



## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### BACK TO SCHOOL

As we get into the cooler weather, the normal routines of life are starting again – it may look a bit different with the restrictions due to COVID-19, but students are heading back to class. I wish all our students and teachers a safe and productive year. This year more than ever, our students and teachers need our support. Don't forget to thank your teachers and administrators for everything they are doing to keep our children safe and provide the best possible educational opportunities during this time.

The Municipal election is fast approaching so this will be my last municipal e-newsletter for the fall. Please continue to reach out about municipal issues by calling or emailing our call centre at 311, reaching out to [Laura](#) in my office or reaching out to me directly. More information on the election, how to vote, eligibility and more can be found below.

Wishing you all a safe and happy autumn!



Congratulations to the Bakkour family, new Canadian citizens!

### RETOUR A L'ECOLE!

Alors que des températures plus froides s'approchent, la routine normale commence à nouveau – cela peut paraître un peu différent avec les restrictions liées à la COVID-19, mais les étudiants retournent en classe. Je souhaite à tous nos étudiants et enseignants une année productive et en toute sécurité. Cette année plus que jamais, nos étudiants et nos enseignants ont besoin de notre soutien. N'oubliez pas de remercier vos enseignants et vos administrateurs de tout ce qu'ils font pour garder nos enfants en sécurité et pour offrir les meilleures possibilités d'apprentissage possible pendant cette période.

Les élections municipales approchent à grands pas, ce sera donc mon dernier bulletin électronique municipal pour l'automne. Veuillez continuer d'appeler ou d'envoyer des courriels à notre centre d'appels au 311 pour toute question municipale, en communiquant avec Laura dans mon bureau ou en me contactant directement. Vous trouverez ci-dessous de plus amples renseignements sur l'élection, la façon de voter, l'admissibilité et plus encore.

Nous vous souhaitons à tous un bon et heureux automne!



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### MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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

Make sure you are on the voters list by clicking [here](#). If you need to update your information, you can do so up until October 5<sup>th</sup> by calling 902-490-8683 and confirming your information. Once you are registered, you will receive your voter information letter at the end of September with details about your polling location, unique voting URL or phone number.

In order to participate in the election, you need to meet the following qualifications:

- You are 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day;
- You have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia for 6 months immediately before the first advance polling day;
- You are ordinarily resident in the Halifax Regional Municipality and have been so since immediately before the first advance polling day; and
- You are not otherwise disqualified to vote in the Municipal and School Board Elections.

Keep up to date on election information, by visiting our [website](#).

You can also get involved by working for the election. You can find more information about the available positions, and the application can be found [here](#).



Mural being painted on the concrete wall on Tacoma Drive

### BUS STOP ACCESSIBILITY

Halifax Transit are continuing ongoing bus stop improvement program to address accessibility at bus stops.

This work typically involves installation of a concrete pad between the sidewalk and the curb, or behind the sidewalk. Where no sidewalk exists, a concrete pad with a pedestrian ramp to the street will be installed, or the shoulder of the road may receive an asphalt pad.

We expect work to commence in the coming weeks and is anticipated to be complete by the end of construction season.

### HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE RECRUITMENT

The Halifax Regional Police are recruiting for our 2021 Police Science Program. The application deadline is midnight September 30<sup>th</sup> but applying sooner gives you more Physical Ability Requirement Evaluation (PARE) and Aptitude test date options. Check out this [video](#) from Sgt. Kim Robinson on her experience as a police officer with HRP for almost 20 years. For more information, visit our [website](#).

### SHUBIE PARK PUMP TRACK

A new pump track will be constructed at Shubie Park this year.

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.

The project has been delayed over the summer, but we hope to begin construction in the fall.



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### RIDE SHARING UPDATE

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council approved first reading of a new [Taxi and Limousine Bylaw](#), [Licensing Administrative Order](#) and to create a staff board to review applications to the Taxi License Appeal Committee that will help allow Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft to operate in our municipality.

The changes to legislation include the way we license brokers, a tiered system for the annual fee based on number of vehicles in the fleet, confirming the drivers license and insurance requirements, the requirement for regular data reporting, a structure for penalties and fines for TNC drivers or organizations and more. You can read the full report [here](#).

