



## WELCOME JULY!



Happy Canada Day!  
Halifax Regional  
Municipality is  
located in Mi'kma'ki,  
the ancestral and

traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. I acknowledge the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People. This Canada Day has me reflecting even more on our history - the good, the bad and the ugly. Admittedly, we have made mistakes and we are working to rectify the wrongs. Change is not easy. Change takes time. Change is happening.

Recently, Regional Council approved amendments to Administrative Order 29, which creates increased flexibility in street renaming and the potential for apostrophes in street names, which may not sound like a big deal at first glance.

One of the goals of the Asset Naming Policy is to create greater diversity in the municipality's asset names. These names should reflect the history and cultures of the municipality. To best reflect the culture and history of Indigenous communities, apostrophes will be required to accurately spell names in the Mi'kmaw language.

An anti-Black Racism Steering Committee was formed to develop and implement a corporate Anti-Black Racism Strategy and Action Plan, which was approved by Regional Council on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Public engagement on the Anti-Black Racism Strategy and Action Plan will begin this summer.

This month's E-newsletter has a special DID YOU KNOW ... interesting Canadian facts article. We have much to answer for, but we also have much to celebrate as Canadians.

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## HAPPY CANADA DAY – JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>!



Traditional Canada Day activities are not planned for this year

due to public health restrictions associated with COVID-19. Please follow the current

provincial guidelines in regard to events and gathering capacity.

## JULY VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Virtual Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

### Regional Council:

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

### Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

### Regional Centre Community Council:

Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

Please confirm dates and times [here](#) as they are subject to change.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE

Halifax Regional Council considered the following matters during the June meetings:

### June 8<sup>th</sup>:

#### Green Choice Program

Regional Council requested the CAO submit an expression of interest to the Province of Nova Scotia for enrollment in the Green Choice Program to procure 100% of the Municipality's corporate electricity need through renewable resources.

#### First Reading Proposed By-law S-315, Amending By-law S-300, Respecting Streets and Proposed Administrative Order 2020-



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### **006-OP, Respecting Roadside Memorials - Policy for Roadside Memorials\***

Regional Council gave First Reading to Administrative Order 2020-006-OP on the placement of Roadside Memorials be amended to set out a maximum period of 24 months.

### **Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 46, Respecting Asset Naming Policies and Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Address Asset and Street Naming Procedures as per the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History**

Regional Council adopted the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 46, the HRM Asset Naming Administrative Order to:

1. Allow commemorative renaming,
2. Approve the renaming of Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship Park,
3. Adopt the proposed amendments to allow for Council's future consideration of a. increased flexibility in streets renaming and b. the potential for apostrophes in street names,
4. Approve the community consultation process for renaming Cornwallis Street
5. Request a report to determine a process that will inform how renaming of municipal assets is reviewed.

### **Framework for Anti-Black Racism Strategy and Action Plan Development**

Regional Council endorsed the Anti-Black Racism Framework which will guide the development of a strategy and action plan; and requested that annual updates be provided to Regional Council on the progress of the plan.

### **Options to Support Business Recovery with Parking Programming**

Regional Council adopted several initiatives to support small business recovery through affordable parking. Changes will include improved signage and communications around available parking options downtown, the waiving of pay per-transaction fees associated with the municipality's mobile parking provider (HotSpot), as well as the implementation of a large-scale merchant validation program for up to 200 small businesses.

Parking will be free from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the following days, provided there are no conflicting public health directives at the time:

- June 17,18,24,25
- July 2,8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30
- Aug. 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27
- Sept. 3, 4, 10, 11

These recommendations were partly informed through engagement with the downtown, and surrounding area, business districts to support business that were significantly impacted by COVID-19.

### **Multi-Service Youth Centre Evaluation**

Regional Council approved the continuation of the collaborative multi-agency, Multi-Service Youth Centre (The Den) at Acadia School in Lower Sackville and requested the CAO continue to seek opportunities to establish multi-services youth centres in other areas of the municipality and; subject to approval of funds in the 2022/23 budget, the confirmation of a suitable location and the commitment of the stakeholders, approve the creation of a



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multi-service youth centre in the Spryfield/Herring Cove area.

