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 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JUNE!

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Congratulations graduates! Happy Father's Day! Welcome summer!

I am sure no one expected to still be under pandemic restrictions by June 2021 ,yet,

here we are. Another season of virtual celebrations but, celebrations just the same, to share our joy and pride in the accomplishments of our loved ones or, to simply celebrate our love and gratitude to our father's and, to welcome the warmer summer months!

This month's Enewsletter is full of important updates on the 2021/22 budget, street safety, Regional and Community Council news, parks and trails interactive maps and much more!

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use community development that includes residential, commercial, institutional, and park uses. The purpose of this application was to allow for a multi-unit dwelling, consisting of approximately 333 units, on a site located off Timberlea Village Parkway and a future street (Marketway Lane).

Motion approved to permit the non-substantive amendments to the development agreement for Brunello Estates.

For more information on the Halifax & West Community Council and how to view/participate at the meetings, click [here](#).

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CASE 22879 - LOVETT LAKE



Revised Site Plan

A virtual Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17th (start time 6:00 p.m.) for [Case 22879 - Lovett Lake, Beechville](#). A back-up date of Monday, June 21st has been scheduled and is pending based on the number

of people interested in participating during the virtual meeting.

The application by ZZap Consulting Inc., on behalf of Armco Capital Inc., is requesting **substantive amendments** to the existing development agreement for Lovett Lake to add additional lands and allow for a Phase 3 of Lovett Lake.

The details of the proposal are to:

- Add 4 properties to the existing development agreement site (which is currently made up of 5 properties) to create a 3rd phase.
- Add 91 residential units (single family homes and townhomes) which would allow 348 residential units in total.
- Create an additional (2nd) road access to St. Margaret's Bay Road.
- Intent to provide an area of land to the west of the Beechville Baptist Church where a historic baptismal path and gravesites are located, to the Church.

NOTE: This area of land is currently approved as parkland, but the property owner intends to deed this land to the Baptist Church and provide parkland elsewhere.

- Provide parkland in Phase 1 - to the east of Lovett Lake and also where an historic building foundation was identified - as well as an area in Phase 3.

I encourage you to participate and provide feedback to our planning staff on this matter. **To participate in the virtual meeting, you must register by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th** by contacting: [Contact the Planner](#).

On the day of the meeting:



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- [visit the webpage for this application](#) and view the presentation document so you can follow along with the conversation;
- Join the Microsoft Teams meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021**;
- During the question and answer portion of the meeting, **those registered to speak will be called upon one at a time.**

Alternatively, if you are unable to participate in the virtual meeting, please reach out directly to planning staff with your feedback: [Contact the Planner](#):

Brittany MacLean, Planner III

Call: [902.223.6154](tel:902.223.6154)

Fax: 902.490.3976

Email: macleab@halifax.ca

Feedback will be collected until July 1, 2021.

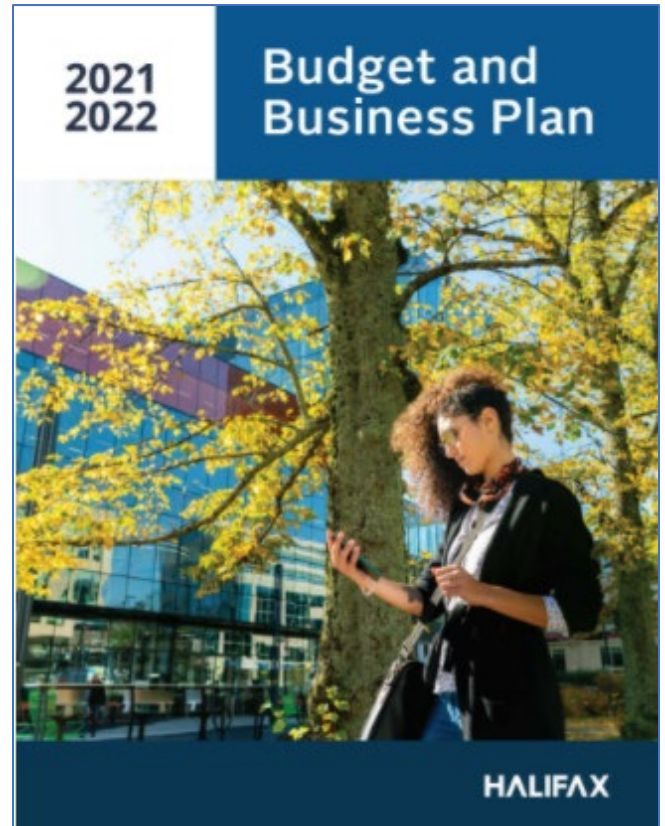
CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY CANCELLED



Due to COVID-19, the June Curbside Giveaway event has been cancelled. Check the [municipal website](#) for updates on a fall 2021 event.

