



**COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY**  
DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

## WELCOME APRIL!



Spring has arrived and with it, the fiscal year-end. The 2019/20 municipal budget is about to be finalized. You may attend the Council session at City Hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (starting at 10:00 a.m.) or watch the discussion on [livestream](#).

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the traditional April Fool's Day; however, the closure of a portion of Quinpool Road for the CN Rail Bridge Rehabilitation Project is no joke. The work by CN Rail necessitates closure of a section of roadway from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>. Keep reading for more details on this project including detour routes.

Great news for gardeners - the Common Roots Urban Farm will be moving to the Bi-Hi Park! See more details on this and other gardening/composting/recycling information in this E-newsletter.



## APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> – FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Final review and approval of the 2019/20 budget is scheduled for **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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](http://www.halifax.ca).



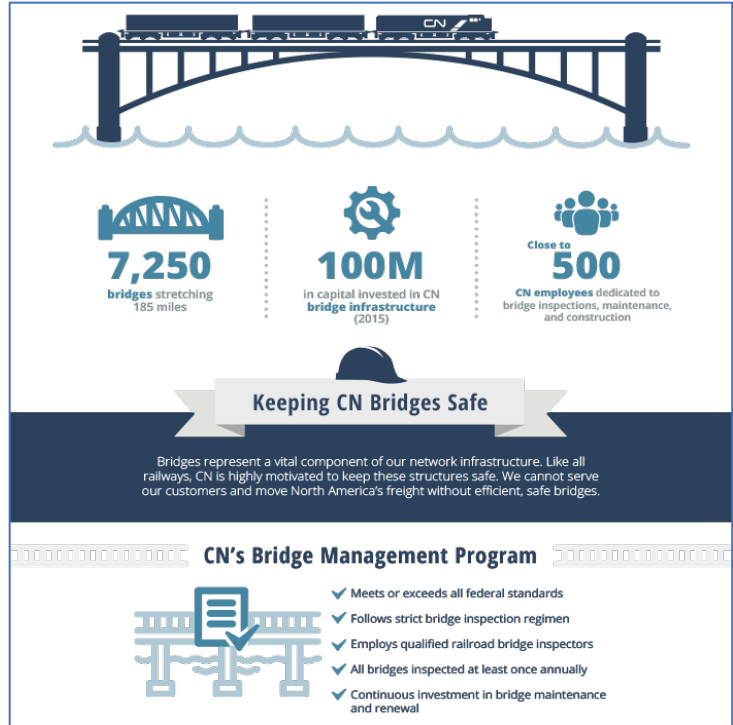


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## QUINPOOL ROAD CLOSURE FOR CN RAIL BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Contact CN Rail’s public inquiry line at **1-888-888-5909** with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the CN Rail bridge rehabilitation project, or, you may email CN Rail at: [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca). You may also contact HRM’s Project Manager, Abdullah Mofarrah at 902.490.5015.



**7,250** bridges stretching 185 miles

**100M** in capital invested in CN bridge infrastructure (2015)

Close to **500** CN employees dedicated to bridge inspections, maintenance, and construction

**Keeping CN Bridges Safe**

Bridges represent a vital component of our network infrastructure. Like all railways, CN is highly motivated to keep these structures safe. We cannot serve our customers and move North America's freight without efficient, safe bridges.

