



**DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI**

**DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS**

**HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST**

## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### WELCOME DECEMBER!

The winter weather is upon us, but we have many exciting community events to build our holiday spirit! I hope you will join us for the Shubie Park Tree Lighting where there will be lots of fun activities and guests to entertain the whole family from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on December 8th. The Dartmouth North Community Centre and Dartmouth North Public Library will also be hosting their Annual Festival of Lights on December 8th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. There will be free food, crafts and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the East Dartmouth Community Centre will be hosting their first annual tree lighting with free hot chocolate, treats, Christmas carols and more.

It remains an honour to be your municipal representative. I thank you for your phone calls, text messages and emails keeping me informed of concerns and issues where I may assist. Working together we are continuing to build a safe, healthy, active community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!  
buon Natale e Felice Anno nuovo!

L'hiver arrive, mais nous avons de nombreux événements communautaires excitants pour ajouter à notre esprit des fêtes! J'espère que vous vous joindrez à nous pour l'illumination de l'arbre de Noël du parc Shubie Park où il y a aura de nombreuses activités amusante et d'invités pour divertir toute la famille de 16 h à 18 h le 8 décembre. Le Dartmouth North Community Centre et la Dartmouth North Public Library organiseront aussi leur festival annuel des lumières le 8 décembre de 13 h 30 à 15 h 30. Il y aura de la nourriture gratuite, de l'artisanat et des divertissements afin que tous puissent en profiter. Le 15 décembre, le East Dartmouth Community Centre organisera leur première illumination d'arbre de Noël avec des chocolats chauds gratuits, des friandises et des chœurs de Noël et plus encore.

Cela reste un honneur d'être votre représentant municipal. Je vous remercie pour vos appels, vos messages texte et vos courriels qui me gardent informé des préoccupations et des questions pour lesquelles je peux aider. En travaillant ensemble, nous continuons de bâtir une communauté sécuritaire, saine et active.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!



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### RETURN OF THE MAIN STREET BUS STOP NEAR TIM HORTONS

Construction for the first phase of Main Street transit queue jump lane has begun. Construction is taking place on Main Street between Gordon Avenue/Major Street and Hartlen Street. The street needs to be re-engineered to return the bus stop at the top of Main Street by Tim Hortons.

The left turn lane on Main Street to Gordon Street is now permanently closed. Inbound traffic on Main Street will have to access Tacoma Drive from Hartlen Street.

Crews are on site from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two-lane traffic and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Local businesses will remain open and accessible to pedestrians.

Motorists should expect delays in the area and are asked to use an alternative route whenever possible. The first phase is expected to be complete by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

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The Dartmouth Community Health Team located at 58 Tacoma Drive provide free programs for residents on topics ranging from food, emotional health, sleep and much more.

This month, the Dartmouth Community Health Team are hosting a Personal Wellness Profile session Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., a Community Health Team Drop in from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. December 21<sup>st</sup> plus much more. You can find all of their programs listed in their [program guide](#) and register by visiting their [website](#) or calling 902-460-4560.

### CROSSWALK SAFETY IDEAS



The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a new initiative as part of its annual *Heads up Halifax* campaign aimed at improving crosswalk safety. As

part of the evolution of this program, the municipality is now seeking grassroots participation in making our crosswalks safer for everyone. Bright ideas are being solicited from the people who walk, drive, and bike through crosswalks every day. Submit an idea before January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and a panel of judges will select the best ideas and award funding for implementation by the applicants. There are four awards of \$5,000, six awards of \$2,000 and 15 awards of \$1,000 available for eligible submissions.

Everyone is invited to get involved. However, the municipality can only accept proposals from, and make funding payments to, a qualifying association – a registered charity, society or non-profit organization located in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Individuals with bright ideas for improving crosswalk safety are encouraged to engage and partner with a qualifying association to complete an eligible submission. Winners will be announced in March 2019. Visit [headsupalifax.ca](http://headsupalifax.ca) to download a [submission form](#) and access [the official rules](#).

### VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

It's so important to celebrate the people who give their time, effort and abilities to serve the greater community. The Volunteer Awards is an annual event commending volunteers from each district with a special award presentation. If you know an exceptional volunteer who deserves to be recognized, please take a moment to check out our [website](#) and submit a nomination. There are adult, youth and group categories available. The deadline for nominations is December 17<sup>th</sup> and the awards will be held in the spring.



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### LET IT SNOW

Winter is just around the corner so it's more important than ever to be prepared for whatever the season may bring.

Residents are reminded to secure off-street parking for the winter months so snow plow operators can safely and efficiently clear the streets and sidewalks. When and where you park in the winter can have a big impact on clearing streets and sidewalks during a winter storm. The overnight winter parking ban will be in place from December 15, 2018 to March 31, 2019. The ban will be enforced between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., during declared weather events and extended clearing operations. The easiest way to know when the parking ban will be enforced is to [register online for notifications](#). Residents can also request registration by [calling 311](#).

Remember, after a weather event, streets are cleared on a priority basis, you can find out more about the service standards and your street's priority level [here](#). For the most up to date information before, during and after a winter storm, visit [Halifax.ca/snow](http://Halifax.ca/snow) and follow us on Twitter [@hfxgov](#).

### WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Check out all the amazing recreation programs being offered at our local recreation centres and find something to keep the whole family active this winter.

Winter program registration for preschool, child, youth and adult programs is now open, you can begin to register for skating programs on December 11<sup>th</sup> and aquatics programs on December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m.

Check out our [recreation guide](#) for information about programs happening near you today. Visit our website for more [details](#).

### YMCA SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Municipality has partnered with the YMCA again this year to offer the Senior Snow Removal program.

This program provides snow clearing for seniors 65 years and older and persons with disabilities residing in the HRM in a single unit dwelling with a total gross household income of \$32,000 or less.

The 2018/19 [application package](#) is available but the program is limited and will be provided on a first come, first serve basis so get your application in as soon as possible.

You can find out more about this opportunity by visiting the [YMCA Halifax website](#) or by calling 902-483-3678.

### GREATER BURNSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Greater Burnside Business Association (GBBA) will be hosting their holiday luncheon December 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The GBBA is a volunteer organization that promotes, supports, and advocates for businesses and organizations within Burnside Business Park. To register, check out their [website](#).





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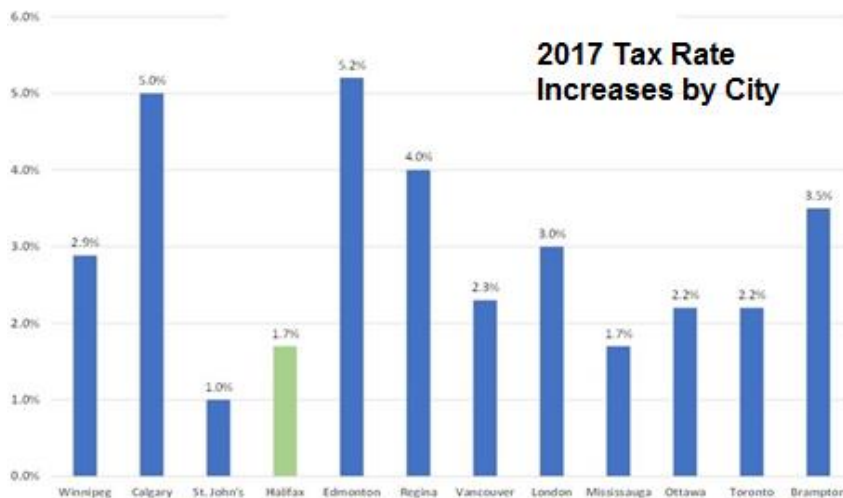
## BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Regional Council will be debating how to spend your tax dollars for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at a series of Budget Committee meetings from January to March. Council will review presentations for each department and provide direction for their budgets. Public input is always welcome, you can provide your feedback by sending your comments to the Clerk’s Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or [Clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:Clerks@halifax.ca)) or by attending the meetings and speaking up during the public comments section. Budget Committee meetings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 a.m.

