

#### **WELCOME SEPTEMBER!**



September is a very busy month for families - getting everyone ready and sent off to school with perhaps a little encouragement from Chuck Berry's energetic <u>School</u>

<u>Days</u>, (*Up in the morning and out to school...*), whatever it takes to get you motivated and looking forward to another year of opportunity and learning.

Brush up on some municipal "education" in this Enewsletter filled with local news, events and recent decisions of Regional Council.

Happy school days everyone!

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## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER $5^{TH}$

Please be particularly attentive when driving for the next few weeks as there may be more pedestrians and cyclists as youth of all ages head back to school. Let's make their journey to and from school the safest possible.



The <u>Halifax Regional Centre for Education</u> (HRCE) is the group to contact for information / issues regarding schools in HRM. Serving 48,000 students in 135 schools, HRCE is the largest center for education in Atlantic Canada.

HRCE has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a service provider (or providers) to deliver students safely and on time to school. The RFP closes on September 20, 2019 and the HRCE expects to finalize contracts for service by the end of December 2019.



Currently, STOCK
TRANSPORTATION is the service provider.
With 3,000 vehicles in their fleet they service 3 provinces transporting

105,000 students daily in 30+ school districts.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW U-100 - HALIFAX TRANSIT FARE STRATEGY 2019

On August 13th, first reading was given for proposed amendments to By-Law U-100 Halifax Transit Fare Strategy as follows:

- 1. Give First Reading to By-law U-105, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing changes to the existing fare structure and fares as set out in Attachment 2 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated July 29, 2019, subject to retaining the senior fare category and increasing the senior's fare proportionate to the proposed increases to the general fare.
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to begin planning a Student Transit Pass pilot program by meeting with Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP) officials to discuss potential partnership opportunities, program details, timelines, logistics, marketing and costs.
- 3. Request a supplementary report that shall include but not be limited to detailed study on income levels of seniors who are regular bus users, cost of a free transit for seniors program, and costs of increasing the fare while adopting an enhanced seniors low income pass program.
- 4. Identify funding for the youth free transit program pilot prior to implementing the pilot.

Motion approved that Recommendation 3 of the motion be reconsidered at the September 17, 2019 meeting of Regional Council.

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## AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> WAS NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY



Happy National Acadian Day!



Flag raising at Grand Parade August 15 $^{\rm th}$  for National Acadian Day

## SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> IS QUINFEST FAMILY FUN DAY!



# WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION CONTINUES TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>



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## NO FLYER STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE

#### BY-LAW NUMBER F-400

Respecting the Distribution of Flyers was approved by Regional Council on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

The stickers / decals are now available, for free, from HRM



<u>Customer Service Centres</u>, libraries and recreation centres.

Or, you can print your own!



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#### **EGG-LAYING HENS / CHICKENS**

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council voted 14 to 1 on <u>Case</u> 22227: Amendments to HRM Planning Documents to Enable Egg-laying Hens and/or Chickens in All Residential Zones to:

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- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws as necessary to permit the keeping and raising of all egg-laying fowl consistent with the proposed policy direction outlined within the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 12, 2019; and
- 2. Follow the public participation program as set out in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 12, 2019.



When HRM's various land use by-laws were written, it was not anticipated that residents would want to keep chickens in more densely populated residential areas. The rising interest in having chickens for personal use can be attributed to increasing concern about a lack of food security in communities and the detrimental impact of mass-produced and fartravelling food on our environment.

The follow-up report is expected at Regional Council by end of February 2021.



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## AMENDMENTS TO TAXI BY-LAW T-1003

First Reading of Proposed By-law T-1003, an Amendment to <u>By-law T-1000</u>, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law and Proposed Amendments to <u>Administrative Order 39</u>, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation was approved by Regional Council on July 30th.

The details of the amendments are outlined in Attachment B, pages 10 – 32, in the <u>staff report</u> <u>dated May 27, 2019</u>. Please read the report for full details.

A final report, with the amendment to increase the limitation for the age of a licenced car from seven years to ten years at the initial time of licencing under Schedule 5, s.1 (ab) of Administrative Order 39, is expected to be back to Regional Council by the end of September 2019.



## NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES (NAIG) 2020



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Halifax (K'jipuktuk) has been chosen to host the 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), which will be the largest multi-sporting event to be held in Nova Scotia. The Games will include more than 5,000 Indigenous sport and cultural youth participants from over 756 nations in 17 sporting disciplines. This opportunity has never been available to the Municipality and comes at a time when Indigenous Communities across the country are seeking meaningful conversations and engagement.



Regional Council has approved a <u>contribution</u> <u>agreement</u> which outlines an Event Grant of \$500,000 and up to \$1,000,000 for Value-In-Kind support for the 2020 North American Indigenous



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Games (NAIG) to be hosted here in Halifax from July 12-18, 2020.



