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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,



Life is gradually returning to some semblance of normal as schools reopen, transit service returns to

regular scheduling, more restrictions are lifted by public health and, the continuance of the Atlantic travel bubble enabling us to explore and appreciate our wonderful Atlantic region.

I understand that anxiety is high as we approach the school year and a possible second wave. Thank you for your continued vigilance to ensure the COVID-19 curve remains flattened in HRM. Remember to wear facial masks, wash hands frequently and keep your distance!

Keep reading for important updates on the municipal election, parking technology, library fines and much more!

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MEETINGS

In the interest of public health and safety, all [meetings](#) have been cancelled or changed to virtual meetings for the month of September to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Virtual Regional Council meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday, September 1st
- Tuesday, September 22nd
- Tuesday, September 29th.

These [meetings](#) are scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. but are subject to change. Please confirm meeting dates and times by clicking on the link above.

AUGUST REGIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 18th

Item 9.2.1 Councillor Cleary

Petition from residents of Shady Lane calling for curb replacement from asphalt to concrete curbs.

Item 11.1.5 Trail Etiquette Signage

I put forward a motion that was passed unanimously by Halifax Regional Council to endorse the trail etiquette signage process as indicated in the [staff report](#) dated June 26, 2020.



Sample of HRM Trail Etiquette Signage

Item 11.1.7 Second Reading Proposed By-law D-500, Respecting District Energy

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law D-500, Respecting District Energy, as set out in Attachment A of the [staff report dated June 23, 2020](#).

Why is this By-Law important? It will enable us to adhere to our climate action plan as outlined in HalifACT 2050 through the expansion and decarbonization of District Energy Systems (DES) in high density areas.

DES supply thermal energy or electricity to multiple buildings via a central plant or several interconnected plants. DES are an efficient



method of using waste energy to heat or cool surrounding buildings, for example, the Cogswell Redevelopment Project. As a future growth area, these lands are viewed by many as an optimal location for district energy (DE) due to the available waste heat being generated at the Halifax Waste Water Treatment Facility located on Upper Water Street.

11.1.8 First Reading Proposed By-law P-508, an Amendment to By-laws P-500 and P-507, Respecting Parking Meters - Parking Fine Increase

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading [to proposed By-law P-508](#), Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The changes are highlighted in yellow below:

17. Penalty

(1) A person who contravenes any section of this By-law is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not less than ~~twenty-five~~ **thirty-five** dollars (\$~~25~~**35**.00) and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not less than seven (7) days.

(2) A person who has violated this By-law and is given notice of the violation may pay ~~twenty-five~~ **thirty-five** dollars (\$~~25~~**35**.00) for each hour of violation to the Municipality, however, provided that such payment is made within a period of seven (7) days following the day on which the alleged violation was committed, then the said payment shall be reduced to ~~twenty~~ **thirty** dollars (\$~~20~~**30**.00) for each hour of violation and, in any case, such payment shall be in full satisfaction, releasing and discharging all penalties and imprisonments incurred by the person for the violation or violations.

11.1.10 First Reading Proposed By-law T-1004, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees - Taxi Broker, Transportation Network Companies (TNC)

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law T-1004, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, the purpose of which is to amend By-law T-1000, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law as set out in Attachment 2 of the [staff report](#) dated July 10, 2020.

11.1.12 Mandatory Education and Supplementary Education Funding

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to engage in conversations with the Provincial Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Municipal Affairs and Housing with the objective of having the mandatory education contribution policy reviewed.

11.1.13 First Reading Proposed By-law G-200, Respecting Grade Alteration and Stormwater Management Associated with Land Development

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to proposed By-law G-200, Respecting Grade Alteration and Stormwater Management Associated with Land Development, as set out in Attachment A of the [staff report](#) dated July 10, 2020, the purpose of which is to set out grade alteration standards for the Municipality and to replace the following By-laws:
 - a) former Town of Bedford By-law 23290, Respecting the Movement of Topsoil, the Movement of Earth and the Alteration of the Grade of Land,
 - b) Halifax County Municipality By-law 40, Respecting the Regulations and



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Controls of the Removal and Movement of Topsoil and Earth and the Alteration of the Grade of the Land, and

- c) Halifax County Municipality By-law 41, Respecting Gravel Pits and Excavations;
2. Give First Reading to proposed By-law L-402, Respecting Lot Grading, the purpose of which is to amend By-law L-400, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated July 10, 2020; 3. Give First Reading to proposed By-law S-701, Respecting Swimming Pools, the purpose of which is to amend By-law S-700, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated July 10, 2020.