It is important to understand why we are in a situation where staff are recommending a tax increase. It can be confusing to hear we are growing and we see all the construction yet we are discussing a tax hike. There has been a number of items that have caused us to have financial pressures. There are many new large buildings in the downtown that are not full. The tax rate of a building is based on an occupancy level, so if a building is not full we are not getting the full taxes out of that building yet. Operational costs such as fuel costs are on the rise. Labour costs account for the most significant increases to our current budget. Due to binding arbitration with HRM Police the new contract resulted in a 2.75% increase in salary. Fire's contract mandates they get 95% of what police get, which was a 4.5% increase. ATU (Transit Union) 3.6% increase. NSUPE 2.0% increase. The impact of raising taxes is not lost on Council and a decision to raise taxes is not adopted without thorough consideration of options. If we don't raise taxes where do we get the money to cover the shortfall? The Charter states we are not allowed to run a deficit. We do want to avoid laying off police officers, firefighters or other important municipal service providers. Services such as snow removal and park maintenance also need to be preserved. Council directed staff to prepare three budget scenarios: one with a 1.9 % tax increase, one with a 2.1% tax increase and one with a 2.9% tax increase for fiscal 2019-2020. In these scenarios what stays in the budget, what gets cut? Do we use some of our surplus to offset a tax increase? We are early in the budget process and these will be decisions that need to be considered before a final budget approval.

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Staff has asked us to consider a small increase in the property tax rate so we can continue to promote economic development, service excellence, healthy livable communities, social development, engagement and improve transportation. Last year, Council approved a 1.7% increase, equaling approximately a \$37 increase on average, one of the lowest rate increases for similar cities across the country.



You can find this years’ budget [here](#). To find out more about budget discussions, see the [report](#).



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### NEW DARTMOUTH OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

[Don Bayer Park](#) is the newest location to be designated as a dedicated Off Leash Dog Area with an agility park, trail and separate areas for large and small dogs. The work to upgrade this park is on the 2019/20 list of construction projects.

Staff use the data from dog licensing to identify where service gaps exist and are continuing to identify areas that may require [more off-leash areas](#). A list of the existing off-leash areas can be found [here](#).

Staff are also currently adding new field lighting to the park which will improve safety for all users.

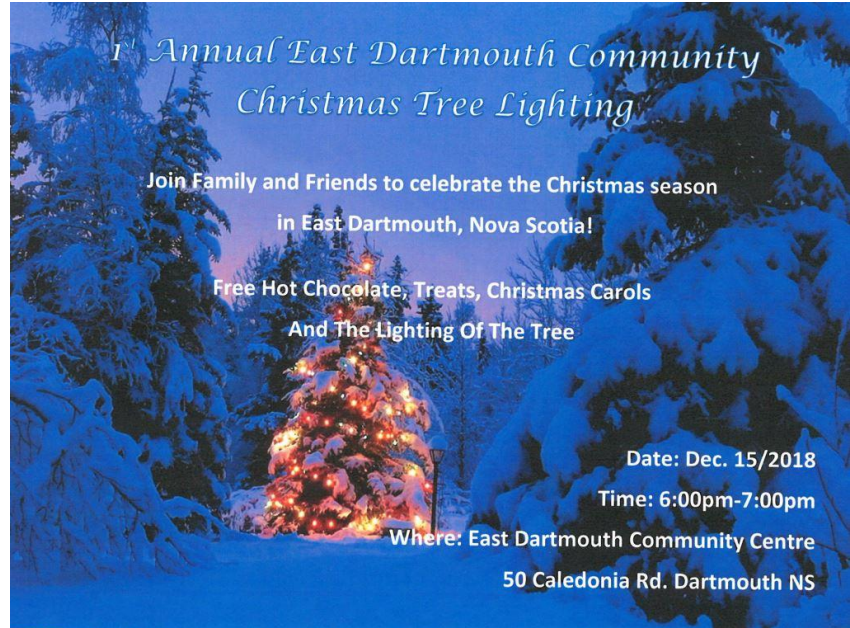
### DID YOU KNOW?

