

DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI

HARBOURVIEW—BURNSIDE —DARTMOUTH EAST

DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2019



DEAR RESIDENTS,

It's been such an honour to serve as your Councillor for the last three years, and over the past eight months I've had the additional pleasure of serving the municipality as

Deputy Mayor. Being Deputy Mayor has provided me with opportunities to celebrate the diversity of our municipality by attending a French spelling bee, Chinese New Years' Celebrations and a Ramadan Iftar, congratulate organizations like Ducks Unlimited, eBay Retail Revival and the Halifax Public Libraries on their accomplishments, build relationships with other nations by meeting with the Chinese, Mexican and Latvian ambassadors and liaising with Dalhousie and the University of Tasmania and show municipal support for great causes like Ovarian Cancer Canada, Walk for Refugees and our military. We are very fortunate to live in such an amazing and diverse municipality!

With summer finally upon us, I hope you will take advantage of some of the great events happening around the district. More details of what's coming up can be found in the remainder of this newsletter. Thank you for working with me to build a safe, healthy and active community!

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CHERS RÉSIDENTS,

Au cours des trois dernières années, ce fut un tel honneur de vous servir à titre de conseiller, et au cours des huit derniers mois, j'ai eu le plaisir supplémentaire de servir la municipalité en tant qu'adjoint au maire. Ce poste m'a donné l'occasion de célébrer la diversité de notre municipalité en assistant à un concours d'épellation en français, aux célébrations du Nouvel An chinois et de l'iftar du ramadan, de féliciter des organismes comme Canards Illimités, le programme Retail Revival d'eBay et la Halifax Public Libraries pour leurs réalisations, de nouer des liens avec d'autres nations en rencontrant les ambassadeurs de la Chine et de Lettonie en plus d'assurer la liaison entre la Dalhousie University et la University of Tasmania et de montrer le soutien municipal pour de grandes causes comme Cancer de l'ovaire Canada, la Marche pour les réfugiés et nos forces armées. Nous sommes très chanceux de vivre dans une municipalité aussi magnifique et diversifiée.

Comme l'été est enfin arrivé, j'espère que vous profiterez de certains des grands événements qui se déroulent dans l'ensemble du district. Vous trouverez de plus amples renseignements sur les événements à venir dans la partie restante du présent bulletin. Je vous remercie de collaborer avec moi pour bâtir une municipalité sécuritaire, saine et active.

Boards and Committees

I am a member of the following Boards and Committees:

- Board of Police Commissioners
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission
- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair
- Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
- School Advisory Committee (SAC) for Prince Andrew High School
- Harbour East—Marine Drive Community Council

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2019 DISTRICT CAPITAL

The District Capital Fund is used to fund larger-scale capital development projects and infrastructure enhancements that are deemed to benefit the entire community. In the last year, we have allocated over \$30,000 in district capital funds to community groups including supporting the Dartmouth Adult Services Centre Association, Camp Courage, Dartmouth Shelter Society, Halifax Transition House, the Aberdeen Park Play Box, Boys and Girls Clubs, Dartmouth Family Centre and many more. You can find a full break down of the budget at halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-6

2019 PLANNED STREET AND TRAIL CAPITAL WORK

The 2019/20 Capital Program is underway, we hope to complete street recapitalization on Akerley, Anthorpe, Colonna, Hilchie, Parkstone Rd and Terrace, Ronald, Tobin and Wanda. We plan to do Asphalt Overlays on Countryview, Rannoch, Tobermory and Wright and microsurfacing on Akerley. We are also planning to do planer patching on Burnside, John Cross and Woodlawn and crack sealing on Akerley, Burnside, John Cross, Trunk 7 and Woodlawn. We will also be investing in active transportation links by providing new sidewalks on Akerley, Athorpe, Tobin and Wanda and a walkway from Ronald Court to Kimberley Cres.

The Municipality recently released a street and sidewalk closure map where you can search current and upcoming planned street and sidewalk closure projects to find out details about road closures in your area. You can find the map at halifax.ca/roadworks.

TAXI LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS

 Regional Council has approved amendments to the By-law and Administrative Order that govern taxis in our municipality. The amendments included making 600 more licenses available, eliminating the zoning regulations that confine taxis to one particular area and making driver training, GPS and debit and credit card machines mandatory, addressing challenges of safety, zoning, supply and demand and accessibility.

Municipal staff have also been directed to proceed with preparing amendments to existing Vehicles for Hire legislation to explore opportunities to regulate transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft that may choose to operate in the municipality.

EAST DARTMOUTH MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The East Dartmouth Mobile Food Market provides produce packs of fresh, affordable fruits and vegetables every two weeks. Orders are placed two weeks in advance and available for pick-up every second Wednesday. To find out more about ordering your Produce Pack, call the East Dartmouth Community Centre at 902-435-6211.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION

Summer weekly green cart pick up for residential curbside collection has begun. Weekly collection will continue for the months of July, August and September and can begin as early as 7:00 a.m.



