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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME MARCH

March is a special month in the District 6 Community. First, we celebrate Mois de la Francophonie, a time for our Francophone community to connect, learn about career and cultural opportunities in HRM and share their language with the whole family and for non-French speaking residents to celebrate the contributions our Francophone community has made to the municipality. As the Acadian Francophone Liaison for HRM, I was pleased to be a part of the Opening Ceremonies for Mois de la Francophonie on March 5th at City Hall. More information about this month's festivities can be found below.

We also celebrate International Women's Day Sunday March 8th. Celebrate the amazing women in your life by challenging stereotypes, fighting bias, broadening your perceptions and celebrating women's achievements. An equal world is an enabled world!



BIENVENUE MARS

Mars est un mois spécial dans la communauté du district 6. Tout d'abord, nous célébrons le Mois de la Francophonie, une occasion pour notre communauté francophone d'établir des liens, de se renseigner sur les possibilités en matière de carrière et de culture dans la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax (MRH) et de partager leur langue avec toute la famille et, pour les résidents non francophones, de célébrer les contributions de notre communauté francophone à la municipalité. À titre de liaison acadienne francophone pour la MRH, j'ai eu le plaisir de participer aux cérémonies d'ouverture pour le Mois de la Francophonie, le 5 mars, à l'Hôtel de Ville. De plus amples renseignements sur les festivités de ce mois sont disponibles ci-dessous.

Nous célébrons également la Journée internationale des femmes le dimanche 8 mars. Célébrez les femmes extraordinaires de votre vie en remettant en question les stéréotypes, en luttant contre les préjugés, en élargissant vos perceptions et en célébrant les réalisations des femmes. Un monde d'égalité est un monde habilité!



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CENTRE PLAN B COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that public engagement on Centre Plan Package B is beginning now!

Package B includes planning policies and provisions for Downtown Halifax, established residential areas, employment lands including institutional, commercial and industrial, water access lands, parks and open space lands, as well as amendments to policies and by-law regulations of Package A.

Check out one of our pop up engagement sessions or visit our [website](#) for more details and to give your feedback.

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL
211 Nova Scotia

- 211** CONNECTS YOU TO THE NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN YOUR AREA.
- 911** IN CASE OF LIFE OR PROPERTY THREATENING EMERGENCIES
- 811** TO TALK TO A REGISTERED NURSE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH
- 311** CONNECTS HRM RESIDENTS TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for the municipality's celebration of International Women's Day on Monday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Halifax Central Library.

Come enjoy a host of activities including a panel discussion, information booths, door prizes, entertainment, and healthy snacks.

All are invited to this free, family-friendly event!

WINTER PROGRAM CELEBRATION



Come celebrate the power of the MacPhee Centre and the amazing talent and creativity of our youth participants! We'll have music, art, and snacks and you're welcome to come join. The event will be March 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and more detail can be found [here](#).

EVENTS EAST VOLUNTEER BOARD

Volunteer to serve on the Events East Board of Directors! They are looking for four residents with a mix of business experience to help oversee the direction of the Halifax Convention Centre, Scotiabank Centre and Ticket Atlantic. The deadline to apply is March 16th.

More detail can be found [here](#).

SPRING RECREATION REGISTRATION

Spring will soon be here and Halifax Rec has programs for all ages and stages!

Spring registration will begin March 4th for recreation programs and March 11th for aquatics. All residents will need to create a new user profile in our new recreation online system.

Previous accounts are no longer valid. More information on recreation services can be found [here](#).

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



We're all a bit bleary eyed today, after Daylight Saving Time began again on Sunday, March 8. Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services also encourages the public to change their clocks as well the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as we update our clocks.



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MOIS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

March is Francophonie Month, a time to celebrate the role of our French community here in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Diversity is a huge part of what makes our municipality a success, and I'm so proud to be expanding our efforts to truly value our diversity particularly with the Francophone community by having a designated staff member in our Diversity and Inclusion office, translating our Public Service Announcements and investing in bilingual signage. You can check out halifax.ca/fr, our French language website launched in April 2019 aimed at improving access to information about key services offered by the municipality.

