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WELCOME MARCH! HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - HAPPY SPRING HAPPY EASTER!



March is a month full of interesting activities such as International Women's Day on March 8th, start of Daylight

Savings Time on March 11th, Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th, Francophone Day on March 20th as well as the first day of spring on March 20th and Good Friday on March 30th. March is also the time when Regional Council will be finalizing the 2018/19 Capital and Operating budgets!

Enjoy this month's information-packed Enewsletter containing many interesting topics from the Alderney Ferry pilot project to the Solar City Program offered by HRM.

March is shaping up to be a very busy yet, funfilled month!

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE MARS – JOYEUSE SAINT-PATRICK – JOYEUX PRINTEMPS – JOYEUSES PÂQUES!



Le mois de mars est rempli d'activités intéressantes comme la Journée internationale de la femme le 8 mars, le début

de l'heure avancée le 11 mars, la Saint-Patrick le 17 mars, la Journée de la francophonie le 20 mars ainsi que le premier jour du printemps le 20 mars et le Vendredi saint le 30 mars. C'est aussi au mois de mars que le Conseil régional mettra au point les budgets d'immobilisations et de fonctionnement pour 2018-2019!

Profitez bien du bulletin électronique très instructif de ce mois, qui porte sur de nombreux sujets intéressants comme le projet pilote du traversier d'Alderney et le programme de la ville solaire offert par la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax (MRH).

Le mois de mars s'annonce très chargé, mais aussi très agréable!

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MARCH 8TH IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The <u>Status of Women</u> website explains March 8th, International Women's Day, as a day of recognition for the achievements of women and acknowledging the challenges they continue to face in the quest for gender equality.

The beginnings of International Women's Day (IWD) trace back to the early twentieth century, stemming from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflecting a growing movement for women to participate equally in society.

The theme for 2018 is **#MyFeminism**: inspired by the role feminism continues to play in shaping Canada and countries around the world. They are the activists, advocates, and allies who continue to lead the way towards positive change.





Also on March 8th, **Diverse Voices for Change,** a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) program,

funded by the Status of Women, will be hosting *Time is now: Indigenous and Racialized Women in Leadership*, featuring keynote speaker, <u>Kardeisha Provo</u>. At 18 years of age, Provo is inspiring both her peers and adults alike as an influential youth leader and community advocate. The event will be held at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The **Diverse Voices for Change** initiative is to increase the number of women from diverse communities who are actively informed by, and engaged in, local government decision-making. FCM's mandate is to achieve 30 per cent women's participation in local government, by 2026, by increasing the diversity of women in leadership roles at the municipal level.



Figure 1 FCM's Diverse Voices for Change Workshop - Halifax City Hall May 2017

HRM established an African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office in 2012. This office is

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now part of the newly established Diversity and Inclusion Office, created in June 2015.

WHOSE VOICE IS MISSING? AND HOW DO WE INCLUDE THOSE VOICES?

311 – DID YOU GET A REFERENCE NUMBER?

When calling 3-1-1, HRM's Customer Service Centre, to report an issue such as an aggressive dog; or,



if you have a question about a municipal program or service (property tax, transit schedule, upcoming events), please ensure you obtain a Customer Service Request (CSR) number for future reference. The CSR # will help me to help you follow-up on the issue reported. If you are not automatically offered a CSR #, please ask for the reference number.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11th



MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

The Dartmouth North
Community Centre |
Public Library have
many activities planned
for the week of March
Break such as the
Perler Beads



Extravaganza on Monday, March 12th from noon to 5:00 p.m. Check out the full list of activities by clicking on the links above.

There are a variety of events planned across the province for all to enjoy. Check out this website.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MARCH BREAK DAY CAMPS



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installations; the option to install **three unique solar energy systems**; **and**, provide support and guidance to ensure the **selected technology** is best suited for their energy consumption needs.

The Solar City Program will also meet the objectives of the municipal Community Energy Plan, Economic Strategy and the Regional Plan by supporting healthy, sustainable and vibrant communities.

The program is open to residential property owners, non-profit organizations, places of worship, co-operatives and charities.



SOLAR CITY PROGRAM

At a recent Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting, a presentation was provided on the Solar City Program. This program offers property owners in HRM access to innovative solar energy options, which can be financed through a solar collector account with the municipality via a voluntary Local Improvement Charge (LIC) applied to the property.

Upon the completion of the pilot program, Halifax Regional Council approved the continuation of the program which aims to: offer an **innovative financing option** to avoid the large, upfront cost of solar energy

DID YOU KNOW....

IKEA OFFERS BATTERY RECYCLING AT INSTORE STATIONS



IKEA offers a free Take Back program for old batteries. Drop off old batteries, including non-IKEA brands, at their in-store stations for safe recycling.



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WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT – HOW ABOUT PLASTIC?



In a recent article in the New York Times, journalist Richard Pérez-Peña explains that the Church of England, UK, has suggested that people **add plastics** to their list of items to give up for Lent (six weeks of penance that began on Ash Wednesday).