GRAY ARENA SITE

Regional Council recently re-categorized the Gray Arena to maximize efficient use of the four-acre site and promote opportunities for re-development and now we are looking for your feedback.

Deemed surplus in 2014, the building was originally categorized as a Community Interest property. The property has been re-categorized as "Ordinary Sale" and can be sold at market value which will provide opportunities for investment in other municipal priorities. You can get more information, and provide your feedback by visiting shapeyourcity.ca/gray

RATS



We've been receiving an increased number of complaints about rats in the last few weeks.

The Halifax Regional Municipality does not exterminate rats on private property, however we are taking steps to help eliminate the source of the problem. If a neighbouring property or business is attracting rats with unkempt garbage or other issues our by-law services can enforce that the property be cleaned up either by the owner or at their expense. Call 311 if you see a dangerous or unsightly property or if you see rats at a municipal park or building and our staff will assess and act accordingly. Regional Council have also requested two reports that will help to combat rats and other pests including an amendment to our Animal by-law that prohibits feeding wildlife including rodents and an integrated pest management strategy. These reports are expected to be back before council for deliberation by Fall 2019. Halifax Water are also considering solutions including dry-ice baiting in sewers.



STREET CHECK UPDATE

Respectful interactions between police and citizens are essential to safe communities and effective policing. The Wortley Report, an independent report on Police Street Checks, revealed that African Nova Scotian residents were six times more likely to be stopped and questioned for random street checks and showed that African Nova Scotian residents were more likely to be charged with crimes.

The report provided recommendations for the regulation or suspension of police street check practices and policy suggestions for improving the fractured relationship that exists between police and the black community.

The Department of Justice has now declared a moratorium on street checking pedestrians and passengers in motor vehicles until further notice and police will be deleting all street check collected data that does not contain pertinent information for investigations. More recommendations from the report will be before the Board of Police Commissioners in the coming months.

SHANNON PARK UPDATE

Shannon Park is an 82-acre property currently owned by Canada Lands Company (CLC). The CLC purchased the area from the Department of National Defense in March 2014 and submitted a development plan to Regional Council in 2016 as part of the Centre Plan consultation process. The plan included mixed use community development and active transportation opportunities. In 2018, Schooners Sports and Entertainment ("SSE") approached the Canada Lands Company about potentially acquiring 20 acres of the Shannon Park site for community stadium use. The stadium would only take a small portion of the land if approved. The CLC will require that SSE and HRM undertake further community engagement, support from both HRM and the province, coordination with the Millbrook First Nation regarding their neighbouring development plans and HRM's approval of the revised concept plans in order to approve this sale. No agreements or sales have been approved at this time. To keep in the loop about Shannon Park and upcoming public consultation check out the CLC's website clc.ca/property/44.

LA MUNICIPALITÉ LANCE UN GUIDE FRANÇAIS EN LINGE POUR HALIFAX.CA

La Municipalité régionale de Halifax a lancé halifax.ca/fr – un guide en ligne français pour Halifax.ca. Ce microsite améliorera l'accès aux renseignements à propos des principaux services offerts par la municipalité. Le site comprend la traduction en français de certains des renseignements les plus populaires et pertinents actuellement disponibles sur le site Web municipal. Alors que la rétroaction des utilisateurs est reçue et que l'utilisation est surveillée, la municipalité déterminera le besoin possible de traduire du contenu supplémentaire en français pour le microsite. Les utilisateurs peuvent envoyer une rétroaction sur french_francais@halifax.ca

VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities. I was so pleased to be able to honour five incredible volunteers from District 6 at the 2019 HRM Volunteer Awards. Thank you to Norm Collins, Kristen Coveyduc, Sarah White and my neighbour and friend Lee Buckley and Provincial Award honourees Kayley Dixon and Graham Greene. I'd also like to recognize Halifax Regional Police Victim Services Volunteer Association for their great work and well deserved Community Group Award.

ACCESS-A-BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Access-A-Bus provides door-to-door transit service for persons who are unable to use the conventional system due to disability. Regional Council recently approved the adoption of the Access-A-Bus Continuous Improvement Service Plan. The plan includes investments in new technology, goals to achieve a more adaptable service and the introduction of integrated trips, all contributing to a more efficient, accessible service for passengers. We've come a long way in a short time with these improvements and I appreciate all the work transit staff have done putting this plan into action.

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY BBQ



Join us August 10th from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the East Dartmouth Community Centre for a free community barbecue with activities for the whole family. Hope to see you there!



