



**COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT**  
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS  
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

### MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

As we find our way to the end of March, I am hoping that those of you who have had a chance for some time off during March Break, made wonderful memories and stayed safe.

Budget deliberations are still underway, and we are heavy into considerations. Many of you are keeping an eye on our efforts and I can assure you that I am still committed to holding the tax rate. There are many requests by Councillors to consider changes in the budget and I will listen to the debates and consider merits.

It is my hope that we are past the heavy snowfall season. Don't forget to contact 311 or me, if your grass or curb were damaged by the snow plows. HRM will review and repair where necessary.

There will be a community engagement session on the Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road Corridor on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. You will find information on the session as well as how to

register in this newsletter. Stay tuned for more details on my Facebook page. Please be sure to like my page so you can get updates on my posts. Please feel free to share any posts with your neighbours and encourage them to sign up for the newsletter.

Please note below the virtual meetings that I am scheduling in April. Don't forget to pre-register. I will be looking at Woodlawn and South Woodside in May. I am always open to arranging meetings on issues that are important to you and the community. Just let me know through email. Stay safe and be well.

Warmly,





# COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

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## SAVE THE DATE: APRIL VIRTUAL UPDATES

I am organizing some online engagement meetings with residents who would like an opportunity to get to know me better, have a chance to engage on specific subjects, share concerns or ideas, etc.

The tentative dates are listed below. In some cases they will be specific to subject areas and in others open town hall meetings. In each case, you will need to pre-register by email ([kentb@halifax.ca](mailto:kentb@halifax.ca)) so I can send you confirmation of date/time and log in information. Each meeting will be from 7:00-8:00pm.

These will be held through Zoom. If you don't have a Zoom account you can join through your browser.

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY? JOIN THE YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM

If you're between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the Youth Live Program. The Youth Live Program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. While in our supportive environment, the program participants will gain hands-on work experience and participate in job readiness workshops to improve their employability skills. At Youth Live you will **Work to Learn and Learn to Work!**

Applications are now being accepted up **until midnight April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021** for an April 19<sup>th</sup> program start. To apply you can:

- Call 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446
- Send us an e-mail at [ylrecruit@halifax.ca](mailto:ylrecruit@halifax.ca)
- Message us through Facebook: [facebook.com/hfxyouthlive](https://facebook.com/hfxyouthlive)

More information about the program and eligibility can be found [here](#).



 **SAVE THE DATE**  
**District 3 Virtual Updates with Councillor Becky Kent**

SIGN UP: Please pre-register by email at [becky.kent@halifax.ca](mailto:becky.kent@halifax.ca).

A confirmation of date/time and log in information will be sent in advance of the meeting.

Mtg Platform: Zoom

Thurs. April 8—Russell Lake, Town Hall

Wed. April 14—Eastern Passage, Town Hall

Thurs. April 22—Cow Bay, Town Hall

Thurs. April 29—Portland Estates/Portland Hills, Town Hall

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## **PORTLAND STREET/COLE HARBOUR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

You're invited to attend a virtual public meeting about the Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road Functional Plan on April 7, 2021 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm with a presentation, to be followed by a question and answer period with municipal staff and the project consultants.

Halifax's Integrated Mobility Plan calls for the municipality to study existing roads that are important for regional vehicle flow, transit, goods movement and active transportation. The Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road corridor is one of these corridors. A Functional Plan studies how people move along a corridor and how development plays a role in shaping this movement. The study will make recommendations about the future design of the corridor, and how to improve mobility for all users.

During this first meeting and round of public engagement, the project team will present the project background, objectives, and receive feedback from the public about how they currently use Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road and what improvements could be made to the corridor. The feedback received will influence draft designs. The project team will then return for a second round of engagement later this spring and present draft designs for public feedback.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, a video of the presentation including all questions and

answers will be posted on the project [website](#) as will an online survey to gain additional feedback. The survey will include questions about how and how often you use Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road, what improvements are most important, and what trade-offs would be the most acceptable. When trying to improve infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, transit, and vehicles on the same street, space can be limited, and trade-offs are often necessary.

Register [here](#) to participate in the virtual meeting.

## **ANNUAL CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL CAMPAIGN**

April is daffodil month. The daffodil campaign, which starts April 1<sup>st</sup>, is a major fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. For the second year in a row, they will be running their daffodil campaign virtually. You can visit their [website](#) to make a donation by purchasing a digital daffodil online. You can also make a donation to purchase a daffodil bulb that will be planted at one of the Canadian Cancer Society lodges across Canada.





## MUNICIPAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

This month, Regional Council will continue to hear presentations from various business units for the 2021/22 Municipal Operating and Capital budget:

Business Unit	Date
<b>Planning and Development</b>	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m.
<b>Consolidated Accounts / Budget Adjustment List (BAL) Review</b>	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.

These meetings are held virtually and can be viewed by visiting our [website](#).

## SPRING REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for spring recreation programming has begun. Participants are encouraged to register by phone at (902)-490-6666, online or in-person at their [local recreation centre](#). For more information on recreation programming, visit [halifax.ca/myREC](http://halifax.ca/myREC). Fitness facilities will continue to operate at 75 percent capacity while maintaining three metres between people during high-intensity activities. Residents are reminded they may continue to use [REC at Home](#) which offers a variety of activities that you can enjoy with your family - from arts and crafts, to at-home workouts.

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [Halifax.ca/coronavirus](http://Halifax.ca/coronavirus).

## HALIFAX TREE PROJECT

If you have an interest in Halifax's urban forest, we highly recommend checking out the Halifax Tree Project. [The Halifax Tree Project](#) supports protection and sustainable management of urban trees and forests in Halifax by fostering community-based stewardship.

### Advisories & Updates:

- Halifax has officially been recognized as a Tree City of the World!
- Emerald Ash Borer, a highly destructive invasive species, has been detected in Halifax.

Click [here](#) to view our Tree of All Trades video for information on the importance of trees and Urban Forestry.





## 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](mailto:martinem@halifax.ca).

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

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

Emma Martin, AT Community Projects Coordinator at [martinem@halifax.ca](mailto:martinem@halifax.ca) or call 902-499-6742.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

HRM will be launching our first of four Neighbourhood Placemaking kits during National Volunteer Week April 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. Since Covid-19 has put a pause on gathering for large placemaking projects, we're offering neighbourhood kits as a booster project. There will be seed kits, chalk kits, recipe kits and storytelling kits. The first to be released will be the seed kits. Residents can choose from flower or veggie seeds. They will make a plan to grow their plants 'together apart' and connect through the shared activity. Supplies will be limited, and will be first come, first serve, per recreation area. Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information.



### DISTRICT 3 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

Donald Crt – Stuart Harris to End (Carryover)

Irving St – Pleasant to Grant (Potential Integrated Traffic Calming)

Stuart Harris Dr – Owen to Lapierre (Carryover) (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Wildwood Blvd – Roslyn to Tantling (Integrated Traffic Calming)

#### Asphalt Overlay

Hillsburn Crt – Pembroke to End

Pembroke Crt – Spring to End

#### New Sidewalks

Wildwood Blvd – Roslyn to Tantling

#### Walkways

68 Wildwood Blvd to 34 Pondicherry Cres

#### Planer Patching

Cranberry Cres – Mount Edward to Valkyrie

Diana Grace Ave – End to End

#### Proposed Crack Sealing

Cherylann Dr – Cow Bay to Astour

Cross Rd – Topsail to Dewhurst

Delcraft Crt – Cow Bay to End  
Dewhurst Dr – Lucien to Whynette  
Howard Ave – Main to End  
Mount Edward Rd – Lucien to Wildwood  
Pleasant St – Everette to Refinery  
Skyvue Terr – Dewhurst to End  
Taylorwood Lane – Wilmington to End  
Topsail Blvd – Mount Edward to Dorothea  
Whynette Pl – Topsail to Lucien

### ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS: HEADS UP HALIFAX

Road safety is a shared responsibility for everyone — whether you're walking, cycling, rolling or driving. Through the [Strategic Road Safety Framework](#), the municipality is committed to the Towards Zero approach which is focused on moving closer towards zero fatalities and injuries for people using any mode of transportation by 2023.

To promote Road Safety Awareness, HRM has been undertaking a year-round road safety awareness campaign, [Heads Up Halifax](#). This is done through social media efforts via our [website](#), [twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), bus shelter ads, bus boards and in community papers. Our ongoing messaging aligns with the monthly road safety themes established by the province. The theme for April is Aggressive Driving.

The focus of our messaging is safe practices on the road for all modes of travel. This includes rules for crosswalks, how to use new municipal infrastructure, and municipal efforts to improve road safety across the region via engineering and traffic calming improvements.



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM NOW OPEN



Nova Scotia's electric vehicle and electric bike rebate program's website is now live. The province is strengthening its commitment to address climate change and grow the economy with its new Electric Vehicle Rebate program. The rebate program is now accepting applications on new and used electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and electric pedal assist bicycles (e-bikes). The intent of this program is to allow Nova Scotians of varying income levels to take part in the shift to clean transportation. Buyers of new electric vehicles who qualify for the federal government's Zero-Emission Vehicles program are also eligible for the provincial rebate. Quick Facts: The rebate amounts for vehicles are: \$3,000 for new, fully electric vehicles, \$2,000 for used electric vehicles, and new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and \$1,000 for used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

- A \$500 rebate is available for e-bikes with a retail value of \$1,200 and higher.
- The rebate program is in addition to the \$5,000 federal rebate available for new electric vehicles.
- There are nearly 500 electric vehicles registered in Nova Scotia and more than 100 charging stations across the province.
- The estimated cost of the program is \$9.5 million.

Please visit [www.electrifyns.ca](http://www.electrifyns.ca) to find answers to all your EV and eBike questions. There is also a toll free number and an email address:  
(P) 1-877-522-1110  
(E) [electrify@clean.ns.ca](mailto:electrify@clean.ns.ca)

## PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE



If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3

“Please Drive Slowly” signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.

## IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY

Halifax Regional Police charged 23 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of February. Police received 11 calls throughout the month of February from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired.



## COMMEMORATIVE NAMING

The Halifax region has almost 6,000 streets, many of which are rich in history and paint a picture of our past. As the municipality continues to grow, new streets, parks, sports fields, and buildings all require names. You can help to keep the tradition of commemorative naming alive and play an important role in building the municipality by submitting names of notable people or groups, historic events, geographic features, or native flora and fauna. Your submission could end up on a street sign or at a new park in your community.

To nominate someone, or see a list of approved names available for streets and parks, please visit our [website](#).

## REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

Report a pothole or sinkhole on a municipally-owned street or sidewalk [here](#).

**Potholes** are caused when the asphalt on the surface of a road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt underneath.

**Sinkholes** are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into the hole you cannot see any pavement.

*If you are reporting a pothole on a 100-series highway, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at [TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca](mailto:TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca). This includes ramps leading to and from the highway, as well as overpasses above 100-series highways.*

## SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that summer recreation programs have been planned in accordance with public health guidelines.

Currently, Public Health is allowing for multiple cohorts of 15 children in day camps. Full-day and half-day camps are planned to be offered for this summer. If there are changes to COVID-19 guidelines, staff will work with Public Health to assess and adjust programs as needed to balance the safety of all participants and staff. Registration is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. each of the following days for all ages:

### Day camps and dryland programs

- Wednesday, May 5 – July programs
- Wednesday, June 2 – August programs

### Indoor/outdoor pool and beach programs

- Thursday, June 3 – July programs
- Wednesday, July 14 – August programs

Information on registration and programs will be viewable [online](#) as of Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

Participants are encouraged to register by phone at (902)-490-6666, online or in-person at their [local recreation centre](#). If registering for programs at municipal partner recreation facilities, please contact those facilities directly.

Residents are reminded they may continue to use [REC at Home](#) which offers a variety of activities that you can enjoy with your family - from arts and crafts, to at-home fitness workouts.





## HRCE SCHOOL BOOKINGS

The municipality coordinates facility bookings for all Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) schools for community and extracurricular school use. Community bookings resumed on March 6.

## 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 **becky.kent@halifax.ca** or **902-478-5368**. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311.

To reach my office, please call Emily Smith at **902-490-7177**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).