The 2020 NAIG theme is Pjila'si, which is the Mi'kmaw word for welcome, come on in. The Host Society has established 4 pillars for the 2020 NAIG:

- 1. **Friends Made**: acknowledges bonds formed are more important that any final score.
- Games Played: focuses on the actual sporting competition and exciting and welcoming atmosphere experienced.
- 3. **Culture Shared**: highlights extensive knowledge sharing, learnings and celebration that will take place.
- Legacy Lives: speaks to the importance of these Games not being the end, but the continuation of an on-going positive and authentic relationship with Indigenous Communities.



## HRM ROAD OPERATIONS AND HALIFAX WATER INTEGRATED QUARRY ROAD PROJECT

From August 14th to the end of October, Quarry Road will be closed to enable HRM and Halifax Water repair / refurbish the road and install new sewer / water infrastructure. The closure will be between St. Margaret's Bay Road and Alton Drive from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm - open evenings and weekends.

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If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

- **Jason Hockely**, HRM Construction Inspector, 902.579.7904
- Graham Hart, Project Manager, Halifax Water at 902.441.1094
- Pat Fulton, Dexter Construction Project Manager at 902.483.3069.



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#### LOW INCOME TRANSIT PASS

The 2019-2020 Low Income Transit Program will provide passes to 2,000 qualified applicants. Participants in the program will be able to purchase monthly adult transit passes for 50% off the regular price. The applications can be sent via email, mail, or submitted in person. Applications will be received and approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify for the 2019/20 program, you must meet all the following requirements:

- you must live in the Halifax Regional Municipality
- your combined gross household\* income is less than \$34,000
- you do not receive a transportation subsidy under the Nova Scotia Employment Support and Income Assistance program

To apply, complete the <u>Affordable Access program application</u> or call 311.

Submit your application online at:

<u>AffordableAccess@halifax.ca</u>, in person at one of the 5 Customer Service Centres or by mail to:

Halifax Regional Municipality

Attention: Affordable Access Program

PO Box 1749

Halifax, NS, Canada

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Subsidized Pass Rates				
Transit Passes	Regular Rate	50% discount available through the		
		Low Income Transit Pass Program		
Regular Adult Pass	\$78.00	\$39.00		
MetroLink Pass	\$94.50	\$47.25		
MetroX Pass	\$111.00	\$55.50		

#### HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

On November 25, 2019, Halifax Transit will introduce large-scale service changes in Sackville, Bedford, Dartmouth, and Halifax Mainland South as part of the Moving Forward Together Plan. These service changes are outlined in Halifax Transit's 2019/20 Annual Service Plan, which was approved by Regional Council in April 2019.

New Local Route 25 Governors Brook will provide service

Period		Frequency (minutes)	
ren	ou	Inbound	Outbound
Weekday	6am-9am	30	30
	9am-3pm	60	60
	3pm-6:30pm	30	30
	6:30pm-11pm	60	60
Saturday	7am-11pm	60	60
Sunday/Holidays	8am-10pm	60	60

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between the Governor's Brook subdivision and Mumford Terminal via Williams Lake Road and Purcell's Cove Road. Route 25 Map.

Explore other new route options with a route comparison table <a href="here">here</a>, see detailed new route descriptions <a href="here">here</a>, and find answers to frequently asked questions <a href="here">here</a>. Route schedules and a system map will become available in the coming months.



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# IMPORTANT NOTICE - NEW LEFT TURN RESTRICTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING PEAK HOURS AT CONNAUGHT AVENUE AND ALMON STREET

Please be advised that HRM Staff are working towards implementing left turn restrictions from Connaught Avenue onto Almon Street during the peak hours (7-9AM, 4-6PM). This would be consistent with the other restricted intersections on Connaught.

A work order has been sent to manufacture the signs and get the posts installed. Hopefully this will be done within the next few weeks.

A media announcement will be made once the installation dates have been confirmed.



## WIN THEATRE ARTS GUILD (TAG) SEASON TICKETS

### WIN TAG SEASON TICKETS

Join/Renew your TAG membership by September 3, 2019 to be automatically entered to win a draw for



Season Tickets for TAG's 2019-2020 Season

Visit our website to Join Online or complete your Membership Form All memberships are \$15 Renew/Join today!

www.tagtheatre.com/membership.html

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#### CANADIAN URBAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG LEADER'S SUMMIT

There is an opportunity for students / young professionals in the Halifax area to attend the Canadian Urban Transit Association's 7th Annual Young Leader's Summit that will be held in Calgary from November 8-10, 2019.

More conference info available here.





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

"The constant happiness is curiosity."

Alice Munro
Nobel Prize-winning short story writer



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