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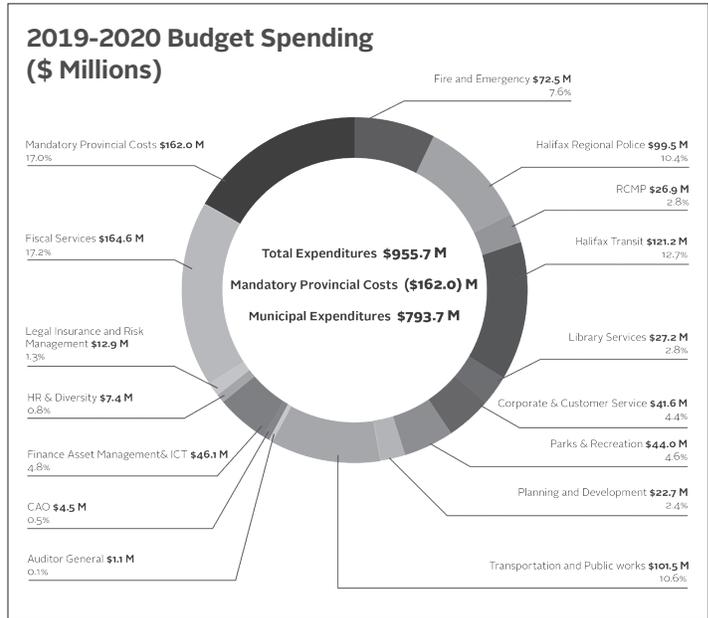
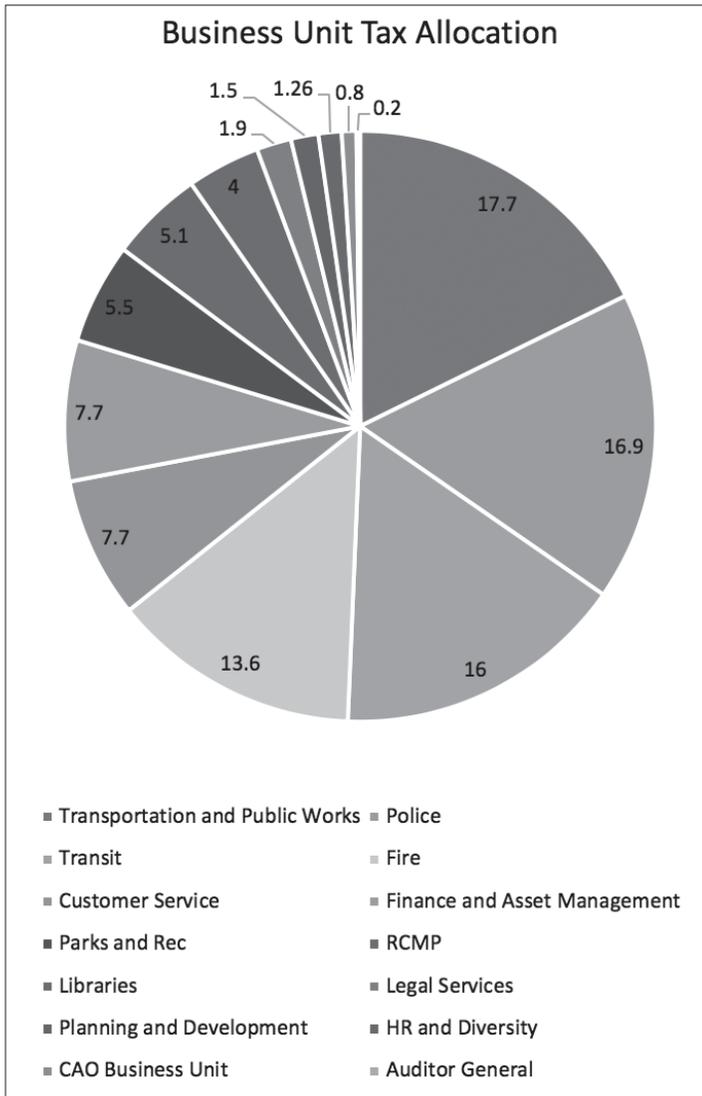
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2019-2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Regional Council has approved the 2019-2020 budget and capital plan. Our Municipality is growing and thriving, and that growth will drive increased public service demands and a requirement to invest in infrastructure, amenities and services needed to deliver on Council's priorities. Your tax dollars are hard at work to provide important services including road repairs, fire and emergency, transit, policing and much more.

I am happy to report this budget will include upgrades to the Dartmouth North Community Centre including updating the building layout and mechanical and electrical systems to better meet the needs of our community, replacing Access-A-Bus vehicles at the end of their life, repairs to the Burnside Transit Centre roof to maintain a dry and safe working environment for transit staff, seating, washroom and changeroom upgrades at the Beazley Track and Field facility, commissioning a Halifax Explosion Interpretive Marker at the Turtle Grove Mi'kmaq Community, a study of HRM floating docks and boat ramps to aid in future planning, refurbishment and the development of new of sport courts and fields, corrosion and roof beam repairs at the Burnside Composting facility and a fire/rescue boat replacement.

The 2019-20 budget will see \$763.7 million in municipal expenditures and \$164 million in capital investments. You can find a breakdown below:



The urban tax rate has decreased from 0.8175 to 0.815 percent this year, however due to growth in the average property assessment, the average tax bill will increase by 2.3% or about \$43 annually. You can find the full budget on our website halifax.ca/city-hall/budget-finance



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Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.