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WELCOME AUGUST!

The summer is flying by! It's been a busy time for the municipality and your Regional Council. I've included some exciting new developments from our recent council meetings below including changes to taxi legislation, requesting updates to land use bylaws and planning strategies on backyard chickens and approving upgrades to Beazley Field and the Burnside Transit Centre. I've been receiving inquiries about the Chebucto Ford land. The land has been sold, however no application for development has been submitted yet. It will likely be apartment complexes with some commercial space as well.

August 5th is Natal Day, the celebration of the founding of Halifax in the summer of 1749. The first Natal Day celebration was recorded in 1895 with stores, streets and residences beautifully decorated, aquatic sports and an illuminated boat-parade. You can find out more about this year's events on the Natal Day [website](#).

I will be on vacation the last two weeks of August, feel free to reach out to our office at 902-490-4050 in my absence or call 311 for questions or concerns about municipal operations.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS D'AOUT!

L'été s'envole rapidement! C'est une période bien remplie pour votre municipalité et votre Conseil régional. J'ai inclus ci-dessous des faits nouveaux intéressants de nos réunions récentes du Conseil, dont des changements à la loi régissant les taxis, une demande de mises à jour aux règlements municipaux sur l'utilisation du terrain et aux stratégies de planification en ce qui concerne la volaille de basse-cour, ainsi que l'approbation de travaux de modernisation au complexe Beazley Field et au Burnside Transit Centre. Je reçois aussi des demandes de renseignements sur le terrain de Chebucto Ford. Le terrain a été vendu, mais aucune demande d'aménagement n'a encore été présentée. Il y aura probablement des ensembles d'habitations collectives avec certains locaux commerciaux.

Le 5 août est la Fête de la fondation, la célébration de la fondation d'Halifax à l'été 1749. La première célébration enregistrée de la Fête de la fondation a eu lieu en 1895. Les magasins, les rues et les résidences avaient été décorés pour l'occasion, en plus de sports aquatiques et d'une parade de bateaux éclairés. Vous en apprendrez davantage sur les événements de cette année sur le [site Web](#) de la Fête de la fondation.

Je serai en vacances pendant les deux dernières semaines du mois d'août. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec notre bureau au 902-490-4050 en mon absence ou à composer le 311 pour faire part de questions ou de préoccupations concernant les opérations municipales.



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WEED HARVESTING

The weed harvesting contract for Lake Banook & Lake Micmac has been awarded to Natural Ocean Products. They will be launching their vessel today and will conduct their first bit of harvesting operations prior to the initiation of the regatta this weekend.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR BEAZLEY FIELD

As part of hosting the 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), Regional Council has awarded the tender for improvements to Beazley Field, which was selected as the site for the game's track and field events. The Beazley Fieldhouse & Grandstands project includes the addition of a fieldhouse consisting of washrooms, change/locker rooms, equipment storage and new bleachers designed to accommodate 600 spectators. These improvements to the facility will also provide enhanced opportunities for local municipal sport groups including baseball, soccer and track & field events. For more information, [read the staff report.](#)



Constable Amy guest reading at Harbourview Elementary Bedtime Stories

Thank you to the East Dartmouth Community Centre, MLA Tim Halman and MP Darren Fisher for your support

PLASTICS RECYCLING IN HRM

Did you know that all blue bag recyclables from your curbside collection are kept in Canada for recycling? Plastic film and bags are processed into plastic lumber by local company, Goodwood Plastics and other plastics like polyethylene and mixed plastic containers are all marketed in Canada.

VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Halifax District RCMP have released the [April](#) and [May](#) monthly vehicle/pedestrian collision report that provide police and citizens with more contextual information on this issue.

A total of 92 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions have been reported from January to May 2019 in the Halifax Regional Municipality. In January to May 2019, 62.8% of vehicle/pedestrian collisions occurred in crosswalks, which is an increase over the 60.75% reported during this period in 2018.

There were 11 incidents in both April and May.



