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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME FEBRUARY

February is African Heritage Month. I hope you and your family will take a chance to commemorate the many contributions of our African Nova Scotian residents to our province and municipality. This year's theme is Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act.

We also celebrate Heritage Day on February 15th where we will remember the life and sacrifice of Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab.

We also celebrate Valentines Day – so take the opportunity to show the people around you how much you care.

As known COVID-19 cases continue to decline, and the vaccine is being distributed I'm hopeful that we will be able to resume a more normal lifestyle soon. Please continue to stay safe by practicing good hygiene, physical distancing and wearing your mask.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our [website](#) for updates on snow clearing and the Winter Parking Ban!

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE FEVRIER

Février est le Mois du patrimoine africain. J'espère que vous et votre famille prendrez l'occasion de commémorer les nombreuses contributions de nos résidents africains de la Nouvelle-Écosse à notre province et à notre municipalité. Cette année, le thème est année est L'histoire des Noirs compte : écouter, apprendre, échanger et agir. Nous célébrons aussi la Journée du patrimoine le 15 février, où nous nous souviendrons de la vie et du sacrifice du lieutenant Edward Francis Arab. Nous célébrerons également la Saint-Valentin. Profitez donc de l'occasion pour montrer aux gens autour de vous à quel point ils sont importants pour vous.

Alors que les cas connus de COVID-19 continuent de diminuer et que les vaccins sont distribués, j'espère que nous pourrions reprendre bientôt un mode de vie plus normal. Continuez à être en sécurité en pratiquant une bonne hygiène, en prenant des distances physiques et en portant votre masque.

N'oubliez pas de consulter notre site Web pour connaître les mises à jour sur le déneigement et l'interdiction de stationner l'hiver!



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AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Black History Matters

Listen. Learn. Share. Act.

February marks African Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians and individuals of African descent in our region. This year's theme, *Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act*, recognizes the important legacy of people of African descent and their long-standing history in the development of Canada.

As a municipality, we have been taking steps to address the anti-Black racism that exists within our organization and in the communities we serve. However, we still have much work to do in removing barriers to equality and inclusion.

This month, let's take time to recognize the great adversity the Black community has overcome and demonstrate your allyship by participating in this year's virtual events and activities. You can find more details [here](#).

FREE TRANSIT FOR CHILDREN 0 – 12

Halifax Transit buses and ferries are now free for children age 0 – 12. Regional Council voted unanimously to permanently eliminate these youth fares on January 12th.

This change comes after a successful pilot project beginning in September 2019 that saw a huge increase in ridership for youth 12 and under and based on feedback from the public.

NORTH GROVE UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The North Grove's We Stand Together matching campaign. They raised over \$82,000 to support vulnerable families, seniors and individuals with:

- weekly takeout meals
- fresh produce and other food staples
- online and telephone support
- online and small group, in-person programming

This month, they are bringing back in-person programming. You can find their calendar and more detail on their programs [here](#).

STATEMENT REGARDING PRIVACY AND FILMING RULES FOR MUNICIPAL ARENAS



Due to public health restrictions that prohibit spectators in facilities, and recent changes permitting games, the

municipality has received intense interest to record and livestream in our arenas. Following discussions with Hockey Nova Scotia and further examination of the privacy concerns, the municipality will permit livestreaming for facility rentals at the discretion of the renter. Signage will be placed in the facilities to indicate that renters in the facility may be livestreaming or digitally recording their activities.

Recording/livestreaming of participants had not been permitted in municipal facilities including arenas. This practice was in place for many years in order to protect the privacy of participants. The municipality will continue to work with Hockey Nova Scotia, hockey associations and other recreation partners (i.e. Soccer Nova Scotia, Ringette Nova Scotia, etc.) to balance personal privacy with the use of digital recording to record and broadcast activities that occur in municipal facilities.



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DARTMOUTH SPLASH PAD UPDATE

Halifax Regional Council recently approved the community-raised funding and name for the new Dartmouth Commons Regional Splash Pad.

The splash pad will be named *Shirley's Splash Pad*, in honour of Shirley Clarke, a long-time resident of Dartmouth. Shirley was a mother of six, grandmother of 12, and great grandmother of 10. She raised her children on Thistle Street. She was proud of her large family and the community she raised them in. Upon her passing in 2020, Shirley's family made the decision to support a community project – something that would have impact on the families and community where she raised her children.

