



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME DECEMBER

The holiday season is upon us. We have some exciting events coming up in District 6, so make sure to rally your family and friends and come out to connect with your community and get into the spirit. Something I love about this time of year is seeing the diversity in our community come to light – whether you celebrate by attending midnight mass, lighting the menorah, partaking in the Karamu or just enjoying some time off with friends and family I hope you will enjoy this special holiday season.

November 26th was my last day as Deputy Mayor, I am so pleased to pass the torch onto the Mayor's favourite Councillor, Lisa Blackburn. Lisa joined our Regional Council after the 2016 election and is a sincere and passionate representative for her community and the future growth of our municipality. Congratulations Lisa!



BIENVENUE DÉCEMBRE

Le temps des Fêtes est arrivé! Nous avons des événements passionnants dans le District 6, alors assurez-vous de rallier votre famille et vos amis et de sortir pour établir des liens avec votre communauté et vous mettre dans l'ambiance. Ce que j'aime en cette période de l'année, c'est de voir la diversité de notre communauté se manifester – que ce soit en assistant à la messe de minuit, en allumant la menora, en participant au Karamu ou simplement en profitant de quelques moments de repos avec vos amis et votre famille, j'espère que vous apprécierez cette période spéciale des fêtes.

Le 26 novembre était mon dernier jour en tant qu'adjoint au maire, je suis très heureux de passer le flambeau à la conseillère préférée du maire, Lisa Blackburn. Lisa s'est jointe à notre Conseil régional après l'élection de 2016 et elle est une représentante sincère et passionnée de sa communauté et de la croissance future de notre municipalité. Félicitations Lisa!

Get the
FLU  **SHOT**
not the flu!



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WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

Each year we continue to make improvements to enhance our winter operations efforts. Safety is our priority. Crews begin their work before bad weather arrives by applying salt and/ or brine (as appropriate) and will begin clearing once the snow starts to accumulate. This [chart](#) shows when clearing should be finished and what your street or sidewalk should look like when the job is done. If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time, please reach out to our call centre by calling 311 or through [email](#) so crews can be dispatched to address the issue. Please note, clearing timelines may be exceeded during exceptional weather conditions. During a storm, updates will be posted at 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and if it is a major event an 8:00 p.m. update will also be posted on our website and twitter.

We've already had a few tastes of winter weather, but as we prepare for the season to get started in full force don't forget to clear the edge of your property of anything that could impede snow clearing. It is important to ensure that all obstacles (e.g. vehicles, green bins, garbage containers, and basketball & hockey nets) are removed from the roadway and sidewalks to allow crews to properly clear snow and ice. Please think twice before you park: where and when you park can have a big impact on snow clearing. The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect annually from December 15th to March 31st. The ban is enforced from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations only. Daily updates are posted on our website or you can sign up to receive notifications about when the parking ban is in effect here. Regardless of the status of an overnight winter parking ban, or whether you have received a notification, vehicles can be towed any time during the day or night, any day of the year, if they are interfering with snow-clearing operations, as per Section 139 of the [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#).

You can check out our [website](#) for more details.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is proud to celebrate the 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd. This year's theme is "promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership." Please consider joining us Monday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at Grand Parade for a flag raising and reception hosted by the municipal Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities.

Accommodations: City Hall is a wheelchair-accessible building, including washroom facilities. The wheelchair-accessible entrance is located on Argyle Street (the west side of the building). Sighted guides, interpreters and CART will be provided. If you require accommodations or have questions regarding this event, please [email](#) us.

You're Invited to the
Shubie Park Tree Lighting
Hosted by Deputy Mayor Mancini & Shubenacadie Canal Commission

Marshmallow Roasting
Hot Drinks & Treats
Live Festive Music

Sunday, December 8 | 4:00 – 5:30pm
Fairbanks Centre (54 Locks Rd.)

The invitation card features a dark background with a glowing green and gold tree on the right side. The text is in a mix of white, gold, and green colors.

LAKECITY REBOOT

LakeCity Works Reboot program promotes the 3 Rs of sustainability – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. They assess computers and other related machinery to fix or recycle parts. They are currently selling "rebooted" laptops for only \$150 + HST. These rugged laptops have Windows 10 installed and a rotating screen, perfect for kids! [Email](#) them for details or check out their [website](#) for more details.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE OFFERS AN APOLOGY TO AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIANS



Last month, Chief Daniel Kinsella offered a formal apology on behalf of Halifax Regional Police to the African Nova Scotian community. The apology's intent was to acknowledge

negative experiences of the African Nova Scotian community with the department and to reaffirm Halifax Regional Police's commitment to building trust with the community.

