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**DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS**  
 MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

**WELCOME JUNE!**



The 2020/21 budget is almost done, we hope to have a final decision on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It is the most challenging of budgets when trying to keep any increase to the tax rate as low as possible while

dealing with the devastating reality of the impact COVID-19 has had on the local, national and global economy. One message that has been reinforced during these last few months is that we Nova Scotians are a resilient people and, we are coming through these challenges more united and stronger than ever.

For now, the monthly Beaver Bank Hub office hours are cancelled until further notice. Please contact me via email at: [LISA.BLACKBURN@HALIFAX.CA](mailto:LISA.BLACKBURN@HALIFAX.CA) OR BY PHONE: 902.579.7164.

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## PAID PARKING | HOURLY PARKING

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

### **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.**

### **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)

## JUNE CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY AND HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION

**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

**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



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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 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](http://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](#).

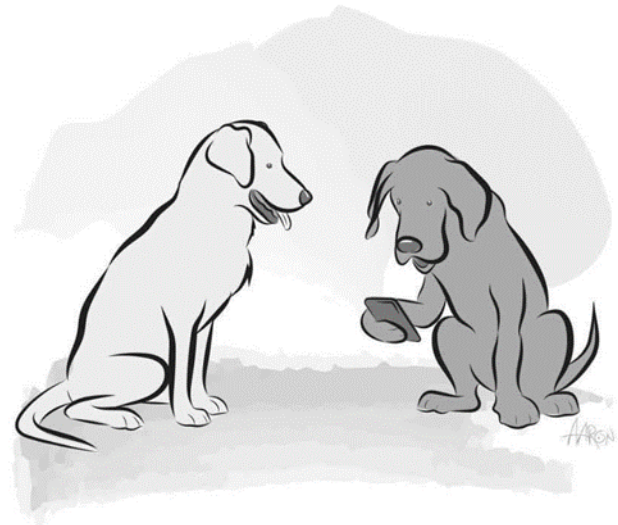
### JUNE REGIONAL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Tune in to the virtual Regional Council meetings on:

Tuesday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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



*"I've got a busy day of Zoom meetings to interrupt."*

### SACKVILLE DRIVE – MILLWOOD TO CONNOLLY – ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Expect delays on Sackville Drive, from Millwood Drive to Connolly Road, **beginning Friday, May 29 to Friday, June 5**.

Crews will be on site from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Lane drops will be in place while work is underway. Your patience is appreciated while this important infrastructure work is underway.

Motorists are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible.

Construction crews will strive to maintain physical distancing measures. Residents may see workers within 2m of each other while completing certain tasks which align with the exemptions outlined in the Provincial Health Order.



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## COVID-19 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The following information may be helpful to you as you maneuver through this time of self-isolation, unemployment and health concerns while we battle hard to stop the spread of COVID-19:

### Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

If you have been laid off/stopped working because of COVID-19, the [Canada Emergency Response Benefit \(CERB\)](#) may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

If you experience any issues when applying for the CERB, please contact your federal representative, Member of Parliament, **MP Darrell Samson** at 902-861-2311 or **MP Geoff Regan** at 902-426-2217.

### 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)

Note: For people concerned they may have COVID-19 –use this 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.

## 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 1am 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](http://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](http://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 [ns.211.ca](http://ns.211.ca)

## Provincial Representatives for District 14 and area:

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Telephone: 902-426-2217  
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## HALIFAX TRANSIT – SERVICE UPDATE

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Halifax Transit commenced increased capacity on conventional buses by once again allowing passengers to

stand. **A maximum of five passengers will be permitted to stand on conventional buses, at any given time.**

Standing passengers are asked to monitor physical distancing and should avoid positioning themselves immediately next to seated passengers or other standing passengers. Alternating seats will continue to be blocked off with appropriate signage.

In keeping with public health recommendations, Halifax Transit **encourages riders to wear masks, when possible, to help reduce the spread of the virus.** Please note, Halifax Transit will not be providing masks to riders and will not deny entry to riders who do not have a mask. Those who are feeling ill should not use any transit service until their health returns to normal.

Buses and ferries continue to operate on a [reduced schedule](#) and fare collection remains suspended until further notice.

Please note: Service levels will continue to be adjusted as public health directives change. These changes will be implemented as quickly as possible but may require significant lead time. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

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### ILLEGAL DUMPING



As Vice-Chair of HRM's Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, I enthusiastically supported the following motion at the March 5, 2020 meeting to help crack down on illegal dumping:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Prepare amendments to the Solid Waste By-law (S-600) for Council's consideration to address illegal dumping and litter abatement; and**
- 2. Assess staffing requirements to support the implementation of the proposed by-law amendments.**

See full details in [a staff report](#) dated January 29, 2020.

The intent is for staff to amend By-Law S-600 respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal to include a section defining illegal dumping and providing the tools for the enforcement of harsher penalties, including a reverse onus clause, similar to the amendments made by Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) in February 2018. CBRM amended their Solid Waste By-Law "...to enable the

*municipality to hold a generator accountable for illegal dumping should the generator be successfully identified through searching the illegally dumped materials (referred to as 'reverse onus')."*

The staff report responding to the motion is expected to be before Regional Council in March 2021.