Green Tip



Heading on Vacation this March Break? Bring along your own toiletries. Most hotels don't have recycling programs. Reduce plastic and energy waste by not using hotel toiletries.



Easter Seals

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality's [2020 Community Grants Program](#) provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. Project grants (up to \$5,000) and capital grants (up to \$25,000) are available for projects that qualify under Arts and Crafts, Diversity and Inclusion, Environment, Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety, History, Housing, Leisure and Recreation categories. Contact the Community Grants Program for more detail at nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or by stopping by our Alderney Customer Service Centre (40 Alderney Drive, 1st Floor). The application deadline of March 31st is fast approaching.

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FROM RUSSIAN WITH LOVE DUO CONCERT

Dartmouth Community Concert Association (DCCA) presents the fourth concert in its 2019-20 season, *From Russia With Love*, with Paul Merkelo, trumpet and Serhiy Salov, piano, on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Community Church. Exploring some of the greatest works by Slavic composers, Rimsky-Korsakov, Chopin, Scriabin and Shostakovich, amongst others.

Individual concert tickets are \$25 regular price, \$20 for seniors (age 60+) and \$10 for students. You can purchase tickets at the door or order tickets via Paypal online through the DCCA website. Please call (902) 433-1680 or visit their [website](#) for more information.

VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP release a monthly vehicle/pedestrian collision report to provide police and citizens with more contextual information on this issue. A total of 13 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions have been reported in January 2020 in Halifax Regional Municipality. You can find the full report [here](#).

AIR BNB COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Air BnB is a growing part of our hospitality industry. Make sure you know their [community standards](#) before getting involved in renting or offering a property for rent. Questions or concerns can be logged by signing in [here](#).



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CALEDONIA ROAD DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

WM Fares has applied to rezone their property at 95 Caledonia Road from local/general business use to allow the construction of a multi-unit apartment building with ground floor commercial uses. You can find out more information about this planning application [here](#).

A public information meeting will be scheduled once staff have reviewed the application and then the development agreement will need to be approved by the Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council before proceeding.

TOAST AND ROAST MAYOR MIKE SAVAGE

The Dartmouth Lions Club has organized a tribute evening to recognize Mayor Mike Savage and thank him for his many years of service to the community. I'll be Emceeding the evening, where Mayor Savage will be toasted and roasted by his colleagues, friends, and family. Join us Saturday, March 28th, 2020 at the St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth. A Silent Auction is planned to run through most of the evening, to start during the Reception at 6:00 p.m. and continue through Dinner and the Roast. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and all proceeds go towards your local Lions club's community projects and activities.

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES

Know your rights as a tenant and a landlord. In order to evict a tenant, landlords must make an application to Residential Tenancies and then give you written notice (i.e. a Notice to Quit). They must do this by "personal service" or registered mail. It must tell you the reason why they are evicting you and it must be one of the reasons listed in the [Residential Tenancies Act](#). Once you get the notice you are able to appeal, by filing an application with Residential Tenancies by filling out a [Form J](#). If the Residential Tenancies Board rules in favour of the landlord you can take it to Small Claims Court and appeal the ruling. There are fees for both, but if you are on income assistance, they can cover it for you. Dalhousie Legal Aid is a great resource for tenant rights. You can find their guide [here](#). Residential tenancies is regulated by the provincial government, you can find more information [here](#).



Boys and Girls Club Fundraising Breakfast

MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER

Master Composter Recycler (MCR) is a free four-week education program for residents to become more knowledgeable about how waste is managed in the Halifax region, from collection to processing.

Through training sessions, hands-on workshops, and facility tours, you can become a waste champion within your family, community and work place. For more information, visit our [website](#).



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The
Public Good Society
of Dartmouth

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

THE PUBLIC GOOD SOCIETY OF DARTMOUTH AGM

MARCH 26TH, 2020

10 AM - 12 PM

100 OCHTERLONEY ST., DARTMOUTH

Parking available in back parking lot (off of Victoria Rd).
Entrance to the church at the back door, or off of Ochterloney
Street through the glass doors.

