



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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DEAR RESIDENT,

Happy New Year, District 4! I just want to thank each and every one of you who have reached out with congratulations, well wishes and even concerns. It is so important for me to hear the pulse of our large and diverse community and I appreciate those who have reached out since I started this new and exciting journey.

I know it has been a very hard year. Life has changed and we just do not know when or how it will resolve. Because being among you in our communities is very important to me, I will be taking some time to make myself available in local coffee shops for folks to drop in and let me know what they think about the current issues facing HRM and District 4 (as long as public health guidelines allow). Stay tuned for details. Of course you are always welcome to reach out to me via email, phone, or my Facebook page @Trish Purdy - District 4 - Cole Harbour/Westphal.

It is a privilege and my pleasure to begin this term as your Councillor. I look forward to getting to know you in the weeks, months, and years to come.

Sincerely,
Trish

FEBRUARY 2021 REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Due to COVID-19, Regional Council meetings are currently being held virtually. To watch Regional Council online, visit our [website](#) and click the video link on the meeting agenda to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.

Regional Council - Tuesday, February 9th 10 a.m.

Regional Council - Tuesday, February 23rd 10 a.m.



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More information on Boards and Committees, including meeting dates and times can be found [here](#).

In addition to Regional Council, I currently sit on the following Boards and Committees:

Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

Grants Committee

Cole Harbour Place

DISTRICT ACTIVITY AND DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS

Each fiscal year, all districts are allocated funds that Councillors can designate for community benefit. District funds are comprised of both Capital and District Activity funding. District Capital funds can provide a grant to any non-profit organization or charity or provide funding for HRM projects that are in the HRM departmental operating or capital budget or proposed by the Councillor. District Activity Funds provide small grants to non-profit organizations and registered charities for local initiatives, including by way of advertising with such entities.

For more information on fund policy, the application form, and fund expenditure records, visit my webpage [here](#) or you can call my office at **902-490-1577** if you have any questions on how to apply, or if your request would meet the criteria.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CATEGORY FOR SURPLUS HRM PROPERTY

Regional Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to adopt amendments to Administrative Order 50 to include a new affordable housing category. The proposed category would permit Regional Council to designate surplus property with the potential to be used for affordable housing purposes for sale at below-market-value disposal. You can find more detail in Attachment 2 of [this report](#). The amendments will be effective on March 1, 2021 to allow staff time to develop the submission requirements and program criteria necessary to implement them.

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING SAFETY

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency are urging residents to make sure ice is thick enough before venturing out for a skate or hike on lakes across the region. Temperatures often drop and increase variably from day to day, which can impact ice thickness. Ice should be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating.

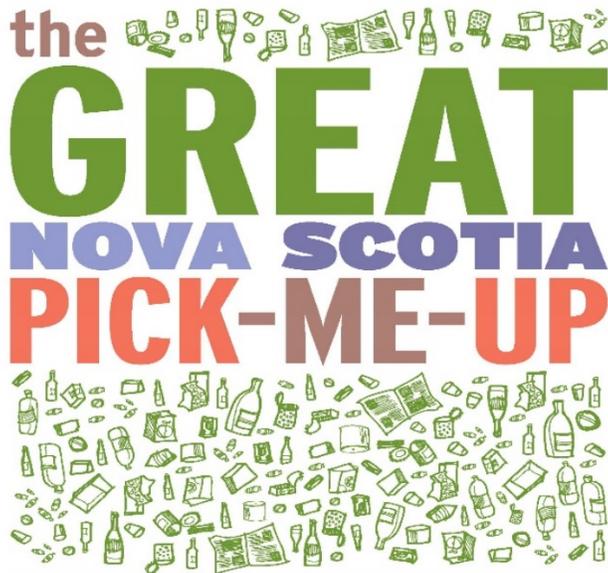


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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

On Saturday, January 30th starting at 11a.m., I will be leading a litter clean up party! We will meet in the back parking lot at Cole Harbour Place, and will be cleaning the pathway behind Cole Harbour Place and along Forest Hills Parkway. We have room for 7 more volunteers. If this is something you would like to participate in, kindly give me a call to book your spot. We will be hosting these regularly for different locations in our district. Let me know when you see a 'trouble' spot and I will add it to my list.



A GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP IS HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Please join us for a litter cleanup or organize your own cleanup by visiting nspickmeup.ca

GROUP NAME:	DISTRICT 4 CLEAN UP!
DATE/TIME:	SAT. JAN. 30 @ 11AM
MEETING POINT:	BACK PARKING LOT AT CHP
CONTACT:	TRISH @ 902.240.3067

[@NSPickMeUp](https://twitter.com/NSPickMeUp) [@NSPickMeUp](https://www.instagram.com/NSPickMeUp) [@NSPickMeUp](https://www.facebook.com/NSPickMeUp/) / [@NSAdoptAHighway](https://www.facebook.com/NSAdoptAHighway/)

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VALENTINES DAY FUNDRAISER

Want to do something fun and different for your loved ones this Valentine's Day? Check out this idea from our local Lions Club. Heart Shaped Chocolate Bombs for pick up or delivery. All proceeds will go towards the Black Cultural Center. Please see ad for details.



