



WELCOME JUNE!



We are so close to finalizing the 2020/21 budget. These have been the most challenging decisions I have been part of

since being elected. We are trying our very best to make the right decisions on necessary cuts due to the COVID-19 situation while still providing the programs and services you expect and, keeping the tax rate as low as we possibly can. A further update will be available in early June, once the budget has passed.

I look forward to chatting with you in person at a Community Drop-In session at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre as soon as the provincial public health authority allows.

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JUNE MEETINGS

In the interest of public health and safety, all meetings have been cancelled or changed to virtual meetings for the month of June 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, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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 may be provided 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.

PLEASE NOTE that District Capital funds may be greatly reduced this year due to budget cuts implemented in response to the impacts from COVID-19. A final decision will be made once the budget is passed on June 9th.

PAID PARKING | HOURLY PARKING RESUMING JUNE 1ST

As the Province begins to ease restrictions and businesses resume operations, **paid parking, hourly parking and enforcement will be resuming effective June 1, 2020.**

Meters:

All parking meters will be “on” and enforced effective June 1 in all areas across the municipality. HotSpot will be reactivated, and all meters will require payment. All bagged meters will continue to be enforced.

Time-restricted parking and loading:

All time-restricted (1 hr., 2 hr. etc.) parking and loading zones (temporary or permanent) will be timed and enforced effective June 1.

New temporary 15-minute parking zones have been installed to facilitate the short-term pick up needs of restaurants and other business.



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Accessible Parking:

Will continue to be fully enforced.

Permits:

All parking permits expiring in March through to June will remain valid until customer service centres reopen. This includes monthly and residential parking permits. Parking Permit zones will be enforced. Once customer service centres reopen, next steps for parking permits purchasing and enforcement will be communicated [on the website](#).

Tow-away zones and transit priority lanes:

Will continue to be enforced.

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [Halifax.ca/coronavirus](https://halifax.ca/coronavirus).

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY AND HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION CANCELLED / SUSPENDED JUNE 2020

Curbside Give Away Weekend, scheduled for June 6 and 7, 2020 has been cancelled as the event encourages non-essential travel and many charitable organizations that accept reusable items have suspended operations.

(HRM's) Household Special Waste (HSW) collection program: has been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes both the HSW Depot located at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Bayers Lake and mobile HSW drop-off events.

Solid Waste has cancelled the mobile HSW event originally planned for June 13, 2020 at Mic Mac Mall. Currently, it is proposed that all

remaining mobile events be cancelled for fiscal year 20/21 and that the **HSW Depot resume operations in October 2020 subject to Regional Council approval as part of the budget review process.**

HSW Alternatives

While the HSW program has been suspended, it is important to note that there are free alternate options available to residents to dispose of common HSW materials.

Residents are encouraged to call ahead to confirm any changes in operating hours or procedures.

Paint and empty paint cans can be dropped off at any Enviro Depot location in the province. Residents are asked to call ahead to confirm changes to hours of operation and additional materials accepted. Contact information for these locations, along with materials accepted can be found on the [Product Care website](#) or the [Divert NS website](#).

Used oil, oil filters, glycol (antifreeze) and any empty containers which contained oil or glycol can be dropped off at any Used Oil Management Association (UOMA) NS designated collection site. These include many [local gas stations and auto repair centres](#).

There are several locations in our communities that accept **batteries and cell phones** for recycling. Locations can be found on the [Call2Recycle website](#).

Prescription Drugs – check with your pharmacy to confirm if they are currently able



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to accept unused or expired medications for disposal.

Residents will find links to these programs when they search for HSW items through the Halifax Recycles mobile app, or online at www.Halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere.

Tips for safe at home storage of HSW can be found on the [Household special waste page](#) of Halifax.ca and on the [Government of Canada site](#).

HALIFAX MOBILITY RESPONSE – STREETS AND SPACES

In anticipation of further lifting of Public Health restrictions, the municipality has been preparing to implement short, medium and long-term temporary adjustments to the transportation network, as part of the collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

As the need for social distancing will remain in place for the foreseeable future, and how people move will change throughout the recovery phase, the municipality will continue to identify required adaptations to the use of its streets, sidewalks and bike lanes.

These changes are intended to provide space for people to keep moving, not to gather. Bicycles should continue to be used on the designated street section only.

Municipal staff are engaging in planning for measures that can be deployed quickly, while also considering what will be needed over the coming months in response to Public Health directives.

The *Halifax Mobility Response: Streets and Spaces* plan, formerly called the *Transportation Recovery Plan*, identifies necessary adaptations to the use of streets, sidewalks and bike lanes in response to Public Health directives.



