



**COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI**

**DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS**

**HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST**

## **Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities**

### **WELCOME FEBRUARY**

The weather outside may not be ideal, but there is still lots of options to get outside and enjoy our parks. Did you know that the Dartmouth North Community Centre and Findlay Centre both rent snowshoes for free? Check out the details below for the [Shubie Park Family Winter Fest](#), a great event that encourages families to continue to enjoy the park even in the winter months.

February is [African Heritage Month](#) and there are many great events happening in our community to commemorate the African Nova Scotian Faith, Family and Community. Check out more details below about the celebrations happening in our community.

We also celebrate a special [Heritage Day](#), Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, where we can take time to enjoy our families and remember the important history of the Africville community.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our [website](#) for updates on snow clearing and the Winter Parking Ban!

### **BIENVENUE FEVRIER**

La température à l'extérieur n'est peut-être pas idéale, mais il y a encore beaucoup d'options pour sortir et profiter de nos parcs. Saviez-vous que le Centre communautaire de Dartmouth North et le Centre Findlay louent des raquettes gratuitement? Consultez les détails ci-dessous pour la [Festival d'hiver de la famille du parc Shubie](#), un grand événement qui encourage les familles à continuer à profiter du parc même en hiver. Février est le [Mois du patrimoine africain](#) et de nombreux événements importants se déroulent dans notre communauté pour commémorer la foi, la famille et la communauté afro-néo-écossaises. Vous trouverez ci-dessous plus de détails sur les célébrations qui se déroulent dans notre communauté. Nous célébrons également une [Fête du patrimoine](#) spéciale, le lundi 17 février, où nous pouvons prendre le temps de profiter de nos familles et de nous souvenir de l'histoire importante de la communauté d'Africville. N'oubliez pas de consulter notre [site Web pour](#) connaître les mises à jour sur le déneigement et l'interdiction de stationner l'hiver!



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### PUBLIC MEETING - RE-ZONING CONRAD QUARRY LANDS

A public information meeting will be held Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Port Wallis United Church to discuss possible Industrial and Highway Commercial development at the Conrad Quarry Lands in Waverley. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an open house event followed with a presentation by HRM staff at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who wants more information about the application or wishes to express any comments they may have.

The Conrad Quarry lands are located just north of the Montague Mines Rd/Highway 107 interchange. Rezoning this land would allow for [Industrial and Commercial development](#), this public information meeting will help to identify uses that are appropriate or suitable for the site.

Your feedback would be appreciated as we consider the future use of this land.

You can also provide feedback by reaching out to Planner Tyson Simms, Planner with HRM, at 902-490-6983 or [simmst@halifax.ca](mailto:simmst@halifax.ca).

More detail, including previous staff reports on the case, can be found on our [website](#).

**CHILI!**  
**COOK-OFF**

**SAMPLE DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF CHILI AND VOTE ON YOUR FAVORITE!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**3:00-4:00PM**

**DARTMOUTH NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**105 HIGHFIELD PARK DRIVE**

**CALL TO REGISTER**  
**(902)490-5840**

### VOLUNTEER WITH A MUNICIPAL BOARD OR COMMITTEE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking residents for a variety of important opportunities on Regional Council advisory committees and boards.

Citizens interested in connecting with the community are encouraged to apply for these volunteer opportunities no later than Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Positions are now available for our Design Advisory Committee, Western Common Advisory Committee, Regional Watershed Advisory Board and the new Women’s Advisory Committee. For more information on these volunteer opportunities including eligibility requirements or to apply, visit [our website](#) or call the Municipal Clerk’s Office at 902-490-4210.



Celebrating with some new Canadian Citizens



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### AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The 2020 African Heritage Month provincial theme, The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family & Community, recognizes the unique bond people of African Decent share. This theme is about celebrating the longstanding legacy of faith and spirituality, acknowledging strong family ties and honouring the togetherness of the African Nova Scotian Community. These ties help facilitate a greater bond and understanding of all cultures in Nova Scotia.

African Heritage Month presents us with a tangible opportunity to celebrate the legacy, achievements, and contributions – past and present – of people of African descent as part of our collective Nova Scotian heritage. In honour of African Heritage Month, City Hall will be lit with Pan-African Colours (black, green, and red) during the month of February (excluding February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>).

