



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME AUGUST

What a beautiful start to August, I hope you are all taking advantage of this beautiful weather to enjoy some of our beautiful natural resources here in the municipality! Remember to check our website before swimming, as water testing is completed regularly at Lake Micmac and Banook, follow public health directives when using our parks and sport courts and support local businesses during this difficult time.

Summer may look a bit different this year with restrictions still in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but our community continues to step up, flatten the curve and protect our families and neighbourhoods by following the public health guidelines. Thank you for everything you are doing to combat COVID-19, let's continue to stay Nova Scotia strong!

BIENVENUE AU MOIS D'AOÛT!

Quel beau début d'août, j'espère que vous profitez tous de ce beau temps pour profiter de certaines de nos belles ressources naturelles ici dans la municipalité! N'oubliez pas de consulter notre site Web avant de nager, car des analyses de l'eau sont effectuées régulièrement au lac Micmac et au lac Banook, de suivre les directives de santé publique lorsqu'on utilise nos parcs et nos terrains de sport et d'appuyer les entreprises locales en cette période difficile.

L'été peut paraître un peu différent cette année, avec des restrictions encore en place pour empêcher la propagation de la COVID-19, mais notre communauté continue de se montrer à la hauteur pour aplatir la courbe et protéger nos familles et nos quartiers en suivant les lignes directrices en matière de santé publique. Merci de tout ce que vous faites pour lutter contre la COVID-19, continuons à rester forts en Nouvelle-Écosse!

AUGUST DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

You can now register for our modified August summer camps.

Some space is still available, check out our [website](#) for details.





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WAVERLEY AND MONTEBELLO DEVELOPMENT

I wanted to update you on the proposed development on the corner of Waverley Road and Montebello Drive (Case 20756) and clarify some of the misunderstandings regarding the status of this proposal. The staff report was posted for the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council, that was held on Thursday, August 6th. You can find the agenda [here](#) (see Item 13.1.2).

The last time a development for this corner came to HRM there was a public meeting that many of you attended. There were many concerns including: too many units, traffic, parking, large scale building that doesn't fit the community etc. After the meeting staff went away to write a report & recommendation. Staff were prepared to give a negative recommendation to the application. I was prepared to support the negative staff recommendation based on what I heard from the community. The applicant decided to remove their application. My understanding is that the developer has now hired a new architect and consultant based on the feedback from the previous proposal. There is now a new application and design proposal to be submitted which consists of a more modest design and fewer units.

Currently, the owner has the legal right to build a commercial building on the site and I believe that this is not what is wanted by the residents in our community. HRM staff is now suggesting an adjustment to the policy to consider mixed-use buildings. **The motion for Thursday's Community Council is simply to send this policy change request to Regional Council. We are not approving construction of anything on this site at this time.** If the policy change is approved at Regional Council, a Public Hearing would be required to discuss the policy change. If the policy change is approved, then the applicant must submit a complete design. Then there would be a public meeting to review the design and give feedback. This public meeting would be the time to review any concerns with traffic, design of building, parking etc. Staff then would write a report & recommendation to be debated at regional Council. We are a long way from approving any construction on this site.

ALBRO LAKE REOPENS

Albro Lake in Dartmouth has reopened for swimming.

Last month, Albro Lake was closed to swimming due to high bacteria levels. Follow-up tests now show that the water is safe again, as per Health Canada guidelines.

Municipal staff regularly test the water quality at all supervised municipal beaches, including one unsupervised beach during the summer months.

For more information on municipal beaches and outdoor pools across the Halifax region, please visit our [beaches](#) page.

FARRELL STREET PARK COMMEMORATION PROJECT

In 2017, 18 year old Chelsie Probert was tragically murdered while walking through the Farrell Street Park in Dartmouth North.

Since her death, I have had a chance to meet with her family and have been passionate about making the park a safer community gathering place by partnering with Nova Scotia Power and Police.

This year, I contributed over \$11,500 from the District 6 Capital Fund for Parks and Recreation to create a special memorial in the park for Chelsie. The memorial will feature a sitting area, greenery and a commemorative plaque. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this important project!