11.4.1 Councillor Cleary – Assistance for Beirut

I put forward a motion that was passed by Halifax Regional Council to consider pledging up to \$200,000 toward Beirut explosion assistance directing the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Lebanese Community and/or Honorary Consul for Lebanon to determine the best use of funds and referring the matter to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to identify a source of funds.

11.4.2 Councillor Hendsbee - By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report [proposing amendments to By-Law C-1000, Respecting Financing and Charges for Homeowners to Resolve Inadequate On-Site Water Supply](#) to include other property types.

12.2 Councillor Mason – Review of enforcement delivery and role of police agencies in HRM

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to [outline a process and timeline for a broad review of policing and public safety](#), which shall examine the potential for shifting or creating programs for civilian delivery of non-core police functions. This review shall include but not limited to traffic enforcement, public safety, community standards, mental health, and municipal enforcement functions, and will include a plan for engaging with the public, stakeholders, subject matter experts and, subject to their agreement, participation of the Board of Police Commissioners.

12.3 Councillor Zurawski – Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request a staff report directing that the Parks Planning process for Blue Mountain Birch Cove include the entire backcountry in addition to the core parklands identified in Map 11.
 2. That the Regional Plan review include considering revising Map 11 for Blue Mountain Birch Cove Park.
 3. Direct that HRM provide a more fulsome history and timeline of the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Park, including conceptual park maps, on the municipal website.
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12.4 Councillor Cleary – Municipal Traffic Authority Appointment Process

I put forward a motion that was passed by Halifax Regional Council to request a report on an appointment process that would require the Chief Administrative Officer to bring up to three officials of the municipality who are qualified to serve as the Municipal Traffic Authority to the Transportation Standing Committee to interview and consider. The Transportation Standing Committee will then make a recommendation to Council for approval on its appointment under section 86(6) of the Motor Vehicle Act.

12.5 Councillor Cleary – Road Safety

Motion deferred for up to 6 months or until the Chief Administrative Officer reports to Council on discussions with the province, requesting the Mayor send a formal invitation to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal to meet with the Mayor, Chief Administrative, and other staff as necessary, to begin discussions for additional authority under provincial legislation that would help Halifax achieve its goals for road safety, recognizing that Halifax Regional Municipality is different and has different staff expertise when compared to other municipalities and the Province.

13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees

Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council approve the nomination of Councillor Lindell

Smith as its representative on the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\)](#) Board of Directors for a term to June 2022.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Halifax Transit:

Fare collection on buses and ferries resumed on Saturday, August 1st.

Bus service increase - Monday, Aug. 31st

Halifax Transit bus service returned to regular schedules as of Monday, Aug. 31st.

Ferry service increase – Tuesday, Sept. 8th

The following adjustments will go into effect on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

- Woodside service will increase to 15-minute frequency on weekdays at peak periods (6:37 a.m. – 9:37 a.m. and 2:37 p.m. – 5:22 p.m.) 30-minute service will also be restored mid-day.
- Alderney service will increase to 15-minute frequency on weekdays at peak periods (6:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.).

Access-a-Bus service levels will continue to be adjusted to meet the demand.

Passengers are reminded that as per the public health order, **masks are mandatory on all Halifax Transit buses and ferries**. Children under two and those with a medical reason for not wearing a mask are exempt. Transit riders are responsible for bringing their own masks.

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



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For specific Halifax Transit schedules and routes, visit our [website](#).

For the most recent information concerning municipal services / programs in relation to COVID-19, please view our [website](#).

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES



No more fines! As of August 5th, Halifax Public Libraries has cleared all existing overdue fines and will no longer fine for late returns.

"The foundation of the public library is free and equitable service to all; however, we know that a Library fine can create a barrier...Removing this barrier gives everyone in our community lifelong access to the Library."



Reminder to get your Ghost Story in before the September 7th deadline for the 31st Annual Ghost Story Writing Contest!

[Click to download the entry form](#)

For more information, please visit your Library's Information Desk or call **Ask the Library** at 902-490-5753.

SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 8th!



All information related to Nova Scotia's back to school plan and student transportation can be found on the [Halifax Regional Centre for Education's website](#).



