



COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY
 DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
 HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

WELCOME FEBRUARY!

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It's wonderful to be receiving compliments regarding snow removal service! Thank you to all snow removal

personnel who are making a concerted effort to provide the best service possible. Thank-you residents for letting us know you are seeing improvements in the service.

February will be a busy month with African Heritage month events, Budget Committee meetings, and much more!

Starting this month, I will be hosting regular drop-in sessions the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. The sessions will be an opportunity for you to drop-in and discuss any municipal service or program with me face-to-face. **Hours for the first session on February 13th will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (this date only).**

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FEBRUARY MEETINGS OF HRM REGIONAL COUNCIL, COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Here is a list of Regional Council, Community Council and Standing Committees of Council meetings being held this month. Please check our [website](#) as dates/times/locations are subject to change. All meetings are held in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – unless otherwise stated.

Regional Council Meetings

- February 11th at 10:00 a.m.
- February 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Committee of the Whole on Budget

- February 5th at 9:30am
- February 7th at 9:30 a.m. (if required)
- February 12th at 9:30 a.m.
- February 14th at 9:30 a.m. (if required)

Halifax and West Community Council

- February 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committees of Regional Council

- February 10th - Environment & Sustainability at 13:00
- February 13th – Appeals at 10:00 a.m.
- February 19th – Audit and Finance at 10:00 a.m.
- February 20th - Community Planning and Economic Development at 10:00 a.m.
- February 24th at 10:00 a.m. – Executive
- February 27th at 10:00 a.m. – Transportation

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA) website explains that “The United Nations (UN) officially declared the decade of 2015- 2024 the International Decade for People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development.

There are numerous events planned throughout HRM that you and your family/friends may wish to attend.

For more details check out the [HRM African Heritage Month website](#).

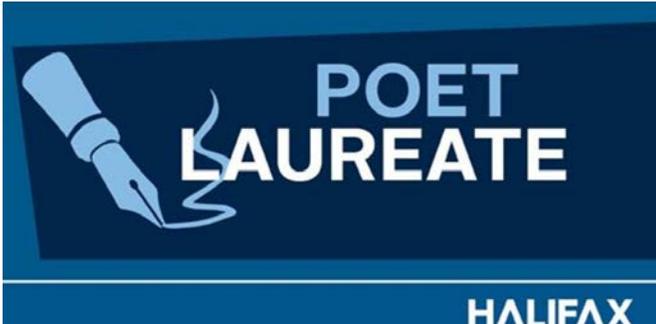


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2020 – 2023 POET LAUREATE APPLICATIONS DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 14TH

THE POWER HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE



Are you, or someone you know, interested in the position of Municipal Poet Laureate? The Laureate acts as an ambassador and advocate for literacy, literature and the arts and serves to reflect the breadth, complexity and vitality of the community during their tenure.

The Power House Youth Centre at 1606 Bell Road serves as a place for youth to gather, learn, and connect with others. It is also a meeting place for Halifax Regional Council's Youth Advisory Committee.

The Laureate will serve a three-year term beginning April 2020 and ending March 31, 2023. Details regarding the role and the responsibilities of the position, as well as the necessary information regarding the requirements of application, can be found at: [2020-2023 Poet Laureate Application](#).

Youth between the ages of 13-24 are welcome to attend drop-in programs at the Power House for music, karaoke, Nintendo Switch, Coffee Houses, workshops, games, and so much more!



The current Poet Laureate is [Dr. Afua Cooper](#) (2018-2020).

Check out the [calendar of upcoming events](#) and/or follow on social media:

Past municipal Poet Laureates include:

- Rebecca Thomas: 2016-2018
- El Jones: 2013-2015
- Tanya Davis: 2011-2013
- Shauntay Grant: 2009-2011
- Lorri Neilsen Glenn: 2005–2009
- Sue MacLeod: 2001–2005

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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CN RAIL

CN is committed to maintaining positive and proactive communications with the communities in which they operate. For questions or non-emergency concerns, such as:

- Condition of property and crossings (e.g. grade crossings, rail ties, etc.)
- Environment (e.g. vegetation, grass cutting, trees, etc.)
- Permits and/or flag persons
- Noise (e.g. whistling)
- General operations (e.g. train speeds, hours of operation, etc.)