ACCESSIBILITY AT ALBRO LAKE



Mobi mats and beach chairs are now available at Albro Lake.

Lifeguards will be on hand to assist, but we ask that individuals bring their own support person and life vest.

To learn more about our adapted equipment, visit our [website](#).



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GOODBYE FINES, HELLO LIBRARY

Effective August 5th, all overdue fines and fees will be cleared and library cardholders will be able to borrow materials without risk of accruing overdue fines.

Overdue fines can create a barrier to access. Removing this barrier gives everyone in our community lifelong access to the Library. More than 100 major libraries in North America have moved to a fine free model representing a commitment to equitable and accessible service. Other libraries that have moved to this model report increased circulation, more borrowers, and a reduction in lost materials. We will continue to send borrower notifications to remind people about upcoming due dates and will continue to charge replacement fees if an item is lost.

For people who have always considered their late fees a “donation to the library”, we are inviting them to make a financial donation if they are able [online](#). Charitable tax receipts are provided for donations of \$10 or more.

CITY PARKS REPORT

Last week, Park People released the [Canadian City Parks Report](#) and the results of their [survey](#) on how COVID has impacted park use in Canada. The Canadian City Parks Report shares key data from 27 Canadian cities and features city park indicators and statistics as well as stories that showcase challenges, opportunities, and leading practices in Canada’s city parks.

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SLOW DOWN FOR US



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MACPHEE CENTRE PROGRAMS

The MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning is excited to be offering in-person day camps this summer. Check out their [website](#) for details.



Re-Main Safe
to
Re-Main Open

GIVEAWAY

Nominate a business in The Village on Main that has impressed you in taking all the necessary pre-cautions to ensure your safety!

Head to our Facebook Page - @VillageonMainNS and tell us about your experience for a chance to win \$50 in Village Vouchers!



HARTLEN STREET CONNECTOR

In 2011, a study related to the Main Street Dartmouth Planning Vision and Streetscape Concept determined that Hartlen Street should be extended to connect Main Street and Lakecrest Drive. This extension will allow for increased connectivity in the Main Street area.

In March 2020, we acquired the final piece of property required to start this project so this year we will be moving forward with demolition, the creation of a temporary grass path, bench and sign, crosswalk relocation and a curb extension. Then we can begin the planning, design and construction of the final project.

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GRADE ALTERATION AND STORMWATER SURVEY

The [Grade Alteration and Stormwater Management By-Law Online Survey](#) proposes condensing three existing grade alteration regulations related to grading, excavation and topsoil removal—including the Topsoil By-Law 40, Bedford Grade Alteration By-Law and Pits Gravel Pits & Excavations By-Law 41—into one new Grade Alteration By-Law. New stormwater management standards are also proposed.

Feedback will help simplify how land can be alternated, and how stormwater can be designed and managed on private property during construction. This will help property owners to better navigate and meet regulations. This survey should take approximately ten minutes to complete and can be found [here](#) and closes on August 18th

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT RESTRICTIONS

Municipal parking enforcement has resumed with the lifting of some public health restrictions. All residential and monthly parking permits that expired in March through to July will no longer be valid after Monday, August 31st.

Parking restrictions related to monthly and annual residential permits will be enforced effective Tuesday, September 1st.

Residents can renew monthly and annual residential parking permits at one of the municipality's customer service centres, which will reopen to the public on Tuesday August 4th:

- Alderney Gate and Bayers Road – Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre & Library – Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information about parking permits, please visit [our website](#).

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On October 17, 2020 residents will return to the polls to vote in the regular municipal and conseil scolaire acadien provincial elections.

As the election approaches, residents are encouraged to check their status on the elector's list. Those who may not be on the list of electors could have;

- recently moved to or within the municipality or,
- recently turned 18

Residents can check their status or be added to the list by calling the voter helpline at (902)-490-VOTE (8683) or through the Voters List search tool available at halifax.ca/election.

