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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

## WELCOME NOVEMBER!

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I hope you join me in welcoming the newly elected HRM Councillors and my returning colleagues. I look forward to the next four years with this Council as we work on behalf of all residents. I extend a sincere

thank-you to all who exercised their democratic right and took the time to cast a ballot for municipal representation.

Remembrance Day 2020 will be very different living with COVID-19. Please check with your local Legion regarding services. The ceremony at the [Grand Parade](#) has been limited to 50 attendees.

This month's Enewsletter contains numerous updates on important projects such as the Chain of Lakes Trail connection, St. Andrew's Community Centre opening, new meeting dates for Regional Council sessions, winter snow removal and much more!

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### NOVEMBER HRM REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Regional Council meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Please check our [website](#) as dates/times/locations are subject to change.

### WE NEED YOU!



The Municipal Clerk's Office is currently recruiting for [board or committee](#)

[volunteers](#), see full list below.

**Deadline for applications is November 9, 2020, by 11:59 p.m.** Contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at: [serve@halifax.ca](mailto:serve@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210.

#### [Design Review Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

seven (7) community members to sit on the Design Review Committee.

#### [Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group \(Staff Committee\) - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

one (1) citizen of the municipality to sit on the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group.

#### [Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

two (2) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority Board.

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#### [License Appeal Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

three (3) citizens of the municipality to sit on the License Appeal Committee.

#### [Community Liaison Committee - Ragged Lake Composting Facility - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Community Liaison Committee is looking to recruit two (2) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Community Liaison Committee - Ragged Lake Composting Facility.

#### [Police Diversity Working Group \(Staff Committee\) - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

one (1) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Police Diversity Working Group.

#### [Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

two (2) residents of the municipality to sit on the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

#### [Audit Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

two (2) community members with accounting designation and experience working with or in the public sector.

#### [Accessibility Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

four (4) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Accessibility Committee.

#### [Active Transportation Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

three (3) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

#### [Design Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

four (4) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Design Advisory Committee.



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### Grants Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

four (4) residents at large of the municipality to sit on the Grants Committee.

### Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

four (4) residents-at-large of the municipality to join the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee.

### Heritage Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

five (5) residents-at-large of the municipality to sit on the Heritage Advisory Committee.

### Investment Policy Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

four (4) residents of the municipality to sit on the Investment Policy Advisory Committee.

### North West Planning Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

four (4) residents of the municipality to sit on the North West Planning Advisory Committee.

### Regional Watersheds Advisory Board - Volunteer Opportunity

four (4) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

### Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

six (6) citizens of the municipality to sit on the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

### Special Events Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

one (1) member of various organizations to sit on the Special Events Advisory Board.

### Western Common Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity

two (2) resident of the municipality to sit on the Western Common Advisory Committee.

### Halifax Regional Library Board - Volunteer Opportunity

one (1) resident-at-large of the municipality

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



Due to COVID-19, Remembrance Day services across HRM have been modified. Please check with your local [Legion](#) for updates on their plans for November 11<sup>th</sup> services.

The ceremony at Grand Parade, City Hall, has been limited to 50 attendees.

## 2021 TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The deadline for applications to add a property to [the tax relief program](#) is **November 30, 2020**.

Deadline for organizations in the





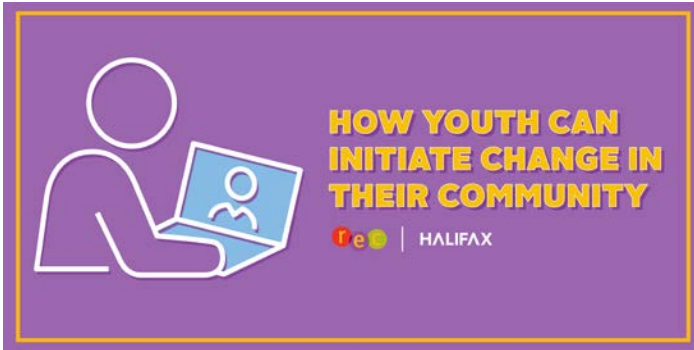
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current program applying to “renew” (i.e. continue) tax relief is **March 31, 2021**.

For assistance email [nonprofittax@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofittax@halifax.ca).