The changes listed below will allow those walking and rolling (e.g. wheelchairs, strollers) to maintain physical distance while travelling on the streets that connect people to essential destinations and local businesses.

Sidewalk Widening

- **Spring Garden Road**

Sidewalks will be widened, on both sides of the street, between South Park and Queen streets by removing parking and loading spaces. Two-lanes of vehicle traffic will be maintained at all times.

Bus stops 8330 and 8336 on Spring Garden



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Road will also be temporarily closed while these measures are in place.

- **Quinpool Road**

The northbound sidewalk will be widened between Quingate Place and Monastery Lane by removing parking and loading spaces on this section of Quinpool Road.

Bus stop 8138 on Quinpool Road will also be temporarily closed while these measures are in place.

Please note: Pedestrian access will be maintained during ongoing road construction on Quinpool Road between Robie and Windsor streets.

Traffic signal modification:

Traffic signals have been modified to reduce wait times at pedestrian crossings.

The following corridors have been completed:

- Quinpool Road
- Oxford Street
- Robie Street
- Joe Howe Drive
- Bedford Highway (Bayview Road to Civic #50)
- Dunbrack Street
- Almon Street/Connaught Avenue
- Bayers Road (Oxford to Windsor streets)
- Young Street

Additional areas for traffic signal modification are being considered and will be communicated to the public with as much notice as possible.

Temporary loading spaces:

Temporary loading spaces have been created in specific locations across downtown Halifax and downtown Dartmouth. See [here](#) for more information.

Slow Street Implementation:

The following streets will be designated as 'slow streets'. They will be open to local traffic only, to reduce vehicle volumes and to create a space for residents to walk, roll and cycle while adhering to physical distancing guidelines.

Only those motorists who live, are visiting, or are accessing a business on these streets are considered local traffic.

Halifax:

- Leaman, Drummond, and Isleville streets between Leeds and Almon streets
- Connolly Street between Windsor Street and Chebucto Road
- Elm Street between Chebucto and Quinpool roads
- Beech Street between Quinpool and Jubilee roads
- Peter Lowe Avenue between William Hunt and George Dauphinee avenues
- Liverpool Street between Connaught Avenue and Windsor Street
- Oak and Allan streets between Connaught Avenue and Windsor Street
- Welsford Street between Windsor and Robie streets
- Vernon Street between Pepperell and Watt streets
- LeMarchant Street between Watt Street and University Avenue



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- Norwood Street between Connaught Avenue and Preston Street
- Shirley Street between Preston and Robie streets

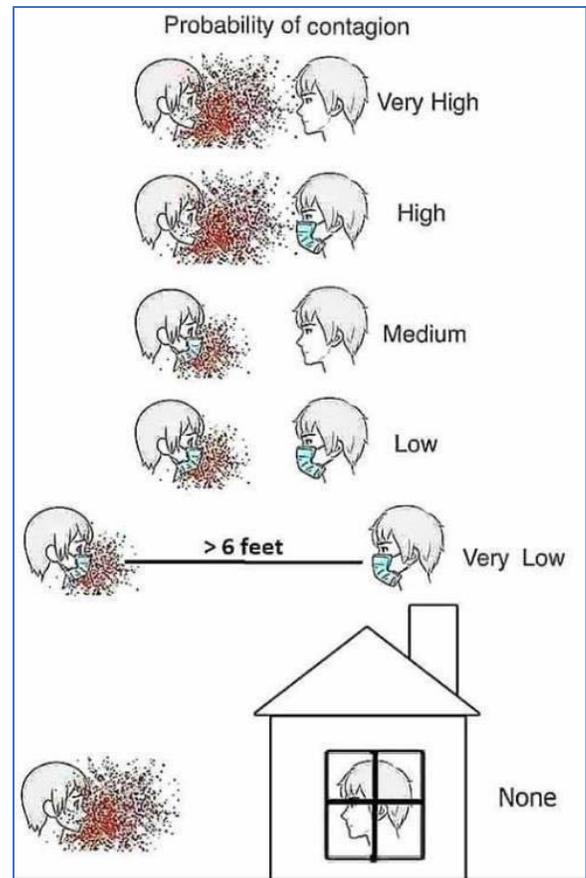
Additional areas are being considered and will be communicated once confirmed.

As part of the municipality's ongoing engagement efforts for the Halifax Mobility Response, a [Shape Your City Halifax](#) project page has been created to provide residents with an opportunity to share suggestions on where additional actions would be helpful to help residents move safely. The feedback will be valuable in helping municipal staff determine the next steps for making temporary changes to streets as a result of COVID-19.

More information will continue to be shared as adjustments are made to the *Halifax Mobility Response: Streets and Spaces* plan. Updates will be shared via [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter and at [Halifax.ca](#).

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [halifax.ca/coronavirus](#).