Residents not on the elector list can still vote if;

- they have been a resident of Nova Scotia for at least six months prior to October 6, 2020
- are a current resident of the municipality as of October 6, 2020
- are 18 years or older by October 6, 2020, and
- are a Canadian citizen by October 6, 2020

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

SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES

Last month, Regional Council gave first reading to changes that would allow for Secondary and Backyard Suites. This will legalize a practice that has been happening for some time, and it will allow another option to increase the number of housing units across HRM.

At this point we are moving through the process of the by-law changes and are planning a virtual public hearing so that we can get your direct feedback.

You can find out more about this by reading the report that came to Council on July 7th [here](#).



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MONTEBELLO TRAFFIC CALMING



Montebello was identified by our traffic staff as a street that had excessive speeding and was eligible for the Traffic Calming program.

Traffic Calming helps make neighbourhoods safer by slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that reducing the posted speed limit in an area typically has no significant impact on how fast people drive but physical measures are more effective.

This summer, staff will be working to install concrete bump outs and flexible bollards around pedestrian infrastructure to slow down the traffic. The work is expected to be complete by September 2020.

ELLENVALE RUN PROJECT

The Ellenvale Run brings stormwater from Lemont Lake to Morris Lake. Over the past 3 years, Halifax Water has been working to complete a \$13.5 million project to stabilize the channel walls, naturalize the channel and re-establish or improve the natural habitat.

The restoration efforts of this project use energy dissipation pools, natural pool and riffle sequencing, and natural stone on the bottom of the channel liner. This provides a naturalized stream bottom that reduces velocities, creates pools and meanders, and helps to improve fish passage. Phases 1 – 3 of the project are complete, and construction on phase 4 is expected to begin in 2021.

SLOW STREETS PROGRAM

The Slow Streets program was initiated as part of the Halifax Mobility Response to make adjustments to the transportation network as part of the collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Slow streets are open to local traffic only to help reduce vehicle volumes and to create a safe space for residents to walk, roll and cycle while adhering to physical distancing guidelines. Slow streets provide options for workers to safely get to work either by walking or cycling without limiting those that drive.

You can find out more about this program including requesting that your street be added to the list for consideration [here](#).

SQUARE ROOTS PROGRAM

Square Roots is a social enterprise that purchases cosmetically imperfect food that would normally be thrown out and distributes it to families in need for a low price. Programs currently operate in many areas across the municipality, and over the last few months we have been trying it out in East Dartmouth. Every two weeks, volunteer package 10lb bundles of produce to be delivered safely to over 100 households for free. Follow me on social media for more details.



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PICK UP PLEASE

Did you know that dog waste can contain harmful pathogens, like E. coli, that may be transferred to humans, other pets and even waterways? Join other dog owners in [pledging](#) to keep our lakes clean, and always use dog a bag to clean up after your pet.



Our amazing HRM crew cleaned up the brush in front of the Victoria Road pedway. Now it is much easier to see the awesome mural.

CONSTRUCTION NOISE SURVEY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to complete an online surveys seeking feedback on potential changes to existing municipal regulations relating construction noise in residential areas.

The [Construction Noise Survey](#) seeks to determine whether changes should be made to the Noise By-Law (N-200), including construction hours of operation in residential areas. This survey provides an opportunity for residents to share their experiences with construction-related noise and provide recommendations for possible changes.

This survey should take between five and 10 minutes to complete and can be found [here](#). The survey closes on August 31st.

UNPACKING ANTI-BLACK RACISM

Last month, Senator Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard made an impactful presentation to Regional Council about unpacking Anti Black Racism.

You can find the full presentation [here](#).

BODY WORN CAMERAS

At the July 20th meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, I put forward a motion to re-examine the possibility of a Body Worn Camera pilot project for Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP patrol officers.

Given the recent public demonstrations, a petition with almost 110,000 signatures and the Wortley Report's public consultations, there is still more to be done to improve the trust and relationship between Police and the community, particularly with minority communities.

Body worn cameras could provide both more accountability and protect officers from false allegations.

PARKING IS CHANGING



Starting in fall 2020 changes are coming to metered and permit parking.

