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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MARCH - WELCOME SPRING – WELCOME DST!

March has arrived and with it, we are edging closer to finalizing the municipal budgets for 2019/20. We also look forward to a little more daylight with the approaching spring equinox and start of Daylight Saving Time (DST) on March 10th which will benefit participants of the Solar Panel program. IWD - International Women’s Day - is on March 8th with many events planned throughout our municipality in recognition of the 2019 #BetterforBalance theme.

Local public libraries and community/recreation centers have activities planned for the school March Break the week of the 18th -22nd. We also celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th, first day of Spring on the 20th; and the opening of many grant programs such as Community Gardens, Community Grants and Public Art. Keep reading for details on the upcoming District 9 Participatory Budget process for funds to assist in a variety of projects of benefit to the greater community.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS (EXCLUDING AQUATICS) BEGINS MARCH 6th



View programs and set up your online account at <http://halifax.ca/myREC> .



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

[#BetterforBalance](#) – MARCH 8th, 2019

International Women's Day 2019

Celebrating Women Across the Diversity Spectrum in the fields of Science, Math, Technology, and Innovation

Friday, March 8 | 1–4 p.m. | Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Theatre, 5440 Spring Garden Rd

Featuring keynote speaker:

Dr. Rita Orji

Asst. Professor Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University



This event is presented in partnership between The African Nova Scotian and Racially Visible Women's Network, Halifax Regional Municipality's Office of Diversity & Inclusion, and The Halifax Central Library.

All are invited to this free event! Come enjoy a host of activities including information booths, door prizes, entertainment, and healthy snacks. Please email Lillian Ash at ashli@halifax.ca to confirm your attendance.



Visit halifax.ca/IWD for details



1. Growing produce for:
 - personal consumption
 - donating to local food causes
 - generating revenue to reinvest in the community garden
2. Production of a floral or landscape display.
3. Demonstration gardening or other related instructional programming.

For more information, check out the [community garden handbook](#). Send completed application to Darren Hirtle, Community Developer, by email to: hirtled@halifax.ca.



Are you interested in starting a community garden? Submit your application before March 15, 2019. halifax.ca/rec



COMMUNITY GARDENS – APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15th



Many [community gardens](#) in Halifax are operated by residents on land owned by the municipal government.

They are small-scale sites operated by non-profit societies for one or more of the following purposes:

DISTRICT 9 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

Each district has an annual budget of \$94,000 in District Capital Funding to be used in support of community projects. Only not-for-profit organizations/community groups are eligible.

Eligible projects are those that support initiatives that fall within HRM's mandate and have community benefit such as public art, bike racks, playground equipment, benches, or other community enhancements. Examples of past projects are: new equipment at Whimsical Lake playground on Mabou Ave; music education hardware and software for the Boys & Girls Club; metal "dugout" awnings over the baseball player benches at Larry O'Connell Park.

To involve residents in how some tax dollars are spent, I will be hosting Participatory Budgeting in



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District 9. There are many benefits to participatory budgeting: it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups; it builds community support and collaboration; and, gives residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 Capital Funds to be spent.

Key Events and Dates:

Info Session and Idea Swap April 4th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, 14 Purcell's Cove Road

Everyone is welcome to attend to discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 9. Information on how to submit a project proposal will be provided.

Proposal Submission Deadline Midnight May 24th

Email completed applications with all documentation to Chris.Newson@halifax.ca or **mail*** to: Chris Newson, Council Constituency Coordinator, Council Support Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

**paper submissions must be received in the office during business hours by May 24th to be considered*

Community Vote June 13th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Bethany United Church, 2686 Joseph Howe Drive
District 9 residents VOTE on their favourite projects. Winners will be announced that night.



FEBRUARY 12th REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSION TREATED TO AWESOME DRUMMING BY SOBAZ BENJAMIN IN HONOUR OF AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 10, 2019, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 10, 2019, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 10, 2019 than the day before. There will be **more light** in the evening.