Check out some of the events happening in our community to celebrate and learn more about the African Nova Scotian community:

#### Association of Black Social Workers: Honouring Our Founders

Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Dartmouth North Public Library  
In 1979, the Nova Scotia Association of Black Social Workers was founded to address the social welfare needs of the African Nova Scotian community. Join us as we honour and recognize the legacy and vision of these social justice pioneers – learn about their struggles and celebrate their achievement in improving the lives of Black communities and families in Nova Scotia.

#### The Power of Poetry

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax  
Celebrate the work of Dr. Afua Cooper, Halifax Regional Municipality's Poet Laureate.

#### Food Demonstration & Tasting: African Cuisine

Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30-8:30pm  
Dartmouth North Public Library  
Discover the flavours of Africa with Chef Mary Nkrumah of Mary's African Cuisine and Noblemay Catering.

### SHUBIE PARK FAMILY WINTER FEST

Winter Fest is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the winter weather with snowshoeing, outdoor cooking, parachute games, crafts and more! Join the Adventure Earth Centre Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairbanks Centre (54 Locks Rd.) with the whole family. You can find more information [here](#).

### FUNDING FOR DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE AND DARTMOUTH FAMILY CENTRE



[The Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and Dartmouth Family Centre](#) are fundraising to bring all the important services they offer under one roof.

Last month, I'm so pleased to say that Regional Council voted in favour of providing a special grant of \$80,000 towards this vital project. The funding contributes to a more than \$500,000 capital campaign that will improve service to low income individuals and families by bringing the Family and Community Food Centre programming together at 6 Primrose. The city's contribution will be matched by a private donor and will be used, in part, to create a new Children's Discovery Garden, adjacent to the 20,000 square-foot Community Farm. The remaining funds will be used for equipment and other program assets at the new site.



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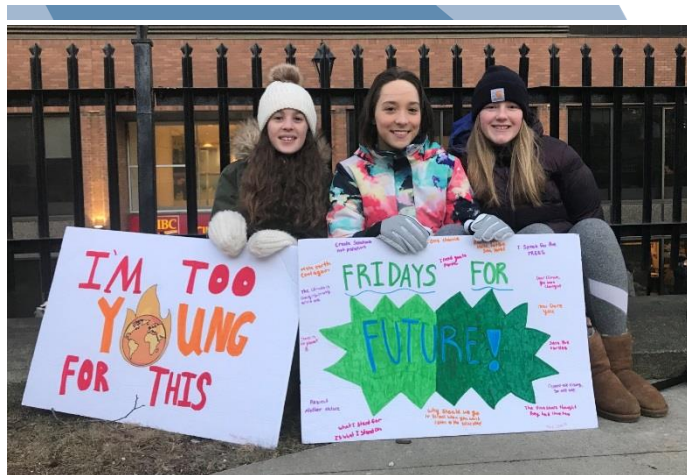
## HELP SHAPE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Regional Council are in the process of debating our Capital and Operating Budget to ensure it aligns with our 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 began in January and will continue until the final budget review in March. 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](mailto:Clerks@halifax.ca)), by attending the meetings and speaking up during the public comments section or through our [Budget Allocator tool](#). The remaining budget meetings are listed below:

Business Unit	Meeting Date
<b>Police and Fire</b>	Wednesday February 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.
<b>Budget Adjustment List Review</b>	Wednesday February 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.
<b>Final Recommendation Report 2019/21 Budget and Business Plan Approval</b>	Tuesday March 10 <sup>th</sup> Regional Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.



### Green Tip



Think outside the gift box this Valentines Day by getting your loved one tickets, a gift certificate, homemade goodies or an environmentally friendly or ethically sourced gift.

## SINGLE USE PLASTICS

According to Oceans North and Ocean Conservancy’s report to the G7 in 2018, 8 million metric tonnes of plastic waste enters the ocean each year. In HRM, it is estimated that we use between 125 – 208 million plastic shopping bags per year. Even though the bags can be recycled through our Blue Bag program, these bags still make up a visible portion of HRM’s non-recyclable waste stream and account for over 3% of litter observed throughout Nova Scotia.

Banning plastic bags is a small step in reducing litter and ocean plastic, but it represents a larger political and cultural shift to encourage more reusable materials. Paper bags or higher quality reusable bags hold more, result in less waste and are more durable.