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



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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 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](#).
- **Riders should continue to social distance as much as possible and respect the signage indicating what seats are not to be used.**
- 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 not use transit if they are feeling unwell.

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [Halifax.ca/coronavirus](https://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



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MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Where to Get Support in Nova Scotia during COVID-19



1 MENTAL HEALTH MOBILE CRISIS TEAM 902-429-8167 or 1-888-429-8167 (Toll Free)

The Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team provides support for children, youth and adults experiencing a mental health crisis by phone 24/7 anywhere in Nova Scotia and a Mobile Response from 1 pm to 1 am to most Halifax area communities.



2 KIDS HELP PHONE 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868

Kids Help Phone is always there for you. No matter what you want to talk about. No judgment, totally private. 24/7. Live Chat is currently open daily from 1 am to 8 am to provide more timely access to support through their other services.



3 MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS INTAKE SERVICE 1-855-922-1122

If you need help with a mental health and addictions concern, Nova Scotia Mental Health and Addictions team can help. They're available to take your call Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. The line is voicemail-only evenings, weekends and holidays.



4 CMHA NOVA SCOTIA 1-877-466-6606 (Toll Free)

CMHA NS continues to provide non-clinical mental health psycho-social support throughout COVID-19. They are committed to keeping communities and clients safe and their services supportive and welcoming. Visit novascotia.cmha.ca.



5 HEALTHY MINDS PATIENT NAVIGATOR 902-404-3504

Healthy Minds Cooperative is an innovative mental health cooperative providing a variety of peer-based services to people with lived experience of mental health issues and their families. HMC is available 9-5 Monday-Friday by phone and email.



6 STRONGEST FAMILIES I-CAN ANXIETY PROGRAM 1-866-470-7111 (Toll Free)

This program educates and teaches adults 18+ skills to overcome their anxiety, excessive worry, and learn how to cope with major life stressors. Participants are provided with access to a secure website, programming, and weekly phone support. Visit strongestfamilies.com.



7 211 NOVA SCOTIA

211 Nova Scotia is a free helpline that connects you with community groups, social services and government programs in your area 24/7. Support is available in over 150 languages. Call or visit ns211.ca

#GoodFoodAccessFund soon. Visit buff.ly/352b5HR for the details.

Second Harvest's program at

<https://foodrescue.ca/>. They are concentrating on food gift cards from Loblaw companies (Superstore and No Frills included). Each organization can apply for up to \$20K in cards of small denominations to share with clients. Applicants must be a charity/non-profit (no individuals); deadline is August 8.

- [@SecondHarvestCA](https://twitter.com/SecondHarvestCA) is providing grocery gift cards to charities and non-profits providing emergency food to their communities. Fill out the simple application form at <https://foodrescue.ca/> to receive up to \$20,000 in grocery gift cards.

VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS ON DOWNWARD TREND

Since 2016, the number of vehicle/pedestrian collisions have been moving in the right direction – downward! The recent statistics for the months January to April 2020 show that:

From January to April 2020 there were 30 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions reported.

- 3 involved a bicycle/scooter/skateboard
- 27 remaining incidents were vehicle/pedestrian
- 2 pedestrian fatalities resulted

ARE YOU A FOOD ORGANIZATION PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF DURING COVID-19?

If so, there are two grant opportunities available to help in your communities.

Community Food Centre's grant program - mostly Sobeys gift cards; some cash grants with priority to Indigenous communities: <https://cfccanada.ca/en/Good-Food-Fund/How-to-apply>.

- @aplaceforfood will be opening a new round of funding through their



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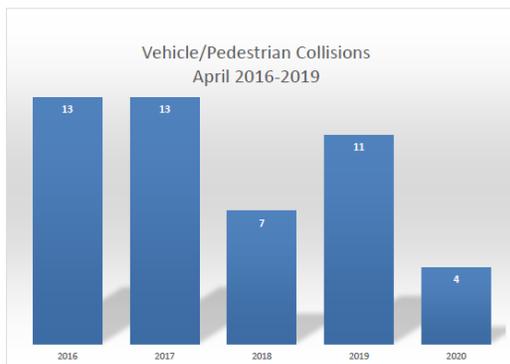
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2020	
Month	# Incidents
January	13
February	7
March	3
April	4
TOTAL YTD	27

April 2020	
Type*	# SOTs
Driver	1
Pedestrian	0
Pending / SUI	-
No SOT	0
TOTAL	1

* Excludes SOTs unrelated to the collision (e.g., no insurance)
• SOTs may not match # of incidents due to some incidents involving multiple pedestrians

When comparing incidents in April 2016 - 2020, noted incidents have decreased by 64% in 2020 compared to the previous year.