**CN's Bridge Management Program**

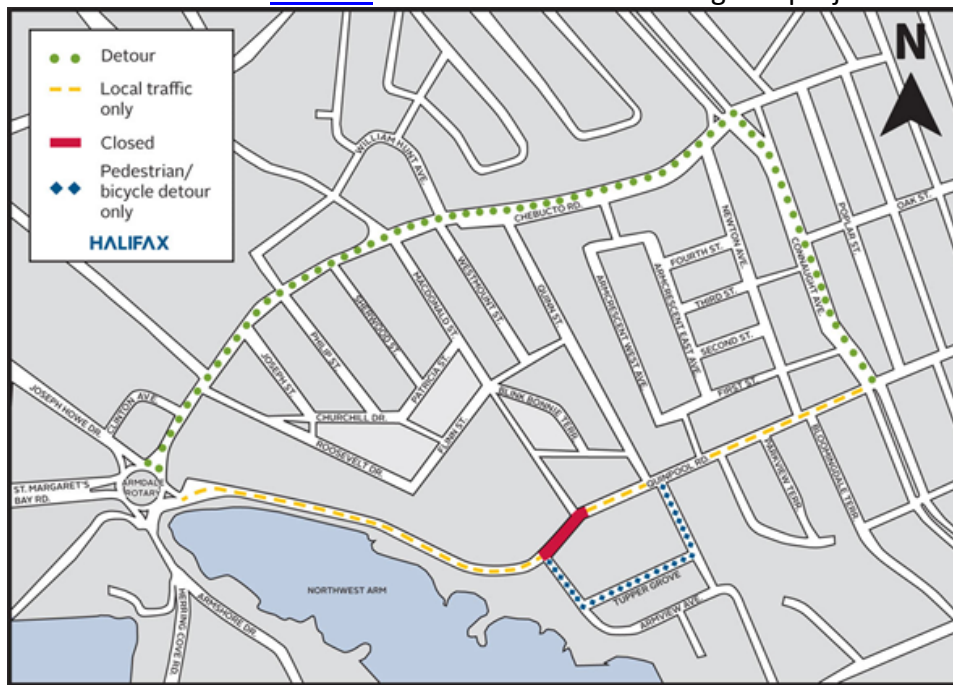
- Meets or exceeds all federal standards
- Follows strict bridge inspection regimen
- Employs qualified railroad bridge inspectors
- All bridges inspected at least once annually
- Continuous investment in bridge maintenance and renewal



Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> CN Rail will be replacing the rail bridge at the southwest end of Quinpool

Road which will necessitate closure of this portion of roadway for approximately 3 to 4 months. **Work will be 12 hours per day, Monday to Saturday inclusive.** There is no intention, at this point, for any work to take place in the overnight hours.

Halifax Transit buses that service this section of roadway will be detoured: [Details regarding bus detours](#). Detours will be in place for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists. Follow [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter for regular updates. See detour route map below and check our [website](#) for more detail concerning this project.





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### DISTRICT 9 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET INFORMATION NIGHT - APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>

All non-profit groups (including school PTAs/SACs) in District 9 are invited to attend the Participatory Budget information night on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. Participatory Budget is when the community decides what projects are provided District 9 District Capital funding for local community projects.

<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>TIME:</b>	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre 1014 Purcells Cove Road

Deadline for District 9 District Capital project submissions is May 24<sup>th</sup> at midnight. You may submit your District Capital fund request to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at [Chris.Newson@halifax.ca](mailto:Chris.Newson@halifax.ca). Each submission must include:

- a detailed letter explaining the mandate of your non-profit group
  - details of the proposed project including how it will benefit the greater community
  - contact name and phone number / email address
  - the amount you are requesting
- a completed [District Capital Fund Request Form](#).

Once all submissions are received, and confirmation provided on whether the project(s) meet the [District Capital policy](#), a **Community Vote** will be held on the eligible projects on **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Bethany United Church**, 2686 Joseph Howe Drive.

### YOUTH SUMMIT – APRIL 7, 2019

This event is hosted by the (new) Youth Advisory Committee, the Parks & Recreation Youth Section, and the Municipal Clerks Office of the Halifax Regional Municipality. The aim is to begin the process of bringing together the youth communities from across the municipality to talk about what matters most to them, and; help inform the policies, programs, and services that affect youth in communities across the region.



Connect with youth from across the municipality at our Youth Summit!

**When:** Sunday, April 7 from 2-6 p.m.  
**Where:** Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Hall, 5440 Spring Garden Road

To register for this free event, contact Jennifer Purdy at [purdyj@halifax.ca](mailto:purdyj@halifax.ca)



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[halifax.ca/YAC](http://halifax.ca/YAC)

### SPEED MONITORING ON JOSEPH HOWE DRIVE



Working together to keep our communities safe.