### MUNICIPAL YOUTH SERVICES

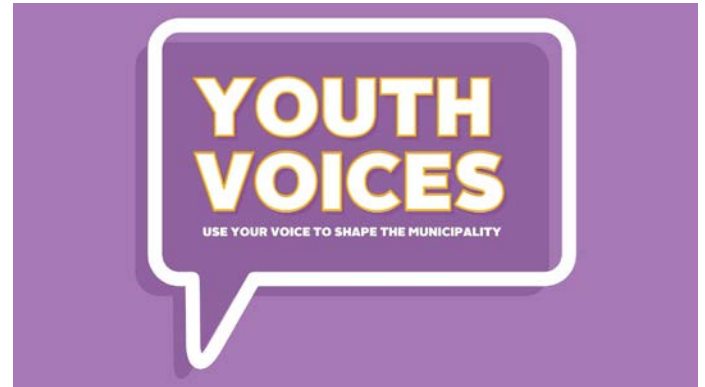


This step-by-step workbook, created by the Youth Section Community Developer, can help lead you through the process to create your own community project. **Download the guide.**

If you have questions or want guidance, contact Becca at [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca).



### WORKSHOP ON YOUTH SERVICES IN DISTRICT 9



We want to hear from District 9 youth aged 16 to 24 regarding what services you would like to have in your district. Join our workshop and use your voice! The workshop explores what you’d like to see happen in your community and how the municipality can support you. Join us for prizes and tell us what you want to see the municipality do for youth.

Your feedback will directly impact the Municipal Youth Service Plan that informs how municipal services and programs for youth are implemented and improved. We want youth voices to lead the way.

Join us for a workshop at the St. Andrews Community Centre, 3380 Barnstead Lane, on **November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To sign up or for more information please contact [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca) or text/call 902.233.8129.

**Due to COVID-19, attendance is limited to 8 persons.**



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## WINTER OPERATIONS

Please keep reading for full details concerning our extensive Winter Operations program including equipment used and service standards for both in-house and contracted operators.

With each weather event, crews are responsible for approximately:



- 3,844 lane kilometers of streets
- 1,000 kilometers of sidewalks
- 2,300 bus stops across the Halifax region.

This requires a coordinated, strategic approach necessitating a prioritization system based on the following criteria:

- frequency of use by commuters
- access to important infrastructure, like hospitals and schools
- major bus and transportation routes.

The municipal service standards identify priority levels and timelines for clearing [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#).

Most streets and roads in the Halifax region are the municipality's responsibility, however; the clearing of provincial highways and some private roads are the responsibility of the province. Use our [WINTER MAINTENANCE](#) map to find out which level of government is responsible for your street.

### Service standards

Given the Halifax region's expansive geography, it takes time for crews to get to all areas. Crews work as fast as they safely can in difficult conditions and

plan their routes according to the priority levels and timelines approved by Regional Council.

Before contacting 311 to report snow and ice clearing issues, **please check the service timelines for [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#)** to confirm when clearing should be completed. **If clearing efforts are still within the timelines, residents should not contact 311 as the agent will be unable to dispatch any crew. Please wait until the service timeline has expired before contacting 311.** This will ensure those trying to contact 311 with urgent issues are able to reach an agent.

**Note: In snowfalls greater than 30 centimetres, or in blizzard conditions, more time is needed to complete clearing.** The same exception may apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions, such as sudden freezing after rain, wet snow packed to ice and freezing rain. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe.

### Priority 1 streets:

- Main arterials
- Major bus routes
- Roads with steep inclines
- Emergency routes to hospitals and streets leading to schools and public buildings.

**Goal:** To have a plow or salt truck pass through these areas at a minimum of once every three hours and have them clear of snow and ice within 12 hours of the end of a weather event.

### Priority 2 streets:

- Residential and rural routes with medium to low volume traffic
- Gravel roads





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- Private lanes that fall under the municipality's responsibility

**Goal:** To start cut-throughs on these streets once accumulations have reached 10 cm and repeated a minimum of every eight (8) hours during extended periods of snow. This allows initial access for emergency vehicles and residents needing to get out of their homes. Crews will return to finish clearing Priority 2 streets, to a snow-covered and passable state, within 24 hours from the end of a weather event.

