



COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE
DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

DEAR RESIDENTS OF FAIRVIEW, CLAYTON PARK AND ROCKINGHAM,

Happy spring!

It's great to see the crocuses coming up and the kids coming out to play. Conversations with residents about snow clearing have moved on to conversations about parks and community gardens. At Council we're nearing the end of our budget discussions which began in mid-December. The 2021 budget will restore some services reduced due to COVID-19 and invest in new ones. The budget includes District 10-related projects such as traffic safety improvements, design work for Dutch Village Road, and an expansion for Keshen Goodman Library. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Kathryn Morse

CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

- Regional Council
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee – Vice Chair
- Executive Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Canada Games Centre Board
- Centennial Arena Board

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NOW OPEN: ST. ANDREWS CENTRE



The new **St. Andrews Community Centre** (3380 Barnstead Lane off Bayers Road) is open! The centre has a large gym, a toddler/children’s gym, a dance space, meeting rooms, an arts and crafts room and a large community kitchen.

The recreation centre is tucked away at the lower end of Bayers Road, a 5-10 minute walk from Dutch Village Road in Fairview. It provides much-needed community meeting spaces and recreational facilities. The centre will be offering pickleball, yoga, fitness, quilting and other programs starting in April.

For details call 902-490-4693.

TAX BREAKS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES HIT BY COVID

The Provincial Government is offering a program to help small businesses impacted by Covid-19. The

program is for dine-in restaurants and bars, gyms, and personal service businesses like salons, spas and body art establishments.

The Small Business Real Property Tax Rebate Program will provide one-time support for businesses of \$1,000 or 50 % of their commercial property taxes owed for last six months of the 2020/2021 tax year. To qualify, a business needs to have experienced a year-over-year decline in revenue of 30% from April 30, 2020 to January 31, 2021 or have previously received the Small Business Impact Grant. The rebate will be available to both businesses that own and those that rent.

Applications will be available soon.

For more details: [COVID-19 Small Business Real Property Tax Rebate Program](#)

311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Or email: ContactUs@311.halifax.ca



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HALIFAX RECREATION 2021 SUMMER REGISTRATION



Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

Participants are encouraged to register by phone at (902)-490-6666 or online.

<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/program-registration>

Summer 2021 Recreation Programming

Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

Day camps & Dryland Programs

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

Indoor & Outdoor Pool and Beach programs

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

Detailed information on summer registration and programs will be viewable online as of Thursday, April 22.

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Currently Public Health is allowing for multiple cohorts of 15 children in day camps and camp activities can be provided in both an indoor and outdoor setting while maintaining physical distancing protocols. Both full-day and half-day camps will be offered throughout this summer.

HALIFAX WEST ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

The Halifax West Ecumenical Association runs a weekly food bank program for the Halifax West area. Food is sourced from the provincial Feed Nova Scotia Association and purchased directly via funds sourced from contributing churches and private donations.

The association is consistently looking for all food and reusable bag donations, as they taken on extra families during the pandemic.

If you'd like to donate or are in need of their services, please contact:

Address:

50 Gesner Street
Halifax, NS B3M 4H4

Phone:

(902) 443-1776





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MOBILE FOOD MARKET FAIRVIEW

May 1, 15, 29
June 12, 26
July 10, 24
Aug 7, 21
Sept 4, 18
Oct 2, 16, 30

Titus Smith Memorial Park
44 Vimy Avenue
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Every second Saturday • Cash & Debit

Contact esther@mobilefoodmarket.ca | (902) 802-7152

Healthy food Good prices Strong communities



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Politician/Kathryn-Morse-Councillor-District-10-Halifax-Bedford-Basin-West-588929165133429/>



NEW LITTER BINS ON DVR

It's spring cleaning time! Six new litter bins have been installed on Dutch Village Road, making it easier to keep the street clean. The litter bins are at transit stops near the Yummy Deli, the Esso, Giant Tiger, Fairview United Church, Rinaldos, and Freeman's. The litter bins will be maintained several times a week by HRM staff.

SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES

On September 1, 2020, Halifax Regional Council approved secondary suites and backyard suites (also known as "in-law suites") to help address the shortage of affordable housing in HRM.

Interested in developing a secondary or backyard suite? Please visit halifax.ca (External link) or call 311 for more information regarding applying for a construction permit.



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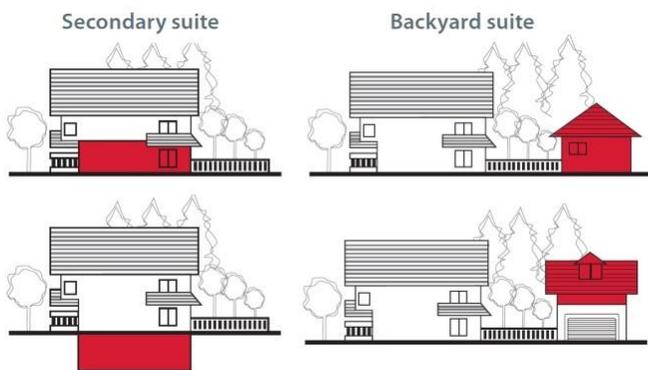
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WHAT ARE SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES?

Secondary suites are separate dwelling units, such as basement apartments, that are completely contained within a home.

Backyard suites are separate, free-standing buildings. They are often referred to as granny suites or carriage flats. They could be in the form of a tiny house or a unit built over a garage.

Secondary and backyard suites can be used by aging parents or adult children or can be used as rental units for the general public. The diagram below shows typical arrangements on a residential property.



(Image used with the permission of the City of Calgary)

WHERE DO THE NEW RULES APPLY?

The new rules will apply almost everywhere in the Halifax Regional Municipality where single-detached houses, semi-detached houses, duplexes and townhouses are allowed.

WHAT ARE THE NEW RULES FOR SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES?

The new rules mean you or your neighbour can get permission to install a secondary or backyard suite

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by simply obtaining a permit.

The following table outlines the new rules for secondary and backyard suites:

SECONDARY SUITES	BACKYARD SUITES	
Maximum Floor Area	80m ²	90m ² * or the maximum size permitted for an accessory building (garage); whichever is smaller
Parking Required	No	No
Size, Setbacks, Height	The same zoning requirements as for main dwellings	The same zoning requirements as for accessory buildings (garages)

* In the Halifax Peninsula and Downtown

Dartmouth areas the maximum floor area is 90 m² but the maximum building footprint is 60m².

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2018 Regional Council initiated a process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to simplify the development of secondary suites.

HRM staff conducted public consultations through an on-line survey, one on one meetings and through feedback received from the Centre Plan.

On January 28, 2020 a staff report (External link) recommending amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy was presented to Regional Council.



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On July 7, 2020 staff returned to Council with a supplementary report. Regional Council approved First Reading on July 7. On September 1, 2020 Regional Council approved the proposed amendments.

Allowing secondary and backyard suites is intended to provide more housing options, to support the creation of complete communities and to meet affordable housing targets for Halifax that were adopted under the Housing and Homelessness Partnership (External link).



FEEL THE LOVE

Local Veggie Bundles at \$1 / lb!

Fairview Citadel Salvation Army
50 Gesner Street, Fairview
10:00am - 11:00am
April 10th & April 24th
Cash or e-transfer

Links to register can be found at:

facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp

Registration is requested to ensure we have enough produce for everyone



Square Roots is a social enterprise which redirect surplus farm produce to community members at an affordable rate. Visit squarerootsfood.ca for more information.