### **Council Request for Rezoning of PIDs 00271585, 00323139, 00323147 on and near Williams Lake, Halifax\***

Regional Council requested that staff initiate a process to consider site-specific amendments to the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for PID 00323139, and portions of PIDs 00271585 and 00323147 in order to better protect the environmentally-sensitive features and consider amendments for lands currently designated and zoned Urban Reserve in the Purcell's Cove Backlands area in order to protect environmentally-significant features in the area.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>:**

### **Alternative Approaches to Public Intoxication - Feasibility of Sobering Centres and Managed Alcohol Programs** [PDF]

Regional Council requested that the CAO work with:

- Provincial government staff and other key stakeholders to examine potential changes to existing alcohol policies and regulations at the municipal and provincial levels to reduce harmful patterns of alcohol consumption;
- Partners to develop options for Regional Council's consideration for establishment of a sobering centre in HRM.

### **French Services Strategy**

Regional Council adopted the French-Language Services Strategy as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2021 and requested the CAO to carry out the actions contained in the French-Language Services Strategy as part of the annual budgeting process.

### **Evidence Based Formal Policy for Polygraph Testing**

I put forward a motion for a staff report on developing an evidence-based formal policy for polygraph testing for the purposes of human resource management, especially during the selection process for any or all employees of the municipality, that provides a jurisdictional scan and includes peer-reviewed academic literature on the efficacy of polygraph testing for employment. The report will include recommendations for the use (or not) of polygraph testing in all departments and business units of the Halifax Regional Municipality, as well as with contracted services.

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## **HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE**

Halifax & West Community Council dealt with the following matters at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

### **Draft Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (RCSMPS) and Land Use By-law (RCLUB) Review**

Halifax and West Community Council approved a report to be forwarded to Regional Council



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including multiple amendments. [Click here](#) to view the minutes outlining the proposed amendments.

### Case 20520: Development Agreement for 6330 and 6324 Quinpool Road, between Oxford Street and Preston Street

Halifax and West Community Council gave notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement to enable an 8-storey (plus penthouse) mixed-use development at 6324 & 6330 Quinpool Road with a 3-storey section facing Pepperell Street and schedule a public hearing.

## HERRING COVE ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN

Finally!! The Herring Cove Road Functional Plan, integrating Rapid Transit Strategies, has been endorsed by Regional Council. This is a fascinating, in-depth design of the Herring Cove Road from the Armdale Round-a-bout to civic #554 Herring Cove Road that involved public input over a two-year period starting in 2015.

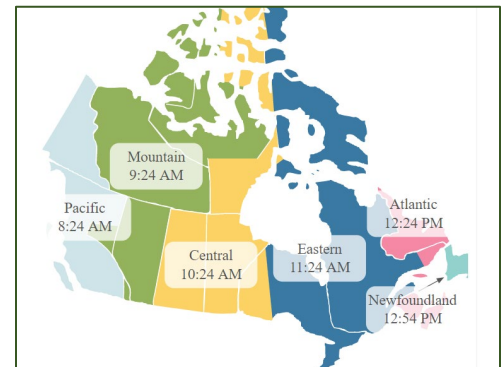
Key features of the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan project are:

- adding sidewalk where critical gaps exist
- upgrading existing sidewalks
- connecting bus stops
- protected cycling infrastructure
- transit priority lanes

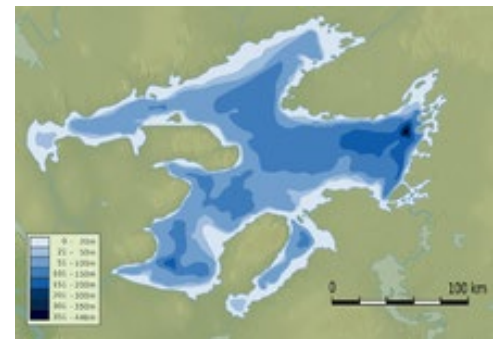
You may read the full 602-page detailed report [here](#).

## DID YOU KNOW CANADA.....

Canada has six (6) time zones!  
Can you name them?



