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DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENT,

Happy July District 4! I want to take the opportunity to CONGRATULATE all our amazing and resilient graduates! You did it. You persevered and you finished well! The sky is the limit now. I wish you all the very best for your bright and hopeful futures!

Now that kids are out of school, I would like to remind all our drivers to please slow down on residential streets. All it takes is one small distraction and lives can be devastatingly impacted and changed forever. Let's be mindful to keep our communities safe and secure for everyone, especially our children.

On another note, we have included in this newsletter some amazing DAY TRIP ideas from Discover Halifax to help solve any summertime boredom that may creep in! *Never Have I Ever* is a great opportunity to take advantage of our local offerings and provide some fun and interesting ideas for outings this summer!

I have the printed version on my desk, ready for my first adventure!

I hope you all have a wonderful July! Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or concerns. I love to hear from you!

Sincerely,





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NEWLY RENAMED PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP PARK UNVEILED ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY



On June 8, 2021 Regional Council voted to rename Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship Park. On the 25th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 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.”

Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Now, making a

respectful Land Acknowledgement remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

No matter what, there is more work to be done toward Indigenous reconciliation locally, and across Canada. There are no words to describe the latest horrific finding of 751 unmarked graves of Cowessess First Nation children located on the grounds of a former residential school in Saskatchewan, in addition to the mass burial site found near a residential school in British Columbia last month.

We know the residential school system has caused direct, and long-lasting generational trauma to far too many Indigenous Canadians. We will not forget them, nor will we forget Canada's very dark history of residential schools as we continue our path towards reconciliation.





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CANADA DAY UPDATES AND OTHER EVENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is not holding traditional Canada Day activities this year on the Thursday, July 1st 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.

I hope to see many local events and festivals returning when it's safe to do so. Some in-person events are making a gradual return this summer. For one, many residents are looking forward to participating in the [Bedford Days](#) activities during July.

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.

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.

BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING, WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION BEGINS JULY 2ND

There will be changes at the curb starting July 2: Recyclables collection will occur every other week, and weekly green cart collection returns for July, August, and September.

You can enter your address to see your updated recycling/garbage schedule and sign up for reminders [here](#).

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is one Halifax Regional Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 20th at 10:00am. Please be advised, meeting times are subject to change. Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings [here](#), and I invite you to [join us virtually](#)! Agendas and reports are generally available on Fridays prior to the meeting.



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REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to provide feedback on the Regional Plan Review. You can help decide how HRM will grow by [sharing your input](#).

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.

HRM is now asking the public for feedback on the Regional Plan Review [Themes & Directions](#). This document shares ideas about key planning issues. The feedback staff receive will help them understand what residents think is important and will direct future work. The public is invited to submit comments **by July 16, 2021**.

Visit the project website to [learn more about the Regional Plan](#), review the [key ideas](#) of the Themes and Directions, [take a survey](#), or attend a Live Virtual Question & Answer (Q&A) session with the Regional Plan Review team. If you are unable to attend the Q&A webinars, they will be recorded and posted under the Videos sidebar on [this page](#).

You may also submit questions via email or by phone during this public engagement period until July 16th: Call and leave a voicemail at 902-233-2501 or email regionalplan@halifax.ca.

REDISCOVER OUR CITY WITH THE “NEVER HAVE I EVER” HALIFAX CHECKLIST

“Never have I ever...” been so excited to rediscover my backyard / get out of my routine more / been so ready for happy hour / needed a new adventure more / felt so motivated to support local... the list goes on! Now that public health restrictions are slowly lifting as more Nova Scotians are vaccinated, there are so many ways to be a tourist at home and support our local businesses.

Discover Halifax has created a “Never Have I Ever” [Halifax Checklist](#) that contains adventures, attractions, local flavours, and hidden gems throughout the municipality.

If you’re wondering what to do on your next summer day off, I recommend checking out the list and checking off a few adventures you may have never had before in your own backyard. The [Official Halifax Visitor Guide for 2021](#) also has endless inspiration for your next staycation.



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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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HALIFAX REGIONAL ARTS FALL PRODUCTION

We are all in this (Musical) Together! Halifax Regional Arts is proud to announce our Fall production is Disney's High School Musical! We are looking for HRCE students grades 9-12 who are interested in Acting, Music, Dance, Singing, and Technical crew. Auditions, rehearsals, and performances will be in person at Prince Andrew High School next year! In person Auditions start Sept 1st and rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30-9:30 p.m. starting early in September 2021. More Information and sign up are here.

HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY UNVEILS NEW FIRE RESCUE BOAT

To better support Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's (HRFE) fire and rescue capabilities, the municipality is launching a new harbour fire rescue boat. The 'Kjipuktuk (Halifax)' arrived on Thursday, June 17.

The new fire rescue boat will have enhanced features, including 24/7, year-round firefighting and rescue capabilities, towing capacity and the ability to deliver more than 3,000 gallons of water per minute. The addition of this boat supports the mission of HRFE to provide firefighting and rescue services in the Halifax Harbour, and to nearby islands, shores, marinas, and buildings near the shoreline. 'Kjipuktuk (Halifax)' is replacing the existing rigid hull inflatable boat, which had reached end of life and had limited firefighting capabilities.

The name of the boat was selected by HRFE staff via an internal survey after consulting with the Office of Diversity & Inclusion and Indigenous advisors. Kjipuktuk was the name the first Mi'kmaw peoples used to describe the harbour and area that would later become known as Halifax. The call sign for the boat will be Fire Boat 1.

The boat will be permanently docked at Alderney Landing and will be operated by staff from Station #13 (King Street), with support from Station #15 (Woodside). The boat is anticipated to have initial operating capability by the end of July and be in full operation by the end of August, once training is complete.





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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.

In the time it takes to run a quick errand, the interior of vehicles can heat up fast - making it intolerable for pets. "Every year, the RCMP in Nova Scotia responds to complaints of both animals and children being left in vehicles during the summer months," says Cpl. Chris Marshall. "When the weather is warm, it's best to leave your four-legged friends' home or visit pet friendly businesses to avoid a potentially tragic outcome."

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**.
- 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.

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](#).

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.

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](#).