The project, set to be built on a sandy area on the Dartmouth Common, will add to an already vibrant park area, creating a community destination for families from across Dartmouth. The Dartmouth community fundraising campaign, launched in 2019, was successful in raising \$150,000 towards the project. The final step for the project is council approval of the Parks & Recreation budget, including \$500,000 towards *Shirley's Splash Pad*, expected to go before council in February 2021. For more details on this exciting project, visit the Friends of Dartmouth Splash Pad [website](#).

OUTDOOR ICE SAFETY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that it is not currently safe to be on frozen lakes and ponds as there is noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region. The municipality's ice thickness testing program has not begun for the 2020/21 winter season as it is not yet safe for staff to be on the ice. Each year the municipality [provides weekly reports on ice thickness testing](#) undertaken on more than 70 lakes throughout the region. This testing will resume when conditions allow. Residents are asked to take safety precautions for themselves and their families by avoiding any recreation activities on frozen lakes and ponds, including walking, snowmobiling, and skating until ice thickness testing resumes.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

This month Regional Council will get into the meat of our 2021/22 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget by having each department present their budgets:

Business Unit	Date
Chief Administrative Officer, Legal Services, Human Resources and Auditor General	February 3 rd
Fiscal Services, Finance and Asset Management, ICT, Corporate and Customer Services	February 10 th
Halifax Regional Police Halifax Public Libraries	February 17 th
Capital Budgets	February 24 th

You can provide your feedback by sending your comments to the Clerk's Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or Clerks@halifax.ca). You can also view the meetings online by getting the links [here](#).

EMERA OVAL PUBLIC SKATES



The capacity at the Emera Oval has been increased to 240 skaters per skate time. Skaters can now arrive within 30-minutes of their skate time to check-in. With

this increased capacity, physical distancing may not always be possible. Non-medical masks will now be mandatory at all times, including on the ice surface. We have also updated our registration process. You must register for open skates in advance. In order to assist more residents in accessing skate times, registration now opens exactly 48 hours before the scheduled skate time. Staff will continue to work with Public Health to assess and adjust protocols as needed to balance demand and the safety of all participants and staff. For more information, visit our [website](#) and if you have any questions or concerns about the process, please provide your feedback through [email](#).



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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The 2021 Community Grants Program is now open for applications. The Community Grants program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the region including project grants (up to \$5,000) and capital grants (up to \$25,000). The program provides assistance for specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

You can find the [2021 Community Grants Program Guide book](#) including the application form on our website. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2021. You can find more information [here](#).

STATEMENT REGARDING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality takes an empathy-based human rights approach to homeless encampments that recognizes the human dignity of people experiencing homelessness.

The municipality will not force the eviction of residents from homeless encampments unless and until their need for adequate housing is met.

Our response to homeless encampments is collaborative and community-based, working with partners, to find adequate housing solutions for encampment residents.

The municipality is aware of the installation of two temporary shelters on municipal property in Dartmouth by Halifax Mutual Aid. As per our established protocol, individuals experiencing homelessness will not be evicted while we seek to identify alternate options for adequate housing. While the installation of structures, including temporary shelters, on municipal property is not permitted without approval, the municipality aims to work with Halifax Mutual Aid to identify alternate options for those experiencing homelessness. By working together on our common goal to address homelessness we are confident that solutions can be identified in the short-term and the long-term.

The municipality makes public safety a priority for all residents, including those experiencing homelessness. For more information on the municipality's approach to homelessness and homeless encampments please visit our [website](#).

**We've moved!
(Temporarily)**

Your Dartmouth North Public Library is getting an update and has temporarily relocated to Farrell Hall, 276 Windmill Road.

Here's how to get to Farrell Hall from Highfield Park Drive.


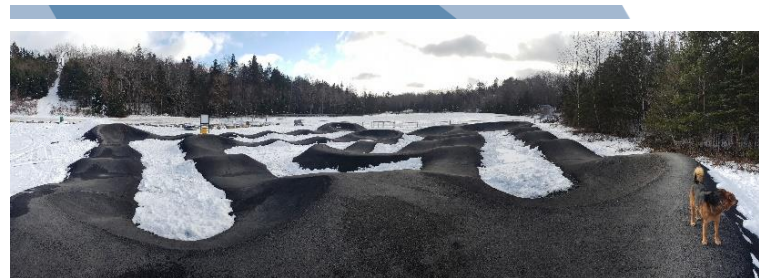
By Bus:
Take route 3 from the Highfield Terminal. Get off at the Wyse Road before Howe Street bus stop. Walk a short distance down Albro Lake Road and you'll see Farrell Hall on your right. Bus routes 51 and 53 will also get you to Windmill Road.

