



**COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT**  
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS  
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

As we enter into summer, I encourage you to take time with family and enjoy all that our beautiful municipality and province has to offer. While things are greatly improving with the COVID-19 pandemic, I ask that you continue to follow all Public Health protocols.

During the summer months, you will see various projects taking place throughout our district. I am pleased to share that we have 8 crosswalks that will be painted as part of our Pride Rainbow Artwork Crosswalks Program. Keep your eyes peeled as these will be coming soon! We also have various traffic calming measures being implemented throughout the district.

I encourage you to get out and enjoy our municipal parks and trails as well as check out the 'Never Have I Ever' Halifax checklist for some fun activities this summer. More details and information is included in this newsletter.

As always, please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or concerns. I love to hear from you!

Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy summer.

Warmly,

*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.*





## REMEMBERING AND HONOURING CANADA'S INDIGENOUS CHILDREN



Like you, I was horrified and saddened to learn of the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Weeks later, Cowessess First Nation announced the discovery of 751 unmarked graves near a former residential school in Saskatchewan. Recently, the remains of 182 people near the grounds of a former residential school in British Columbia were found by the Lower Kootenay Band.

There are no words to describe the magnitude of these findings. They are a brutal representation of a very dark part of Canada's history that must be acknowledged. Please take the time to learn about and reflect on the generational trauma that Canada's residential school system has caused to our Indigenous population.

Canada is working toward reconciliation, but we know there is much work to be done as a country, by all levels of government. Nothing will ever bring back the victims of our residential schools – children who were not given the chance to grow up. Survivors of residential schools and their families continue to endure pain and trauma to this day.

This is a legacy that Canada bears. While steps toward reconciliation will not undo our past, I am hopeful that it will bring us toward a better future, learned from our past.



*Island View High School Memorial for the remains of 215 children found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.*

## RAINBOW CROSSWALK ARTWORK IN DISTRICT 3

I'm pleased to share with you that our Pride Rainbow Artwork Crosswalks program has returned for the 2021 season. Below you will find a list of crosswalks that will be painted this year. Please note, one crosswalk will be painted at each of the below locations:

- Portland Estates Boulevard West at Portland Estates Boulevard
- Cow Bay Road at Shore Road
- Baker Drive at Basswood Run
- Lucien and Owen Drive
- Dorothea at Swanton Drive
- Pleasant at Everette Street
- Cow Bay Road at Caldwell Road
- Cow Bay Road at Samuel Danial Drive



## BIWEEKLY RECYCLING, GREEN CART COLLECTION STARTS TODAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

There will be changes at the curb starting today; 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](#).

## RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

It was my pleasure to present the 2020 HRM Volunteer awards to recipients Dilkeerat Dhillion and Joseph Yurchesyn. Thank you for your commitment to our community!

**BIWEEKLY RECYCLING COLLECTION**  
Starting July 2

halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere **HALIFAX**



Dilkeerat Dhillion, District 3 2020 HRM Volunteer Award Recipient

## TRAFFIC CALMING IN DISTRICT 3

As we head into the summer months, you will notice an increase in road work and traffic calming projects underway in areas around District 3. As mentioned in my June E-Newsletter, we have several traffic calming projects that have been approved for District 3 in 2021.

The complete list of traffic calming projects approved for 2021 implementation can be found [here](#). More information on 2021/2022 Road Recapitalization projects can be found [here](#).



Joseph Yurchesyn, District 3 2020 HRM Volunteer Award Recipient





## **TOGETHER, WE CAN COMBAT HATE GRAFFITI**

Hate-motivated graffiti is harmful and threatening. It can be used to express hate toward religion, race, sexual orientation, disability, age, gender identity, and more. There is absolutely no place for hate graffiti in our community. In fact, it's a crime.

I was very disappointed to learn of two recent incidents of hate graffiti at municipal parks here in Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage. It's critical that we act swiftly as a community to stop these crimes from taking place in our beautiful community.