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NAME CHANGE – NORTH WEST ARM DRIVE TO DUNBRACK STREET



Although I do not support the name change of this section of provincially owned roadway from North West Arm Drive to Dunbrack Street, there is little that we as a municipality can do.

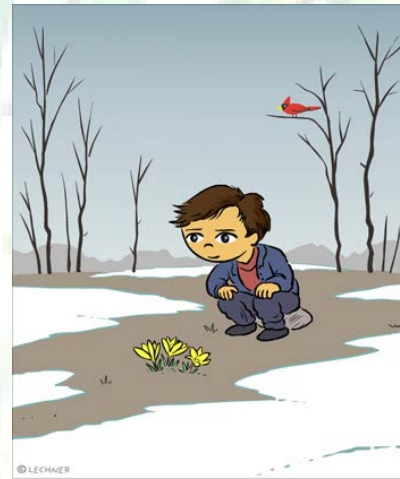
The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has applied to change the name of this stretch of highway as a result of their highway / ramp realignment project underway on Highway 102. You may have noticed new signs already being installed along this stretch of roadway.

HRM will be responsible for coordinating a renaming which will involve changing two North West Arm Drive addresses, Long Lake Park and a Halifax Water Commission structure. **There will be no address changes to residents associated with this street renaming.** Notifications will be sent to residents who live on intersecting streets to let them know of the change. A media release will also be issued to advise the greater HRM population of this change.

The province anticipates they will need to install at least 14 new signs and must install them in phases to ensure they are all in the ground by the spring (when the renaming is anticipated to become official).



DID YOU KNOW...



The March or Vernal Equinox occurs on Wednesday, March 20th this year and, astronomically speaking, marks the first official day of spring - meteorologically speaking, first day of spring is March 1.

On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. After the spring equinox, the northern hemisphere tilts toward the sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days. We can now enjoy increased sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.



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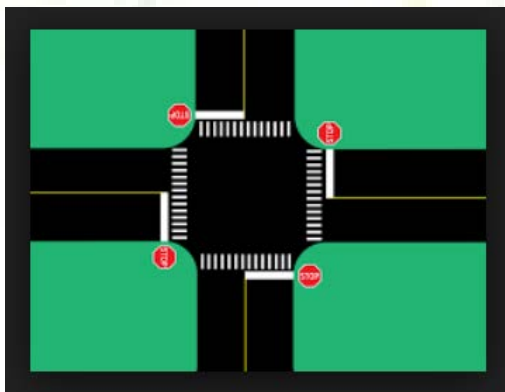
MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2019/20 – FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL APRIL 2nd

Final review and approval of the 2019/20 budget is scheduled for **April 2nd** starting at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street. The session is open to the public or, you may view the session online at www.halifax.ca.



ALMON STREET AND CONNAUGHT AVENUE INTERSECTION

In response to traffic concerns at the Almon Street and Connaught Avenue intersection, I have met with our municipal Traffic Authority and Traffic Analysts to discuss the issues. The most recent update I received explains that **an all-way stop is not warranted** at the intersection as stop signs are used



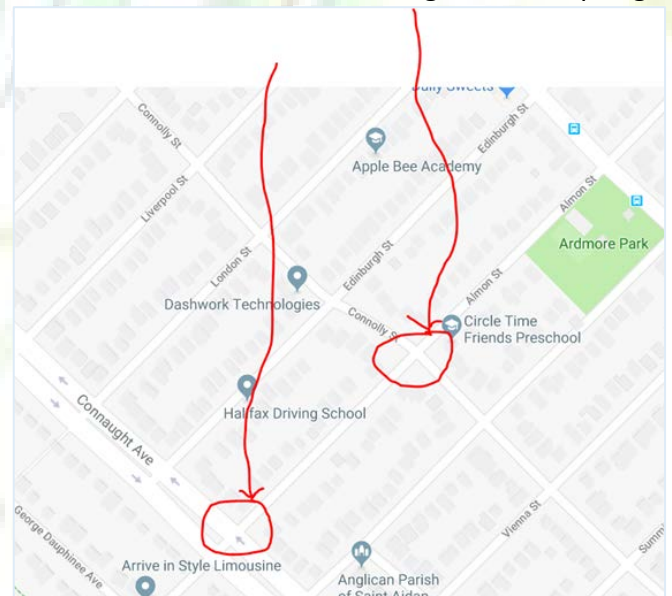
to designate right-of-way and are not used as traffic calming devices. In general, all-