To confirm the collection schedule in your area for solid waste, green bins, recyclables, see information [here](#).

2021/22 OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGET



Yes! My Regional Council colleagues and I approved the [2021/22 budgets](#) on Tuesday, May 4th.

Now, more than ever, we recognize the importance of investing in services that are important for both the economy and the people who call Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) their home. Here are the highlights of the 2021/22 Operating and Capital budgets for HRM.

Operating Budget 2021/22 has been approved at \$1 Billion. Included in this are \$173.8M of Provincial mandated costs and \$833M of municipal expenditures. Ongoing pressures include compensation, increases to capital spending and inflationary pressures on goods,



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services and contracts. Savings were achieved in fuel costs, debt servicing costs and internal efficiencies. While commercial assessment growth is weak, residential assessment, particularly apartments, are growing robustly. Deed Transfer Tax revenues have increased significantly, due to unprecedented housing activity.

Gross Capital Budget 2021/22 is \$177.9M, an increase of \$28.1M from 2020/21. Included in the Capital Budget are funds for both asset renewal and growth projects. Substantial resources are being directed to the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP), HaliFACT, Transit’s Moving Forward Together Plan (MFTP), and other transit assets, roads and street infrastructure and recreation related assets.

[The municipality \(HRM\)](#) remains in a healthy net fiscal position and has weathered the pandemic better than forecast, due to unprecedented federal and provincial support to households and businesses, industry composition and on-going public investment projects. Looking to the future, HRM will have both the required flexibility and resiliency to thrive amid post-pandemic uncertainties.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Operating Budget is \$1B and the Capital Budget is \$177.9M. Debt is at \$241.2M with debt charges comprising only 4.7% of total expenditures. Net Reserve Balances are estimated to be a healthy \$311.7M.

The Average Residential and Commercial Tax Bills will rise 1.0%, below the anticipated NS CPI of 1.6%.

The Halifax regional economy is comparatively resilient with capital projects and federal and provincial stimuli shielding it from more severe economic consequences.

The municipality remains in a sound fiscal position with flexibility to borrow for long-term initiatives, strong reserve balances and competitive tax levels.

Go CONFIDENTLY
IN THE DIRECTION
OF YOUR
DREAMS
LIVE THE LIFE
YOU’VE IMAGINED



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HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE (HRP) OFFER TIPS FOR SAFER ONLINE SHOPPING



Many are probably already familiar with these tips, however; I encourage everyone to take a look as having a reminder could save you or someone you know.

When shopping online:

- Verify secure connections and make sure you are on a secure website. Look for the padlock icon in the address bar and check for the valid certificate by clicking on the padlock icon.
- Shop smart. If a deal online looks too good to be true then it probably is, so don't make the purchase.
- If you are at an online store that you are unfamiliar with, read and understand the online shop's policies. Check their reviews.
- Unlike secure order forms on a websites, email and text messages are not private. Don't send confidential personal or financial information by email or text.
- Stay organized. After making purchases, keep the receipt, confirmation number and postal tracking numbers in a safe accessible place.

Buying and selling items through online classified advertising:

- Be cautious of anyone who asks for payment in advance of being able to verify that the item exists, and the seller is the legitimate owner.
- When buying or selling, meet in person to see the product and exchange money.
- Meet in well-lit and populated public places, like a coffee shop or grocery store parking lot during business hours.
- Agree to meet in a place that you are comfortable with; don't be forced to accept a last-minute change in location.
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you will be back or take them along with you.
- If you own a cell phone, take it with you.
- Do not give out personal or banking information over the phone, text message, email or the internet.

Most importantly, remember to trust your instincts; if something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

Halifax Regional Police fraud prevention:

<https://www.halifax.ca/.../crime.../fraud-prevention>.





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HRM BIKE WEEK = GTBB



Halifax Regional Municipality has supported community-based bicycle promotion, events and education through Bike Week and other projects for numerous years. With the

Halifax cycling network continuously growing and with goals to get more people cycling, we're exploring ways we could better support community groups to celebrate cycling, not just for ten days in June, but all year long.

