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**DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS**

**HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST**

## **Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities**

### **WELCOME JULY!**

Well, it feels like summer is officially here. The kids are out of school, and vacations are booked.

We are now into phase three of Nova Scotia's reopening plan, and things are starting to feel like normal again. With that in mind, please remember that we need to be mindful of the current restrictions and what that means for gatherings and travel, and plan accordingly. The municipality is operating, as it always has been, in tandem with the direction from the province. I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we navigate and implement our reopening processes to provide certain municipal services.

We do need to take time to reflect on the tragedy and incomprehensible treatment of the indigenous children that has come to light in the past month. This year let us remember that every child matters, and no amount of time passed can diminish the responsibility we all have to call for justice for these horrible acts and seek reconciliation with the Indigenous people of Canada.

Thank You. Wela'liq. Merci

### **BIENVENUE EN JUILLET!**

Eh bien! Nous sentons que l'été est officiellement installé. Les enfants ne vont pas à l'école et l'on a fait les réservations pour les vacances.

Nous en sommes maintenant à la troisième phase du plan de réouverture de la Nouvelle-Écosse, et les choses commencent à ressembler à la normale. Dans cet esprit, n'oubliez pas que nous devons être conscients des restrictions actuelles et de ce que cela signifie pour les rassemblements et les déplacements, et planifier en conséquence. La municipalité fonctionne, comme elle l'a toujours été, en tandem avec l'orientation de la province. Je tiens à remercier tous les intervenants de leur patience à l'égard de la façon dont nous cherchons à nous retrouver dans nos processus de réouverture et les mettons en œuvre pour fournir certains services municipaux.

Nous devons prendre le temps de réfléchir à la tragédie et au traitement incompréhensible des enfants autochtones qui a été révélé au cours du mois dernier. Cette année, rappelons-nous que chaque enfant compte et que, peu importe le temps qui s'est écoulé, cela ne peut diminuer la responsabilité que nous avons tous d'exiger justice pour ces actes horribles et de chercher à nous réconcilier avec les peuples autochtones du Canada.

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### JULY VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 20<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



While the provincial government is leading our vaccine rollout, I'd like to remind

residents of the importance of getting both COVID-19 doses. Vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. When you get vaccinated, you're protecting yourself and helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 to your family, friends, and community. The province is ramping up the COVID-19 vaccine rollout so that all Nova Scotians can be fully vaccinated by the end of August.

Now that eligible Nova Scotians age 12 and older can receive a vaccine, many have had their first dose. The province is actively inviting people who received their first dose to move their second dose appointment forward and will continue to do so until every person who received their first dose in Nova Scotia has an opportunity to reschedule for an earlier appointment. So, keep an eye on your email inbox for this notification. If you did not provide an e-mail address when you booked your first dose, you may contact [1-833-797-7772](tel:1-833-797-7772) to book when eligible to do so.

If you have not had your first dose yet, you can book [online](#), or contact the toll free number listed above. People who are not able to leave their homes to get the vaccine can request an in-home appointment by calling 211.



### PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP PARK

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council voted to rename Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship Park. On June 21<sup>st</sup> - National Indigenous Peoples Day - the new sign for Peace and Friendship Park was unveiled.

I encourage you to visit the Park, located across from the Westin Hotel between Hollis, South, and Barrington Street. When you visit, take note of the new sign, featuring Mi'kmaw language and hieroglyphics, and reflect on the significance of what this new name represents. Peace and Friendship Park is a meaningful and symbolic step toward reconciliation and Indigenous education in the municipality.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement, which you have likely heard in recent years:

*"The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People."*



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## REGIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> I made the following three motions to Council. All three motions were passed.

1. Adopt the attached [French-Language Services Strategy](#) as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2021; and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the French-Language Services Strategy as part of the annual budgeting process.
2. That Regional Council request a staff report examining the feasibility of bringing Halifax Search and Rescue under the municipality as a part of the Halifax Fire business unit. This report would be written in consultation with stakeholders such as Halifax Search and Rescue.
3. That Regional Council request a staff report examining the possibility of a pilot program providing shower facilities for people experiencing homelessness either through retrofitted transit buses or partnering with a community organization to provide mobile shower trailers or working with recreation facilities. The video of the meeting can be found [here](#).