Immigration accounted for almost 90% of Halifax's net population growth with over 4,500 immigrants welcomed in 2017!

### SENIORS HOME SAFETY PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Police offer a free Seniors Home Safety Program where trained senior volunteers can perform a home safety visit or provide a home safety presentation.

The program provides information and tips to help seniors stay safe in their homes including fire safety, fraud and scam detection, fall prevention and much more. Contact them at 902-490-2554 or through [email](#) to schedule an appointment.



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### TALK TRANSIT

Want to provide your feedback to Halifax Transit? Transit has recently launched Talk Transit, an online advisory hub and ongoing method of public engagement. Transit Talk allows current and potential transit users to provide their thoughts on important transit topics through monthly surveys.

Every month, registered users will receive an email notifying them of a new topic we're looking to get feedback on and directing them to a short survey. Surveys will be open for a month and after each survey closes, the results will be compiled in a report and published for residents to see. Engagement results will also be presented in quarterly reports to the Transportation Standing Committee.

If you are interested in providing your feedback, [sign up here](#) or stop by the North Dartmouth Community Centre where Transit staff has set up a survey station.



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### DOWNTOWN DARTMOUTH PLAN

The draft [Downtown Dartmouth Plan](#) was unveiled last week as an addition to the first half of the long-awaited [Centre Plan](#) — the documents designed to guide growth in the regional centre of the Halifax Regional Municipality over the next 10 years.

The Downtown Dartmouth Plan was included in the Centre Plan after public consultation revealed that residents wanted both of these documents to be considered together. Adding the Downtown Dartmouth Plan to the first half of the Centre Plan will allow us to bring changes quicker than if it was a separate plan.

You can find information about the draft Downtown Dartmouth Plan [here](#).

### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

At the Halifax Regional Municipality, we recognize diversity and inclusion as core values. Our Diversity and Inclusion Office is helping to build a diverse and inclusive workforce and provide programs and services to our residents using a diversity and inclusion lens.

Cheryl Copage-Gehue is our Indigenous Advisor and her role is to build connections between Indigenous communities and municipal government, advise staff on more inclusive policies and practices and provide programs for diverse groups.

In October, HRM partnered with the Gord Downie & Channie Wenjack Fund to open the first legacy space in Canada that will be located within Halifax City Hall. The legacy space provides information and is a safe welcoming place where conversations about the past, present and future will be facilitated and encouraged.

To find out more, contact Cheryl through [email](#).

### SOLAR CITY PROGRAM



Figure 1: Completed solar electric installation at the Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth

In November, the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommended that Regional Council extend the successful [Solar City Program](#). The Solar City Program offers property owners in the municipality access to innovative solar energy options, which can be financed through a solar collector account with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The Province of Nova Scotia recently announced a new rebate for residential solar photovoltaic (PV) electric systems. This federally funded rebate is available to Solar City participants, providing savings of up to \$10,000 on overall system costs. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit the Province's [website](#).



At the Grand Parade tree lighting with Mayor Mike Savage



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### SHANNON PARK STADIUM PROPOSAL

On Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Halifax Regional Council passed a motion requesting that staff examine the business case for a new stadium. Before making any decision on investing municipal funds, we will need to see the business case and understand the risks associated with proceeding with any type of funding partnership.

The Maritime Football League Limited Partnership (MFLLP) has identified Shannon Park as their preferred location for a multi-purpose stadium and is currently in discussions with the land owner, Canada Lands Company, about attaining 20 acres of this 80 acre parcel. The remaining lands belong to Canada Lands Company and the Millbrook First Nation and will still be open for mixed-use development.