"Specifically, the church wants people to avoid the plastic consumer products and packaging that have become a major environmental problem, polluting oceans and rivers, fouling beaches, killing wildlife and clogging landfills.

"I think it might well be a first for us, to have an entire Lent program on an environmental issue, but it is very much an integral part of what the church is about," said Ruth Knight, the Church of England's environmental policy officer."

The church's "Lent Plastic Challenge" arrives on a wave of anti-plastic sentiment and legislation in Britain and across Europe, as more people conclude that the first element of the motto "reduce, reuse, recycle" should take precedence." Read full article here.

CORPORATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (CRA) RELEASES SURVEY RESULTS

Don Mills, Chairman and CEO of Corporate Research Associates, released the results of their recent Urban Report survey on banning plastic bags.

- 71% of Halifax residents support banning plastic shopping bags in their community,
- 28% of Halifax residents oppose such a decision

Support for banning plastic shopping bags in Halifax is similar to that of Moncton (76%), Fredericton (74%), and Saint John (70%).

CRA's Urban Report, an independent telephone survey of 401 Halifax (Census Metropolitan Area [CMA]) adult residents, 18 years of age or older, conducted from January 26 to February 12, 2018. Overall results are accurate to within ±4.9 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

To view full release, graphs, and data tables please visit https://cra.ca/newsroom/



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PILOT PROJECT BY HALIFX TRANSIT TO INCREASE MIDDAY FREQUENCY OF ALDERNEY FERRY SERVICE



For a trial period, the Alderney Ferry will offer 15-minute weekday service from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. End of day service between 8– 11:30 p.m.

will operate on 30-minute intervals. This service change is a pilot project intended to make midday travel between Dartmouth and Halifax more convenient.

See more Halifax Transit scheduling changes here.

REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

Help us to help you by reporting potholes or sinkholes, on HRM owned streets or sidewalks, by calling 3-1-1. The more detail you can provide on the exact location, including the closest civic address, would be most helpful.



Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of the road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt under the hole.



Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look in it, you can't see any pavement.

Don't forget to ask for the Customer Service Request (CSR#) number for future reference when reporting issues to 3-1-1-.

MOIS DU FRANCOPHONIE



Faisant partie des événements entourant la Journée internationale de la Francophonie (20 mars), les RVF se déroulent au Canada du 1^{er} au 21 mars 2018.

Pendant cette période, plus de 3 000 activités ont lieu d'un bout à l'autre du pays. Des rassemblements communautaires, des rencontres multiculturelles, des cérémonies, des spectacles, des projections de film, des jeux, des concours, des activités pédagogiques; bref, tout est prétexte à célébrer.

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie font partie des manifestations entourant la Journée internationale de la Francophonie (20 mars), organisée chaque année pour promouvoir la



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COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI

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langue française et ses multiples expressions culturelles.

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie célèbrent leur 20^e anniversaire en 2018! Ils sont chapeautés par La Fondation canadienne pour le dialogue des cultures, qui vise à promouvoir et à soutenir le dialogue et le rapprochement entre les communautés francophones et acadiennes et toutes les collectivités de la société canadienne.



The RVF is taking place in Canada from March 1 to 21, 2018, as part of the events surrounding the <u>Journée internationale de la Francophonie</u> (March 20).

During this period, more than 3,000 activities are taking place across Canada: community gatherings, multicultural meetings, ceremonies, shows, film viewings, games, contests, educational activities—in short, a whole series of events that provide an excuse for celebrating.

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie (RVF) is part of the events surrounding the Journée Internationale de la Francophonie (March 20), which is organized every year to promote the French language and its numerous cultural expressions!

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2018! It is an initiative of the Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue; whose mandate is to promote and support dialogue between the Francophone and Acadian communities and all other communities in Canada.

MAYOR SAVAGE AND I WITH LIEUTENANT-COMMANDOR PAUL SMITH AND SON COLIN ON A TOUR OF CITY HALL.



HRM'S MOBILE FOOD MARKET WINS SILVER AT IPAC/DELOITTE PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS



The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) is Canada's leading professional organization supporting excellence in the country's public sector. The IPAC/Deloitte Public Sector Leadership Awards program

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recognizes organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership by taking bold steps to improve Canada through advancements in public administration and management.

In 2012, when Halifax was reported as experiencing the highest level of household food insecurity of 33 surveyed Canadian metro areas, a disparate team of provincial partners came together to find solutions. One brainchild of this collaboration was the Mobile Food Markets (MFM) initiative – a travelling food market selling fresh vegetables and fruit at affordable prices to low-income residents, newcomers to Canada, seniors, single parents, and people with disabilities.

"We always wanted the MFM to be something with credibility — not a project imposed on communities, but something they wanted and invited. Collaborating with these groups, identifying those areas that might need it and then finding the right stakeholders on the ground level took some time, but it was work that really paid off." Mayor Mike Savage





JOB OPPORTUNITY!

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax is seeking a full-time, permanent **Program Coordinator** to support club programs and club kids at the Dartmouth North location. The Program Coordinator will be a key leader onsite, working directly with kids in the after-school and summer programs – including music, recreation, leadership, nutrition, cooking, and sports programs.