Although our municipal Open Air Burning By-law allows for campfires in wooded areas, we want to remind residents that this does not apply to the regions parks. Our Parks By-law clearly states no campfires at any time.

## TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN



TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) benefits the whole community. It improves the lives of feral cats, decreases the size of colonies over time, and

eliminates neighbourhood nuisance. Through TNR, young kittens and friendly cats are taken to SPCA shelters where they will be cared for until they're ready to find a forever home. HRM in collaboration with Spay Day Halifax and the Nova Scotia SPCA has been working to address these concerns over the last four years. This year, more than ever, we need you to let us know about a cat colony in your area. You can email us directly at [catcolony@spcans.ca](mailto:catcolony@spcans.ca) with information or your questions or reach out to us by phone at 902-468-7877.

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## 2021 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Every year during National Volunteer Week, HRM honours our community volunteers. This year, the recipient for District 6 was **Dee Vipond**. Congratulations Dee, and thank you for contributing your time, talent, and energy to help build an amazing community!

## THE NORTH GROVE

July programming information is now available for The North Grove. Please check out their [website](#) to see the exciting programs available for all ages. You can also reach them at 902-464-8234.



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## WATER MONITORING PROGRAM



### Hartlen Street Extension

The Halifax Regional Municipality, working with local representatives at the Village on Main, is continuing the transformation of the Main Street area into a Complete Community.

As part of the long-term vision for this area, Hartlen Street is being extended to connect with Lakecrest Drive to create a more walkable and vibrant neighbourhood.

This temporary walking path and green space will remain in place for the next few years while a permanent multi-use street is designed. Stay tuned for opportunities to share your ideas for this space!

The Village on Main would like to thank the municipality for supporting this initiative.

Change is Good. Transformation is Better!

This drawing is an artist's rendering only—the final layout will be determined through detailed engineering design.



With a desire to better monitor lake water quality, I tabled a motion for a staff report to consider reinstating the former lake monitoring & sampling program.

Since water quality

monitoring is an essential component to successful management of water resources, my goal in reinstating this program for our lakes was to ensure water quality and proper monitoring to establish benchmarks and catch potential issues early.

At the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting, we recommended that Council direct the CAO to adopt and implement a detailed water quality monitoring program, with the aim to test 73 lakes in the municipality. This is good news for our Dartmouth lakes, and the residents who enjoy them.

The monitoring would be done twice a year by community groups and volunteers, with the data and test results being organized by HRM and made available to the public. Infrastructure set up would start this year, with water testing to begin next year.

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## SOLAR CITY PROGRAM

The Solar City program offers property owners in the municipality access to innovative solar energy options, which can be financed through a solar collector account with the Halifax Regional Municipality. After the completion of the pilot program, Halifax Regional Council approved the continuation of the program. The program is available to residential property owners, non profit organizations, places of worship, cooperatives, and charities. For more information on the Solar City Program, please visit our [website](#).

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## TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The municipality’s annual tree planting program is officially underway. This year, staff will be planting 3,100 trees in various locations throughout the region.

The municipality’s urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public lands. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about the many benefits that are gained from the trees in our neighbourhoods.

Monitoring crews will continue to visit neighbourhoods to evaluate the condition of the new street trees, noting any diseased or dead trees that require attention under the replacement warranty provided by our tree planting contractors. In the meantime, residents can report street tree damage by calling 311.

For more information on Halifax’s urban forest, visit the website at [www.halifax.ca/trees](http://www.halifax.ca/trees)

## LOW INCOME TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM

2021/22 applications are now open for the Low-Income Transit Pass program. If you qualify, you'll save 50% off your monthly pass. To find out if you qualify and how to apply for the pass, visit our [website](#).

## GREEN BIN Q&A

A lot of questions around green bins – and how to keep pests out of them – are asked around this time each year. The municipality’s Solid Waste Resources Team answers these commonly asked questions in this [video](#).

**BIWEEKLY RECYCLING COLLECTION**  
Starting July 2

halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere

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## FREE ONSTREET PARKING

Halifax’s downtown businesses are eager to see you! On-street parking is free at all parking pay stations, and for HotSpot users, each Thursday and Friday from 4-6pm from June 17 to Sept. 10. Parking is always free on weekdays after 6pm, on weekends, and on holidays: <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/parking/street-parking>





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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY HalifACT!



