



WELCOME AUGUST!



Happy Natal Day
Halifax-Dartmouth!
Now that we are able
to hold small
gatherings, let's
celebrate Halifax-
Dartmouth Natal
Day with the free

family concerts at the Dartmouth Waterfront
and Grand Parade! Please continue to practice
social distancing, wearing a mask in crowded
places and, washing your hands frequently to
continue our fight against COVID-19.

I encourage you to keep reading for
information on the Accessible Taxi Survey,
Emancipation Day event, the Busker Festival,
TD Summer Reading Program, Business
Recovery Program, Rainbow Crosswalk
Painting, District 9 Participatory Budgeting and
much more!

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AUGUST VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

EMANCIPATION DAY – AUGUST 1ST



Official Pan-African Flag in the Grand Parade.

I was honoured to bring forward the Emancipation Day Proclamation, developed by Ayo Aladejebi and read into the official record by

Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit, recognizing

August 1st as Emancipation Day.

August 1st, 1834 – the day the [Slavery Abolition Act](#) came into effect across the British Empire freeing nearly one million enslaved Africans and their descendants.

[Emancipation Day](#) provides us with the opportunity to learn about the history of slavery in our own country; to acknowledge the horrific treatment of enslaved peoples who were forced to reject their names, faiths, cultures and languages; and to celebrate the contributions of those who fought to eradicate slavery and their impact in shaping our region’s vibrant and diverse communities.

We are committed to addressing anti-Black racism through the development of a municipal [Anti-Black Racism \(ABR\) Strategy and Action Plan](#).

You are invited to attend an evening variety show in celebration of Emancipation Day at Grand Parade on August 1st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

More information is available on [halifax.ca](#).

DID YOU KNOW...

Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day – FREE FAMILY CONCERTS

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY

Patio Lanterns Festival

THE GRAND OASIS STAGE
GRAND PARADE - FREE EVENTS - JULY 29 - AUG 2

VLADIMIR SHTUKOV 7:30pm
BEN COPLAN TRIO 8pm
RANKIN'S ALL STARS 8pm
EMANCIPATION DAY 8pm
NATAL DAY 8pm

FREE FAMILY EVENTS
AUGUST 2, 2021
6-8pm ENTERTAINMENT / 1pm
GRAND OASIS STAGE

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Halifax Regional Municipality will be providing a variety of COVID-19 compliant free family



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concerts at two locations, the Dartmouth Waterfront and at Grand Parade.

Due to Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness gathering limits and COVID-19 restrictions leading up to Natal Day, the following large-scale Natal Day events were postponed until 2022:

- Natal Day Parade
- Common Family Day
- Natal Day Road Race
- Garden Party
- Halifax-Dartmouth Bridgewalk
- Sullivan’s Pond Family Day
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Fireworks

Please note that the safety of the general public is our greatest consideration when planning municipal special events. We look forward to returning with our full Natal Day program in 2022.

Donate Your Recyclables

You can donate your recyclables at Beaver Enviro Depot, 251 Herring Cove Road, to help support the Long Lake Provincial Park Association!



ACCESSIBLE TAXI – PUBLIC SURVEY

Help us shape the future of accessible taxis in Halifax!

Share your **feedback and recommendations** for how a new accessible taxi-style service will operate.

Visit shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessible-taxi-style-service and complete the online survey by August 13, 2021.

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For many years, residents and visitors have expressed concern about the lack of accessible vehicles for hire (i.e. taxis), making spontaneous travel a challenge for people requiring these vehicles. Past efforts to grow accessible taxi services in Halifax have been unsuccessful, largely due to the high cost of providing these services.

Based on Regional Council’s approval of February 23rd, 2021, to contract an accessible taxi-style service, municipal staff have created a survey to assess public feedback about the



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requirements and standards that a service provider would have to meet, such as:

- How many vehicles should be available?
- How should customers be able to book a trip?
- What should the response time be?