By Foot:
From Dartmouth North Public Library, head to Primrose Street. Take a left onto Victoria Road, then a right onto Farrell Street, and a left onto Windmill Road. Farrell Hall will be on your left.

By Car:
Parking is available at the temporary location.

For more information and branch hours visit halifaxpubliclibraries.ca or call us at 902-490-5840.

Curbside Pick-Up is available at Farrell Hall!

Shubie Park Pump Track is ready for your winter ride!



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DARTMOUTH TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES

In 2016, Council approved significant changes to our Transit routes and network called the [Moving Forward Together Plan](#). We are still working our way through implementing those changes. Some of the Burnside changes have already happened, the routes were re-aligned, and MacDonald Avenue lost service. This was due to historic low ridership numbers. However, more changes are still coming, and because Burnside has changed significantly since the time the plan was approved, particularly the new/expanded areas of Dartmouth Crossing, we are planning on doing follow-up public engagement on the Burnside transit routes in the coming months. The intent was to do this last fall, but we've been delayed due to COVID-19.

There are some areas that were identified in the preparation of this plan that are considered potential candidates for future Express Routes. These areas could include:

- Williams Lake Road to Downtown Halifax;
- Washmill Lake Drive to Downtown Halifax;
- Montebello to Downtown Halifax;
- Sackville to Burnside;
- North End Halifax to Burnside; and
- Cole Harbour to Burnside.

LAKE WILLIAM TRAIL BRIDGE PROJECT



The Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society (SWEPS) has completed their

Lake William Trail Bridge project. This project was a major undertaking that will serve the communities of Waverley and Dartmouth East by offering an active transportation trail that connects them with the Dartmouth Greenway and the Trans Canada Trail. I was so pleased to be able to contribute through the District 6 Capital Fund towards this project. You can find more information about SWEPS [here](#).



HOLIDAY CHECK POINTS CONTRIBUTE TO SAFER ROADWAYS

Halifax Regional Police concluded their participation in the 2020 Operation Christmas campaign and released impaired driving statistics for the month of December. This annual initiative continues the fight against impaired driving and encourages motorists to practice safe winter driving. Throughout the month, HRP conducted several check-points to stop impaired driving. These efforts contributed to safer roadways for citizens and reinforced to drivers that there is no tolerance for impaired driving. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs puts everyone in danger. Prevention through solid detection helps to save lives. Halifax Regional Police charged 35 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of December. We continue to be encouraged by the number of citizens helping to play a role in community safety. Police received six calls throughout the month of December from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. If you do see a potential impaired driver, call 911 immediately and give the call taker your location along with a description of the vehicle.



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HALIFAX TRANSIT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Halifax Transit is inviting applications for a candidate pool of truck and transport mechanics (Red Seal) in Halifax

and Dartmouth. Candidates selected for this opportunity may be considered for available positions over the next six months. Second, third and fourth-year apprentices will also be considered.

Applications will be open from now until June 2021. Eligible candidates will be entered into a pool for future hiring opportunities. Preference will be given to applications from qualified African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women (applying for non-traditional positions), persons with disabilities, Aboriginal persons, and persons of the LGBTQ+ community. To learn more or to apply, visit our [website](#).

INTERSECTION SAFETY

Halifax Regional Police is sharing some tips to help make intersections safer for all road users. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're driving, walking, cycling or rolling, everyone has a role to play in making intersections safer by:

Drivers

- Make sure there is enough space between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you.
- As you approach an intersection, look left and right to scan your surroundings.
- Come to a full stop at stop signs and red lights.
- When approaching a yellow light, you must stop if you can do so safely.
- If the light is green, scan left and right before proceeding through the intersection or entering the intersection to make a left or right turn.

- Do shoulder checks, mirror checks and use signals before turning. When turning right do a double shoulder check for cyclists.
- Yield to pedestrians at intersections. Crosswalks exist on all legs of an intersection, whether marked or unmarked. Turning vehicles at signalized intersections must yield to pedestrians crossing on the walk signal.
- If the intersection doesn't have traffic lights, drivers must yield to pedestrians waiting to cross or when they're already in a crosswalk.
- Drivers must wait until pedestrians are completely across the road before proceeding.

Pedestrians

- Look both ways, try to make eye contact with motorists and walk across only when it is safe to do so.
- When available always take advantage of marked crosswalks.
- It's the law to use the overhead flashing light at crosswalks. Make sure to press the button where it is available.
- Consider wearing bright colours or reflective clothing when walking in the evening, at dusk or dawn and when the weather conditions make visibility poor.

