



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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DEAR RESIDENT,

Hello, and Happy April, District 4!

This is the season where hope blooms! Snow and ice are melting away, the days are getting longer, the sun is shining more brightly and warmly, and we can put away our winter jackets and boots for the year.

There are some things to be aware of in our district this month. One is the virtual public engagement session regarding the Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road recapitalization plan. Check out the ad in this newsletter and on my Facebook District 4 page for the date and time.

Later this month I will host another Litter Clean Up party. Send me a message or call me to let me know you will be there. I wish you all a wonderful month!

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 your employability skills. At Youth Live you will **Work to Learn and Learn to Work!**

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

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

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



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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 7th, 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.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE CLOSURE: SALT MARSH TRAIL

Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association contractors will be conducting maintenance activities with heavy equipment on the Salt Marsh Trail from the 4.5km mark from Bissett Road through to West Lawrencetown Road. This section will be closed starting March 30th until the work is completed. The work is expected to be completed no later than April 1st.





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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.

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 or call 902-499-6742.

ANNUAL CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL CAMPAIGN

April is daffodil month. The daffodil campaign, which starts April 1st, 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.





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RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

It was my pleasure to present the 2020 HRM Volunteer awards to recipients Bryanna Banfield and Chloe Hovey. Thank you for your commitment to our community!



Bryanna Banfield



Chloe Hovey

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. 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.

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
Planning and Development	April 7 th , 9:30 a.m.
Consolidated Accounts / Budget Adjustment List (BAL) Review	April 20 th , 10 a.m.

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



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

HRM will be launching our first of four Neighbourhood Placemaking kits during National Volunteer Week April 18th -24th. Since Covid 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.

WATER SKI WAKEBOARD NOVA SCOTIA: MORRIS LAKE CAMPS

WKWNS is pleased to offer Water Skiing camps at Morris Lake this summer. If you're interested, make sure you sign up on their [website](#) for your 2021 WSWNS Membership as this is required as a prerequisite before signing up for any programming. Registration opens soon – spots are limited. Below are the camp dates for Morris Lake:

- July 5th-8th, 2021
- July 12th-15th, 2021
- July 19th-22nd, 2021
- July 26th-29th, 2021
- August 2nd-5th, 2021
- August 9th-12th, 2021
- August 16th-19th, 2021
- August 23rd-26th, 2021
- August 30th-September 2nd, 2021

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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.





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COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN UP!

I couldn't be more proud of these kids, Grace (the team lead in this operation), Jack, Abby and Lily, who took time from their March Break to pick up litter from one of our beautiful trails in Cole Harbour. Well done kids!! Thank you for caring for our community!



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.

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. This includes ramps leading to and from the highway, as well as overpasses above 100-series highways.



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THE GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP

I am hosting another Litter Clean Up Party in District 4! I choose the same location as our last litter clean-up day for two reasons: 1. I was walking my grand-puppy along the trail this past week and I noticed how much litter was there. 2. No one has reached out with an alternative location.

Remember to send in your requests for litter clean up locations. We can pick a different location each time.

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 22nd, 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.



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 Litter Clean Up Party
DATE/START TIME:	Saturday April 24 @ 11am-12pm
RALLYING POINT:	Back parking lot of CHP by the stairs
CONTACT:	Trish @ 902.240.3067

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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 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

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.

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](#).



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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 4 "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.

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 Emily Smith at **902-490-7177**.

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



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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.