The first application deadline has passed; however, applications are still being accepted. For more information, please contact Veronica McNeil, Director of Operations, at: veronica.mcneil@bgcgh.ca.



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PORT WALLACE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN



The proposed Port Wallace development has been revised to include single family dwellings along the Gertrude Drive extension instead

of townhouses.

Find more details in the <u>Port Wallace Master Plan</u>.

SUCH FUN TO BE GUEST STORY TELLER FOR MS. SELIG'S GRADE 1 CLASS AT IAN FORYTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WELCOME DIVISION CHIEF ERICA FLECK!



I am pleased to share the announcement, by Chief Ken Stuebing, welcoming Erica Fleck as she assumes her duties as our Division Chief of Emergency Management on March 1. Division Chief Fleck was selected after an extensive national

search to determine a successor for outgoing Division Chief Barry Manuel.

Division Chief Fleck holds a Bachelor of Emergency Management, is a Certified Emergency Manager and a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

Division Chief Fleck joins Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Services following a distinguished 30year career with the Canadian Military, including her most

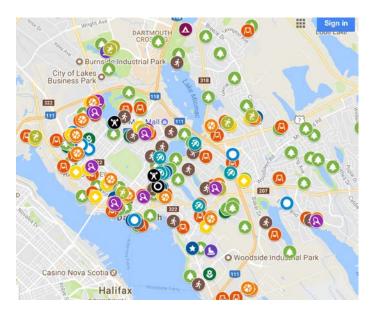


recent assignment as Commanding Officer Joint Task Force Atlantic Headquarters, retiring at the rank of Major.

Welcome to the team Erica!

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DARTMOUTH RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES ASSET MAP



Looking for a tennis court near you, or perhaps a playground or the nearest hiking trail – check out the <u>Dartmouth Recreation and Open</u> <u>Spaces Asset Map</u>. The map was created by fourth-year Dalhousie Nursing student, Brianna Swinimer while working on an internship with the Dartmouth Community Health Board.

The map is filled with colourful icons, each representing a particular asset: there are green spaces, parks, playgrounds, trails, recreation facilities, beaches, baseball fields, basketball hoops and courts, tennis court, ice rinks and much more. The map also includes facilities that offer low-cost programming for fitness or recreation.

Thank you Brianna!

PROPOSED STREET RECAPITILIZATION WORK FOR KENNEDY DRIVE, BOOTH STREET AND ROLEIKA DRIVE

This is a reminder that Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) proposed 2018/19 Capital Budget provides for the full depth asphalt renewal of Kennedy Drive, Booth Street, and Roleika Drive, as well as a new sidewalk on the northeast side of Kennedy Drive.

If this project is approved by Council, the proposed sidewalk work will involve tie-in to driveways and some lawn slopes, but it is expected that most work will be within HRM's right-of-way. Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be removed and moved before construction by the property owner. Otherwise, HRM will remove items in conflict with construction. Trees within the street right-of way will be addressed by the Municipality, and must not be removed by the property owner.

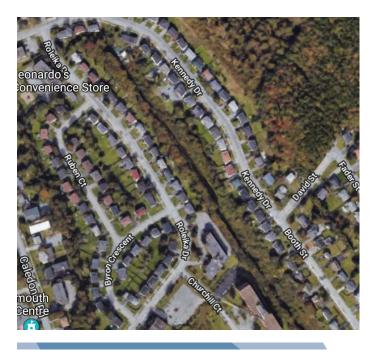
This work is planned for the 2018 construction season. Please note that HRM By-Law S-300 states that pavement cuts shall not be permitted (except for emergency water or sewer breaks, etc.) for two years after the street has been paved. If you have a project requiring a pavement cut, please contact HRM or the appropriate utility to initiate the work, apply for a permit and have the work finished before the HRM project.

For additional driveways or driveway modifications, please contact HRM at 311. For

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water or sewer lateral works, please contact Halifax Water at 902-490-4820. For installation of natural gas laterals, please contact Heritage Gas at 1-877-836-7427.

All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to your property during construction and a follow-up notice will be delivered to your property prior to the start of work. Please contact Jennifer Jeans, Design Engineer, at 490-1457 if you have any questions, or if you are aware of any problems (i.e., drainage or sewer lateral issues).



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NOTICE

Annual Dartmouth Burnside Community Job Fair

Friday April 13, 2018

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dartmouth North Community Center 105 Highfield Park Drive

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 with all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Amanda at amanda@dartmouthlearning.net.

Light Refreshments Provided





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Community
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CHRIS NEWSON

COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY COORDINATOR (902)-490-1562 Chris.Newson@Halifax.ca I WAS PLEASED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER HALIFAX







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MAYOR SAVAGE, COUNCIL COLLEAGUES AND I WITH THE MEMORIAL CUP AT CITY HALL



GOOD FRIDAY IS MARCH 30TH - HAPPY EASTER!







FIRST DAY OF SPRING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 20th – HAPPY SPRING!