Great Bear Lake, NWT is the largest fresh water



lake with its borders entirely in Canada and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest in the world.

Canada has the longest fresh water beach (14 km) in the world – Wasaga Beach, ON!





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Canada has the longest highway in the world covering 7,821 km (4,860 mi.). The Trans-Canada Highway runs from Victoria, BC to St. John's, NF!



Quebec City, PQ is the only walled city north of Mexico.



The city was built in 1695 with a 4.6 kilometre (2.9 miles) wall surrounding its limits. It is also the first North American city to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Santa Claus is Canadian! Canada's Immigration Minister in 2012 stated Santa was a Canadian



citizen and the red/white suit reflected the Canadian flag. Children send letters to Santa addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, HoHoHo, Canada.

Canada produces almost ¾ of the world's Maple Syrup - the majority from Quebec.



The world's polar bear capital is Churchill, MB, home to 15,500 of the approximately 25,000 world's polar bears.



Canada is the only country with an Apology Act. Most provinces and territories in Canada now have "apology legislation". [Nova Scotia's Bill 233](#) was given Royal Assent on November 25, 2008 and commenced October 1, 2009.

**An Act Respecting the Effect of an Apology and to Prohibit its Use as Evidence of Fault or Liability**



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## HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE (HRP) PORTS UNIT



To ensure the safety of the many residents and boaters

who enjoy Halifax Harbour and the North West Arm, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Ports Unit have been monitoring these areas to deter speeding and encourage safe boating on the water. As part of their work, officers have been educating boaters on speed limits/safe boating behaviour, and encouraging them to refer to the "[Halifax Boaters Guide](#)".

If you wish to report unsafe behaviour or any violations you witness in real time, please call the non-emergency police line at [902-490-5020](tel:902-490-5020). Let us all do our part for safer, more enjoyable spaces in our community - whether on water or on land.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2021 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Each year during National Volunteer Week, the Halifax Regional Municipality holds an award ceremony to acknowledge and honour the contributions of volunteers and volunteer organizations in our communities.

While our celebration had to be postponed again this year due to COVID-19, I would like to recognize the volunteers who were selected to receive a 2021 Volunteer Award. Please join me

July 2021

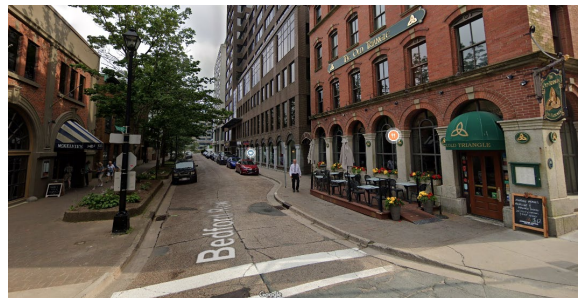
in thanking these exceptional District 9 community volunteers:

- Mike Beamish
- Eptehal Nashnoush
- Melbourne A. Neily
- Erin Poirier
- Kathy Powell



## BEDFORD ROW AND GRAFTON STREET

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the [Halifax Mobility Response Plan](#) implemented the following changes that will be in place until the end of September:



### Bedford Row

- Bedford Row, between the Founders Square parking garage and Prince



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Street, will be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic to allow for additional patio space.

- The area between the Founders Square parking garage and Sackville Street will be converted from one-way to two-way traffic.
- To accommodate this adjustment, the east side of Bedford Row will be converted to a No Stopping/Tow-away zone.
- The two parking spaces on the west side of Bedford Row will be converted into loading spaces and an additional loading space will be added on Prince Street at the Bedford Row intersection. This is to support access to the parking garage and businesses in the area which will be maintained at all times.
- Cyclist access will not be permitted in this area; however, Bedford Row will remain fully open to pedestrians.



### Grafton Street

- Grafton Street, between Carmichael and Prince streets, will be temporarily converted into a one-way, southbound street also to allow for additional patio space.

- Sidewalks will remain open on both sides of the road.
- Parking and loading spaces will not be impacted while this adjustment is in place.