Happy birthday #HalifACT! Unanimously adopted by #Halifax Regional Council on June 23, 2020,

#HalifACT is our city’s collective response to the climate crisis and provides a roadmap to shift how we use energy, how we move people and goods, and how we build for the future. Learn more [here](#).

In celebration of one year since the #HalifACT plan was adopted by Regional Council, take part in a municipality-wide art contest - Celebrate HalifACT: Youth Climate Art Contest. Get drawing at [www.halifax.ca/climate](http://www.halifax.ca/climate). Happy birthday #HalifACT! Also, this year, Halifax Transit committed to purchasing an initial 60 electric buses to help meet Halifax’s net-zero targets. Learn more about greener, cleaner transit options coming soon [here](#).

### NEVER HAVE I EVER – HALIFAX CHECKLIST

We know, and love Halifax. But there may be some local highlights you’ve not discovered yet! Discover Halifax has created a “Never Have I Ever” [Halifax Checklist](#) that contains adventures, attractions, local flavours, and hidden gems throughout Halifax for you to experience this summer:

And, their [Official Halifax Visitor Guide](#) for 2021 is now available:

What are you excited to check out in HRM this summer?

### NEW ROUTE/ ZERO EMISSIONS FERRY



Here’s some exciting news for our city’s future - Halifax is partnering with the provincial and federal governments for the initial planning and study phase

for a new commuter ferry. The ferry would travel from a new terminal in Bedford to Halifax’s downtown ferry terminal, adding a key Halifax Transit route for residents and tourists. The new ferry will be Nova Scotia’s first zero-emission ferry.

“Getting moving on this long-anticipated ferry project will open up Halifax Harbour in new ways to more people, creating exciting opportunities for communities to connect while helping residents green their commute,” said Mayor Mike Savage.

This upcoming study phase includes producing a concept design for the new terminal building, site access and site design. Halifax Regional Municipality is investing \$917,000, the federal government is contributing more than \$1.3 million, and the province is adding more than \$1.1 million to this initial planning phase. The \$3.3 million study will also explore technology options for an electric ferry. Following Phase 1, detailed design and construction will begin.

### DARTMOUTH NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dartmouth North Public Library renovations are expected to be complete this August. Updates can be found [here](#).





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### RECREATION UPDATE



Pools, splash pads, beaches, and rec centres are OPEN! The municipality continues to monitor and respond to the rapidly evolving

impacts of COVID-19. But many of the places we love to enjoy in the summer months have opened, such as indoor and outdoor pools, splashpads, municipal beaches, aquatic registrations. Learn more [here](#).

Don't forget to register for Halifax's outdoor summer programs! Check out all the [programs and registration](#) information.

### REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW – YOU CAN STILL SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!



The Halifax Regional Municipality continues to seek resident input on the Regional Plan Review. You can help decide how Halifax will grow by [having your say](#).

The Regional Plan sets out a common vision, principles and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place between now and 2031. This includes topics such as affordable housing, identification of wilderness areas, impact of COVID-19, population growth and more. You can watch Q&A webinars on these key

topics (recorded from recent live virtual public engagement sessions) [here](#)

Municipal staff are consulting with the public until July 16th for feedback on the Regional Plan Review [Themes & Directions](#). The feedback staff receive will help them understand what residents think is important and will direct future work.

You can share feedback by filling out a survey [here](#), by calling 902-233-2501, or emailing [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca).

### CANADA DAY UPDATES/SUMMER EVENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is not holding traditional Canada Day activities this year on the Thursday, July 1 holiday due to public health restrictions associated with COVID-19. In the meantime, please take time this year to reflect, and celebrate safely. Be sure to follow the current public health guidelines if gathering with friends, family, or neighbours.

The [Halifax Busker Festival](#) will be returning in-person this year from July 28- August 2, along with the [Halifax Pride Festival](#) from August 12- 22 (Garrison Grounds). The 2021 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day program is currently on hold, but please look for program updates after Monday, July 5 by visiting [www.natalday.org](http://www.natalday.org).

At the June 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting, we [approved special events grants](#) for 15 local organizations. Categories for events include new (emerging) events, distinguished events, signature events, and major hosting events.