Nova Scotia is the third Canadian Province to ban plastic bags, Prince Edward Island became the first province to create a ban, followed by Newfoundland and Labrador. Countries like Italy, Rwanda and Kenya and the EU have all moved on plastic bag bans and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has committed to a country-wide ban on harmful single-use plastics as early as 2021. Congratulations to Sobeys for taking leadership in implementing a ban this month!



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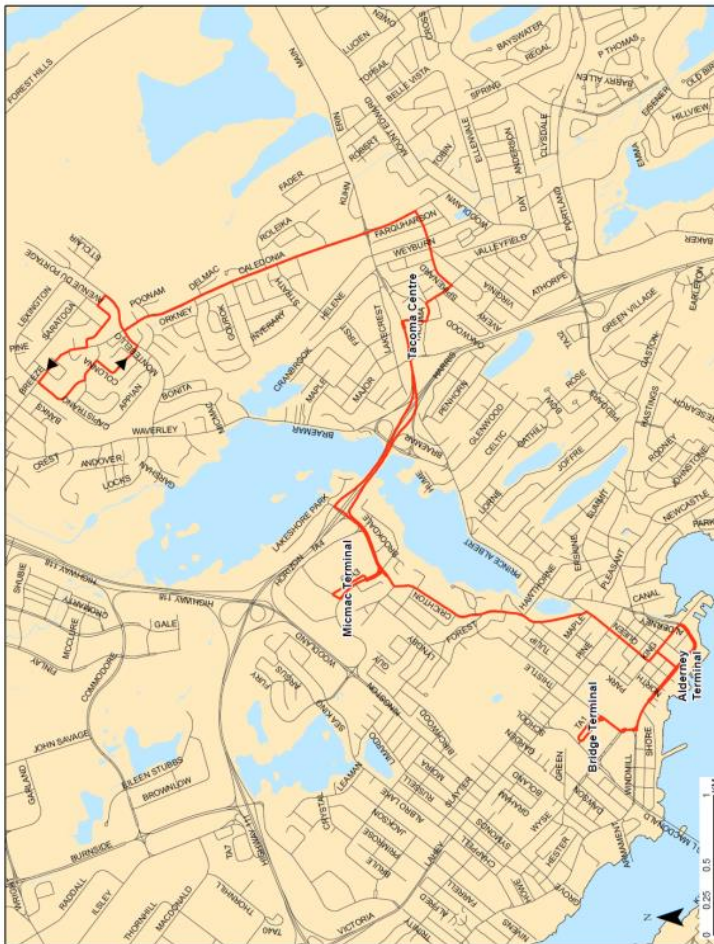
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## POSSIBLE TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES

As part of the budget process, Halifax Transit has outlined several proposed service adjustments for routes in our area.

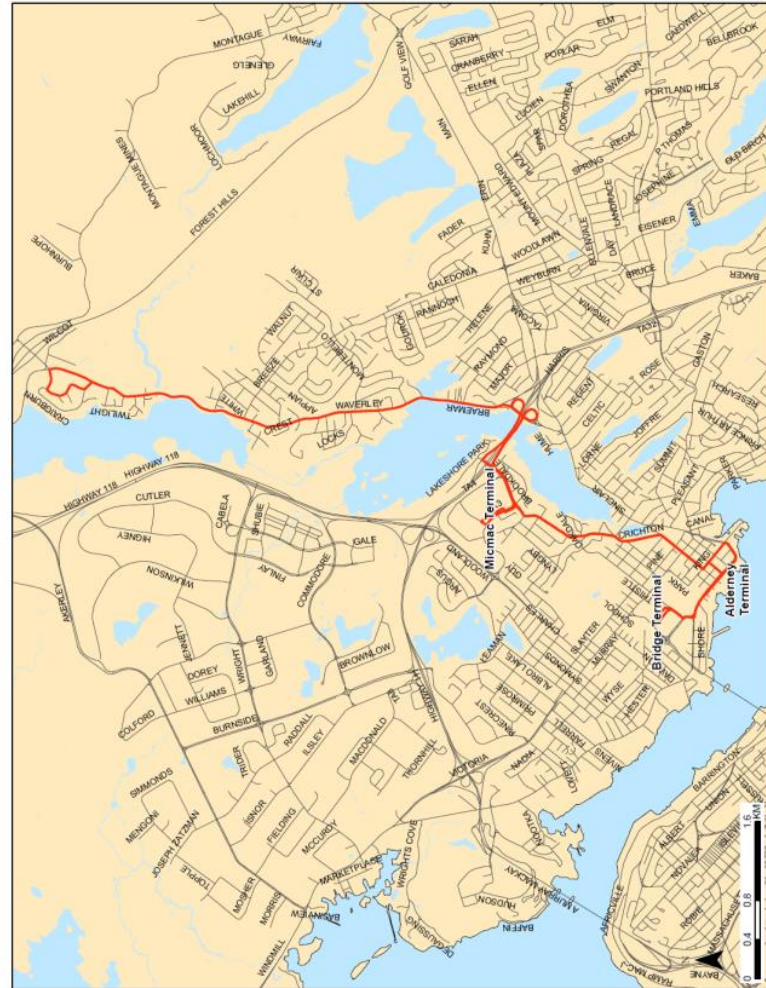
First, route 54 Montebello will be extended to service the Bridge Terminal and will be expanding service through the community. The route will no longer service Freeze Drive between Lexington Ave and Appian Way or Appian Way between Breeze and Columbo Drive.