Storm Date: April 2nd, 2020



PUBLIC WIFI EXPANSION

The municipal public WiFi initiative, approved by Regional Council in February 2017 aims to increase economic activity and provide both residents and visitors with expanded connectivity.

Public WiFi service is now available at the Emera Oval, Halifax Public Gardens Horticultural Hall, Lacewood Bus Terminal, Bridge Bus Terminal, Halifax Ferry Terminal, Alderney Ferry Terminal and Alderney Theatre.

The implementation of these expansion sites was based on municipal needs and in alignment with the areas identified as part of the roadmap and feasibility evaluation by Bell Aliant. Municipal public WiFi is a managed service, meaning it is provided entirely by the external service provider Bell Aliant and is not managed by the municipality. Municipal public WiFi has a 24/7/365 support desk available to all users. The toll-free number is 1-844-376-WIFI (or 1-844-376-9434).

RAPID TRANSIT STRATEGY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to share their thoughts on rapid transit through an online survey and at a number of scheduled pop-ups.

To better meet the needs of residents, the municipality is developing a strategy to establish a Rapid Transit Network. The proposed network includes four Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes to provide faster and more frequent service, as well as the potential for new ferry service to provide connections to Downtown Halifax, with departing terminals and routes being explored as part of the strategy.

The strategy will also look at connections between transit and land use, encouraging development near stations so that new growth is transit-oriented and sustainable.

There are ten scheduled pop-ups. Residents can also share their thoughts by [online survey](#).

The strategy will be presented to the Transportation Standing Committee in Spring 2020.

For more information, visit our [website](#).



It was a delight to welcome Venezuelan exchange student Mauricio Rico and Brian Smith of Rotary to Council.



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REDUCING WASTE

In January 2019, Halifax Regional Council passed a motion to support implementing a ban on plastic carry out bags and to initiate an education campaign focused on the reduction of single-use plastics. Since that time, the NS Government has announced a province-wide ban on plastic retail carry-out bags, which comes into effect October 30, 2020.

This announcement has been met with renewed enthusiasm from residents looking for ways to reduce reliance on single-use products. Check out our new website halifax.ca/wasteless for more tips on reducing waste.



Congratulations to our newest Deputy Fire Chief Corey Beals

Use this. **Not that.** Reduce single-use. halifax.ca/wasteless HALIFAX

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

The North American Indigenous Games will be hosted here in Kijipuktuk (Halifax) from July 12 – 18th 2020.

These games will bring together over 5,000 athletes plus their family, friends and fans from across the country to participate in 16 sports and a cultural celebration. The Halifax Common will be abuzz with the cultural village, performances, demonstrations, art and softball. You can find more information about this exciting event [here](#).

HALIFAX PARTNERSHIP ECONOMIC GROWTH PLAN

We're proud to say that the Halifax Regional Municipality was the 3rd fastest growing city in Canada in 2019! See the original post by [Halifax Partnership](#) to learn more about our Economic Growth Plan.



CITY OF QUAKES

We have experienced some small earthquakes in Dartmouth over the last week.

Check out Environment Canada's Earthquake information and fill out the questionnaire if you felt the quake [here](#).



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CHRISTMAS TREE SELECTION



Do you have a big, beautiful spruce or balsam tree on your property you'd be willing to donate to help spread holiday cheer and merriment?

Halifax is launching its first annual public search for Christmas trees for both Grand Parade Square and Sullivan's Pond. For more information on criteria and how to submit your tree for consideration, see our [website](#).

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTION

To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality introduced its annual spring weight restrictions this week.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads. Regular weight tolerances apply on exempt roads. The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online [here](#).

The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place into the spring, at which time the municipality will issue a PSA advising the restrictions are lifted.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 36 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of February and 30 drivers in the month of January.

Police received 20 calls throughout the month of February and 11 in January 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 do see a potential impaired driver, call 911 immediately and give the call taker 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.