For the most up to date information on the *Halifax Mobility Response: Streets and Spaces*, follow [@hfxgov](https://twitter.com/hfxgov) on Twitter or visit [Halifax.ca](https://Halifax.ca).

### FREE PARKING – BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM



On-street parking will be free at all parking pay stations, and for HotSpot users, Thursday & Friday afternoons from

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, the municipality will cover the \$0.10 cent transaction fees for HotSpot users at all times of day, from Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

- New users can download the HotSpot app from their preferred app store and select “Pay Per Use” at sign up.
- Existing HotSpot users with either a monthly or annual subscription can contact HotSpot directly to adjust their account settings to a Pay Per Use model for the months of June, July, August





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and September to benefit from transaction-free parking.

- HotSpot contact information can be found [here](#).

Residents are reminded that parking is free on weekdays after 6:00 p.m. and on weekends & holidays.

**NOTE:** Private parking garages and off-street lots are not included in this promotion. Motorists must abide by other posted signage, such as accessible parking, fire hydrants and no-stopping.

The [Support Business Recovery Program](#) also includes improved signage & communications around available parking options downtown, as well as the implementation of a large-scale merchant validation program for up to 200 small businesses.

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### ANNUAL URBAN TREE PLANTING UNDERWAY



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.

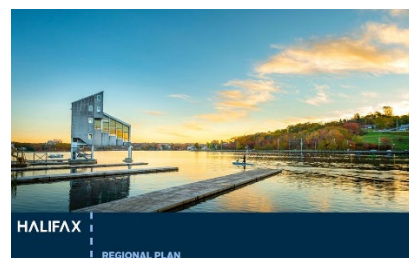
The municipality's urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public lands. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about the many benefits that are gained from the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

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### REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW – HELP DECIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT / GROWTH TO 2031



I encourage you to provide feedback to help form the Regional Plan

Review. Engagement opportunities, including [surveys](#), will be available until July 16, 2021.



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**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.

The Regional Plan Review [Themes & Directions Report](#) shares ideas about key planning issues and provides detail on the work that will be completed during the review. The feedback staff receive on the report will help provide focus and direction for future work.

For more information or to have your voice heard visit [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan) or by phone at 902.233.2501.

### DISTRICT 9 DISTRICT CAPITAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Each district in the municipality has access to \$94,000 in District Capital funding annually that can be used to support important community projects throughout the district. These District Capital funds must be used for capital projects that will benefit the wider community, must be payable to a non-profit organization or can be used to support an unbudgeted HRM initiative, and must be for projects under the municipal mandate.

To involve residents in how these tax dollars are spent, I organize a Participatory Budgeting process each year. Due to COVID-19, this

process has been on hold, however; I hope to offer the opportunity for public input this fiscal year. The benefits of the Participatory Budget process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups, builds community support and collaboration, and gives residents a direct say in how they want the District 9 capital funds to be spent. Examples of past projects funded from the District 9 District Capital fund are: garden soil and mulch for the CITY KIDDS ESCAPE gardens, Oasis garden project for TAG Playhouse, an LED display sign at St. Agnes Junior High School, wheelchair for Easter Seals *Learn to Wheel* program to name just a few. You may view the list of previous projects on my municipal website at: [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca).

For information on how the Participatory Budget process works, you can call my Coordinator, Chris Newson, at 902.490.1562 or email [Chris.Newson@halifax.ca](mailto:Chris.Newson@halifax.ca). The process is that non-profit groups submit their project for consideration. If the project meets the criteria, the group will be notified. Groups whose projects meet the criteria will then be invited to display their project at the Community Vote Night where members of the public are invited to vote on the projects they want to see in their community.

**Deadline for submissions will be Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Submit your projects to [Chris.Newson@halifax.ca](mailto:Chris.Newson@halifax.ca).** Include a letter from the non-profit group outlining the project, how it will benefit the greater community, confirmation of non-profit status,



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the amount you are seeking and the completed [District Capital Fund Request Form](#).

**Community Vote Night will be held on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bethany United Church. District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favorite projects in person (if public health authority permits). That's right, YOU decide which project gets funding. Winners are announced that night.