We're transitioning Bike Week to the [Get There By Bike \(GTBB\) Community Events program](#), which aims to support sustained promotion and education for cycling throughout the year, as well as incorporate community events within our broader cycling promotion initiatives.

Extending and expanding Bike Week events and activities over the entire calendar year benefits all GTBB partners by:

- acknowledging that cycling can be a year-round form of transportation;
- ensuring that each event is as accessible to as many people as possible;
- providing greater flexibility for event organizers; and,
- ensuring that we have adequate staff capacity to best support organizers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD STREET SAFETY



Halifax Regional Police (HRP) are reminding residents to work together to keep our streets and communities safe as, with the current public health directives, our neighbourhood streets and sidewalks are busy with people staying active while doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Residents are reminded that:

- Motorists and cyclists should **slow their speed** on busy residential streets and keep a watchful eye out for pedestrians, children and pets.
- Pedestrians should **stay alert** for vehicles and cyclists, particularly when no sidewalk is available.
- When out and about outdoors, remember to **keep appropriate physical distance** from others who are not in your household bubble. Carry a mask with you in the event you are not able to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from others.
- While walking, if you're able to do so safely, yield the sidewalk to others and



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smile and wave as you pass them by –
it's the Nova Scotian thing to do.

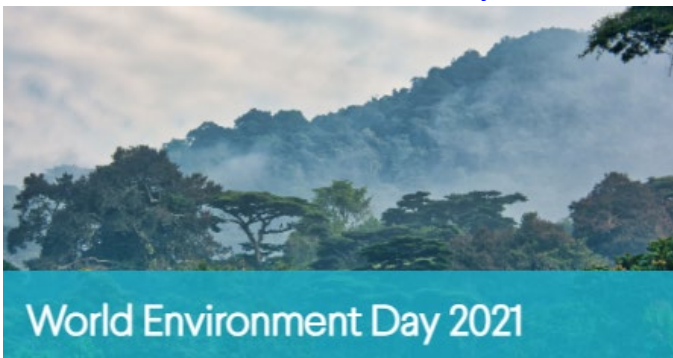
More road safety tips: <http://ow.ly/42VL30rEvOe>

DID YOU KNOW....

June is [Pride month](#)



June 5th is [World Environment Day](#)



June 8th is [World Oceans Day](#)



June 20th is [World Refugee Day](#)



June 21st is [National Indigenous Day](#)



June 21st is the first day of summer



CANADA DAY 2021



The 2021 [Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day](#) program is currently on hold.



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COVID-19

Stay up to date with the latest updates and restrictions on COVID-19:

www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus

For provincial restrictions, isolation guidance, symptoms and testing information, vaccine information for Nova Scotians, and more.

www.canada.ca/coronavirus

For travel and immigration information, federal financial supports, national virus and vaccine data, and more.

THE COVID-19 VACCINE
HELPS PROTECT YOU
& YOUR FAMILY.

A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.

Regular and drive-thru appointments are available for eligible Nova Scotians.



Fight COVID-19 with a jab!

Eligible Nova Scotians can book vaccine appointments across the municipality.

The shot just isn't for you; it's to protect your family, your friends, and our community! Many Nova Scotians can book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment online today.

Regular appointments:

<https://novascotia.flow.canimmunize.ca/en/9874>
[123-19-7418965](tel:123-19-7418965)

Drive-thru appointments:

<https://novascotia.flow.canimmunize.ca/en/8675309>

Book by phone: 1-833-797-7772

(7am- 10pm, 7 days a week)

HRM PARKS & TRAILS ARE CLOSE TO HOME

Embrace the outdoors, safely! Staying close to home doesn't mean we need to hibernate as our weather continues to get more beautiful each day. While adhering to public health restrictions, it's a great time to connect with nature, and explore our local parks and trails.

An [interactive parks and outdoor spaces map](#) is available on our municipality's website. You may be surprised to discover just how many parks and trails may not be far from your own neighbourhood. There are [26 municipal trails](#) of varying difficulty and accessibility listed on the HRM website, for residents to walk, wheel, or cycle on.



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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR HRM YOUTH

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in our municipality. There is only one award recipient per school chosen based on:

- leadership qualities,
- service in the school and community,
- academic performance.