The MFLLP will provide the municipality with a proposal and staff will evaluate the need, cost-benefit, risk, economic impact, partnership opportunities and current cost estimates. At this time, we are being asked for a tax incentive, not to be the primary funder. No matter what kind of development happens at Shannon Park, infrastructure such as transit routes and roadways may need to be adjusted to accommodate demand. A stadium could provide additional tax revenue that we otherwise would not have collected and other economic benefits for our district. The staff report is expected to be back before Council in the spring where we will deliberate on whether this is a good opportunity for the municipality. You can find the full presentation [here](#).

### OUR URBAN FOREST

Trees are an amazing resource, they provide improved air quality, stormwater control, noise reduction and, of course, beautify our municipality and enhance our overall quality of life. Check out this [five-minute video](#), a Tree of All Trades, about the importance of trees. For more information about our tree strategy, check out the [Urban Forest Master Plan](#).

### POLICE HORSE RETIREMENT



Last month, the Halifax Regional Police announced the upcoming retirement of its Mounted Unit member, police horse Sarge, after 13 years of service. Eighteen-year-old Sarge started with the HRP Mounted Unit in 2006 and has made many contributions to the HRM community. The newest four-legged member of the HRP family will be visible on HRM streets as a police horse in training soon. Thank you Sarge for your service to our police force!

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HOURS CHANGE

In an effort to continuously improve customer service while working within existing staffing levels, Planning and Development has recently extended the pilot project for updated front counter development application intake hours. The front counter hours have been reduced by one hour to reallocate front counter staff to assist with processing and issuance of permits. The adjusted business hours are 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pilot has been extended until the spring when staff will further assess whether the changes have been effective in speeding up application processing.



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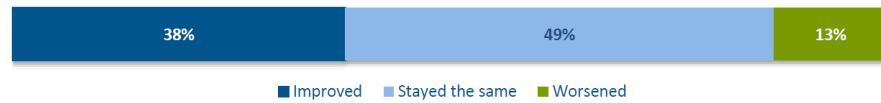
### CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the 2018 Citizen’s Survey have been released. The Citizen Survey is an invaluable means of gathering information to inform policy, decision-making and investments in the community. Over 2,500 residents participated in the survey this year, a marked increase from the last survey which was conducted in 2014. One of the elements the survey covered was overall quality of life in HRM. Almost all respondents (96%) say that the overall quality of life in the region is at least good, including 35% who say it is very good and 38% say quality of life has improved over the past 5 years. This is almost unchanged from 2012 when 94% said it was good or very good.

Overall quality of life in Halifax region



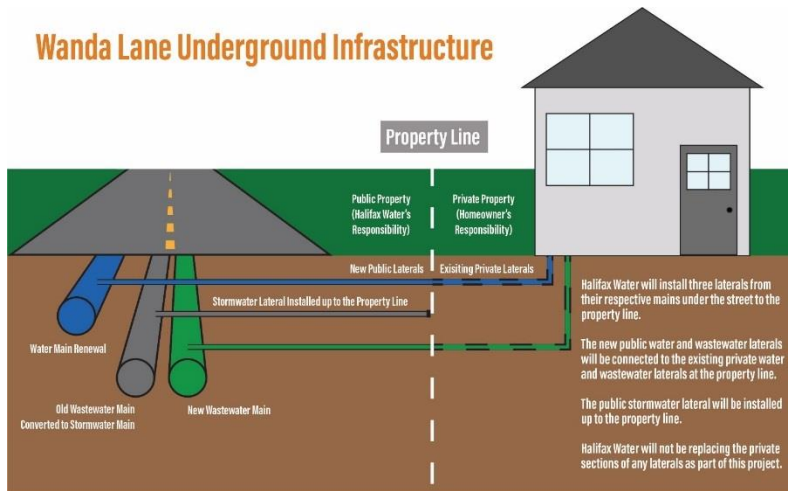
Quality of life in past five years in Halifax region



While there were some challenges identified through the survey, these responses on Overall Quality of Life were promising and encourage us to continue improving. The survey also covered perceived value for taxes, satisfaction with services and much more. You can find the survey results [online](#).