I ask you to please report hate graffiti immediately after discovering it. While cleaning up hate graffiti is a priority, it is vital to first make police aware:

- If you see graffiti in progress, call **911**.
- Call Halifax Regional Police at **902-490-5016** to report crimes not in-progress.
- I also encourage you to contact me to make me aware if hate graffiti is occurring in our community.

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) officers are trained to investigate hate crimes and incidents are tracked, including hate graffiti. Police track hate crimes to identify trends and prevent violence. They also conduct outreach to various communities in the municipality that are affected by hate.

HRP Chief, Dan Kinsella, says that hate crimes are often underreported. Without being reported, these horrible acts of hateful vandalism continue to hurt our residents. I urge you to report hate graffiti – or any graffiti – promptly.

Together, we can stop this crime by reporting it before it becomes a bigger problem in our community.

### **Did you know?**

Private and commercial property owners can request a free Graffiti Removal Kit. Only one kit per property will be provided. Kits include information on where to buy additional product. To request a kit, call the Citizen Contact Centre at 311.

## **TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR HOME WHILE YOU'RE 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.
- Stay safe and enjoy your travels.



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## TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN PROGRAM



Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) benefits the whole community. It improves the lives of feral cats, decreases the size of colonies over time, and eliminates neighbourhood nuisance. 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. 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. Feral cats, or wild cats, are much different. What would cause your cuddly pet cat to purr would cause them stress. This is because they have spent most of their lives outside with little to no human interaction. Feral cats are much happier continuing to live outside so they are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, ear-tipped and returned to their local colony.

Through TNR interventions we have fewer feral cats in HRM. Thousands of stray and feral cats have been reported across Nova Scotia. Fixing one stray or feral cat can prevent as many as 180 kittens from being born. The Nova Scotia SPCA vet team is specialized and equipped to do spays and neuters for all of HRM. We are so thankful to the amazing team and volunteers who spend their evenings and weekends dedicated to TNR. Because of their hard work, less kittens are born into harsh conditions where they are at risk of food scarcity, disease and predators. Feral cats can live happy, healthy lives no longer in constant distress.



50/50 draw fundraiser for Fisherman's Cove Business Association



## 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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### 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.

### 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.





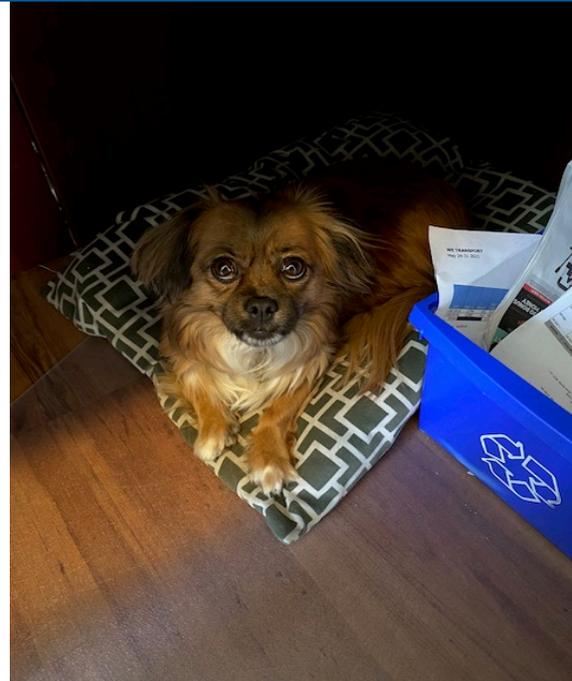
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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

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](#).



Meet Wyatt! He is my home office buddy.

## PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE



If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3 “Please Drive Slowly”

signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.

## CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at **becky.kent@halifax.ca** or **902-478-5368**. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311.

To reach my office, please call Emily Smith at **902-490-7177**.

To sign up for my monthly E-Newsletter, please e-mail Emily at [smithem@halifax.ca](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca)

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).