**Call [311](#) if:**

- You see debris on HRM property that requires cleanup
- You witness someone leaving garbage / recycling / debris etc. on your property or a neighbour's property
- You see garbage on the side of a municipal road that requires cleanup

**Call the [police](#) if:**

- You see someone currently dumping debris and they are still in the area

**Contact the [Department of Transportation](#) if:**

- You see something that requires clean up on the side of a provincial road

**HRM is not responsible for removing illegally dumped material from private property.** Place the material curbside for collection on your [regular garbage day](#) or make arrangements for it to be removed.





### PARKS AND RECREATION

The following is an update on municipal services with respect to Parks & Recreation:

#### Parks, sports fields and courts

- Sport tracks and basketball courts **are now open for individual, household and household bubble use**. Team training and games with individuals not within your household/household bubble remains prohibited under current social distancing measures. These restrictions will be adjusted in line with updated public health direction.
- Staff are working to open courts as quickly as possible. Your patience is appreciated during this time.
- **The municipality is opening grass sport fields for bookings effective June 1** consistent with our standard schedule and will also commence bookings of all-weather fields. All field users will need to follow their sport-specific 'Return to Play' activity plan which meets provincial health regulations in order to book a field. The standard municipal booking process will be followed, and questions can be directed to [facilitiescheduling@halifax.ca](mailto:facilitiescheduling@halifax.ca)
- Public washrooms in parks are now open. All washrooms receive daily cleaning.

#### Beaches, pools and splash pads

- All beaches have reopened; however, they are currently unsupervised.

Residents can use beaches at their own risk.

- Lifeguards are expected to be in place beginning July 6, subject to hiring availability. The status of all supervised beaches will be communicated before July 6.
- **Currently, outdoor pools and splash pads remain closed**. Staff are awaiting further details from public health on the possibility of opening some of these facilities this summer.

#### Recreation programming, recreation centres and summer camps

- The municipality is working on a phased approach for reopening facilities to ensure public health guidelines are being followed. A reopening plan will be shared publicly once finalized.
- Staff are in consultation with public health on the possibility of offering modified summer programming and day camps. Updates will be communicated as decisions are confirmed.
- At this time, recreation staff are sharing virtual activities on our [Facebook page](#) and are looking to expand on virtual offerings.

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> – FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!!



### VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS



Due to the impacts of COVID-19, Regional Council has approved amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, allowing public hearings to proceed virtually.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> IS FATHER'S DAY



Regional Council and Community Council meetings with public hearings will be broadcast live using Microsoft Teams. Residents who wish to speak must sign-up via email ahead of the meeting, and residents will be invited to speak by phone as part of the meeting. All correspondence can be sent to [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca).

Notices of virtual public hearings will be provided three weeks in advance. The first virtual public hearing is anticipated to be scheduled for the end of June.

For more information, [read the report](#).





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## DO NOT LEAVE PETS IN PARKED CARS

### WARM WEATHER PET SAFETY: HOW HOT IS YOUR CAR?



With the warmer weather now upon us, Halifax Regional Police reminds citizens to not leave their pets in parked vehicles.

On a warm day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes like a furnace and presents potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside. With warm temperatures expected in the forecast, we encourage pet owners to not leave their pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few minutes.

If you can't bear to leave your furry friend at home, consider some alternatives to leaving your pet in the vehicle:

- Remember the drive-thru. Your pet can sit comfortably with you in your car while you wait for your meal or service. Many businesses have a drive-thru window; they are not just for fast food.
- Bring a friend. Have your friend walk your dog, give him/her water or stay in the shade until you return.
- Shop pet friendly. More and more stores allow pets inside. If you are unsure about

a retailer's rule on pets, just ask. Most pet stores allow you to bring your pooch with you, as do many other types of businesses. Make sure your dog is on a leash and well-behaved before you take him/her along with you.

A summary offence ticket for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle in conditions that could cause distress carries a **fine of \$697.50**.

**If you see a pet in immediate distress, call 490-5020 and take directions from the call taker.**

## WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE



I am thrilled to be one of two Regional Council members appointed to the newly formed Women's Advisory Committee along with colleague

Councillor Lorelei Nicole.

On November 26, 2019, Halifax Regional Council established the Women's Advisory Committee by adopting Administrative Order 2019-004-GOV to support the creation of a gender-inclusive municipality and provide advice to Council on matters relevant to the municipal mandate. In accordance with the Administrative Order, the Committee is comprised of 10 members, 8 women appointed in accordance with the Public Appointment



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Policy with at least one woman from each of the rural, suburban, and urban areas of the municipality and two members of Council at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

The current HRM appointments to the Women’s Advisory Committee are as follows:

- Haneen Al-Noman
- Lilian Barraclough
- Tanya Boudreau
- Charla Dorrington
- Holly Mathias
- Jane McKay-Nesbitt
- Michael Smith
- Christine Qin Yang
- Councillor Lorelei Nicole
- Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn

I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the NorthWest Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Discover Halifax
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee

Click here to read about the [Women’s Advisory Committee](#). For more information, contact Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant: [viningk@halifax.ca](mailto:viningk@halifax.ca).

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