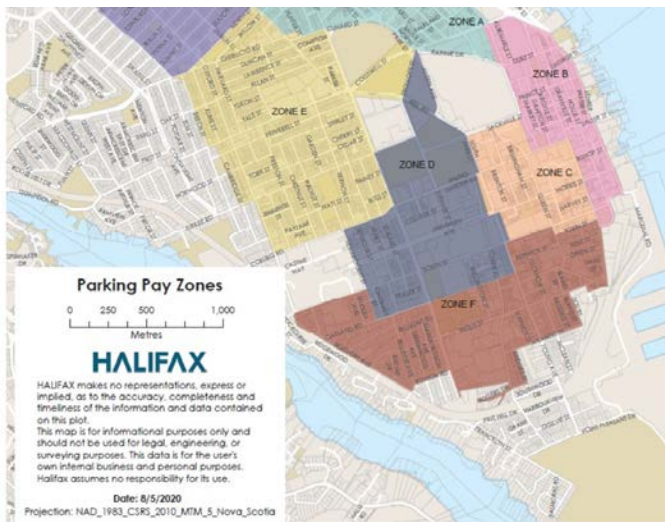


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PAY STATIONS | INDIVIDUAL PARKING METERS

We are moving from individual meters to pay stations – a pay-by-plate, pay-by-zone system. In the coming weeks and months, you will see concrete pads, pay stations, and signage being installed.



The new parking technology will make it easier to pay with more payment options like credit card, debit card, and smart pay. Payment is attached to your vehicle, not the parking space. This means your vehicle can move freely within the parking zone up to the time purchase or maximum time allowed.

Once parked, find your nearest pay station to pay using coins, debit, credit, or Apple Pay or the [HotSpot app](#). You will need to know your license plate and parking zone to initiate a parking session.

ELECTION 2020



Interested in running in the 2020 Municipal or Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Election to be held on October 17th, 2020?

If yes, visit our [website](#) for information on requirements, official forms and workshops such as *Organizing a Successful Election Campaign* scheduled for September 8th. Registration is required so sign-up today!

Election Candidate Workshop:

Due to COVID-19, [the election candidate workshop](#) is being hosted virtually this year for anyone interested in running for a seat on Halifax Regional Council or the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).



The 30-minute workshop touches on everything from how to get nominated, key dates leading up to the Oct. 17, 2020 election, and what time commitments can be expected both in running for office, and after being elected. No sign-up is required.

For more information and to watch the presentation, visit Halifax.ca/election.



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Don't forget to vote!

The 2020 election will be held on Saturday, October 17th. Telephone and electronic voting will run from October 6th to 14th, and Advanced Polling dates are October 10th and 13th.

Between July 20, 2020 and October 5, 2020 electors can call 902-490-VOTE (8683) to confirm their information on the voters' list and make any necessary changes.

Electors may also be added to the list if they are not already included. The Elections Office also has an [Online Voters' List search tool](#), which can verify if you are on the Voters' List.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTERS



Due to the municipal election on October 17th, there will be no October Newsletter.

The November Newsletter will not be available until after the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected Regional Council to be held on November 1st, 2020. November 1st is also the day we turn our clocks back 1 hour.



KENDALL WORTH



I was honoured to present [Kendall Worth](#), Anti-Poverty Activist and Nova Scotia Advocate author, with a scroll signed by Mayor Mike Savage, Councillors Lindell Smith, Wayne Mason and myself, recognizing Kendall as a dedicated volunteer and recipient of the 2020 James McGregor Stewart Award.

The following is an extract from the Nova Scotia Advocate's website on the award: *"The Award recognizes the spirit of Mr. James McGregor Stewart, first in his class at Dalhousie Law School in 1914, and President of the Students' Council. He was shortlisted for the Rhodes Scholarship but was not successful, due*



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to concerns expressed about his physical condition. Nevertheless, Stewart went on to head a Halifax law firm that became the present-day Stewart McKelvey. He was Chairman of Dalhousie's Board of Governors. In 2000, Canadian Lawyer magazine named him as one of Canada's ten greatest lawyers.

The Award was established by friends of the Society through the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, an organization that supports philanthropy across the province."



Me, Kendall Worth, Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith presenting the scroll to Kendall. Missing from photo is Councillor Mason.

Thank you, Kendall, for your passion in helping others and congratulations on being a worthy recipient of the prestigious James McGregor Stewart award.



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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 (Chair)
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Partnership
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership

City, town, community...

Don't forget to vote.