way stop control may be warranted for installation at intersections that have significant and relatively equal volume of approaching traffic on each of the intersecting roadways (max ratio of 2 to 1). Stop compliance at unwarranted stop signs is poor

because motorists see no reason to stop when there is little conflicting traffic. This behaviour can be hazardous to other vehicles and pedestrians who have the belief that vehicles will stop because of the stop signs.

In addition, speed on the remaining sections is found to have increased after the installation of an all-way stop, as drivers tend to speed up to try to make up for the increased delay of the stop sign. I will have data collected for this intersection when the data program resumes in the spring to complete a full review.

I visited the site to assess the visibility of the stop signs on Connolly Street and the crosswalk signs on Almon Street. At this time, visibility in all directions exceeds the requirement for stopping sight distance. This can be reviewed again in the spring



once the trees are in bloom to ensure the foliage does not obstruct any signs. I also note that we are currently trialing the usage of high visibility strips on crosswalk posts. So far, the feedback we have received has been very good, and we may be



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installing more high visibility strips to crosswalks in the spring: this crosswalk will be considered for installation of those strips at that time.

Unfortunately, Almon Street is classified as a major collector and therefore does not qualify for traffic calming. Major collector roads are designed to carry higher volumes of traffic and move at an uninterrupted flow – except at signals and crosswalks. You can read more about HRM’s Traffic Calming Policy [here](#).

Halifax Regional Police have been notified of concerns regarding vehicle noncompliance and speeding. I encourage residents to reach out to HRP on their non-emergency line at **902-490-5020** with these concerns to assist them with a data file for the area and track resources used in the area.

2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

HRM’s 2019 Community Grants Program is now accepting applications. **The application deadline is March 31, 2019.** The Program guidebook and application are available as follows:

- on-line at: [2019 Community Grants Program Guidebook](#)
- at one of HRM's [Customer Contact Centres](#)
- E-mail to: Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca
- Phone: 902.490.7310.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

The Community Grants Guidebook contains detailed eligibility criteria for the program and for each of the funding sectors.

STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP COURSE SPRING 2019



Step Up to Leadership Spring 2019 Course

Free leadership development program for volunteers

Dartmouth
Graham Creighton Junior High School
Wednesdays starting March 27 for 9 weeks
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Sackville
Sackville Heights Community Centre
Tuesdays starting March 26 for 9 weeks
6:30-9:00 p.m.

To register please contact Devon Bundy at bundyd@halifax.ca or at 902.225.5806

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halifax.ca/volunteerservices



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PROFESSIONAL ARTS GRANT – APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 22nd

Applications to the [Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program](#) are now being accepted. The program provides operating assistance and project assistance funding to not-for-profit professional arts organizations in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2019-2020 Applications and Guidelines:
Operating Assistance

- [Application / Guidelines](#)

Project Assistance

- [Application / Guidelines](#)



elm elm maple elm by Theo Heffler - sample of Public Art at Halifax Commons



CAMP COURAGE JULY 7th – 14th - ESSAY DEADLINE MARCH 31st



The First Responders Society is an incorporated non-profit company established by firefighter, Andréa Speranza, in January 2006, to introduce young women aged 15- 19 to careers as first responders primarily Paramedics, Police Officers, and Firefighters. The goal is that young women will leave with a sense of empowerment and the confidence to believe that they **can** achieve any goal, career or dream they desire.