Responding to concerns expressed by area residents, Halifax Regional Police have created a proactive assignment focusing efforts in the area of Joseph Howe Drive to bring speeds down to an acceptable level.

Recent statistics show that a total of 400 tickets were issued in a four-month period for various



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offences in the greater area including not wearing seatbelts, unregistered vehicles, etc. The table below outlines all offences involving speed of vehicles on Joseph Howe Drive.

Infraction	# of Summary Offence Tickets Issued
Failing to obey traffic sign or signal	11
Driving at speed that exceeds 50 km/h in residence district	4
Driving at speed that exceeds posted speed limit or other maximum speed limit in Act by <b>1 to 15 km/h</b> , inclusive, in other than a temporary work area	32
Driving at speed that exceeds posted speed limit or other maximum speed limit in Act by <b>16 to 30 km/h</b> , in other than a temporary work area	60
Driving at speed that exceeds posted speed limit or other maximum speed limit in Act by <b>31 km/h</b> or more, in other than a temporary work area	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>

Methods used were speed box install, visual police presence and enforcement.

**Divisional Commander West Division (Bedford to Sambro Loop)** Inspector Stephanie Carlisle,  
902.490.5200

**Cowie Hill/Armdale Community Response Officer:**  
Constable Jody  
Prior: 902.240.1440



## REPORT A POTHOLE / SINKHOLE

Call 311 to [report a pothole or sinkhole](#) on an HRM owned street or sidewalk.

**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 into it, you can't see any pavement.

If you are reporting **potholes on a 100-series highway**, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at [TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca](mailto:TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca).

## MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER **FREE** PROGRAM STARTING MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Master Composter Recycler (MCR) is a free four-week education program May 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Through training sessions, hands-on workshops, and facility tours, you will become more knowledgeable about how waste is managed in the Halifax region, from collection to processing. You will also learn how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions.



<b>DATES:</b>	May 1 <sup>st</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>TIMES:</b>	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Citadel Community Centre – Room 101 (Citadel High School) 1995 Trollop Street, Halifax <b>and</b> <b>various Field Trip locations</b>

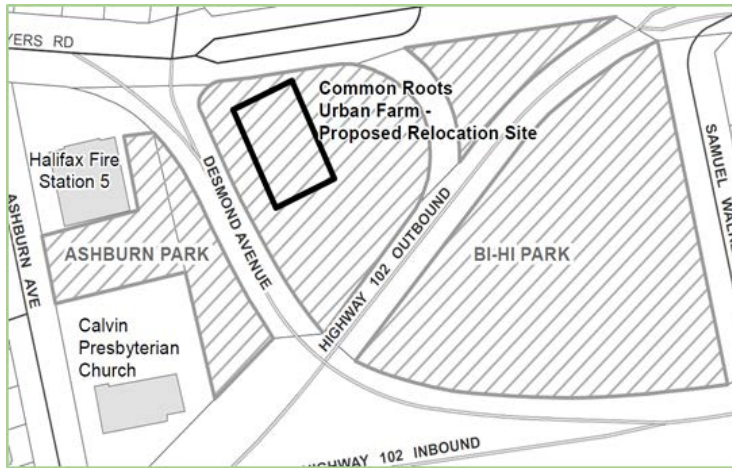


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Contact a [Waste Resource Education Officer](#) for more information. To register, please contact [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca).

## COMMON ROOTS COMMUNITY GARDEN MOVING TO BI-HI PARK



Common Roots Urban Farm (currently located at the corner of Bell Road and Robie Street, Halifax) will be relocating 110 of their 200 community garden plots to Bi-Hi park on Bayer’s Road starting in April. HRM staff will assist with moving the 90 remaining community garden plots to other community gardens in the area. There are currently 23 community gardens located on municipal lands, six being located on the peninsula.

To learn more about community gardens throughout the municipality, visit the [Community Gardens webpage](#).



## Accessible Parking Public Engagement

The municipality wants to know your thoughts about accessible parking in the region.

