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WELCOME OCTOBER!



Happy Treaty Day!
 October is Mi'kmaq History Month and the celebrations begin with Treaty Day on October 1st with a flag raising in the Grand Parade.

Thank-you to all who helped during and following hurricane Dorian: to those who provided free electricity for charging phones or making a hot cup of coffee/tea – to the crews working to repair the power, phone and cable lines, and to the Arborists who helped clear the limbs /trunks of the many trees – sincerely, I thank you.

Keep reading for more news on: Halifax Transit fare changes, Taxi & Limousine amendments, deadlines for application to the 2020-21 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations program and much more!

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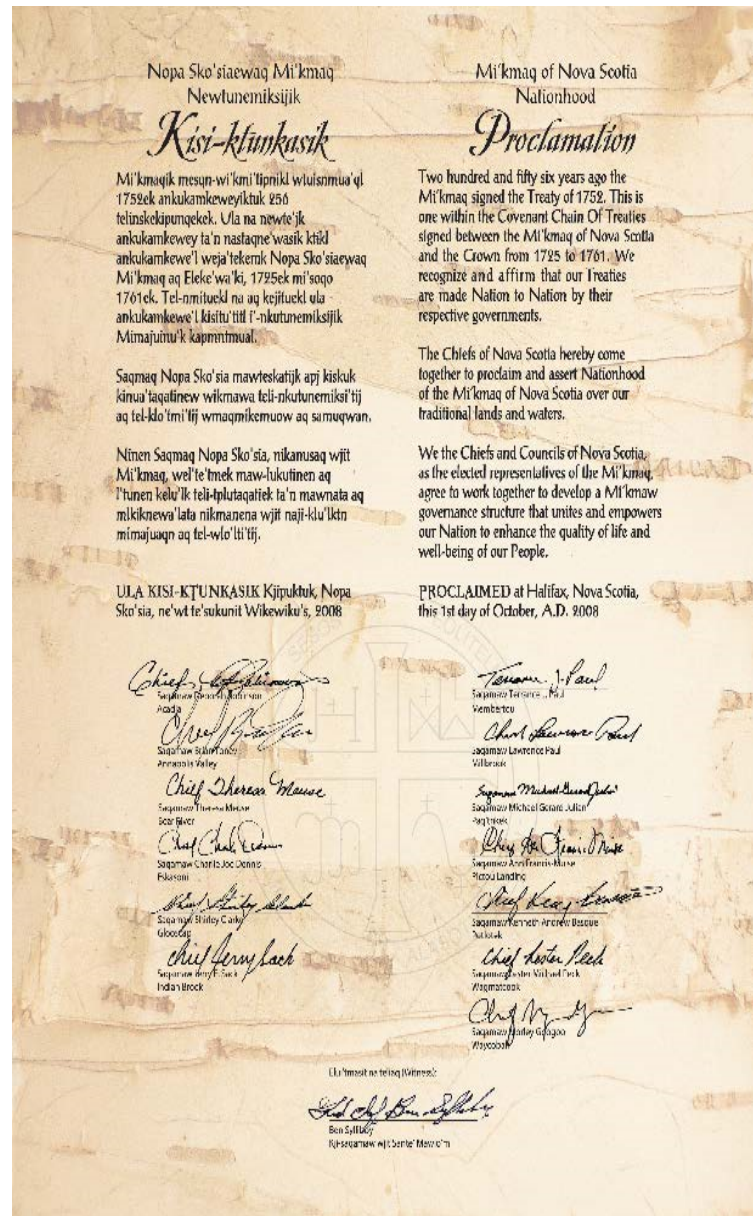
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MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH



We acknowledge that this land is Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.

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October is [Mi'kmaq History Month](#), a time to commemorate the rich culture, history and heritage of the Mi'kmaq Nation. The month-long celebrations officially begin on Treaty Day, recognized annually on October 1.

Treaty Day observes the key role of treaties in the relationship between the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq and the Crown. This year's theme, *Year of the Indigenous Languages*, aims to establish a link between language development, peace and reconciliation.

The official flag-raising and proclamation of Treaty Day was held on October 1 at 11 a.m. at Grand Parade.



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#MADD ABOUT BULLYING



application on or before Saturday, November 30, 2019. Applications received after this deadline, but on or before March 31, 2020, may be considered subject to budget capacity.

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Applications for renewal of tax relief (organizations previously accepted into the program) are due no later than March 31, 2020 (post-marked). Late renewal applications may be pro-rated.

The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application and renewal forms are available online at: www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/tax-relief-non-profit-organizations or please call 902.490.7191 or email nonprofittax@halifax.ca.



TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

2020-2021

- Deadline for New Applications **November 30, 2019**
- Deadline for Renewal Applications **March 31, 2020**

The [2020 – 2021 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations program](#) is now accepting applications. To apply, you must submit a complete



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NEW HALIFAX TRANSIT FARES - FREE FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-12



Halifax Transit fares increased as of September 30th to reflect increased levels of service and increased operational costs. A jurisdictional scan shows that Halifax Transit fares are consistently lowest or second-lowest when compared with Canadian cities of similar population and transit fleet size.