Please contact the CN's Public Inquiry Line (PIL) either by phone at 1-888-888-5909 or by email at contact@cn.ca.

HALIFAX TRANSIT RECRUITING TRUCK & TRANSPORT MECHANICS (RED SEAL)



Come work with us! Halifax Transit is inviting applications for a candidate pool of Truck & Transport Mechanics at our locations in Halifax and Dartmouth.

Candidates selected for this opportunity may be considered for available positions over the next six months. 3rd and 4th year apprentices will also be considered. Be part of the team that keeps the buses safe and on the road.

Halifax Transit offers:

- defined benefit pension,
- 3-week vacation in your first full year,
- medical/dental,
- unionized,
- training opportunities,
- mentorship opportunities,
- clothing and boot allowance,
- tool replacement program after two years employment,
- shop and specialty tools are provided and much more.

Be a part of the team that ensures our buses are safe.

[Read the full job description and apply today.](#)

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CN Public Inquiry Line
CN's Public Inquiry Line is the central point of contact for the public with non-emergency concerns, such as:

- Noise
- Train whistling
- General property maintenance
- Etc.

To contact the team:
(Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET)
1-888-888-5909 | contact@cn.ca

CN Police
CN Police staff will answer emergency calls and dispatch officers when appropriate.

There are many reasons to call CN Police, such as:

- Trespassing on tracks
- Unlawful activity
- Crossing signal defect
- Etc.

To contact CN Police
Emergencies: **1-800-465-9239** (24/7)
Non-urgent suspicious activities: CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca

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HALIFAX TRANSIT IS HIRING BUS OPERATORS

Put yourself in the driver's seat. Are you looking for meaningful work with full time hours, pension and benefits? Consider becoming an operator with Halifax Transit.

Successful candidates will be placed in a Resource Bank and hired from that bank as required. Have questions about becoming an operator? [Read our Common Questions.](#)

[Apply now.](#)



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HRM BOARDS / COMMITTEES

Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important—are you interested? Apply online to serve on one of the following boards/committees in [5 easy steps](#):

- [Design Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#) (12 positions)
- [Women's Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#) (8 positions)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#) (6 positions)
- [Regional Watersheds Advisory Board - Volunteer Opportunity](#) (2 positions)

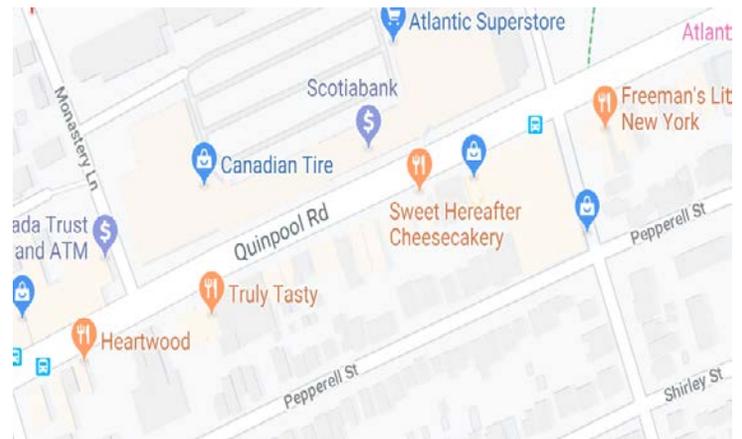
We need yoU!

PETITION FOR SAFER CROSSING ON QUINPOOL ROAD



I was happy to receive a petition, organized by the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education, requesting a marked crosswalk on Quinpool Road between Vernon Street and Monastery Lane to improve pedestrian safety.

I presented the petition at Regional Council on January 28th. The request is now with municipal staff for review.





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THE SHAW WILDERNESS PARK



Official announcement of The Shaw Wilderness Park, Monday, January 20, 2020 at The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

Thanks to the [Williams Lake Conservation Company](#), [Nature Conservancy of Canada](#), [The Shaw Group](#), HRM and numerous community sponsors, 153 hectares (379 acres) of wilderness are now officially the [Shaw Wilderness Park](#) to be owned and managed by HRM.



Photo courtesy of Mike Dembeck, CBC.



Photo courtesy of The Canadian Press.



Twice the size of Point Pleasant Park with access to two lakes and rugged trails, it is home to more than 40 species of birds and rare jack pine/broom crowberry ecosystem unique to Nova Scotia.

The \$6.6 million cost was funded as follows:

- Halifax Regional Municipality — \$4 million.
- Community, corporate and individual donors — \$1.3 million.
- Government of Canada — \$1 million.
- Province of Nova Scotia — \$1 million.
- Nova Scotia Crown Share Land Legacy Trust — \$571,400.



Image courtesy of Williams Lake Conservation Company.



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The Halifax Cycling Coalition has organized an exciting week of bike related activities.



Check their website for [more information!](#)



MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEL



Here I am with Councillor Tony Mancini as we welcome in the New Year at City Hall.





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FEBRUARY 17TH IS HERITAGE DAY

The third Monday in February is the provincial holiday, [Heritage Day](#): an annual opportunity to honour the remarkable people, places and events that have contributed to Nova Scotia's unique heritage.



January 2016: Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Tony Ince and then Deputy Premier Diana Whalen unveil the new Heritage Day Flag.

2020 Heritage Day honours Africville. February 24, 2020 also marks the 10th anniversary of the [official apology](#) by HRM to the former residents of Africville and their descendants.

"Our history cannot be rewritten but, thankfully, the future is a blank page and, starting today, we hold the pen with which we can write a shared tomorrow.

It is in that spirit of respect and reconciliation that we ask your forgiveness." Former Mayor Peter Kelly.

Events in HRM celebrating Africville:

February 17: A Heritage Day Celebration in Africville. Location: Africville Museum 579

February 2020

- **10:00 am – Sliding through Africville**
Bring your sleds and celebrate Africville with some great winter fun, and tasty hot chocolate as well. Weather permitting.
- **11:00 am: Dedication of Africville (part I)**
An exciting announcement will be made regarding the original Church Bell of Africville.
A ceremony will take place at the Church and a reception will be held afterwards.
- **12:00 pm: Dedication of Africville (part II)**
Location: Halifax Stanfield International Airport – Arrivals Terminal. Participants from Beechville and Africville will travel to the airport and share the dedication with travelers. Africville baggage tags will be distributed.



February 29: African Nova Scotian Music Awards

Location: Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

- 7:00 pm: celebrate the music and accomplishments of African Nova Scotians with Juno Award winning composer and pianist Joe Sealey "Africville Suite" and, former Africville descendant and musical protestor Faith Nolan "Africville" along with several new up-and-coming artists who will continue the themes of resilience.

For more information:

<https://africvillemuseum.org/frontpage/sliding-through-africville/>



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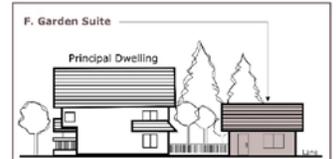
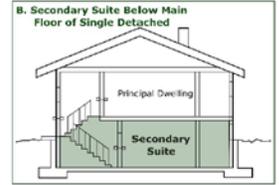
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February 13 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. this date only	July 9
March 12	August 13
April 9	September 10
May 14	October 8
June 11	November 12
December 10	



SECONDARY SUITES AND BACKYARD SUITES - UPDATE



Case 21162 - Secondary Suites and Backyard Suites

was discussed during the January 28th Regional Council session. The matter was deferred for a supplementary report to examine the applicability of backyard suites to townhouses and two-unit buildings within the LUB area.

Secondary suites are additional dwelling units, typically located within single unit dwellings. Permit data shows that approximately 350 secondary suites have been created in the municipality since 2005.

Backyard suites are additional dwelling units that are located in an accessory building like a detached garage. The number of backyard suites is unknown, but likely quite low as the use is only permitted in two plan areas.

You may view the video of the Council discussion on our municipal [website](#).



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BUDGET 2020/21

Tell us your spending priorities for the 2020-21 Municipal Budget by one of the following means:

- **Online:**
Use the Budget Allocator at shapeyourcityhalifax.ca
- **In Person:**
at the [Committee of the Whole Meetings](#), Council Chambers, 1849 Argyle Street, Halifax
- **By email:**
budget@halifax.ca

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

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



Winter in District 9