**Priority 1 sidewalks** include those along main arterials and within the downtown core. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks within 12 hours from the end of a weather event.

**Priority 2 sidewalks** include those along transit routes. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks within 18 hours from the end of a weather event.

**Priority 3 sidewalks** include those along residential streets and municipal walkways. Crews aim to clear these sidewalks and walkways within 36 hours from the end of a weather event.



### Intersections & bus stops

The municipality aims to clear bus stops, starting with the highest volume stops, within 48 hours from the end of a weather event. Bus stops along Priority 1 and 2 sidewalk routes are opened as much as

possible during street clearing; however, most aren't fully cleared until all streets are complete. Much of this work is done after hours, when lighter traffic conditions enable work to be carried out more safely.



### Equipment

The municipality owns approximately 46 pieces of street-clearing equipment, including loaders, snow blowers, tandems, 5-tonne and 3-tonne trucks. The fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors including salt trucks, plows and loaders - bringing the total count to approximately 250 pieces of equipment engaged during a winter event, depending on weather conditions.



In addition to the street equipment, the municipality owns 10 skid steers and mini-loaders, which are used to plow approximately 100



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kilometres of sidewalks. The other approximately 900 kilometres of sidewalks in the region are cleared by contractors. As with the street equipment, the municipal sidewalk fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors and equipment on retainer, including an additional four to eight sidewalk machines that can be brought in for heavier snow.

### Salt

As part of the municipality's [salt management strategy](#), a proactive approach is taken to help prevent the buildup of snow and ice during a weather event. This is done by preparing the streets in advance with rock salt, brine or a mixture of the two. There are three municipal salt domes in the region.

### Brine

[Direct liquid application \(DLA\)](#) is one of several tools in the municipality's overall salt management strategy that involves spraying the streets with a salt water solution, also known as brine. This minimizes the bond that forms between the surface of the road and snow or ice, similar to using cooking spray to prevent food from sticking to the pan. This practice also enhances public safety while reducing the environmental impact due to less sodium chloride being required to create liquid brine. It also stays on the road surface instead of bouncing or blowing off into the ditches and/or curbs, which is what typically occurs when only applying dry rock salt.

These preventative methods only work in certain conditions. For example, rock salt won't melt ice in extremely cold temperatures. Crews evaluate the weather forecast and choose the best method to prepare streets for snow and ice to maintain clear, safe roadways throughout a weather event.

## CHAIN OF LAKES (COLT) CONNECTOR



The tender for the connector for the Chain of Lakes Trail was awarded to Harbour Construction Company Limited who had the lowest bid at \$1,168,128.

Construction is underway and expected to be finished in December.

Tender No. 20-206 may be viewed in detail on the [provincial procurement website](#).





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### YMCA SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM 2020/21



The YMCA, in partnership with the municipality, provides a subsidized snow removal program for seniors and persons with disabilities. The YMCA pays all service fees directly to the contractor on behalf of program participants.

The YMCA will oversee the clearing of the following areas:

- Front and back steps
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Access to fuel tanks

To apply for this program, call (902) 483-3678 or click on this link for an application: **Application Package for 2020/2021 YMCA Senior Snow Removal.**

### NEW ST. ANDREWS COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW OPEN



Located at 3380 Barnstead Lane off Bayers Road, the new [St. Andrews Community](#)

[Centre](#) is open and serving the community with a variety of recreation programs.

Visit [halifax.ca/myREC](http://halifax.ca/myREC) to view programs offered.

### FREE ONLINE VIRTUAL FINE ARTS CLASSES



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Singing, Drama, Play-Writing, Performance, Music Theory, Musical Theatre, Poetry, Spoken Word, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz, a Virtual Kitchen Party, Trumpet, Ukulele, Musical Theatre Dance training and Advanced Violin programs are all currently being offered with more to come!

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/halifax-regional-arts-re-source/home/online-programs-2021>

Halifax Regional Arts is the supplementary funded Fine Arts school that provides support and enhancement across the HRCE for music, dance, drama and visual art. We graciously acknowledge the support of HRM Taxpayers and Halifax City Council in providing the support that makes so many amazing arts experiences possible for our students. #ThanksToYouHalifax

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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

### In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae

