



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENT,

Hello, and Happy March, District 4!



I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are trucking through winter with the best winter weather I can recall in many

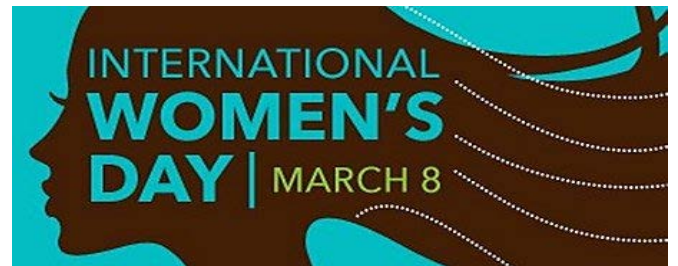
years! We managed our big winter storm fairly well, and I want to thank our hardworking snow removal operators for tirelessly working day and night to clear us out. We did experience some hiccups, and I thank each one of you for reaching out with your concerns.

We are halfway through our first budget season as a new council, and it is quite an experience! I would like to remind you that public participation is available at the start of every budget meeting. If you would like to have a say in the budget process, please reach out to the Clerks Office

by 4:30pm Tuesdays for the following days budget meeting. Email clerks@halifax.ca or call 902.490.4210. HRM is working on some exciting projects in our district this summer. We are building an outdoor basketball court off of Flying Cloud Drive, which will be a great asset to all of our basketball fans, both young and old! Pickleball lovers, take notice! There will be courts for you as well. This project will benefit our district for many years to come.

March is International Women's Month. International Women's Day is Monday, March 8th. Think of some creative ways to celebrate the strong women in your life this month.

Sincerely,
Trish





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AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH – LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

It was my pleasure to host a candid conversation with two African Nova Scotian community leaders to commemorate African Heritage Month.

Karen Hudson and Dena Williams shared their life experiences, their thoughts on where we are as a society and where we are going. They shared their motivations, their influences, and their advice for the next generation. If you would like to watch the video, it is on my Facebook page, Trish Purdy - District 4.

I am always looking for ways to engage in relevant issues that affect our community and beyond, so please reach out if you have an idea or suggestion.



Councillor Trish Purdy hosting the live virtual event with Karen Hudson and Dena Williams.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY PROGRAM

For over 20 years, Nova Scotia Power has proudly offered scholarships annually to students seeking post-secondary education in a variety of programs across the province. The company's 2021 Scholarship and Bursary Program is now accepting applications, with a deadline of April 19th, 2021.

WE ARE INVESTING IN A BRIGHT FUTURE

Fostering education, diversity and inclusion to support strong, healthy communities of tomorrow

THE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM:

- EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS
- WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS
- AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS
- NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS
- MI'KMAQ BURSARIES

Deadline for applications: APRIL 19, 2021

Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply

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For more information, please visit the Nova Scotia Power scholarship [website](#).



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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS



Snowmobiling is enjoyed by many Nova Scotia residents during the winter months. The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding snowmobile enthusiasts about the importance of safety on the trails this season.

With a lack of consistently cold weather and fluctuating temperatures this winter, the RCMP is also encouraging snowmobile operators to avoid travelling on bodies of water. Always check the weather and ice conditions before travelling as the quality and thickness of ice can change quickly.

“Snowmobiling can be a fun winter activity but it can also be dangerous if safety precautions are not taken,” says Cpl. Mark Skinner, Public Information Officer. “Each winter we see serious injuries from unsafe snowmobiling practices so it’s important to plan ahead and always drive safe and sober.”

Here are a few more safety tips to keep in mind when planning your trip:

- Always check the weather conditions before you leave.
- Never ride alone.
- Take a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Have a map and take note of shelters available along the way.
- Always wear protective clothing, including a helmet, gloves and eye protection. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm and dry.
- Ride at a reasonable rate of speed. Know your riding partner's driving limitations as well as your own and operate only at a speed that allows you both to remain in total control of your snowmobiles.
- Ride sober. Don't drink or consume drugs before or while snowmobiling. Remember, it's a Criminal Code offence whether you're driving a car or a snowmobile.
- When venturing into remote areas, snowmobilers should be alert and take all precautions necessary, as help could be several hours away.

For additional snowmobile safety tips, please visit their [website](#).

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Community Grants Program application deadline is March 31st. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION GRANT PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to launch the new Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grant Program.

Active Transportation (AT) Education and Promotion Grants are intended to support projects to increase the number of people walking, bicycling and rolling and improving the safety of people using these modes.

Projects may include:

- Safety and skills training programs
- AT promotions and marketing programs
- AT education and engagement
- AT related events
- Etiquette programs
- Transportation Demand Management Programs

There are three types of projects measured in funding and reach:

- Small Community project grant under \$1,000: smaller projects (localized) in one or more communities in HRM
- Large Community project grant of \$1000 - \$5,000: larger project or event (requiring significant logistics efforts) meant to reach a broader audience in communities across HRM;
- Major project grant over \$5,000: large project with significant logistics, partnerships and duration efforts with an intended reach across the municipality

[Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grants Terms](#) outline projects' eligibility, evaluation criteria, terms and timelines.

To submit a proposal, please download and save on your computer the [Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grant Application](#). Complete the info requested and sent it along with required supporting documents by email: martinem@halifax.ca.

Workshop with Q&A will be delivered online on March 15th, 2021 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm to provide interested groups with an opportunity to ask questions about the grant and discuss proposals, ideas and timelines as known to them at the time of the workshop. You can register by sending an email at martinem@halifax.ca. A link to a MS teams meeting will be send to you confirming registration.

To be considered, spring-summer proposals and supporting documents required must be received on or before April 9th, 2021.

To arrange other methods to submit the proposal and supporting documents, please contact:

Emma Martin, AT Community Projects Coordinator at martinem@halifax.ca or call 902-499-6742.



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DISTRICT 4 PLANNED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2021-22

Below is the list of proposed 2021/22 Roads and Active Transportation capital projects for our district, subject to budget approval. This list includes new projects and any carryover work from 2020/21.

Once the projects are approved by Council, staff will make every effort to design, tender and construct in 2021; however, unforeseen circumstances may arise which could impact the scheduling of the project, and potentially cause delays.

Street Recapitalization

Cumberland Dr – Cole Harbour to Colby (Carryover)
Driftwood Cres – Delta to Delta (Integrated with Traffic Calming on Delta Dr)
Forest Hills Pkwy – Cole Harbour to Merrimac (Carryover)
Hollyoake Lane – Hampton to Hampton
Smith Ave – Cole Harbour to End (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Asphalt Overlay

Bradorian Dr – Auburn to Auburn (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Micro Surfacing

Highway 7 – Wilfred Jackson to Ross

Sidewalk Renewals

Cumberland Dr – Cole Harbour to Hampton
Green (E) – multi use pathway (Carryover)
Forest Hills Pkwy – Merrimac to Cole Harbour (E) – multi use pathway (Carryover)

Cole Harbour Commons AT Connection – multi use pathway

New Community Association Grants Active Transportation Projects

Cole Harbour AT Trails – Signage for Three AT Facilities
Cole Harbour Salt Marsh Trail – Engineering Design for Embankment
Cole Harbour Salt Marsh Trail – Re-rocking and Embankment

Walkways

Hannebury Dr to Colby Dr + Legs to Driftwood/Hardisty
69 Driftwood Cres to 42 Durham Way

Traffic Calming

Delta Dr – Caldwell to Colby
Nova Terr – Caldwell to Grenadier
Poplar Dr – Otago to Otago (Full Street)

Planer Patching

Caldwell Rd – Astral to Atholea
Cole Harbour Rd – Bissett to Caldwell
Highway 7 – Hillsboro to Wilfred Jackson
Sherwood St – Caldwell to Astral

Proposed Crack Sealing

Chamberlain Dr – Lake Major to End
Colby Dr – Briarlynn S to Greenwich
Giberson Dr – Broom to End
Highway 7 – Wilfred Jackson to Ross (Micro Prep)
Kenora Dr – Glendale to End
Lake Loon Rd – Montague to MacLaughlin
Lake Major Rd – Trunk 7 to Ernst Mill Bridge
Lochmoor Lane – End to Lochmoor
Lorne Dr – Highway 7 to End
Merrimac Dr – Forest Hills to Arklow

Active Transportation

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SPORTS COURTS AND COLBY SPLASHPAD

The proposed 2021/22 Capital Budget includes funds for the rehabilitation of the sport court at Cranberry Lake Park. The existing court is comprised of an asphalt pad with 2 basketball standards. The proposed work includes a new fenced asphalt pad with a standard full sized basketball court and a shared junior basketball court. Three new fenced pickleball courts will also be constructed adjacent to the north side of the new basketball court.

We are currently finalizing design items and hope to break ground on the new splashpad and necessary upgrades to the facility utilities at the Colby pool this month. Project completion and target opening will be mid-June.

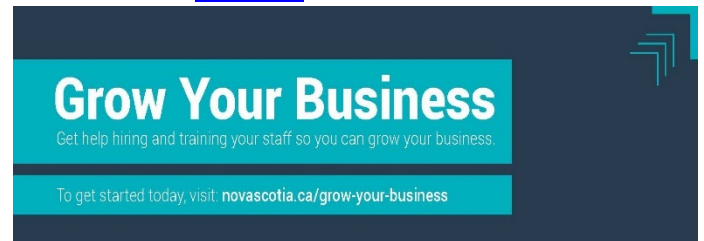
HRM PARKS AND RECREATION IS HIRING!

There is a wide variety of employment opportunities with our Parks and Recreation Department this spring and summer. Please visit our Employment Opportunities [website](#) to view job postings.



GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Do you or someone you know own a small business? These resources are available to help you recruit, hire, and pay for qualified employees. Sometimes we do not know what is out there in terms of support, but there are some really great programs aimed at supporting small businesses! Visit the Government of Nova Scotia [website](#) for more information.



Incentives for hiring employees

Apprenticeship START

Access funding to help you hire an apprentice from a diverse group or in a rural area.

Co-op Education Incentive (CO-OP)

Receive a portion of the employee's wage when you hire a university or community college co-op student for a career-related work term.

Graduate to Opportunity (GTO)

Receive a 2-year salary incentive that reduces the cost of hiring a recent post-secondary graduate for a new, permanent full-time job.

Innovate to Opportunity (ITO)

Receive a 3-year salary incentive to help you hire a recent master's or PhD graduate for a job focused on research, innovation and exports.

Student Summer Skill Incentive (SKILL)

Access a wage subsidy to help reduce the cost of hiring post-secondary students for quality summer jobs if you work for a non-profit or registered charity.

START

Receive a financial incentive to hire an unemployed, ready-to-work Nova Scotian.

Help finding employees

Nova Scotia Works Employment Service Centres

Check out a range of free services provided by Employer Engagement Specialists to help you recruit, retain and strengthen talented employees.

Industry sector councils

Find sector-specific resources and expertise to help you attract, retain and train employees.

Job Bank

Post your jobs and look for matches with skilled job seekers, on this online service.

One Journey Work and Learn

Get help recruiting, custom-training and hiring groups of unemployed or underemployed Nova Scotians when there's a labour shortage in your industry.

Training resources and support

Inspired to Hire

Find online tips and tools to help you reach, recruit, hire and retain your workers.

SkillsOnlineNS

Get access to hundreds of free online training courses on work-related topics. You can set up a private learning network to assign training to staff and monitor their progress.

Workplace Education Initiative

Get help to plan education programs for your teams and secure funding to hire instructors while the training is taking place.

Workplace Innovation and Productivity Skills Incentive (WIPSI)

Access funding to help train your employees to improve the productivity and competitiveness of your business.

novascotia.ca/grow-your-business





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STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Check out the Step Up to Leadership Sessions starting March 18th. Learn leadership skills that can be used in any setting and will benefit youth of all ages!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Community Council is meeting virtually. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change.

You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

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](#).



STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP

Spring 2021 Step Up to Leadership sessions are now open for registration! Sign up for your free spot online at halifax.ca/myrec using the course code 00038442 or call our registration line at 902-490-6666.

Location | Fairbanks Centre, 54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth (Shubie Park)

Time | Thursdays starting March 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for nine weeks.

Course code | 00038442

halifax.ca/volunteer



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province. If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.