COLE HARBOUR LIONS CLUB valentine's day candy gram fundraiser

PURCHASE A HEART SHAPED HOT CHOCOLATE BOMB FOR YOUR VALENTINE THIS YEAR

OPTIONS:
MILK CHOCOLATE (WITH PINK SPRINKLES, WITH WHITE CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE)
WHITE CHOCOLATE (PINK OR WHITE)
CREAMY WHITE HOT CHOCOLATE POWDER
REGULAR HOT CHOCOLATE POWDER

\$5.00 PICK UP COLE HARBOUR
\$7.50 DELIVERED TO YOUR VALENTINE'S ADDRESS WITHIN COLE HARBOUR/DARTMOUTH AREA
***ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**
***INCLUDES DECORATIVE VALENTINES DAY TAG WITH YOUR OWN PERSONAL MESSAGE!**

Ready for Pick up Feb 12th/Feb 13th, Delivery Feb 13th
All orders to be placed by Feb 7th



Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to the Black Cultural Centre

BLACK CULTURAL SOCIETY of Nova Scotia

COLE HARBOUR CARES

In 2014, a group of likeminded people met at Cole Harbour Woodside United Church to talk about sponsoring a refugee family from Syria. They named the group Cole Harbour Cares.



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Through contacts in the community, and support from the Anglican Church of Saint Andrew, and members of the Cole Harbour community, Cole Harbour Cares was able to sponsor a family from Syria. Through fundraising, they secured an apartment and collected furniture. In July 2016, the family arrived in Cole Harbour. As a refugee sponsorship group, they were responsible for supporting the family financially and emotionally for a year. They went through the process again and supported another family in 2019. If you are interested in joining Cole Harbour Cares, please feel free to contact Diana (dianagoodz@gmail.com) or Anne (woodsmum@hotmail.com)

COYOTE SIGHTINGS AND WILDLIFE SAFETY

In response to concerns expressed about coyotes in our communities, and questions on how to protect ourselves and our pets from wildlife, I reached out to staff in the Department of Lands and Forestry. They provided the following information on coyotes:

Coyotes are very well adapted to live around humans, for the most part they avoid us and are hardly seen, even in the most urban of spaces. However, coyotes can be problematic if they become food conditioned, this means accustomed to foods left out by humans. Attractants can range from cat food to birdseed as coyotes are omnivorous. Then, there's the issue of pet and human safety. As stated above coyotes rarely become

aggressive and often go unnoticed, they learn to avoid busy times and human activity. Cats and dogs in the suburbs are at risk but rarely sought as a food source. This can change dependent on time of year, territorial tolerance, leaving pets unattended and feeding pets outdoors. In the winter and spring, coyotes tend to be a little more territorial as they are re-establishing their home range, mating and having pups. From January to April we often see a slight increase in coyote – pet encounters, most of which end without injury, but cats and small dogs are vulnerable. The negative encounters are mostly avoidable by supervising pets and not allowing cats to range free. It's important to remember outdoor cats are at risk from cars, disease, elements and predators (coyotes, bobcat, fox, owl, eagle).

Risk to humans is very low and knowing the basics of being “coyote smart” can help to avoid unwanted encounters. The “Be Coyote Smart” [webpage](#) has a plethora of tips for living with coyotes and what to do during an encounter. This website also has a sighting option, where residents can report coyote sightings in their community. This helps us track individual animals or pairs and assess behavior.

Along with the on-line reporting option residents can call the **Waverley Depot at 902-861-2560** to report coyote sightings or if they have questions or concerns about wildlife.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The 2021 Community Grants Program is now open. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2021. This program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region.

There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts, Diversity and Inclusion, Environment, Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety, History and Housing.

Please visit our [website](#) for the program guidebook and application form.

WINTER OPERATIONS

During the September 29, 2020 Regional Council meeting, updated Winter Operations Service Standards were approved. These include new standards for protected bike lanes, local street bikeways, increased sidewalk priorities for school and health centre frontages and implementation of a rolling parking ban in the downtown core to assist with snow removal following significant weather events.

In addition to the updated standards, contracted parking enforcement has increased to enforce parking restrictions in both urban and rural areas. Learn more [here](#).

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 exceptions 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.

For more information on Winter Operations such as snow clearing, parking bans, the latest service updates and street and sidewalk priority levels, please visit our [website](#).



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FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT HRM FACILITIES

The Halifax Regional Municipality will now be offering free menstrual products at municipal recreation facilities, community centres, and Halifax Transit terminals.

This initiative aligns with the municipality's commitment to reducing poverty through the [Building Poverty Solutions](#) report developed in collaboration with United Way Halifax. Further, the municipality is committed to building healthy, liveable communities, where necessary health products are easily available for people who menstruate.

Tampons and sanitary pads will be available and restocked daily. Products will be available at the following locations found [here](#)

HALIFAX WATER CUSTOMER CONNECT

Good news! Halifax Water customers can now access their Halifax Water accounts and a suite of services online through Customer Connect. Some of the advantages are 24/7 access to your account from your computer or mobile device, viewing past and present bills, monitoring your usage, receiving notifications, viewing account information and initiating service requests. This is another step in going paperless and reducing waste. Sign up for Customer Connect with ease by visiting their [website](#) and clicking the "My Account" button in the menu bar at the top of the page.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the 2021 Solid Waste collection schedule will not be mailed out this year. This change is due to budget constraints as a result of COVID-19 as well as a continued effort to reduce waste.

Residents can:

- Access a PDF of the 2021 Solid Waste Collection Schedule [online](#)
- Create a custom collection calendar [online for printing](#)
- Download the Halifax Recycles app to view the collection calendar
- Request to have the Solid Waste collection schedule mailed to them by calling 311

For more information, visit halifax.ca/recycle

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at **trish.purdy@halifax.ca** or **902-240-3067**. For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**. To reach my office, please call Nadine Yuriev at **902-490-1577**. For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).