Route 54 Montebello



Route 55 will also be adjusted. The route will no longer service Thistle Street, and instead be moved to Wyse, Alderney, King, Queen and Ochterloney to provide service to the Alderney Ferry Terminal. Service to the Portobello turning loop will be discontinued due to low ridership and the route will use Craighburn Drive instead.

Route 55 Waverley



These adjustments are subject to budget and council approval. You can find the full report [here](#).

## WHAT GOES WHERE?

Unsure of what goes where? Halifax Solid Waste has a great tool to show you how to sort materials.

Corrugated cardboard (like pizza boxes), should be cleaned, flattened and bundled with the rest of your cardboard. Cardboard is sorted and baled at our facility, then sent to processing plants to be made into recycled materials.

To find out What Goes Where you can visit our [website](#).



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## GETTING INVOLVED WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Municipal Government is responsible for the services closest to the people – garbage collection, snow removal, planning and development and much more.

As a resident of the Halifax Regional Municipality, there are many ways for you to get involved with your local government by being informed, getting engaged and serving.

Find out more by checking out our [guide](#) and [educational video](#).



Snow day fun on Fernbrook Court

## ISANS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Is becoming more involved in your community one of your New Year's Resolutions? If so, the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) has a volunteer opportunity for you!

Become a Canada Connects Volunteer and help them build a community where all can belong and grow.

For more information contact [Delaine](#). You can find out more information about the great work ISANS are doing on their [website](#).

**Fill out our survey and YOU COULD WIN one of 14 prizes**

**HOUSEHOLD OF CHILD BORN IN 2011**  
FOYER D'UN ENFANT NÉ EN 2011

**Si votre enfant est né en 2011, avez-vous reçu cette lettre?**

**Vous avez perdu votre lettre? Vous n'avez pas eu l'occasion de remplir le sondage?**

Call 1-844-996-0694 with any questions or to complete the survey by phone. Your participation in our survey is important.

Appelez le 1-844-996-0694 si vous avez des questions ou pour remplir le sondage par téléphone. Votre participation à notre sondage est importante.

## POET LAUREATE CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking nominations for its next Poet Laureate to advocate and promote poetry, language, and the arts throughout the Halifax region. The Poet Laureate is a resident poet, storyteller, or spoken word artist who has been recognized for achieving excellence in the field and whose body of work demonstrates connection with and relevance to, the citizens of the municipality.

Serving a three-year term beginning in April 2020 and concluding in March 2023, the Poet Laureate will be an ambassador for the Halifax region and its residents by engaging the community in activities, programs, and events that demonstrate the positive impact of literature, poetry, and spoken word.

The Poet Laureate is expected to compose and present poems or presentations at select municipal events and Regional Council meetings, participate on the selection committee for the succeeding Poet Laureate, and liaise with municipal staff on a regular basis, including providing a written report on their experience after their term. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For more information and to apply, visit [our website](#)



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## POLICE PUBLIC MEETING

Thank you Chief Kinesella and our Dartmouth North police team for coming to the Woodlawn Community Church for a public meeting discussing policing and public safety in our community.



## VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATS

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP have reported a total of 240 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions from January to December 2019 in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Of the total collisions, 72 involved a bicycle or a scooter. The remaining 168 incidents were vehicle/pedestrian collisions, with 175 pedestrian victims. 25 incidents occurred in December. Read the full report [here](#).

## FRAUDULENT CALL ALERT

Halifax Regional Police are notifying the public of a recent scam where the scammer identifies themselves as a police officer or representative of the Canada Revenue Agency and advises the victim that they have been identified as possessing fraudulent bank accounts and requests money, usually by forwarding gift card information, or converting cash to Bitcoin, to avoid prosecution.

They are told a warrant has been issued and the police may already be on their way to arrest them. No police agency, nor the Canada Revenue Agency will ever make such phone calls. Do not provide or confirm any personal information to the caller and hang up the phone.

Fraud prevention advice can be found on the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre [website](#).

## HARBOUR EAST MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE – MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2020

The Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council is comprised of Councillors David Hendsbee, Bill Karsten, Lorelei Nicoll, Sam Austin and myself. Community Council's consider local matters, make recommendations to Council and provide opportunities for public input.

The Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. However the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be located at the Art Gallery Room in the [Old School Community Gathering Place](#) in Musquodoboit Harbour to accommodate the Public Hearing for [Case 21856](#).

You can find future agendas and more information on your community council [here](#).



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## FIELD MAINTENANCE

Prince Andrew High Field, the Big Beazley Ball Diamond, Harold W. Conrad Memorial Ball Diamond and the Don Bayer Diamond are receiving some increased maintenance this year.

Field Name	Estimated Closure Dates	Required Maintenance
<b>Prince Andrew High School</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 – July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	In May 2020, there will be additional topdressing to address the rocks, bare spots, low areas, vegetation creep and rusted goal nets. Following this, seed and starter fertilizer will be applied.
<b>Harold W. Conrad Memorial Ball Diamond</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 – June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Regrade portion of infield to improve drainage. Regrade and asphalt outside backstop and bleacher areas.
<b>Don Bayer Diamond</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 – June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	New dugouts, backstop.
<b>Big Beazley Ball Diamond</b>	July 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020 – July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Field repairs and set up for North American Indigenous Games



One roof campaign presentation

## PARK PEOPLE GRANTS

Make your green space great with events like park clean-ups, tree-planting and movie nights. Applications are now open for the TD Park People Grants program, which will provide \$2,000 grants to support 276 park events that help enhance green spaces across the country. [Visit the website](#) to get all the details, helpful event ideas and application form for the TD Park People Grants program. Applications close on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CN RAIL CONTACT INFORMATION

CN is committed to maintaining positive and proactive communications with the communities where 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 at 1-888-888-5909 or by email at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca) so they can be appropriately monitored and addressed.

CN Police staff are also available for emergency or safety related issues. Residents should contact CN Police either by email at [CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca](mailto:CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca) for non-urgent suspicious activities or at 1-800-465-9239 for emergencies.

## FLYER BYLAW

Halifax Regional Council approved By-law F-400 in the summer of 2019, this by-law provides guidelines for flyer delivery including where flyers can be dropped on private property and options for refusing flyers.

If you have concerns about your flyer delivery, please call 311 to report the issue and the appropriate staff will follow up with the flyer distributor.





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## IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER

Halifax Regional Police charged 77 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of December.

Police received 13 calls during the month of December 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.

## POLICE SERVICE REVIEW

In 2018, Regional Council asked that Halifax Regional Police (HRP) conduct a service review of the HRP and RCMP to ensure the municipality were receiving efficient and effective policing.

The final review included 29 recommendations that Regional Council has directed staff to accept and implement the majority of these recommendations including the regular administration of the Public Attitude Survey, more efficient processes to respond to high priority calls and an increased communication between HRP and the RCMP.

You can [read the report](#) for more information.

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**Currently serving on:**  
**Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee**  
**Special Events Advisory Committee**  
**Shubenacadie Canal Commission**  
**Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community**  
**SAC for Prince Andrew High School**



Kwanzaa Black Arts & Smarts Night