### DON'T FORGET US!



Photo credit: @SafeCounty via Twitter

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.

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

Here are things to do if you come across an animal in distress in a vehicle:

- 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**

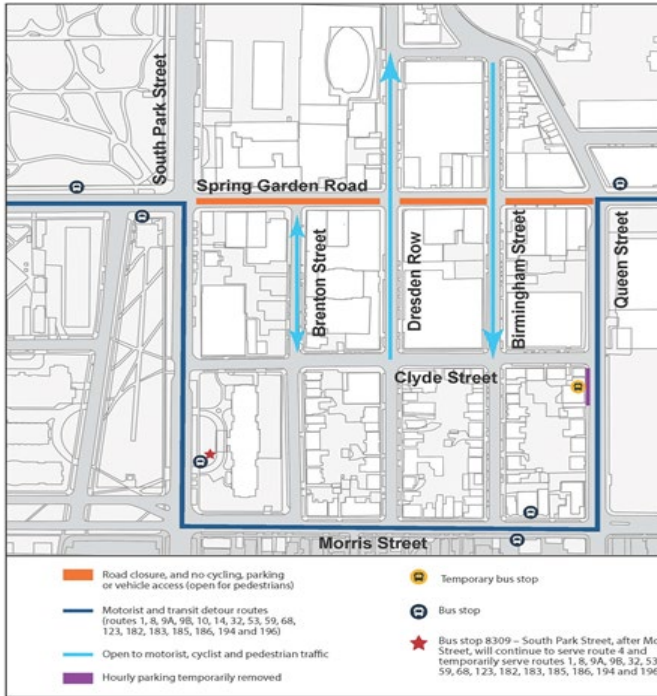
Follow up by filing a report with the Nova Scotia SPCA either online or by phone and ensure that you obtain a license plate of the vehicle.



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## SPRING GARDEN ROAD STREETSCAPE – ROAD CLOSURE



From June 7<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> a portion of Spring Garden Road - Queen Street to South Park Street - will be closed to vehicles to accommodate [Imagine Spring Garden Road](#) - Spring Garden Road Streetscape Project.

The street will be closed to vehicles and bicycles – detour down Morris Street - but open to those walking and rolling. **Businesses remain open during this road closure - please support them!**

The streetscaping project will transform and beautify Spring Garden Road with new features including:

- wider sidewalks with pavers
- the undergrounding of all wiring

- addition of planters, mature trees, seating, and public art.

The project will improve conditions for those walking, rolling, cycling and using Halifax Transit. More information can be found on the [project web page](#).

## CONTACT US AT 311



Looking for a park bench or litter receptacle for an HRM owned/maintained park, sportfield? Have a question about what roadwork is planned for your area? Want to know what developments are underway? Need a building permit? Want to know the zoning for your property and the permitted uses under the Land Use By-Law?

### Call:

- 311
- 902.490.6645 or 1.866.236.002: hearing impaired only line teletypewriter users (TTY)

Email: [ContactUs@311.halifax.ca](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca)

Any question you may have in relation to municipal programs and services can be answered by our skilled and highly trained staff at the HRM Citizen Contact Centre (311).

### Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

*Exceptions: Closed on Christmas & New Year's.*



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## PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

In the fall of 2019, the House of Assembly legislated 55 electoral district boundaries as recommended by the Electoral Boundaries Commission. **These 55 new district boundaries come into force for the next provincial general election (41st) after March 1, 2020.** Any by-elections taking place prior to the next provincial general election will be based on the 51 boundaries defined in 2012.

### Electoral District Information

- Electoral District Finder - follow this link to find your [electoral district](#) for the 41st Provincial General Election in the new 55 electoral districts
- 55 Provincial electoral districts ([PDF](#), [Shapefile](#), [KMZ Google Earth Format](#) )
- [55 Provincial electoral district Interactive Map](#)
- Provincial Polling Divisions (as of January 2021) ([Shapefile](#), [KMZ](#))
- [Online Map Guide Book and Street Key Tool](#)

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership

**Your best teacher is your last mistake.**