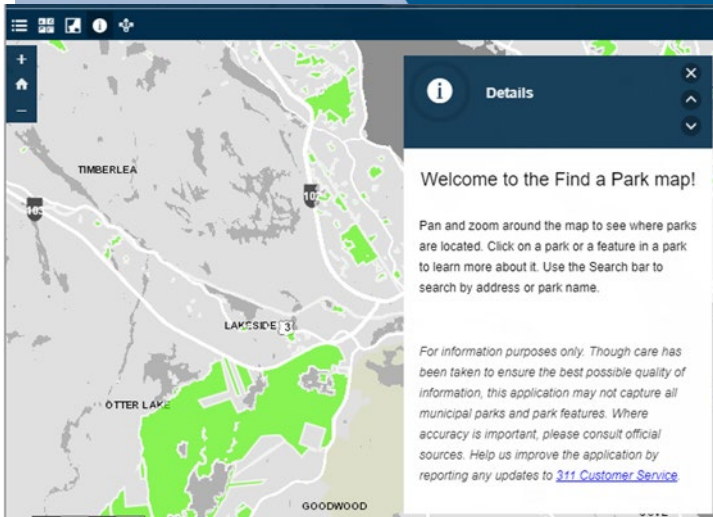
Citizenship Award recipients receive a special plaque with the HRM crest, along with their name and the year engraved in it.

I was very pleased to take part in the 2021 Citizenship Awards that took place during the virtual May 18th session of Regional Council. This year, 38 students in total received this award of distinction. I extend my congratulations to each award recipient; your hard work and service to our community is so appreciated.

I would like to particularly highlight District 12's own award recipients:

- **Yahia Fathalla**, student of the Maritime Muslim Academy
- **Ziqing Ni** student of the Halifax Grammar School
- **Aidan Eisan** student of the Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart School of Halifax
- **Ishmam Jalal** student of the Park West School
- **Nevaeh O'Connell** student of the Ridgcliff Middle School

Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!



And while the [Public Gardens](#) are a renowned gem of our city, there are also opportunities to enjoy (or create) [community gardens](#) throughout other parts of the municipality. Community gardens provide a shared opportunity for residents to grow food and produce floral or landscape displays.

As we've realized even more than ever during the pandemic, spaces such as parks, natural areas and community gardens promote physical, mental, and social health and tangible well-being for all. Learn more about these benefits, and find out more about exploring nature in the municipality [here](#).





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GREEN AND BLUE COLLECTION UPDATE



Weekly green cart collection of your organic waste is returning for July, August, and September.

Blue bag recyclable collection will occur once every two weeks. Both changes come into effect on July 2, 2021.

Sign up for weekly collection reminders, get a refresher on what goes where, check out recycling tips and much more, [here](#). You can also download the free *Halifax Recycles* app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand. And don't forget to [follow Halifax Recycles](#) on Facebook!

NOVA SCOTIA SPCA PROGRAMS



The Nova Scotia SPCA has programs and services that might be of help to you. Proudly following open-admission and no-kill principles, the Nova Scotia SPCA is a registered charity that helps companion animals in need.

Every year, more than 16,000 pets are helped through animal rescue, progressive programs, and rehoming opportunities. Here is a listing of the most popular services provided:

- [Pet Pantry](#) - Where families can turn when they're in need of pet food and litter
- [SPCA Veterinary Hospital](#) - For all families, with subsidized services for those in need.
- [Paws & Support](#) - Emergency boarding for families in temporary emergency situations: leaving domestic violence, urgent hospitalization, and temporary homelessness.
- [Adoption](#) – An opportunity to add your next family member to your home. Animals have all been fully vetted, microchipped and temp tested. The





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adoption fees cover less than 50% of the cost of care.

- [Animal Surrender](#) - Accepting animals into care regardless of their age or health. We do not euthanize animals for space. Unexpected life situations happen and the SPCA strives to be approachable, non-judgemental, and understanding in assisting families and stray animals.
- [P.U.P Program](#) - Prevent Unwanted Pregnancies is here for families who find their pet unexpectedly pregnant. The program will fix the female dog or cat for free, AND fully vet and find loving homes for the puppies or kittens.
- [TNR \(Trap Neuter Return\)](#) - Feral cats, who live outside, are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, ear-tipped and returned to their local colony or a barn home.

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

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The TNR program helps manage cat colonies through a partnership with Spay Day and an annual grant from HRM. The program has been incredibly successful in the urban areas of Halifax and within five years, many of the colonies have been addressed and cats treated resulting in a smaller population that is healthier and happier.

