council approved the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) on Tuesday, December 5th. The IMP addresses how we should be

planning for multimodal transportation options. The report outlines that: *“...there is momentum building for travel options that are sustainable, enjoyable and healthy. Enabling more people to walk, cycle, take transit and use other sustainable modes requires rethinking the design of our transportation system and the design of our communities.*”



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A broader transformation of mobility in the region is evident in the increasing number of people choosing to live in the Regional Centre. The dense network of streets and close distance between destinations, including work and home for many people, make it easy and enjoyable to choose walking, bicycling and transit.

The policies and actions of the IMP reflect the shift in how people want to live and travel today, building on recent work and existing initiatives to rethink and transform our mobility network. The movement of people, rather than vehicles, is at the heart of this plan.

Thank you to the Project Team, lead by Rod McPhail of McPhail Transportation Planning Services Ltd., for the comprehensive coverage of how we should plan for future transportation in the HRM.

To view the full IMP report [click here](#).

THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN VISION:

Residents will have a choice of connected, healthy, affordable, sustainable travel options for moving both people and goods, through integrated transportation and land-use planning.

PROPOSED OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER



On December 12th, Regional Council gave First Reading to Proposed By-law P-601, an Amendment

to By-law P-600, Respecting Municipal Parks, **and** Proposed Administrative Order 2017-013-OP, Respecting Off-Leash Dog Areas Within Parks – Off-Leash Dog Areas Program and Administrative Order.

Second Reading of the Proposed By-Law and Administrative Order is scheduled for the January 16th, 2018 Regional Council session.

Comments on the proposed legislation will be accepted at the Office of the Municipal Clerk until noon on January 16th, 2018.

Please forward comments on this matter to: clerks@halifax.ca.

To review the proposed legislation, [click here](#).

The report explains that: *In 2007 Regional Council approved the Off-Leash Strategy as a pilot project to create a limited number of designated off-leash areas, and to evaluate the costs and problems associated with providing the service. Seven parks were initially approved to include off-leash activity. There have been some changes since that time, with the Africville Park Off-leash Area (OLA) being closed due to incompatibility concerns and the opening of a replacement park on the Mainland Common, as well the opening of a dedicated OLA for service dogs.*



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A review of the off-leash pilot was undertaken in 2014 and a report to Regional Council in 2015 indicated that the pilot project generally worked well. Expansion of the program was recommended. However, the need for a stronger policy framework, updated planning and site criteria, and clearer procedures for receiving and approving requests for off-leash service were identified. Regional Council directed staff to prepare an Administrative Order (AO) to guide the further expansion and management of the OLA program. In terms of clear gaps in service provision, the review of the pilot project indicated that the communities of Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour, and Purcell's Cove/Spryfield are underserved and are primary candidate areas for the designation of new off-leash areas. It has also been subsequently identified that there may be inadequate service in Dartmouth through the overuse of Shubie Park.

[This report](#) outlines a proposed AO (Attachment A). Further, activities in municipal parks are regulated through By-law P-600 Respecting Municipal Parks. That by-law and the new AO that deals with off-leash areas will need to complement each other for purposes of administration and enforcement and, as such, amendments to P-600 are also required.

The proposed legislation has now been brought forward: First Reading has been given and Second Reading is scheduled for January 16th.



LOW INCOME TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM

Low Income Transit Pass

Save 50% off your monthly transit pass



HALIFAX
TRANSIT

Do you qualify? Find out at halifax.ca
Applications accepted starting May 8, 2017

The [Low-income Transit Pass Program](#) became permanent in July 2017 by a decision of Regional Council. The intent of the program is to make monthly transit passes more affordable for low income residents; participants in the program will be able to purchase monthly adult transit passes for 50% off the regular price.

The program is capped at 1000 people. [Applications](#) will be received and approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify, you must meet **all** the following requirements:

- you must live in the Halifax Regional Municipality
- your combined gross household* income is less than \$33,000
- you do not receive a transportation subsidy under the Nova Scotia Employment Support and Income Assistance program

*A household is all family members living in the same home related by blood, marriage, common-law or adoption. Roommates are not considered part of the household. Adults are considered persons 18 years and over.



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To apply, applicants must:

- complete, in full, the [Low Income Transit Pass program application](#)
- provide a copy of 2016's Notice of Assessment or Proof of Income Statement (Option 'C') from the Canada Revenue Agency. This includes members of the household not applying for the program. Full-time adult students are not required to submit a Notice of Assessment or Proof of Income. Revenue Canada requires 10 business days to process a Notice of Assessment request; alternatively, you may obtain a copy of your own notice of assessment online
- provide your Canada Revenue Statement of Business or Rental Activities, as well as your personal income tax Notice of Assessment if you are self-employed

You may submit your application in person at an HRM [Citizen Contact Centre](#) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Monday to Friday.

Citizen contact centres also have secure drop boxes where you may drop off your completed application, in a sealed envelope, outside business hours.

Please label envelope as follows:

Attention: Revenue Department
Low Income Transit Pass Program

You may mail your completed application to:

Halifax Regional Municipality
Attention: Revenue Department
Low Income Transit Pass Program
PO Box 1749
Halifax, NS Canada B3J 3A5

Email your completed application form and attach your 2016 Notice of Assessment or Proof of Income Statement (Option 'C') to: transitpassprogram@halifax.ca.

Successful applicants will receive a letter from the municipality informing them that they are to be part of the Low-Income Transit Pass Program. For each month of the program, participants need only bring a photo ID to one of the four [Customer Service Centres](#).



MAYOR SAVAGE, VITALI AND I



Vitali is a 9-year-old with a huge heart. He collected gifts to give to seniors at a neighbourhood seniors' centre. Such an example of the Christmas Spirit in someone so young!

Thank you, Vitali!



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ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY MANCINI AND ME



NEW YEARS EVE FUN AT THE GRAND PARADE, HALIFAX



Figure 3 All photos courtesy of Stoo Metz.



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NEW YEARS DAY LEVEE 2018 AT CITY HALL



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Board of Police Commissioners
Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Special Events Advisory Committee

Halifax Partnership
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
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