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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

WELCOME DECEMBER!

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Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Celebrations this year will be a change from what we are used to. However you choose to celebrate, be safe and stay vigilant in stopping the spread of

COVID-19 so that we may all enjoy a Happy New Year!

An important step in planning for the new year is getting our budget organized. We need your input to help plan the 2020/21 budget. A link to the survey is included in this E-newsletter. Other items covered include a recent decision on affordable housing and Transit Route 415 schedule changes.

In the interest of public health, I have suspended the in person drop-in sessions at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre until further notice.



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DECEMBER HRM REGIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Regional Council will meet virtually on the following dates in December:

Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m.

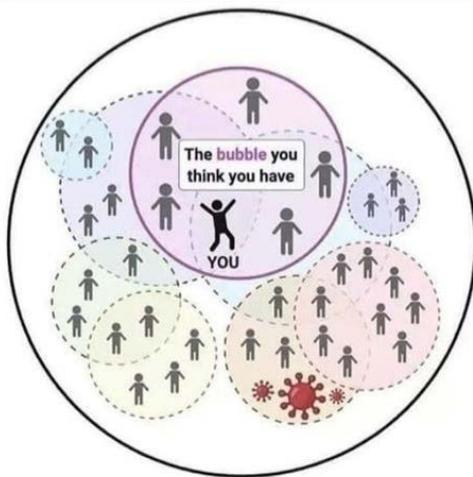
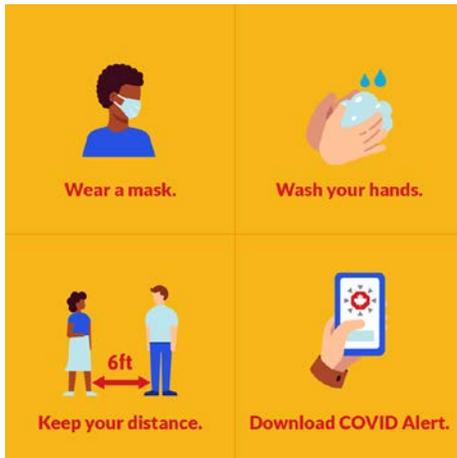
Tuesday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Please check our [website](#) to confirm dates and times as the meeting schedule is subject to change.

HALIFAX TRANSIT ROUTE 415 CHANGES

Effective November 23rd, the last trip on the Route 415 Purcells Cove has been cancelled and an earlier trip added. The intent of this change is to allow students from Cunard Junior High the opportunity to catch the bus at the end of the school day. The last trip on Route 415 has had low ridership with an average of five or less passengers. Further information on these and the other planned changes can be found on the [Halifax Transit service adjustments page](#).

STAY SAFE!



The bubble you **actually** have

415 Purcells Cove

To Purcells Cove			To Mumford Terminal		
Mumford Terminal	Purcells Cove & Williams Lake	York Redoubt	York Redoubt	Purcells Cove & Williams Lake	Mumford Terminal
8641	8093	Arrive	8627	8120	Arrive
Monday to Friday			Monday to Friday		
612a	620a	628a	630a	638a	648a
712a	720a	728a	730a	738a	756a
812a	820a	828a	830a	837a	849a
912a	920a	928a	930a	937a	947a
245p	253p	301p	303p	310p	320p
345p	355p	406p	409p	416p	425p
445p	453p	505p	510p	517p	526p
545p	553p	603p	608p	615p	624p

No service Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING



On November 24th, Regional Council passed the [Rapid Housing Initiative investment plan](#), to be submitted to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, in order to accept \$8,659,527 in funding for the creation of a minimum of 28 permanent affordable housing units, although; our applicants are proposing to create 52 units..

In October 2020, the [Federal Government launched a new Rapid Housing Initiative \(RHI\)](#) that invests \$1 billion dollars to create up to 3,000 new permanent, affordable housing units across Canada.

This RHI covers the construction of modular housing, as well as the acquisition of land, and the conversion of existing buildings into affordable housing options. The funding is much needed and will help municipalities address urgent housing needs for those who are vulnerable. To learn more, see [here](#).