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FUNDING FOR BIKE LANES

The Federal Government has announced that they will be contributing \$12.5 million to build new bike lanes in Halifax and Dartmouth. The Provincial Government will contribute \$8.25 million and HRM will spend \$4.25 million. The plan is to add 30 kilometres of protected or dedicated bike lanes to the existing network including the \$6.2 million Macdonald Bridge bikeway project that will be a vital connection from Halifax to Dartmouth. There are currently 2.2 kilometres of protected bike lanes in Halifax, including the one-kilometre stretch across the Macdonald Bridge.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Halifax Regional Police are sharing some simple tips to keep in mind for summer safety. If you'll be away from home, inform a trusted neighbour, friend or family member that to keep an eye on your property and collect flyers or the paper but do not broadcast your travel plans on social media. Make sure all doors and windows are locked before you go, leave your vacation destination and contact information so you can be reached in case of an emergency.

When out and about never leave pets or children unattended in parked vehicles, even with the windows rolled down. Summer brings cyclists and pedestrians to our streets in higher numbers. Always use the 1m clearance rule when passing cyclists, stay mindful of crosswalks and avoid distractions when driving.

Summer is a great time to enjoy the great outdoors. Remember it is against the law to not wear a helmet if you are cycling or using scooters, skateboards, in-line skaters and roller skates. A properly designed and fitted helmet reduces injury. If you're going for a hike, remember to plan ahead, dress appropriately, bring the right equipment (take your cell phone with you) and never head into the woods alone. Finally, if you are boating, ensure there are enough PFD's for everyone on board and practice safe boating practices.

UPGRADES FOR BURNSIDE TRANSIT CENTRE

Halifax Regional Council have awarded the tender for Phase 2 of the Burnside Transit Centre roof replacement. The Burnside Transit Centre is the main storage and maintenance facility for Halifax Transit.

The roof will be replaced, increasing reliability, reducing energy costs, and helping to ensure the maintenance facility can operate without disruption. [Read the staff report](#) to learn more.



Dartmouth North Community Food Centre Farm

TAKING PRIDE IN CROSSWALKS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is reimplementing and expanding the rainbow crosswalk program to demonstrate our commitment to diversity and inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community.

Dartmouth crosswalks like Alderney Drive and Ochterloney Street, Portland Estates Boulevard and Portland Estates Boulevard West, Cow Bay and Shore Roads and Portland and King Streets will be repainted and we are adding five new rainbow crosswalk locations across the municipality.



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Photo: Sean Desjardins

Thank you Andr ea Sperenza for your amazing work with Camp Courage!

CENTRE PLAN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Staff have finalized the Centre Plan documents (Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Regional Centre Land Use By-law) and Regional Council has moved First Reading. A public hearing will be held in mid-September where residents will have a final opportunity to provide feedback to Council.

Affordable housing is addressed in a number of different ways under Centre Plan. First, the Plan and Land Use By-law enable an increased supply of dwelling units through:

- new and infill developments concentrated in areas served by transit;
- range of built form enabled;
- mix of unit types required in high-density developments but no maximum unit counts;
- secondary suites and backyard suites for low-density dwellings; and
- shared housing, work/live units, home occupations, and home offices permitted.

Secondly, the Plan and Land Use By-law direct the majority (60%) of density bonus to affordable housing as money-in-lieu, which will result in a grants program to support affordable housing. Finally, the Plan contains policy support for partnerships and other municipal tools to address affordable housing targets and the Affordable Housing Workplan.

REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN

Currently, only 21% of Nova Scotians who are eligible for the Disability Tax Credit have an Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). Independent Living Nova Scotia (ILNS) is a non-profit organization that has partnered with the Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians (SDHNS) and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services to help persons with disabilities and their families open RDSPs.

This is a pilot project—funded by the Poverty Reduction Strategy fund and Maple Tree fund—where ILNS will offer information session presentations and one-on-one support for individuals who may have questions or need help navigating the RDSP process. See their [website](#) or reach out to [Kaitlyn](#) for more details.



LAKE MICMAC BOATHOUSE

We have received some feedback about a docked structure on Lake Micmac off Braemar Drive. I have been meeting with HRM and provincial staff to determine who is able to or responsible for regulating these kinds of buildings and what the next steps will be.



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NEW TAXI RULES

Regional Council has approved amendments and passed the first reading of the By-law and Administrative Order that govern taxis in our municipality. The amendments included making 600 more licenses available, eliminating the zoning regulations that confined taxis to one particular area and making driver training, GPS and debit and credit card machines mandatory addressing challenges of safety, zoning, supply and demand and accessibility. This by-law will be moving forward to second reading and final approval in the coming months without a public hearing and staff are continuing to work with Transportation Network Companies like Uber and Lyft to prepare amendments that would explore the opportunities to regulate these organizations that may choose to operate here.