I am sure our beloved - and new - local events will thrive in the future thanks to our community spirit and our collective effort to support the things that we love about Halifax.



### KEEP RODENTS AT BAY WITH THESE TIPS



Rats, mice, and other pests... oh my! I have heard from some residents this year about rodent sightings. HRM's Planning & Development business unit plans to submit a report

to Council this year on an Integrated Pest Management Plan that also deals with a motion to consider a rat rebate as well. I look forward to discussing this issue further.

While the municipality has not specifically received an increase in rat complaints this year, it is important to be aware of how to prevent rodent infestations and what to do if you spot one.

Residents can call 311 to report a live or deceased rat in a municipal park, or a deceased rat in the right-of-way. However, if spotted within your property or residence, it is advisable to tackle the problem of occasional invaders right away to avoid a severe infestation, [according to Health Canada](#).

Prevention is key. This involves rodent-proofing your home, starting with taking a thorough look around the outside – and inside – of your home to look for potential entry points.

It is important to ask yourself: “is there anything they can eat here? Is there anywhere they can live?” Start with removing food sources (such as pet food left outside, or garbage) and reducing habitat, including moving woodpiles away from the home, cutting long grass, and sealing any holes or cracks you may observe on the outside of your home.

Proper waste disposal plays a significant role in attracting – or ideally, deterring – rodents. Improperly placed solid waste that may create a food source for rodents. Households and businesses can play a role in mitigating rodent infestations by reducing nuisance relating to green bins:

- Place wet food waste in box-board (like a cereal box), or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Line your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Empty your mini-bin daily and place the green cart for collection even if isn't full
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day
- Store the green cart in a ventilated, shady location
- Ensure that your green bin lid stays closed. If you choose to use a bungee cord, be sure to remove it at the curb on collection day
- Report broken carts or missing pieces (for example grate/vent) by calling 311
- In the kitchen, catch fruit flies with a bowl of vinegar covered with plastic wrap with several small holes in it

More information about proper green bin maintenance and reducing nuisances can be found [here](#). Halifax Recycles has also shared a [helpful video on this topic](#) via Facebook.

If you've already discovered the presence of rodents in your home or on your property, traps or bait can be effective. [Learn more](#) about Health Canada's suggestions for implementing these physical control options.





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### REPORTING CRIME



A situation is considered to be an emergency if someone's life or property is in immediate danger or if an incident is in-progress. In-progress is

defined as currently happening, the suspect may still be in the immediate area and/or the victim is still in danger.

### REPORTING AN INCIDENT

Call 902.490.5020 to report incidents that require an officer to come to the scene, including break and enters where it's obvious the culprit is no longer present and noise complaints in-progress.

Call 902.490.5016 for general inquiries and/or to report crimes not in-progress.

### ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

You can report the following crime online at [halifax.ca/fire-police/police/reporting-crime/online-crime-reporting](http://halifax.ca/fire-police/police/reporting-crime/online-crime-reporting):

- Lost/found property
- Theft under \$5,000 and theft from a vehicle under \$5,000
- Damage to your property and/or vehicle

### WHEN DO I CONTACT MY DIVISIONAL OFFICE?

#### East Divisional Office

902.490.5171

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Your first step is to report incidents to police as soon as you are aware of them (see numbers above). You can call the Divisional Office after-the-fact and we'll work with you to reduce crime and address ongoing quality-of-life issues in your community including:

- Traffic violations
- Break and enters into homes and vehicles
- Property damage and vandalism
- Noise

### GBBA UPDATE

The Greater Burnside Business Association (GBBA) was pleased to welcome five new Board Members last week at their Annual General Meeting.

The GBBA is a volunteer organization that promotes, supports, and advocates for businesses and organizations within Burnside Business Park, Canada's largest industrial park east of Montreal and a major economic driver of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The mandate of the GBBA is to support the needs of the Greater Burnside Business Community for services, infrastructure, and activities that enhance the successful operation and growth of businesses. Through their efforts, the GBBA works to increase the satisfaction of employees in Burnside and facilitate the ability of customers and clients to access Burnside facilities efficiently, while being sensitive to the needs of the adjacent residential communities.

