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 DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MAY!



As we move forward from the horrendous events of April 2020, we move ahead with

a tremendously renewed appreciation for all individuals whose career puts them in danger on our behalf on a daily basis. We can never sufficiently thank the RCMP, HRP, Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, First Responders, Essential Service Workers for all they do to keep us safe and provided with essential services. What we can do is be kind, be patient, be understanding as we look to a better future.

I look forward to chatting with you at the next Community Drop-In session, date TBD, at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre.

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MAY MEETINGS

In the interest of public health and safety, all meetings have been cancelled or changed to virtual meetings for the month of May to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Virtual Special Regional Council meetings and Budget Committee meetings will be held on:

Regional Council meetings:

Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Budget Committee meetings:

Tuesday, May 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m. (if required)

Tuesday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.

You can click the [video link on the meeting agenda](#) to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.

MESSAGE FROM DIABETES CANADA



**DIABETES
CANADA**

We all have a stake in

the health and safety of our communities. And in these times, it is even more apparent that we need to work together to protect residents while we do our best to live and work in new and challenging ways.

Diabetes Canada donation bins are overflowing, and some are becoming a dumping ground for well-meaning citizens who want to support our work. Due to the covid-19 pandemic and crucial physical distancing orders by governments that non-essential services be stopped, **the pick-up of all textile donations by Diabetes Canada from homes and donation bins across Canada stopped on March 23rd.**

The current donations at the donation bins and, in some unfortunate instances, the dumping of garbage at donation bins is posing a serious health and safety issue.

Diabetes Canada has been urging the public to hold off on their bin donations until business resumes.

Diabetes Canada relies on generous charitable clothing donations as a crucial source of revenue to support the 11 million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes. Efforts include innovative diabetes research, supporting children and youth living with type 1 diabetes, and



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developing evidence-based policy recommendations to improve the lives of those living with the disease. Additionally, thanks to the donation bin business, more than 100 million pounds of textiles are diverted from landfill annually.

In addition, watch for posted street cleaning signs and areas that have multiple signage.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS



BE ATTENTIVE WHERE YOU PARK!

Be attentive where you park!



CAN'T PAY YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

Yes, fees at parking meters have been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic, however; that does not mean you can [park](#) where ever you please. The Motor Vehicle Act must still be respected and enforced.

No Evictions for Three Months

The Premier has stated "*No tenant can be evicted because their income has been impacted by COVID-19 (effective for next 3 months).*"

- People are not required to be sick with COVID-19.
- Landlords may not serve a tenant with a Notice to Quit (eviction notice) until 15 days after rent was due, and Landlords should not serve anyone who has had their income impacted by COVID-19

Only parking meter fees have been waived, all other regulations and laws are still in effect and are being enforced.

What happens if I can't pay my rent?

Downtown signs can sometimes be tricky, so when parking, don't risk it: **read the sign carefully**. Some roads in the downtown core have rush-hour, no-stopping zones. If your vehicle is parked at one of these locations during the posted rush hour times, it **will** be [towed and impounded](#).

Read about the [NS eviction process and what you can do](#) about it at the link above with information compiled by Councillor Wayne Mason.



DISTRICT 9 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of public safety, the District 9 Participatory Budget previously scheduled dates are now cancelled:

April 15th Info Session & Idea Swap - CANCELLED

May 15th Submission Deadline – CANCELLED

June 3rd Community Vote / Town Hall - CANCELLED

New dates will be provided soon as I work on options such as possible virtual Participatory Budgeting.

You may still submit District Capital funding requests for review by completing [the District Capital Fund Request Form](#) and providing a letter explaining the project, non-profit status of the group, the amount requested and how the project will benefit the greater community of District 9.

NEW POET LAUREATE FOR HRM

Sue Goyette is the Municipality's official Poet Laureate. In assuming the role, Sue replaces outgoing Laureate, Dr. Afua Cooper who has held the position admirably since April 2018. As the Municipality's eighth Poet Laureate, Sue will serve a three-year term, acting as an ambassador for poetry, literacy, literature and the arts.

A prominent poet and author, Sue has published six books of poems and a novel. Her forthcoming collection is *Anthesis* (Gaspereau Press, 2020). Sue has been nominated for

several awards including the 2014 Griffin Poetry Prize and the Governor General's Award and has won the CBC Literary Prize for Poetry, the Earle Birney, the Bliss Carman, the Pat Lowther, the J.M. Abraham Poetry Award, the Relit Award, and the 2015 Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Arts Award for her collection, *Ocean*. She edited the 2014 Best of Canadian Poetry Anthology and the 2017 Griffin Poetry Prize Anthology. Sue teaches in the Creative Writing Program at Dalhousie University.

The Municipal Poet Laureate is selected through an open call for submissions administered by the Culture and Events division. Sue was the consensus recommendation of a peer selection committee made up of cultural sector stakeholders, institutional partners and municipal representatives.

Putting words
On paper to
Express in part,
Thoughts from me
Right to
Your heart



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COVID-19 UPDATES



For the most recent information concerning municipal services / programs in relation to COVID-19, please view our [website](#). For provincial updates go to: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

The following are highlights of actions taken to assist you during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Online Permits and Applications

- An [online form](#) has been created for all permit and sub-division application intakes.
- Applications for Rezoning, Municipal Plan Amendments, Development Agreements, or Downtown Halifax Site Plan Approvals can be submitted via email to Carl Purvis – Planning

Applications Program Manager
purvisc@halifax.ca.