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

The Woodlawn United Church is doing great things in our community. Make sure to check out their monthly newsletter for events and services [here](#).

STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP

A free nine-week training course for volunteers looking to improve their leadership skills. Register online at halifax.ca/myrec.

Dartmouth:
Beginning March 25 from 6-8 p.m.
Cole Harbour Recreation Centre
Course code: #00027733

Halifax:
Beginning March 24 from 6:30-9 p.m.
George Dixon Community Centre
Course code: #00027732



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2020-21 BUDGET

Regional Council will be approving the 2020-2021 Municipal Capital and Operating Budget this month. Over the last three months, we have received presentations from each business unit outlining their current initiatives, future opportunities to expand, savings, and evaluating their performance.

When we began budget deliberations, the initial direction was for a 1.5% increase in the tax bill for the average home (approximately \$30). HRM always focuses on the change in the tax bill, which combines the impact of assessment increases set by the provincial Property Valuation Services Corporation and the tax rate set by municipal council. While tax bills have increased over the last few years, in actuality, HRM has been able to cut the tax rate because rising assessments have brought in enough additional revenue to meet our risings costs.

This year, staff have found that we expect about a \$16.2 million surplus for the 2019-2020 budget. We also collected more revenue than previously anticipated due to the continued growth particularly in new apartment buildings.

During the process, Councillors could request additional expense items not covered under the proposed budget be added to a Budget Options List or “parking lot.” The “parking lot” items were debated and approved on February 12th and staff will create a completed copy of the budget for final approval. Both the surplus and the better than forecast assessment results made a big difference for the options list since it gave Council the ability to include items without further impacting the residential tax bill.

One-time expenses like land acquisition for the Downtown Dartmouth project, splashpad funding, an African Nova Scotian Affairs Economic Strategy and more will receive funding from this additional revenue. The remaining surplus was allocated towards capital projects, meaning we won't be taking on any more debt to accomplish these projects. Avoiding new debt will save HRM \$2.3M in 2021.

Other operating expenses that we decided to add to the budget this year included:

- Creating more jobs in our Clerks office, legal, parks maintenance, heritage planning, HaliFACT climate change plan and recreation inclusion program.
- Investing in important community partnerships like the Street Navigator Program, VOLTA Partnership, Rural Transit and support for Multi-District Facilities like the Zatzman Sportsplex and Alderney Landing.
- Increasing our grant capabilities for the arts, heritage and Business Improvement Districts.
- Continued support for important initiatives like the library's food program, tree planting and pruning, parking enforcement, traffic calming in school zones, police and fire services.
- Funding to increase our Library collection to meet the demand.
- New Citizen's Survey
- Food Action Plan
- Accessible Taxi Grant Program (*requires charter amendments from the province)

In the end, even with these exciting additions to our budget the tax increase will only be 1.4%, less than we anticipated at the start of the process. Thank you to Councillor Sam Austin for creating such a thorough outline of this process, if you want more detail, please check out [Councillor Austin's website](#).



Congratulations to [CarbonCure](#) Technologies, a Dartmouth company that is the world leader in converting CO₂ to concrete for receiving a \$2m investment from Breakthrough Solutions Canada



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2019-20 DISTRICT CAPITAL FUND

The District Capital Fund is used to fund capital development projects that are deemed to benefit the community. Here's what we issued grants for this year:

Organization	Grant Amount
Banook Canoe Club – Clubhouse Repairs	\$2,000
Aberdeen Park Playbox	\$949
Daffodil Cancer Survivors Garden	\$2,000
NS Association of Turtle Patrollers – equipment	\$312.50
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax – air conditioners, toys and tables	\$2,800
Dartmouth Family Centre – Barn upgrade and gardening supplies	\$5,200
Holy Trinity Emanuel Anglican Church – Accessible washroom and lift	\$5,000
Lakecity Employment Services Association – new equipment	\$10,000
East Dartmouth Community Centre – sound system	\$300
Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission – banners for Lake Banook	\$2,500
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax – bus repairs	\$3,000
Ian Forsyth Elementary School – Flag Pole	\$202
Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$36,764