The camp is 100% free. To be accepted into camp you must write an essay on one of two topics: how you can improve someone else’s life that is less fortunate, or; how you can improve your community. Instead of paying cash, you have to do what you’ve proposed in your essay. The only limitation is your imagination. This illustrates how: hard-work creates opportunities, to be thankful for what you have, to respect others that have less and, to teach the value of helping others.

[Camp Courage](#) accepts 24 participants each year.
Entrance essays are due March 31st!

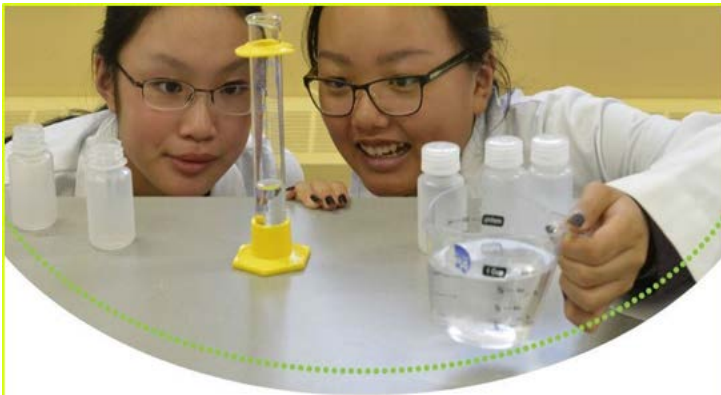
Join us for the experience of your life July 7th to July 14th!



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GIRLS SCIENCE RETREAT – APRIL 13th



GIRLS GET WISE SCIENCE RETREAT

April 13, 2019

Mount Saint Vincent University

Hands-on Science & STEM career exploration for girls in grades 7-10!

Registration opens February 19 at WISEatlantic.ca/events



systems on their property. This voluntary Local Improvement Charge (LIC) mechanism is described in detail in [Solar City Bylaw S-500](#).

You could **save an average of \$1,300 per year** on your electricity bill when you install a solar energy system.



The Province of Nova Scotia recently announced a **new rebate for residential solar photovoltaic (PV) electric systems**. This rebate – funded federally through the Low Carbon Economy Fund and administered by [Efficiency Nova Scotia](#) – 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 [Efficiency Nova Scotia](#).



WHAT IS THE 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.

Who can access the solar city program?

- residential property owners
- non-profit organizations
- places of worship
- co-operatives
- charities

Solar City financial basics:

The Solar City program involves a voluntary financing application where the property owner enters into an agreement with the municipality to access funds that offset the capital costs of installing solar energy

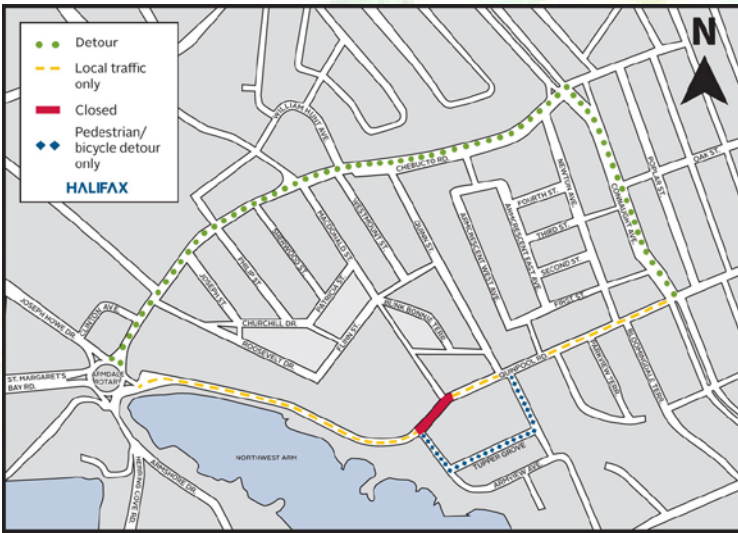


CN RAIL BRIDGES RENOVATION PROJECT - QUINPOOL ROAD

It is anticipated that work on the Quinpool Road bridge rehabilitation will take place from April 1st to mid-August 2019. Halifax Water has already commenced work to install a separate permanent structure adjacent to the bridge for new water and wastewater infrastructure.