- Revised drawings and/or any amended application information for current files can also be submitted via email, directly to the planner assigned to your file.

Halifax Transit

Halifax Transit is in contact with Public Health and continues to take direction regarding all necessary steps required to safeguard the health of employees and the public.

- Buses and ferries will continue to operate on a [reduced schedule](#).
- The 5-person social gathering limit and two metre social distancing limit **does not apply** to Halifax Transit as stated in the [provincial order](#).
- Halifax Transit has taken steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 including an increased frequency of wipe-downs of high-touch surfaces, making the first seat unavailable to riders on buses (this does not impact accessible seating), limiting passengers on buses to seated passengers only, and limiting the number of ferry passengers to 25 per trip.
- Riders must continue to board and exit through the rear doors only and are asked to only use transit services if necessary.
- **Riders should continue to social distance as much as possible and**



respect the signage indicating what seats are not to be used.

- Riders should not use transit if they are feeling unwell.

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit Halifax.ca/coronavirus.

Thank you for helping with the community effort to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Non municipal general medical / health related questions related to COVID-19 in Nova Scotia:

- 211 OR Public Health support line 902-481-5800 (staffed 8am-8pm M-F)
- people concerned they may have COVID-19 use the online self-assessment **BEFORE** calling 811 - <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>

To report people not following social distancing rules in the community:

- Police non-emergency line 902-490-5020 OR 902-490-7252

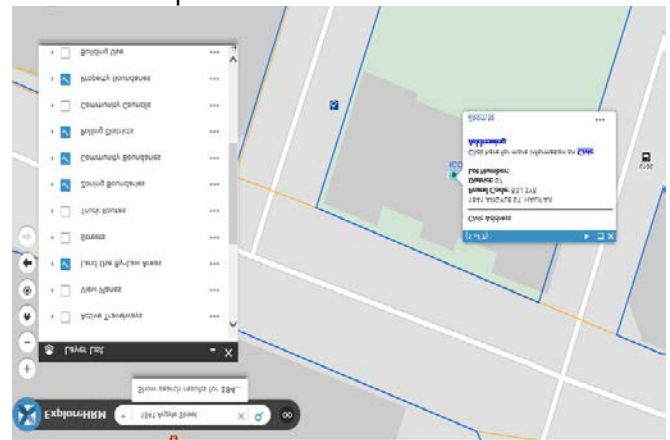
To report workplaces not following social distancing rules:

- 1-800-952-2687 to register concern with provincial occupational health and safety inspector.
- Government of Canada coronavirus information line – 1-833-784-4397

WHAT ARE THE PERMITTED USES FOR MY PROPERTY?

Ever wonder what the zoning is for your property and what the permitted uses are under the Land Use By-law? Well, the answers are at your fingertips as you can look it up on the municipal website under [EXPLORE HRM's interactive maps](#).

For example, let's use 1841 Argyle Street – the civic address for city hall. We find that the zoning is ICO – Institutional, Cultural, Open Space. Click on the blue lettering ICO and it will take you to the Land Use By-Law that outlines the permitted uses in an ICO zone.



The link to the Land Use By-Law then shows that the permitted uses in an ICO zone – see below.

Institutional, Cultural & Open Space Zone (ICO)

Previous

Permitted Land Uses

(16) The following uses shall be permitted in the ICO Zone:

- Institutional uses;
- Cultural uses;
- Open Space uses;
- Eating establishments or retail uses accessory to permitted uses; and
- Uses accessory to the foregoing.

(17) Where eating establishments or retail uses accessory to permitted uses are permitted they shall have no separate entrance from the exterior of the building.



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MOM

Noun 

(1) Someone who sees the best in her kids even when they drive her crazy.

(2) Unconditional love.

See also: **Superwoman**

LOCAL POETRY - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia (WFNS) in partnership with the Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Public Libraries, is bringing back another year of Poetry in Motion to the city of Halifax and beyond.

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Always seeking to provide the best service possible, staff at

our libraries continue to adapt during the COVID-19 situation by offering many virtual options.

One method has been the development of an [online registration](#) for library cards. The library card will connect you to a multitude of free online services such as: [E-Books](#), [Audiobooks](#) and the [E-Library](#) (online resources and tools like Lynda.com, TumbleBooks, and hoopla video streaming).

Check out the [Halifax Public Libraries](#) website as information is being updated daily!

Poetry in Motion is a public poetry art project that features short poems on transit ads in buses; on digital signs at libraries, ferry terminals, and recreation centres; and on social media posts.

Poems will be original work by Nova Scotian residents 16 years of age or older on the theme - journeys - this theme can be interpreted broadly, and may touch on journeys outward, journeys back home, the passage of time, or other forms of travel, transportation, and exploration.

Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2020.

For more information or to submit a poem, click [here](#).



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CONGRATULATIONS 2019/20 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS!

As part of National Volunteer Week, the Halifax Regional Municipality is honoured to announce the recipients of the 2019-20 Volunteer Awards.

These awards are given to outstanding individuals or groups in recognition of their extraordinary volunteer contributions to their community.

The award recipients in District 9 are:

- Yasmin Abd El-Rahaman
- Karema Alarabi
- Mohamed Nashnoush
- Marco Redden
- Gracie Walker

Although we cannot celebrate together at this time, I thank each of you for all you do for our community.

You are appreciated more than words can express.



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

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