### WANDA LANE, TOBIN DRIVE & RONALD COURT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

#### Wanda Lane Underground Infrastructure



In summer 2019, Halifax Water and the Halifax Regional Municipality will be upgrading infrastructure on Wanda Lane, Tobin Drive and Ronald Court. Halifax Water’s work will include the replacement of the water and wastewater system in various areas, the addition of a deep stormwater system on Wanda Lane, and channel improvements in Ellenvale Run. Pending Council’s approval, the municipality will be undertaking various street improvements including curb, gutter and sidewalk work, as well as the replacement of the bridge on Tobin Drive. This will provide road and underground service upgrades and reduce the amount of stormwater entering the wastewater system from public infrastructure. For

more information about what you can expect during construction, the work that’s being completed and the budget, you can check out the public notice [here](#), and keep an eye out for information coming soon about a public meeting that will be held in early 2019. You can also contact Ian Guppy, the Project Manager from Halifax Water, through [email](#) or by phone at 902.476.1610





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Spirit and I enjoying hiking in District 6

### CHANGES TO ON-STREET PARKING PERMITS

We've made some changes to on-street parking permits that will ensure there is more priority placed on the parking needs of residents. The changes came into effect November 5<sup>th</sup> after Council approved the amended [Parking By-law P-1200 Respecting On-Street Parking Permits](#). Permit parking is now divided into zones, with residential permits issued to a zone as opposed to a street block. The new zone-based residential parking system will make it easier for residents to find parking in their neighbourhood as they are no longer restricted to their street. This system also better accommodates residents who live on streets where some parking is displaced by construction, the installation of bike lanes and priority lanes for buses. You can find the map of the parking zones [here](#). The new system also introduces 16 designated spaces on-street for carshare vehicles on the peninsula. There are [six spaces installed in Dartmouth](#) and [10 spaces in Halifax](#). Approved carshare organizations can apply for an annual carshare vehicle permit which will allow permit holders to park in zones marked as *No Parking Except with Carshare Permit*. All existing, valid permits remain effective until they expire. For more information, visit our [website](#).

### COMMUNITY GRANTS CHANGES

The Community Grants Program is proposing some changes to address a lack of applications to the Neighbourhood Safety Category, over subscription to the Recreation and Leisure Category and provide clarification on the Diversity and Inclusion Category. The community grants committee endorsed the following proposed changes in the fall:

1. The Neighbourhood Safety Category has been merged into the Emergency Assistance Category. Both focus primarily on public safety.
2. The Recreation & Leisure Category has been split into two separate categories. The Recreation Category will focus on *physical activity/fitness* whereas the Leisure Category will focus on *social activity/passive recreation* (community halls, seniors club, hobby clubs, community-owned parks and playgrounds).
3. The Diversity Category has been re-named to Diversity & Inclusion to distinguish grants for accessibility and provide clarification with respect to religious and/or political organizations.

You can find out more about the community grants program [here](#).

### PORT OF HALIFAX PRESENTATION

On Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, the Port of Halifax provided a presentation to Halifax Regional Council. The Port of Halifax is the largest industrial and commercial port in the Atlantic Region. It generates over 12,000 jobs, contributing \$2.33 billion to Nova Scotia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually.

To view the full presentation, see our [website](#).