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES RENT CONTROLS

Recently, The Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, ordered the following under the Emergency Measures Act:



- Rents cannot increase by more than two per cent per year (retroactive to September 1, 2020)
- Landlords will not be able to get an eviction order for renovations

These measures will be in effect until the provincial state of emergency is lifted or until February 1, 2022.

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BUDGET 2020/21

PAID PARKING



As we prepare for the 2020/21 budget cycle planning, we need your input! Your responses will help guide us with immediate and long-term business and budget planning.

Has COVID-19 changed your spending priorities for the municipality?

Help us understand which programs and services are important to you, and where you want the municipality to invest.

[Take the survey](#) (available in English and French). The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, December 14, 2020.

HALIFAX EXPLOSION MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The 103rd in-person memorial ceremony of the Halifax Explosion is cancelled. Wreaths will be placed at Fort Needham Memorial Park commemorating the tragic loss of life on December 6th, 1917 and honoring the resiliency and recovery of those who survived the explosion. Mayor Mike Savage will address citizens virtually on Saturday, December 6th at 9 a.m. on the [Halifax Regional Municipality's Facebook page](#).

HOW TO PAY FOR PARKING

Park using our new system in 5 easy steps

1 Press any button to start

The screen on the parking station may be black. Press any button to start your session.



2 Select payment type

If you're paying with coins or credit swipe, select "coins/swipe".

If you're paying with tap debit/credit or smartphone, select "tap card".



3 Enter plate and zone

Type the license plate number for the vehicle using the keypad.

The zone you are in is already selected. If purchasing time in a different zone, press the "select zone" button and type the letter of your zone.



4 Select time

You can select time in 15 minute, 30 minute, or 1 hour increments up to a maximum of 4 hours. Press the "next" button once you have entered your time.

Press confirm if the time and payment due displayed are correct.



5 Make payment

Paying with coins: add coins when screen displays "Confirm to pay with card or Insert coins to pay total and confirm". Press confirm when Payment Due reads \$0.00.

Paying with swipe: press confirm when the screen displays "Confirm to pay with card or Insert coins to pay total and confirm". Insert card when screen reads "Insert card".

Paying with tap: press confirm when the screen displays "Please confirm and Tap Card when instructed". Tap card when screen reads "TAP card below and wait processing to complete".



Or, skip these steps and download the HotSpot app. Pay for parking from the palm of your hand.

Available for Apple and Android devices.

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Permit parking

It has never been easier to purchase and manage your residential or commuter parking permits. As of Monday, October 5, 2020, you may apply for permit parking online as well as submit and manage your documents. Most permits will be tied to your license plate - no need to display permits in your window. Learn more about our [parking permit options](#).



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HAPPY CHANUKAH!



Chanukah begins on Thursday, December 10th and ends on Friday, December 18th.

The in-person Menorah lighting ceremony is cancelled for this year.

The Menorah will be lit in Grade Parade from Friday, December 11th until Friday, December 18th.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The in-person tree lighting ceremony at Grand Parade Square is cancelled for this year. The tree is in place and decorated. A holiday projection and light show at Grand Parade Square runs until Friday, January 1st. Residents who wish to view the lights show must abide by all public health protocols, including physical distancing of 6 feet (2 metres). For the full schedule and details, [visit the website](#).





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**KWANZAA IS DECEMBER 26TH
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday that celebrates the African community, family and values from 26 December to 1 January. Dr. Maulana Karenga introduced the festival in 1966 to the United States as a ritual to welcome the first harvests to the home. Dr. Karenga created this festival for Afro-Americans as a response to the commercialism of Christmas.

There will be no outdoor gathering due to current COVID-19 regulations. A studio broadcast of the New Year's Eve show will be held this year, with live music and entertainment.

For more information, as well as artist announcements, visit halifax.ca/events.





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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:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association

I wish you have...12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success, 8760 hours of good health, 52600 minutes of good luck and 3153600 seconds of joy. Happy New Year!