The apology is only the first step. For meaningful and substantive change to take place, Chief Kinsella outlined an action plan that was designed with direct input from those who have been impacted. The plan includes an advisory committee, which will inform actions related to community engagement, training, diverse recruitment and public education; new police training rooted in the experiences of the African Nova Scotian community; enhanced youth focused programming; a Know Your Rights awareness campaign; and full accountability for any case of mistreatment that comes to light.

Earlier this year, Dr. Scot Wortley reported that there was a disproportionate number of street checks on members of the African Nova Scotian community. While street checks are only one element, this information deepened the divide. Street checks, as the community experienced them, are banned and will not take place again. The full apology can be viewed on [Facebook](#).

POLICING PUBLIC MEETING

Last month, Chief Kinsella and I hosted a community engagement session in North Dartmouth allowing him to meet members of the community and learn more about the challenges and opportunities in that area. We will be hosting another session in East Dartmouth in the new year. Stay tuned for details.

GIVING TUESDAY BRUNCH

The Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and Dartmouth Family Centre are hosting a Giving Tuesday brunch, Tuesday December 3rd from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at 6 Primrose St, Unit 140 to celebrate all the ways you've given this year! They will also be kicking off our end of year matching campaign. Join them for good food, friends old and new, button making, and more! Everyone welcome and no registration required. Check out the [facebook event](#) for details.



You are invited to
**SUSAN LEBLANC'S HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**



When: Thursday December 12, 2:00-4:00PM
Where: 260 Wyse Road, Suite 102
What: Free vegetarian chili, snacks, refreshments & holiday cheer!
More info: susanleblancMLA@bellaliant.com

OCEANVIEW OPEN HOUSE

[Ocean View](#) are hosting a tour of their new central office, where they will be coordinating many of their community and corporate services. Check out the open house Monday December 16th between 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at 133 Baker Drive. You can RSVP through email [here](#).

DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE AND DARTMOUTH FAMILY CENTRE

The Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and Dartmouth Family Centre will be closed for the holidays December 23rd – January 6th, but you can check out the rest of their December calendar [here](#).



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BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Regional Council are beginning our Capital and Operating Budget Deliberation process. Last month, we reviewed the strategic priorities for this council term including economic development, service delivery, healthy livable communities, social development, governance and engagement and transportation. You can find the detailed strategic plan [here](#), and the presentation that outlined this year’s progress and future goals [here](#). Council Budget Committee Meetings begin next month where Regional Council will review presentations for each department and provide direction for their budgets. You can provide your feedback by sending your comments to the Clerk’s Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or Clerks@halifax.ca) or by attending the meetings and speaking up during the public comments section. You can find the full schedule here:

Business Unit	Meeting Date
Administrative Services and Auditor General	Wednesday January 15 th 9:30 a.m.
Transit, Transportation and Public Works, Corporate and Customer Service	Wednesday January 22 nd 9:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation, Library and Planning and Development	Wednesday January 29 th 9:30 a.m.
Police and Fire	Wednesday February 5 th 9:30 a.m.
Budget Adjustment List Review	Wednesday February 12 th 9:30 a.m.
Final Recommendation Report 2019/21 Budget and Business Plan Approval	Tuesday March 10 th Regional Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH LIVE

Youth Live is an amazing program that helps young people 16-24 year olds get experience and training to find and keep meaningful employment. Check out our new [recruitment video](#) to learn more about the program!

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

Last year, in HRM alone, almost 7,000 households reached out for a little extra help. Feed Nova Scotia offers a Christmas Registry along with their usual food support programs. To find out more, or to [donate](#), visit their [website](#) today.

HALIFAX’S WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Halifax Recreation programs offer something for everyone! As the weather gets colder, it’s tempting to grab a cozy blanket and hibernate, but regular exercise and social activity are still important in the cold. Join a walking club, take a fitness class, improve your swimming skills, or register your children to learn a new skill. Registration for recreation programs is now open and swim program registration begins December 11th. Please go to the [recreation website](#) to learn more and register today!

Make memories, not waste Hierarchy of gift giving



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NOVEMBER 2019 TRANSIT SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

On November 25, 2019, Halifax Transit introduced 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 [2019/2020 Annual Service Plan](#), which was approved by Regional Council in April 2019. The [Riders' Guide](#) and [Route Map](#) have been updated with details of new and changed routes, and you can always call 311 to ask questions or find out more.

SERVICE NOTICE
Effective November 25, 2019

THERE WILL BE CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:
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INTRODUCING NEW ROUTES:
CORRIDOR: 8
LOCAL: 25 64 66 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 90 91 93
EXPRESS: 182 183 185 186
RURAL: 415

MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:
3, 9A/B, 21, 28, 29, 39, 135, 136, 137, 138, 159, 320, 330, 370 and 433

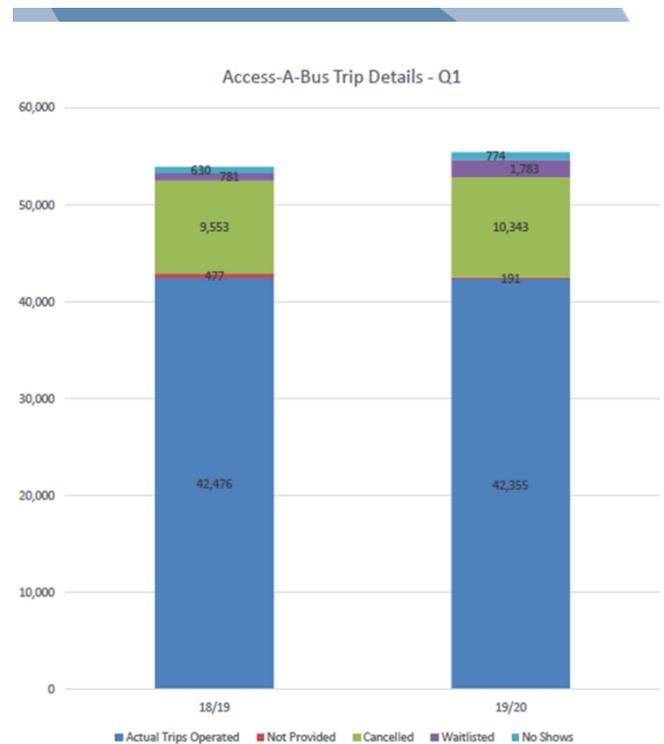
Find your changes at halifax.ca/transit or call 311

HALIFAX TRANSIT **MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**

STADIUM PROPOSAL AMENDMENT

Last month, the municipality received an amendment from Schooners Sports & Entertainment (SSE) to the latest version of its proposal for a site-specific development that includes a stadium and a commercial district at the Shannon Park lands. You can find the revised proposal [here](#).

This additional material is being included in the assessment by municipal staff of the SSE proposal and will inform a recommendation report for Regional Council in December 2019.



VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Applications for the 2020 Volunteer Awards are now open! Submit an application on behalf of an outstanding individual or group in your community by December 18th for consideration and recipients will be announced in April. You can find the nomination form for [groups](#), [adults](#) and [youth](#) on our website.

FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

For many of us, December is a busy month full of visiting and celebrating with friends and family, but it's still important to be mindful of fire safety this time of year. There are three pillars of fire safety; prevention, detection and escape. Check out Halifax Fire and Emergency's tips on [candle safety](#) and [cooking safety](#) so you can take precautions this holiday season!



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EGG LAYING FOWL SURVEY

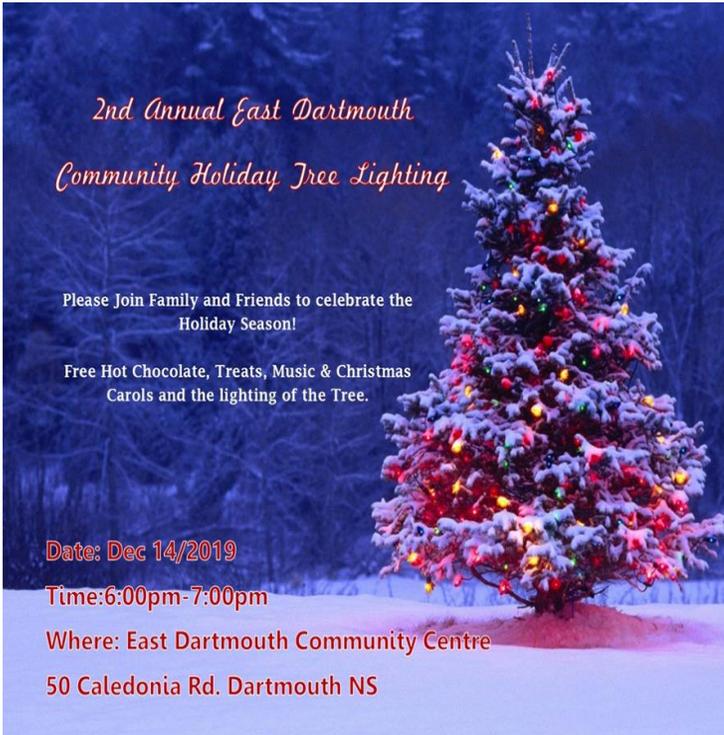
Regional Council is considering whether to allow households to keep and raise egg-laying fowl in residential areas for personal use only. Egg-laying fowl refers to chickens, ducks, geese and other similar types of domesticated fowl. Currently many zoning by-laws prohibit keeping fowl in residential zones, and in some areas the zoning is unclear as to whether backyard fowl are allowed. Help us understand your interest and concerns, and the challenges and opportunities for this report by taking our [survey](#) today.

FALL LEAF CLEANUP

The annual [Fall Street Leaf Cleanup Program](#) concludes on Friday, December 6th. Crews will begin collecting and removing leaves from streets in the heavily-treed areas of the Halifax peninsula first and, as required, in other areas of the urban core. Please note this service will happen only once on a street-by-street basis. If you would like to see a street added to the list, contact 311. Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be posted in neighbourhoods prior to cleanup in that area. To facilitate proper cleanup, residents are asked to abide by posted signage and not park on the street.

The potential for street flooding increases greatly when catch basins are clogged with debris. Residents are also asked to respect municipal by-laws which prohibit the sweeping or depositing of leaves along the street gutter or in the roadway. Cleanup on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. Leaves and yard waste are collected on regular green cart (organics) collection weeks. This waste is permitted in the green cart and any excess must be placed in large paper bags. Roll the tops of the bags closed to keep out rain and moisture. Store bags in a cool, dry area until collection day. Each household can place a maximum of 20 bags at the curb on the designated collection day. Each bag can weigh no more than 25 kilograms (55 pounds). Residents are reminded that grass clippings are not accepted in the green bin or bags.

For tips on leaf and yard waste, visit our [website](#).



IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER

Halifax Regional Police charged 43 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of October. Of the 43 drivers in October, 33 were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by alcohol, five were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by a drug and five were issued driving suspensions for operating a motor vehicle while having consumed alcohol. 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.

RECYCLING DID YOU KNOW?

Removing caps from bottles and cartons you recycle is very important. Caps cannot be captured and roll under processing lines interfering with mechanical line operations and can become projectiles under pressure when baling these containers posing safety risks for workers at the facility.



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After the Bhayana Family Foundation Awards

- Shop strategically; wait until the end of your shopping trip to make high-end purchases or make a special trip to take high-end items home and then return to continue shopping.
- Protect your PIN when using bank and debit machines. Cover the keypad to prevent someone from observing your key strokes or from recording your PIN. It's a good idea to change your PIN frequently.
- After a day of shopping, remove all parcels and valuables from your vehicle when you return home; even an empty shopping bag can create the appearance that there is something worth stealing in your car.

Online Shopping:

- Shop from your personal device at home on a trusted network.
- Use different user ID and passwords for different accounts and update your passwords frequently.
- Verify secure connections and make sure you are on a secure website. Look for the padlock icon in the address bar and check for the valid certificate by clicking on the padlock icon.
- Don't send confidential personal or financial information by email or text. Unlike secure order forms on websites, email and text messages are not private.
- Shop smart. If an online deal seems too good to be true, it probably is, so don't make the purchase.
- Watch out for email scams. Don't click on links in an email message even if you know who sent it and even if the deal seems great.
- Never use e-transfers to pay for items. Credit cards usually offer the best liability protection.



Volleyball shade structure project nearing completion.

HRP HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

Holiday shopping season is in full swing. Whether you're heading out to the stores or shopping online, Halifax Regional Police has a few simple tips to grinch-proof your holiday purchases.

In-store Shopping:

- Always lock your vehicle, and park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Keep valuables out of sight. If you're going to drop off your purchases and return to the stores, lock your packages in the trunk and move your vehicle to another location in the parking lot.

- Stay organized. After making a purchase, keep the receipt, confirmation number and shipping tracking numbers in a safe, accessible place.
- Make sure you have read and understand the online site's policies, particularly if it's the first time you've shopped on the site. It's always a good idea to check out the site's review.

In addition to all these precautions, it's important to monitor your bank account and credit card statements closely, and immediately report any discrepancies to your bank or credit card company.



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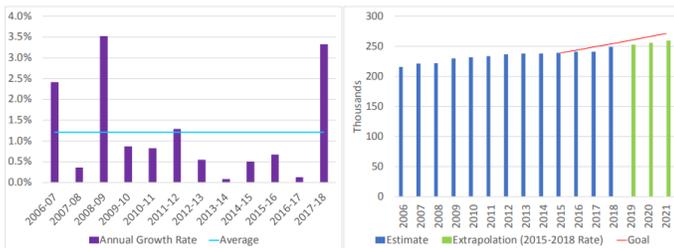
Green Tip



Think outside the gift box by reducing waste during the holidays. Use reusable wrapping like baskets, festive tins or tea towels. You can also recycle comic books, old maps or last year's gift bags. You can also decorate responsibly by using reusable or compostable materials (like a popcorn string or berries)

Currently serving on:
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
Board of Police Commissioners
Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
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

LABOUR FORCE JUMPS IN 2018



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