New members joining the GBBA Board are:

- Greg Williams of MNP LLP;
- Jan MacAuley of Scotiabank;
- Pam McFarlane of Altus Group;
- Kevin Awalt of Advocate Publishing;
- Bruce Eisan of Drake International.

They join a team of 6 other Board Members from across HRM to serve the needs of 1,500 businesses and 30,000 employees in the Burnside Business Park.





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### TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR HOME WHILE YOU ARE AWAY



Whether you are planning a quick trip to the cottage or a campground or are exploring our beautiful province, Halifax Regional Police is

sharing some tips for securing your home while you are away:

- Stay up to date with current COVID-19 provincial directives, especially travel restrictions and gathering limits. For the latest information, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus>
- Inform a trusted neighbour, friend or family member that you will be away and ask that they keep an eye on your property. It's also a good idea to leave your destination and contact information so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Ensure your windows and doors are locked before you leave.
- Try to make it appear as though your home is still occupied while you're away. For example, use a light timer and ask a neighbour to collect your newspaper.
- Don't announce your travel plans on your social networking sites. Also, sending updates while you're away informs everyone that you're not home.

built sustainable mountain bike trails, infrastructure, and related education/programs.

In response to a 2019 report to Halifax Regional Council, a volunteer committee has formed to develop a comprehensive Mountain Bike Strategy that aims to provide guidance to the municipality and other stakeholders. Data from this survey will be used for the development of the strategy and advancement of mountain biking locally. **The survey closes July 31<sup>st</sup>.** Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

### PROPERTY TAX & HOME HEATING REBATE

The province is helping low-income seniors with their municipal residential property taxes. Applications for the 2021-22 Property Tax Rebate for Seniors open July 1<sup>st</sup>. The program offers eligible seniors a rebate of up to \$800.

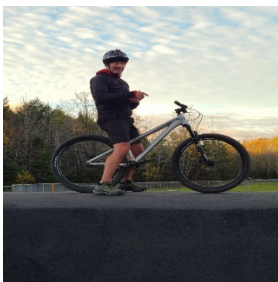
To qualify for the rebate, Nova Scotians must be 60 or older in 2021 and meet all of the following criteria:

- 2020 municipal residential property taxes are paid in full
- their name is included in the property taxes
- receive or are eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance from Service Canada in 2021

Applications will be open from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Seniors can apply for the [Heating Assistance Rebate Program](#) at the same time they apply for the property tax rebate - an easier process with more people expected to benefit

### MOUNTAIN BIKE STRATEGY SURVEY



The popularity of mountain biking has grown exponentially in recent years. Various municipalities in Atlantic Canada have recognized this opportunity and have devoted resources to develop purpose-



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## VISIT TO NORTH GROVE

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, I invited Councillors out for a tour of The North Grove in Dartmouth North. It was wonderful to see Councillors get a firsthand look the amazing work in family supports, food security and building a community.



- Follow up by filing a report with the Nova Scotia SPCA either online or by phone and ensure that you obtain a license plate of the vehicle.

## PETS IN VEHICLES

With the summer weather finally here, the RCMP and the SPCA are encouraging motorists to think twice before leaving your pets in your vehicle for any amount of time. According to the SPCA, signs that an animal could be in distress include:

- Exaggerated panting
- Rapid or erratic pulse
- Anxious or staring expression
- Weakness and muscle tremors
- Lack of coordination
- Red or blue tongue and lips
- Convulsions or vomiting
- Collapse or coma

Remember, if the animal is alert, standing upright and barking, they are likely not in distress. Here are things to do if you come across an animal in a vehicle that appears to be in distress:

- Look for the owner of the car. Go to nearby stores and have the owner paged.
- If you cannot locate the owner, call your local police, and stay at the vehicle until police arrive. Do not contact police unless the animal is obviously distressed.
- If you are unsure if an animal is in distress, call the Nova Scotia SPCA at **1-888-703-7722**.



Meet our newest HRP Sergeant, Phil Powers (left) from Montebello and Port Wallace. Congratulations Phil!

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**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Environment and Sustainability Committee**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**Special Events Advisory Committee**  
**Shubenacadie Canal Commission**  
**Liaison to HRM Acadian Francophone Community**  
**SAC for Prince Andrew High School**  
**NS Solid Waste Resource Management**