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### REDUCING SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Rethink food storage – plastic baggies and plastic wrap often end up in our landfills and oceans after just one use. Why not invest in jars or glass containers to store leftovers and pack lunches. Re-usable containers are more cost effective over time and safer for re-heating and storing your food. The following motion will be discussed at The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and will be going to Regional Council on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

That Halifax Regional Council:

- a. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to ensure staff engages with appropriate Nova Scotia Environment staff and members of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee ('Regional Chairs') to discuss options including but not limited to Extended Producer Responsibility ("EPR") for a unified approach to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic shopping bags in all Nova Scotia municipalities, particularly in light of the changing plastic film commodity markets worldwide;
- b. That staff collaborate to engage with retailers and external experts on options to eliminate or reduce use of plastic shopping bags in the Municipality, and return, via the Environment Standing Committee at a future date, by way of a staff report with recommendations;
- c. That Mayor Savage write to the Premier of Nova Scotia to reaffirm Halifax Regional Municipality's support for Extended Producer Responsibility;
- d. That Mayor Savage write to the Premier of Nova Scotia to express Halifax Regional Municipality's support for a Provincial ban on retail plastic bags."



At the Terrance Bay Community Centre with residents and Councillor Stephen Adams

### POLICE COMPLAINTS

Do you have concerns about the actions, service or conduct of police in the Halifax Regional Municipality? Anyone who feels they have not been treated properly or who has concerns about the actions of police can make a complaint by contacting the Halifax Regional Police Professional Standards Office at 902-490-4127 or by [email](#).

Complaints must be filed within six months of the incident and will be assigned to be investigated. For more information about this process, visit their [website](#).

### HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM

The provincial Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) helps lower-income families with the cost of home heating by providing rebates from \$100 - \$200. You can find out more and apply on their [website](#) any time before March 31<sup>st</sup>.



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### NEW ELECTRONIC WATER METERS



Halifax Water is upgrading its water meters to include Itron Radio Frequency (RF) technology. The new meters will be compatible with the latest meter reading technology and offers benefits such as improved

customer service, system operation and environmental benefits.

RF technology is used in radio and television broadcasts, baby monitors, cell phones and wifi networks and the World Health Organization and Health Canada have both authored studies showing there are no adverse health effects from RF waves.

You can find out more about the Itron collector boxes on their website [here](#). Check out Halifax Water's [website](#) to book your appointment for the Water Meter Upgrade.

### RITA JOE FERRY JOINS HALIFAX TRANSIT FERRY FLEET

Halifax Transit has officially welcomed the Rita Joe as the fifth and final vessel in its fleet of Halifax Harbour ferries. Rita Joe was a Mi'kmaq author, poet, and songwriter from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. She is a member of the Order of Canada, was called to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, and has received multiple honorary doctorates from Canadian universities.

The municipality hosted a ferry-naming contest in spring 2017 and with more than 11,000 votes, Rita Joe and Vincent Coleman were selected. Rita Joe was officially added to the fleet at the end of October.

### VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATS

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Halifax District RCMP release a monthly report on vehicle/pedestrian collisions in the municipality. According to the report, 182 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions have been reported from January to September 2018. This represents an increase of one incident over the same time period in 2017. About 60% of vehicle/pedestrian collisions occurred in crosswalks.

Nineteen vehicle/pedestrian collisions were reported in September. Of the 140 pedestrians involved in reported collisions in 2018, two were fatally injured and 89 experienced injuries ranging in severity. You can find the full report [here](#).

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Dartmouth's own Chris Liberatore for becoming an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police!

Chris is pictured here with his father Enio.



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### DEPUTY MAYOR

On Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, I was honoured to be acclaimed as the Deputy Mayor for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Over the next year I will have the chance to represent the Mayor and Council at events and conferences around the municipality. I am excited about this opportunity to further promote citizen engagement, healthy communities and initiatives that support our most vulnerable communities. Thank you to my colleagues for your support and to Councillor Wayne Mason for setting the bar so high during his term as Deputy Mayor.



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### Currently serving on:

**Halifax Regional Council**  
**Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**Special Events Advisory Committee**  
**Halifax Partnership**  
**Shubenacadie Canal Commission**  
**Acadian Francophone Liaison**

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

We have some great community events coming up to celebrate the holidays.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS JOYEUX NOËL BUON NATALE

*Happy Holidays*