See what's new: halifax.ca/parking

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JUNE VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

A total of 47 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions were reported from January to June 2020 in Halifax Regional Municipality, 5 were reported in June. Of the 42 pedestrian victims involved in reported collisions in 2020:

- 2 fatality
- 2 experienced major injury
- 14 experienced moderate injuries
- 16 experienced minor injuries
- 8 experienced no injuries

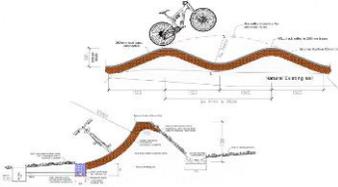
Read the full report [here](#).



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SHUBIE PARK PUMP TRACK



Work will be beginning this summer on a Pump Track for Shubie Park next to the ballfield.

Pump tracks can be used by cyclists of all ages and skill levels and with any kind of bike. It is a continuous loop of dirt berms and “rollers” (smooth dirt or paved mounds) that you ride without pedaling. It’s a great way to increase bike handling skills for younger riders, and for the whole family to enjoy cycling fun in a safe, traffic free environment.



IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 28 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of June. Police received 12 calls throughout the month of June 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. Remember to give the call taker your location along with a description of the vehicle, including license plate number, colour, make and model, the direction of travel for the vehicle with a description of the driver.

PUBLIC WASHROOM FINDER

Find a public washroom near you using our new [interactive map](#)

HALIFAX TRANSIT UPDATE

Mandatory masks

Last month, masks became mandatory on all Halifax Transit buses and ferries, in accordance to the public health order. Transit riders are responsible for bringing their own masks. Children under two and those with a medical reason for not wearing a mask are exempt.

Those who are feeling ill are reminded not use any transit service until their health returns to normal.

As part of a mask awareness campaign, Halifax Transit staff will continue to hand out masks periodically, through pop-up events at select locations across the municipality. Times and locations will be announced in advance, via [@hfxtransit](#) on Twitter.

Capacity Increase

As of August 1st, all capacity restrictions on buses, Access-a-Buses and ferries have been lifted. The mandatory use of masks and the installation of [Polycarbonate shields](#) provides appropriate mitigation of risk associated with the spread of COVID-19.

Fare collection

As of August 1st, fare collection on buses and ferries has resumed. Passengers are now permitted to enter buses through the front doors.

March and April passes will be honoured until August 31. Some retailers may also still have April passes for sale, which can continue to be purchased and used until the end of August. For all information regarding transit passes, including updated expiry dates, please visit [our website](#).

Buses and ferries continue to operate on a [reduced schedule](#).



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BLUE GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is naturally occurring in freshwater environments and produce toxins during blooms posing a risk to people and pets.

These blooms have often been present in our Dartmouth lakes, so HRM staff are drafting a report on the results and recommendations of the Pollution Source Control Study for Lake Banook and Lake Micmac that was presented in April 2019. I was also able to get the Lake Monitoring & Sampling Program for Lakes Micmac, Charles and Banook reinstated during our recent budget discussions. You can find the test results on our website or by paying attention to our media advisories that will announce if lakes are unsafe.

HRM staff are also in the process of launching a public education campaign in the Banook and Micmac watershed to encourage responsible pet ownership, will be installing nets under the Highway 111 bridge to deter pigeon roosting and continue to investigate effective and practical means to deter Canada Geese from using these lakes as these things all may contribute to the blue green algae. During an advisory, lake users are encouraged to take the following precautions:

- Avoid water contact. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- Do not swim or wade (or allow your pets to swim or wade) in any areas where blue-green algae is visible or in areas where a risk advisory has been issued.
- Avoid consuming water from this lake.
- Avoid consuming fish that has come from this lake.

People who come in contact with blue-green may experience skin and eye irritation, sore throat, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Children and immune-compromised individuals are at a higher risk. If you have these symptoms, you are advised to seek medical assistance. To learn more about algae blooms, visit our [website](#).



Morash Park has the Halifax Regional Municipalities first exclusively Pickleball court!

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SAC for Prince Andrew High School
Greater Burnside Business Association