Thursday, April 4  
Halifax Central Library  
BMO Community Room  
2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 11  
60 Alderney Dr., Dartmouth  
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council Meeting Room  
2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Please join us at any one of the four sessions.

CART and Sign Language will be provided.



[shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessibleparking](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessibleparking)

## HAPPY EASTER – APRIL 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019





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## RECENT HALIFAX TRANSIT SURVEY RESULTS

## REPORT LITTER ON HRM OWNED STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS



[Report](#) scattered litter or overflowing waste bins on HRM owned streets, sidewalks, paths, walkways, between streets or in ditches by calling **311** or using the link above.

Litter accumulates. It's ugly. The culmination of small transgressions by litterers – even those that happen by accident – looks bad in our community. One piece of litter turns to two, then three, and more. We are each responsible to stop litter before it starts.

**Statistics have shown that people are less likely to litter in areas that are litter free - a great motivator to keep our communities clean.**



**Transit Priority Measures (TPMs) Survey Results**

**Highlights**

- Most respondents had at least some knowledge of Halifax TPMs before taking the survey.
- Many respondents feel that more public education surrounding TPMs is needed.
- 85% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that people would ride buses more often if they were less likely to get stuck in traffic.

As a transit passenger, do you feel TPMs help you get to your destinations more reliably?

Yes (85.50%) No (14.50%)

When you use the road as a driver, a cyclist, or while walking, do you feel that TPMs are clearly marked and easy to understand?

Yes (75.30%) No (24.70%)

**TPMs and Private Vehicles**

<b>44%</b> FEEL THAT TPMs are a good thing even if they create <i>moderate</i> delays for private vehicles.	<b>38%</b> FEEL THAT TPMs are a good thing when they cause only <i>short</i> delays for private vehicles.	<b>17%</b> FEEL THAT TPMs are a good thing only if they <i>don't</i> increase delays for private vehicles.	<b>1%</b> FEEL THAT TPMs are not acceptable in any situation.
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**How important is it that more TPMs are added to keep buses out of traffic?**

- 48.5% say very important
- 39.2% say important
- 8% don't have an opinion on this
- 3.4% say unimportant
- 0.8% say very unimportant

**What's Next?**

Thank you for responding to the Talk Transit TPM survey! The answers you provided have been shared with a Halifax Transit, Traffic, and Transportation Planning working group focused on TPM development.

This year, we are working on extending the Main St/Gordon Ave TPM and the Portland St/Baker Dr TPM (pending provincial approval). Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget to check out this month's survey on transferring!

[www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/talktransit](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/talktransit)



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## CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2019 – APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>

**HALIFAX WILL COMPETE WITH 165+ CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.**

**City Nature Challenge 2019**  
APRIL 26-29

**GET OUTSIDE  
OBSERVE NATURE  
HAVE FUN!**

**HOW IT WORKS:**  
 ✓ DOWNLOAD THE INATURALIST APP  
 ✓ SNAP A PHOTO OF ANYTHING IN NATURE  
 ✓ UPLOAD AND SHARE BETWEEN APRIL 26-29 (WOBLITZ!)

**INATURALIST WORKSHOPS:**  
 APRIL 6, 10AM  
 FAIRBANKS CENTRE, DARTMOUTH

**LEARN MORE AND WIN PRIZES!**  
 /CityNatureChallengeHFX

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## EMERA OVAL – SPRING / SUMMER SEASON OPENING JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>



Get outside on the Emera Oval year-round! In-line skating in the summer and ice skating in the winter. How great is that? The Emera Oval is an outdoor skating surface equivalent in size to 3 NHL hockey rinks. It is the largest outdoor, artificially-refrigerated ice surface east of Quebec City.



Summer season opens June 1<sup>st</sup> when you can borrow inline & roller skates, bikes, scooters, plasma cars, helmets and protective gear. Adapted equipment available.



Rentals are **FREE** with a valid Government issued photo ID.

**All** users of the Emera Oval must wear a helmet in the summer.

**Contact the Emera Oval**

Email: [skateHRM@halifax.ca](mailto:skateHRM@halifax.ca)

Emera Oval Hotline: 902.490.2347



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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