Through-traffic (excluding local traffic) will be closed to vehicles on Quinpool Road, between the Armdale Round-about and Connaught Avenue. **No traffic will be permitted to cross Quinpool bridge.**

A detour route will be required with vehicular, transit and truck traffic routed onto Chebucto Road, to



Connaught Avenue, to Quinpool Road. Pedestrians and cyclists will be routed through Armview Avenue, to Tupper Grove, to Prince Arthur Street. All detour routes will be well signed and advertised in advance.

Halifax Water will be connecting the new water and wastewater mains upstream and downstream of the Quinpool Road bridge in spring 2019. The work will be coordinated to fall within road closures scheduled for the bridge rehabilitation.

COGSWELL REDEVELOPMENT – MARCH 14th PUBLIC SHOWCASE



All are welcome to attend an upcoming showcase to view the recently approved 90% design for Cogswell District. Join the Cogswell District project team and Cindi Rowan from WSP on Thursday, Mar. 14th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Scotia Square Centre Court.



WSP

GRANVILLE PARK

After extensive public consultation, the 90% construction design plan for the Cogswell District has been approved by Regional Council. Staff have been directed to proceed with tendering construction services for the project.

The approved design plan addresses public realm elements including accessibility, public art and commemorative features, parks and open spaces, multi-use paths, streetscapes, and a transit hub for the new neighbourhood. It also details the phases for construction of the project.



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Detailed land use policy, including finalizing the rules that will guide the design and use of buildings in the Cogswell District, will be reviewed and considered in the coming months as part of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) amendment process. The goal is to complete the process well in advance of the sale of the first development block.

Details regarding further public engagement for art and commemoration, as well as the MPS and LUB amendment process will be shared in the coming weeks.

To learn more about the design plan and next steps, visit halifax.ca/cogswell and [read the staff report](#).

HALIFAX TRANSIT – SERVICE UPDATES

As of February 18, 2019, the following routes were adjusted: [39](#), [123](#), [194](#). Minor adjustments were also made to routes [21](#) and [330](#).

Easter Sunday Holiday Service to [Alderney Ferry](#) has also been added.

Route 123 Timberlea Express is the route that most directly impacts District 9. **This route has been updated to include stops along St. Margaret’s Bay Road and discontinued service along Quinpool Road.** The route will **now travel via Chebucto Road, Cunard Street, Robie Street, and Bell Road rather than Quinpool Road.**

New Route 123 Inbound bus stops:

- St Margaret’s Bay Rd Before Alderwood Dr (6171)
- St Margaret’s Bay Rd Before Ferndale Dr (6169)
- St Margaret’s Bay Rd Before Fairmount Rd (6159)
- Chebucto Rd After Armdale Rotary (6399)
- Bell Rd After Robie St (6291)

New Route 123 Outbound bus stops:

- Robie St After Quinpool Rd (8184)
- Chebucto Rd Before Armdale Rotary (6410)
- St Margarets Bay Rd After Crown Dr (6158)
- St Margarets Bay Rd After Ferndale Dr (6187)
- St Margarets Bay Rd Opposite Bakers Dr (6183)

Discontinued Route 123 Bus Stops:

- Quinpool Rd After Oxford St (8136)
- Quinpool Rd Before Vernon St (8149)
- Quinpool Rd After Quingate Pl (8138)
- Quinpool Rd After Oxford St (8137)

[Route 123 Schedule](#), [Route 123 Map](#)

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Along with serving on Halifax Regional Council and the Halifax and West Community Council, I am also a member of the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Harbour Bridges
- Halifax Partnership