Green Tip



Using a dry towel with your laundry in the dryer can speed up the drying process, reducing energy. Just remove the towel after 15 – 20 minutes of drying and hang it to dry for the next load.

FLYER BY-LAW



NO FLYERS
BY-LAW: F-400
HALIFAX

Starting July 31st, you can print and post a “No Flyers” sign or get a sticker from a Halifax Regional Municipality customer service or recreation centre. Posting this on your window or door tells distributors you do not want to receive flyers. You can find the full new flyer bylaw [here](#).

#JIBYO

Join In Bring Your Own

BAG



Did you know? Reusable bags carry more product which means less trips to bring in your groceries.

55 Million plastic bags per week are used in Canada.

Join in! Bring your own reusable **BAG** for all your shopping needs.

REGISTRATION NOW FOR OPEN MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

Registration for the fall session of the Master Composter Recycler program is now open. The Master Composter Recycler (MCR) program is a free, four-week, seven-class education program that provides training sessions, hands-on workshops and facility tours for residents to become more knowledgeable on waste management in the Halifax region. Participants will also learn how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions. This session of the program will be Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. beginning September 11th and running until October 9th at H.G. Bauld Centre in Cherrybrook. You can learn more about the program on our [website](#).



Completed naloxone training



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BACKYARD CHICKENS AND FOWL

Due to concerns surrounding food security and the impact of mass-produced and far-travelling food on our environment, Regional Council has directed the CAO to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws to permit the keeping and raising of fowl.

This process will include audits of other Canadian municipalities, alignment with current municipal strategies (such as the Halifax Green Network Plan) and public engagement with residents.

For more information, [read the staff report](#).

LARRY DRUMMOND MEMORIAL SNOW FIGHTERS AWARDS

Congratulations to Lawrence Boucher and Tony Cohoon, winter operations staff who were recently presented with the Larry Drummond Memorial Snow Fighters Award.

The award is given to employees who provide high quality public service, respect their colleagues and the public, practice safety, support junior staff and improve accessibility, diversity and inclusion.

The success of our Winter Operations starts with front line employees who go above and beyond in providing high-quality public service in the face of challenging conditions.



HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 40 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of May and 58 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of June. Of the 40 drivers in May eight were issued driving suspension for operating a motor vehicle while having consumed alcohol. Of the 58 drivers in June 11 were issued driving suspensions.

Police received 16 calls throughout the month of May and 17 calls throughout the month of June from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired. Here are some signs of an impaired driver:

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- Drifting in and out of lanes
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently
- Making exceptionally wide turns
- Changing lanes or passing without sufficient clearance
- Overshooting or stopping well before stop signs or stop lights
- Disregarding signals and lights
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly
- Driving without headlights, failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on
- Driving with windows open in cold or inclement weather

If you see a potential impaired driver, call 911, give them your location along with a description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, colour, make and model, the direction of travel for the vehicle and a description of the driver.



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Mayor and new Police Chief Dan Kinsella

VILLAGE ON MAIN NETWORKING

The Village on Main hosts morning networking for businesses in the Main Street area. The next networking event will be held at 5th Dimension Hair Design on Wednesday August 21st from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

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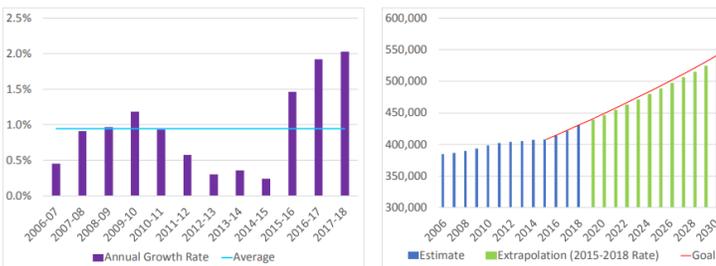
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- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission
- Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
- SAC for Prince Andrew High School
- NS Solid Waste Resource Management

MICMAC BLVD ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents and motorists that road construction has begun on Micmac Boulevard, between Highway 111 and Horizon Court. Crews will be on site during weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until mid-August.

Lane drops will be in place while work is underway. Motorists should expect delays and find alternate routes if possible. The municipality appreciates your patience while this work is completed.

POPULATION INCREASING AT RECORD RATE



Presentation from the Halifax Partnership shows population increasing at a record rate.