Compared to the same time period in 2019, there has been a decrease of 67% in reported incidents in 2020.

SPRING ROAD SAFETY

With Spring in full bloom, our neighbourhood streets are busy with people out and about enjoying the warm, sunny weather. Halifax Regional Police is encouraging everyone to do their part to safely share our roadways and comply with COVID-19 provincial emergency directives.

Motorists:

- Avoid distractions and focus on driving.
- Drive within the posted speed limit and for the conditions.

- Keep an eye out for pedestrians, particularly near crosswalks, traffic lights and intersections.
- Keep an eye out for cyclists and ensure you allow for 1-meter clearance when passing them.
- Yield to pedestrians who are in a crosswalk. Remember that not all crosswalks are marked, and any intersection of streets is considered to be a crosswalk.
- Only pass cyclists if it's safe to do so.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing their seatbelts.

Cyclists:

- Check your bike to make sure brakes, reflectors and lights are in working order.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride in single file.
- Obey all road signs and traffic signals.
- Signal your intentions before turning or stopping.
- Be visible and stay alert for vehicles and cyclists.

Pedestrians:

- Stay alert for vehicles and cyclists, particularly when no sidewalk is available.
- Use crosswalk lights when available and obey traffic light signals.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road. Make eye contact with vehicle driver and make sure the vehicle has come to a stop before crossing.
- Wear reflective bright clothing to be more visible.

COVID-19 impacts:



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- Cyclists and pedestrians must comply with provincial and municipal emergency directives in relation to social distancing and limiting gatherings to no more than five.
- Motorist are asked to heed public health advice to limit your driving and enjoy what's available in your local community.

Please continue to review updates on the directives and COVID-19 enforcement measures at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus>.

WEAR YOUR HELMET!

As the warmer weather encourages us to get outside and enjoy active transportation and recreational activities, Halifax Regional Police have issued a reminder that we are **required to wear a helmet for all wheeled activities whether on public or private lands and roads, skate parks or playgrounds**. This includes: bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, scooters (self-propelled & motorized) and Segways.

A proper helmet should:

- Fit comfortably on top of your head and sit low on your forehead, just above the eyebrow.
- Not move if you shake your head.
- Have an outer shell, inner protective liner, chin straps that hold the helmet firmly in place, and adjustable sizing pads.
- Meet CPSC, CSA or Snell standards.



Helmets are for your safety and have been proven to reduce the risk of brain injury. You could be fined \$151.25 under the Motor Vehicle Act and have your wheeled transportation seized for up to 30 days for failing to wear your helmet.

For additional information on helmet safety see the websites below:

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/healthy-communities/helmets.asp>

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/mv-helmet.htm>



BOULEVARD GARDENING GUIDELINES



Photo courtesy of Frances Willick CBC.

On May 12th, Regional Council approved the motion "to prepare the necessary By-Law and Administrative Order amendments to permit the placement of boulevard gardens in the HRM public Right of Way, based on the guidelines outlined in the staff report dated February 13, 2020."

The February 13th report explains the proposed [Boulevard Gardening Guidelines](#) and defines a boulevard as "the area between the curb and the sidewalk, typically planted with grass".



ST. ANDREWS COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE



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ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CEN

Work is progressing on the new St. Andrew's Community Centre. All windows are now in place and exterior doors are being installed. Exterior masonry work is near completion along with the corrugated siding. Interior work continues (Drywall, ceramic tile, mechanical room equipment installation, gymnasium painted, and walls primed in other areas, wood ceiling installed along main corridor). Most furniture and equipment has been ordered - arrival and installation is anticipated for early August.

Work on the road/parking/curb construction has also begun.

There has been no impact to the schedule due to COVID-19 to date. We are confident everything will be in place for the September 2020 completion date.



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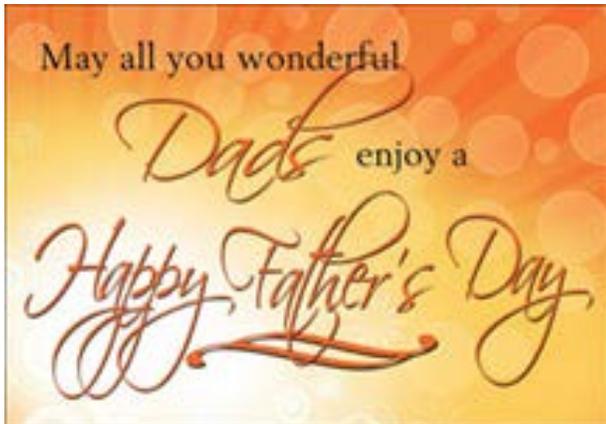
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JUNE 20th - FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!

Chocolate Lake



Dingle Beach





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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
-