Cyclists

- Use hand signals to let other road users know your intentions at intersections.
- If you decide to cross the street using pedestrian signals, get off your bicycle and walk it across the street.
- Approach intersections with caution and look for vehicles slowing down to turn right.
- Consider wearing or applying bright colours and applying additional reflective materials or lights to your bicycle.
- Always wear your certified helmet.

Let's all work together to make intersections safer for everyone.



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EGG LAYING FOWL

Regional Council is considering whether to allow households to keep and raise egg-laying fowl in residential areas for personal use.

Staff have been collecting resident feedback and expect to bring a report back to Regional Council for a decision on February 23rd.

If you'd like to get more information, visit our [Shape Your City](#) page.

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY 2020 LOOKBACK

Throughout 2020, community members across the municipality visited and used the Library in many different ways and borrowed many different items.

Check out this [video](#) we created that celebrates how our community used their Library collection, along with announcing that over **one million** digital titles have been borrowed on OverDrive since January.

KINDNESS METERS

Residents will be able to make charitable donations to United Way through our parking meter system.

Regional Council approved "Kindness Meters" last month and all donations will go to the United Way Halifax fund.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS SUPPORT

Amendments have been adopted for the [Administrative Order Respecting HRM's Grant Programs](#) to allow for support for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails from trail organizations.

The new amendments ensure that trail organizations that develop and maintain recreational trails facilities, as well as active transportation facilities, are included in the eligibility criteria for funding. This will ensure the sustainability of those facilities.

To learn more, read the [report](#).



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Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

PARENT NAVIGATORS

Do you have questions about supports available for your child? Are you wondering where to turn? HRCE's Parent Navigators (PN) can guide you!



Do you have registration inquiries?

Do you just need to talk to someone?



Do you have questions around policy?

Do you have no access to technology to submit electronic forms?



Are you searching for resources and supports?

Are you looking for answers, information and someone to lend an ear?

There is no referral process! Just pick up the phone or send us an email.

Missy and Stephen are available to help you find the support that you or your child may need to achieve success, inside and outside of school. They will chat with you over the phone, via email or a ZOOM meeting. They will help guide and connect you with the most appropriate services and resources. They will be your co-pilots.

HERITAGE DAY

Introduced in 2015, Nova Scotia Heritage Day honours a person or event chosen by Nova Scotian school children. The first honoree was Viola Desmond.

2021 will honour Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab.

Edward, grandson to some of the first Lebanese immigrants to Halifax, was a graduate of Dalhousie University Law School. He practiced law until enlisting in the army in August 1942.

Lieutenant Arab received the following citation(s): 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939-45.

Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab, aged 29, was killed in action on October 25, 1944.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY EMPLOYEMENT OPPORTUNITY



**Do you want to make a difference
in your community?**

Become a Career Firefighter with Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency.
Recruitment details coming soon!

For more information, visit: halifax.ca/firerecruitment

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is an equity-focused employer



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) will soon be accepting applications for the development of a candidate pool to fulfill hiring requirements for permanent full-time career Firefighters. Find more details [here](#).

ECOLOGICAL DECISION MAKING

New environmental decision-making training is being developed for HRM staff who make recommendations to Council. Since 2012, Regional Council reports have included an environmental implications sections to allow Councillors to consider the environmental impacts of each decision. Last month, we approved a report that directed the CAO to develop mandatory training to educate staff on the implementation guidelines and additional resources and requirements for environmental decision-making and will be updating the guidelines for the environmental implications section. To learn more, read the [report](#).



To ensure we can continue to meet the needs of patients in Canada, Canadian Blood Services needs healthy Canadians to donate. Please check out their [website](#) to investigate whether you are a candidate to give blood.

DINE AROUND CAMPAIGN

The Greater Burnside Business Association (GBBA) and Discover Halifax have partnered up to offer a "Dine Around" campaign, promoting restaurants in Burnside during the month of February. Our restaurants and hotels have had a very challenging year...let's all get out and support our local Burnside eateries. Focusing on creative, specifically priced menus (\$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 and/or \$50 options) for lunch or dinner, Dine Around will run for the entire month of February and restaurants have the opportunity to donate \$1/meal to FEED Nova Scotia. Last year over \$3,000 was raised through Dine Around. Check out the [website](#) for more details.

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Currently serving on:

- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
- Regional Centre Community Council
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission
- Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
- SAC for Prince Andrew High School
- Greater Burnside Business Association
- Alderney Landing Board of Directors
- Halifax Public Library Board of Directors