STAIR HEROES



Last month, I was fortunate to participate in the Stair Heroes fundraiser in support of the Lung Association of NS. 1 in 5 Nova Scotians are living with lung disease. Thank you to all who donated to this important cause, all the money raised goes to help the Lung Association of

NS for programs and services. With your help I was able to raise \$2091.48. Over \$20,000 was raised to support lung health in NS. It truly was an amazing experience. I completed the 18 floor climb wearing full firefighting gear in 4 minutes and 23 seconds, finishing 12th best out of 36 firefighters. The best firefighter time was 3 minutes and 23 seconds. I was honoured to wear firefighter Kyle Currie's name on my bunker jacket. We need to continue to keep the battle of mental health and first responders in the spotlight.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning to complete recapitalization of **Birchdale Avenue, Maple Drive and Fielding Avenue**. The proposed work on Birchdale Avenue includes asphalt removal and repaving, full curb replacement, watermain replacement, and related reinstatement. Maple Drive would see asphalt milling and paving and partial curb and sidewalk renewal. Fielding Avenue from Akerley Blvd. to Wright Ave. would also see milling, paving and curb work. If these projects are approved by Council, the proposed work will involve tie-in to driveways and some lawn slopes, but it is expected that most work will be within HRM's right-of-way. Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be moved or removed before construction by the property owner. Please advise us if you have a heated driveway, invisible dog fence or in-ground sprinkler system. HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Trees within the street right-of-way will be addressed by the Municipality. All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to property during construction. During construction, parking access may be impacted both on street and in driveways to complete the work. Further notice of impacts for driveway access will be given at time of construction.



Are you having issues with flyer delivery? 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 would like to stop flyer delivery at your home, you can reach out to the flyer vendor directly or visit our Customer Service Centre at Alderney Gate to get a No Flyer sticker for your home. 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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POLICE WARNING REGARDING POTENT SYNTHETIC OPIOID



Police are warning the public of a highly potent synthetic opioid that was seized in a drug trafficking

investigation in Halifax last month.

Over a two-week period in February, investigators conducted a number of searches in relation to a drug trafficking investigation. Through the investigation, investigators conducted a search of a residence on Dentith Road on February 12 and seized multiple items including approximately 1900 unknown pills.

As part of our standard protocol, the drugs were sent to Health Canada for analysis. Health Canada confirm that the tablets are isotonitazene, a synthetic opioid similar to but stronger than fentanyl. This is the first seizure of this drug in Halifax.

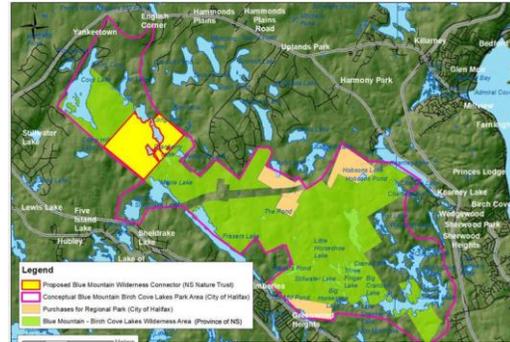
The pills were a white triangle shape with "M" scored on one side and "8" scored on the other. The appearance of the pill may lead people to believe they are consuming a different drug. Given the potency of the drug, a person may need several doses of naloxone to counter an overdose caused by isotonitazene.

Police are urging anyone who consumes the drug to seek immediate medical assistance.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Last month, Halifax Regional Police issued 196 tickets to drivers who were using a cell phone while operating their vehicle. Let's all keep our streets safer and stay focused on the road ahead.

BLUE MOUNTAIN FUNDING REQUEST



The Nova Scotia Nature Trust is an organization committed to preserving our natural legacy

through land conservation. They recently put forward a request to HRM for \$750,000 toward the purchase of a 232-hectare parcel of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area. Staff are currently working on a report that will come to council.

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Special Events Advisory Committee
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
SAC for Prince Andrew High School