The amended legislation will need to come before Council one more time for second reading before being put into effect.

### PARKING CHANGES

This fall, we are making some changes to our parking system moving from individual meters to pay stations – this is a pay-by-plate, pay-by-zone system.

This new parking technology will make it easier to pay and provides more payment options like credit card, debit card and smart pay. You can find more information [here](#).

### MUNICIPAL BEACH SUPERVISION

Lifeguard supervision and water quality testing at all municipal beaches ends for the summer season on Monday, August 31, however, the following beaches will reopen Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:

- Chocolate Lake beach
- Kearney Lake beach
- Penhorn Lake beach

Lifeguard supervision will be in place from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. The last day for water quality testing at these beaches is Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Most municipal splash pads will remain open until Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, however, hours will be reduced beginning Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Halifax Common splash pad will close for the season on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on supervised beaches and splashpad hours, please visit our [website](#).

### JULY VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP release a monthly vehicle/pedestrian collision report to provide police and citizens with more contextual information on this issue. There were 2 collisions in July and the full report can be found [here](#).

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### BACKYARD SUITES PUBLIC HEARING

The virtual public hearing for the region-wide amendments for secondary and backyard suites is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A continuation date, if required, has been scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. For detailed information visit our [website](#).



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### WAVERLEY/MONTEBELLO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There has been a lot of public interest and feedback on the proposed multi-unit building at the corner of Waverley and Montebello.

The existing planning policy allows Council to consider a commercial building on the site, however the applicant has requested a change to the policy that would allow Council to consider an apartment building.

The original plan from the developer met with a lot of negative feedback both from the public and concerns from our Planning and Development staff, therefore the developer has been working on a new application for the property.

Planning staff have recommended re-designating the corner of Waverley and Montebello to the Mixed Use sub-designation. This change would allow Community Council to consider a multiple unit dwelling through a future development agreement process. Regional Council will hold a virtual public hearing about this matter on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

This policy change does not include any specific information about the building. If approved by Regional Council after the public hearing, the applicant must submit a new complete design as part of a development agreement application. Public meetings would need to be held where you can provide feedback about traffic, design of building, parking etc. and staff would write a report and recommendation for the final proposal to be discussed further at Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council.

We are a long way from approving any construction on this site.

For more information about the most recent staff report about the policy change for this area, see the [full report](#). For more information about this case, find details [here](#).

### SQUARE ROOTS



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.

### GREEN BIN NUISANCES

Follow these simple tips to keep your green cart tidy throughout the warm season:

- Place wet food waste in box-board, or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Empty your mini-bin daily and place the green cart for collection even if isn't full
- Fruit flies are more common during warm weather. In the kitchen, capture fruit flies with a bowl of vinegar covered with plastic wrap with several small holes in it
- Store cart in a ventilated, shady location
- Line both your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day

For more information on our organics and recycling program visit our [website](#).



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### GRAY ARENA UPDATE

When we constructed the RBC Centre 4-pad arena in Dartmouth, the Gray Arena was declared surplus in 2017. Originally, we planned to sell the building to a community organization for use. When we didn't receive any interest, staff was hoping to re-list the building, but I requested that the community be engaged to review alternate options.

The site is currently zoned as a park, which only permits park and recreation uses. Staff completed community consultations about the site last summer and are expecting to return with a report to Regional Council this winter.

If you have questions, please contact Leticia Simile at 902-490-4083 or by [email](#), or you can find more information [here](#).

### NORTH GROVE PROGRAMS

Check out The North Grove's program calendar for September 2020, including a mixture of in-person and online programs, as well as our meal and produce pack distribution schedule, video resources and more.

Click [here](#) to view the calendar on their website.

### OPEN DATA ON PUBLIC WASHROOMS

The Halifax Regional Municipality released a dataset for municipal Public Washrooms as part of our Open Data program. This dataset currently includes washrooms that are located in Parks, Transit/Ferry Terminals, and Halifax Public Libraries. You can find the data [here](#).

### HRCE OPERATIONS

If you have concerns about the state of school properties, contact the Halifax Regional Centre for Education through email with details so they can investigate and remedy any issues. You can reach them [here](#).

### HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

Effective Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Household Special Waste (HSW) depot located at 20 Horseshoe Drive, Bayer Lake will reopen for regular operations with COVID-19 precautions in place. The depot will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holiday weekends). Program information, including an updated fall schedule can be accessed [here](#). You can begin requesting CFC removal on September 28<sup>th</sup>, this service will resume on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find more information about the CFC program [here](#).

### LAKECITY TINY HOME

The next LakeCity Tiny Home is being constructed. This is a great fundraiser for LakeCity, an organization that is committed to providing programs for adults living with mental illness within HRM. Check out their [website](#) for more details!



### IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 30 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of July. Of the 30 drivers, 23 were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by alcohol, two drivers were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by a drug and five were issued driving suspensions for operating a motor vehicle while having consumed alcohol. Police received 16 calls throughout the month of July 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.



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### HALIFAX TRANSIT UPDATE

As the province moves through its recovery phases, Halifax Transit has increased service levels in a phased approach while continuing to follow public health guidelines. Halifax Transit bus service will return to regular schedules as of Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following adjustments to Ferry Service will go into effect on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 3:00 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.

For the full schedules, visit our [website](#).

### WATER RATE UPDATE

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) has approved Halifax Water's recommendation that there be no increase in water rates for 2020/21 and 2021/22; and no increase in overall wastewater rates in 2020/21. An increase to wastewater treatment/usage charges is approved to take effect April 1, 2021. To further assist customers, Halifax Water also withdrew some planned increases to miscellaneous fees and charges and introduced some temporary customer assistance programs. The NSUARB also approved Halifax Water's enhanced lead service line replacement program that will help eliminate public and private lead service lines by 2039. For additional about this project, see their [website](#). For more information on the rate decision, visit this [page](#).

### BLUE GREEN ALGAE RISK

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the blue-green algae risk advisory previously in effect for Lake Banook has been lifted. As a result, Birch Cove Beach has reopened to swimming.

Please note that the risk advisories for Lake Micmac, Shubie Canal pond and Albro Lake Beach remains in place, and the off-leash dog area of Shubie Park remains closed to swimming.

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is naturally occurring in freshwater environments and may become visible when weather conditions are calm. These organisms can multiply rapidly during the summer, leading to extensive growth called a bloom. Some types of blue-green algae produce toxins during blooms and when these blooms decay, the toxins may be released into the water, posing a risk to people and pets.

Risk advisories are issued based on a number of factors, including the visual observation of algae blooms, test results and information regarding the current life cycle phase of algae blooms. As algae blooms die and decay, toxins are released. Unsafe toxin levels can remain in the water even after the bloom is gone.

When an algae bloom is observed, a risk advisory is issued and initial testing is done to determine whether the algae bloom is toxin producing. If the algae bloom is not toxin producing, the risk advisory will be lifted and no further testing is required.

If the algae bloom is toxin producing, the risk advisory will remain in effect until blooms have disappeared and post-bloom test results indicate water is within safe limits. Strip-tests were taken for Lake Banook, and toxin levels are within safe limits. To learn more about algae blooms, visit our [website](#).



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### MOUNT EDWARD ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

HRM was planning to complete milling and paving of Mount Edward Road from Woodlawn Road to Belle Vista Drive including curb replacement between Woodlawn Road and Spring Avenue and new sidewalk installation between John Cross Drive and Woodlawn Road. With budget cuts due to COVID-19 and considerations for more work required in this area we have decided to delay this project until 2021. A new notice will be distributed to area residents to describe the Capital upgrades provided in the 2021/22 Capital Budget.

### EXPLORE SHUBIE PARK

This September, the Shubenacadie Canal Commission invites you to rediscover the incredible wilderness in your own backyard with free activities for the whole family and dogs! You'll also have a chance to learn about the history of the Shubenacadie Canal and the wildlife that call the park home. This event is a fundraiser for the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. While there is no entrance fee, we encourage you to view our silent auction items and consider joining our Adopt-a-Lock program. Social distancing and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be in place. The event is September 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at and around the Fairbanks Centre. Find more information [here](#).

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- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
- Regional Centre Community Council
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission
- Liaison to HRM Acadian Francophone Community
- SAC for Prince Andrew High School
- Greater Burnside Business Association