Regional Council approved the fare by-law amendment on September 17, 2019. As a result, Halifax Transit fares increased as of September 30, 2019.

One major change is the introduction of the pilot program providing **free and unlimited transit to HRM youth** 12 and under. This is based on direction from the Integrated Mobility Plan and the Youth Services Plan. Encouraging children to ride the bus from a young age will, hopefully, create transit users for life. This will also assist the United Way Poverty Solutions program by providing freedom of movement for children. Council is also studying free Transit for seniors, which is another recommendation from the United Way Poverty Solutions report.

Previously purchased tickets will not be refundable; however, any Child/Senior tickets you may have may be donated to a local charity or given to a senior you know who uses transit.

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If you are concerned about the cost increase on your personal budget, Halifax Transit does offer two programs to assist low income riders – the [Low Income Transit Pass](#) and the [Department of Community Services Transit Pass](#).

The following chart outlines the fare changes now in effect:

Effective Monday, September 30, 2019, the following Halifax Transit fares will be in place:

Children (0 to 12 years) ride Halifax Transit FREE

Payment of any bus fare will allow transfer to ferry

Conventional Bus, Ferry and Access-A-Bus			
	Cash	10 Tickets	Monthly Pass
Youth – 13 to 17 years	\$2.00	\$18.00	\$60.00
Senior – 65 years and up			
Adult – 18 to 64 years	\$2.75	\$24.75	\$82.50

Additional payment for transfer to Regional Express

Regional Express – Routes 320, 330 and 370			
	Cash	X Pass	with ticket, Monthly Pass, UPass, EPass or transfer
Youth – 13 to 17 years	\$3.00	\$90.00	+ \$1.00
Senior – 65 years and up			
Adult – 18 to 64 years	\$4.25	\$127.50	+ \$1.50

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NEW CHANGES TO TAXI BY-LAW T-1000 & ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 39



Taxi zones that previously restricted pick-up and drop-offs were eliminated as of September 28th. Taxis are now permitted to pick-up and drop-off passengers anywhere in the municipality. Other changes include:

License cap increase

The number of owner licenses has **increased from 1,000 to 1,600**. Those drivers currently on the wait list will be offered a taxi owner's license when their name has been reached. This process is expected to take several years before the full list is exhausted.

Mandatory training

New drivers will be required to complete mandatory training, including cultural sensitivity, once it becomes available. They will also be required to complete a winter driving course.

Debit, credit, and GPS requirement

Taxi owners will have six months to install these devices in their vehicles.

As a passenger in a taxi or limousine, you should expect:

- A professional operator who is courteous and knowledgeable and who practices good hygiene.
- To be transported by the most direct route unless you request a different route.
- A vehicle in good mechanical and physical condition.
- A vehicle that has a clean passenger and trunk compartment and vehicle exterior.

As a taxi or limousine driver, you should expect passengers to:

- Behave in a civil manner.
- Refrain from smoking, drinking, or eating food inside the vehicle.
- Clearly disclose their destination prior to departure.
- Make prompt payment of the posted fare.

Find out more about these changes in

[Administrative Order 39, Schedule 6](#) and Taxi [By-Law T-1000](#).

PEAK-HOUR TURN RESTRICTIONS AT CONNAUGHT AVENUE AND ALMON STREET

Peak-hour left turn restrictions were implemented on Friday, September 20th on Connaught Avenue at Almon Street to help improve safety. Drivers will be restricted from turning left from Connaught Avenue onto Almon Street, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The layout of this intersection is slightly different than typical four-legged signalized intersections.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH!

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION HAS ENDED

Weekly green cart collection ended on Monday, September 30th. Return to regular two-week collection begins on Tuesday, October 1.

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Bundles of tree debris will also return to regular two-week collection. **The increase to a maximum of 10 bundles will continue until further notice.**

For more information, visit HRN’s website or download the Halifax Recycles app:
<https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/green-carts-leaf-yard-material>



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Watch for trick or treaters the evening of October 31st as you drive the local streets - keep a sharp eye out for little ones going door to door.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bethany United Church [Fall Fair](#) - October 19

Chebucto Heights Elementary – Home and School and Student Advisory Council [Meetings](#) - October 3

District 15 Lower Sackville [Special Election](#) - October 5

École John W. MacLeod - Fleming Tower School – [Terry Fox Run](#) - October 10th (Oct.15th rain date)

École St. Catherine's Elementary School – [Helping with our Harvest Lunch](#) – October 10

[Federal Election](#) Advance Polling: October 11, 12, 13 or 14

[Federal Election](#) Day: October 21

Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) - Flag/Touch Football [Junior High Schedule](#)

Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) – Junior High [Soccer Schedule 2019/20](#)

Springvale Elementary [Walk to School Day](#) – October 2nd and [Turkey Bingo](#) – October 10th

The Club Inclusion – [October calendar of events](#)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 3RD!

Set clocks back 1 hour on November 3rd.

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