Residents are invited to complete the online survey by August 13, 2021.

The survey is available at:

www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessible-taxi-style-service.

HALIFAX BUSKER FESTIVAL 2021



[Halifax Busker Festival](#) presents Music & Magic! Saturday, July 31st to Monday August 2nd at the Salt Yard Too Stage on the Halifax Waterfront.



FIREWORKS, CAN I OR CAN'T I?



Wondering if you can set off fireworks for Junior's 10th birthday party or for your 25th

anniversary or other special family event?

Well, there are regulations surrounding "consumer" or "family" fireworks in HRM.

Here are some facts regarding fireworks based on the [HRM Noise-By-Law](#) and Fire Services information:

- Consumer (family) fireworks are not illegal nor banned in HRM, however; their use is limited by:
 - the HRM Noise By-Law to New Year's Eve, Canada Day, Natal Day, recognized religious holidays and,
 - by Fire Services, Office of the provincial Fire Marshall, when the provincial Burnsafte Map shows it is "no burn" (not safe to have open fires) no fireworks are permitted.
 - Clearance: Most fireworks have a minimum clearance of 20m clear in all directions for ground displays and 30m for any aerial display. Individual fireworks often require larger clearances based on manufacturer specification due to the size or design of the effect.



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- If you witness illegal fireworks use, **please call 911.**
- For general, non-urgent questions or concerns regarding the use of fireworks in our municipality, please contact **311** or **non-emergency police at 902.490.5020.**
- Fireworks are not prohibited due to repealed legislation by the province which was never replaced.
- Provincially, there is no regulation for consumer (family) fireworks, however display (commercial) fireworks are regulated under the Fire Safety Act. The now repealed "Fireworks Act" regulated consumer fireworks it effectively prohibited their sale. There was nothing established to replace it.
- Between 2008 and 2021, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) responded to 27 consumer fireworks related incidents. All 27 incidents violated at least one (but often multiple) sections of the Regulations.
- A recent [jurisdictional scan](#) by HRM staff indicates all provinces appear to allow the use of fireworks, with the exception of Prince Edward Island. For the provinces that allow consumer fireworks, none require permits, restrict dates or sale except British Columbia.
- Some municipalities like Moncton ban the use of fireworks, but do not ban or limit the sale of them. The underlying reason for municipal regulation is not always clear. In addition to fire and life

safety, some restrictions on consumer fireworks appear to be attributed to the noise and nuisance they generate as well as their impact on people, animals, and the environment.

- When examining limitations on the use of fireworks, Halifax appears to be in the middle of the Atlantic jurisdictions included in the scan. Halifax does not have a complete ban on fireworks or a specific fireworks by-law but does limit the dates where they can be used (as outlined in Schedule "B" of the Noise By-Law).



TD SUMMER READING CLUB



The [TD Summer Reading Club](#) is a free program that encourages kids to read over their summer break from school. The program



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is adaptable to kids of all ages, interests, and abilities. It gives kids an opportunity to learn and grow with each story. Kids set their own points goal, track their activities, and report back at the Library to earn prizes throughout the summer.

Registration is open June 15, 2021 through August 31, 2021. Register for free and start your summer story. Once registered, you will be added to the Club where you can report on your achievements throughout the summer.

Ways to sign up:

- Visit us in person [at your favourite local branch or via Curbside Pick-up](#)
- [Use our online form](#)
- [Email us](#)
- Or, call us at 902-490-5753

When you sign up for TD Summer Reading Club, set your points goal for the summer.

Reading is more than just picking up a book. You can build literacy skills without even realizing it; by telling a story about your day, drawing a picture, or helping write a grocery list.

Kids also learn through play, so kids are encouraged to stretch their imaginations to earn points in unique ways:

- Reading, reading, reading—to themselves or someone else
- Telling a joke
- Drawing a picture
- Writing a story

- Exploring a museum
- Conducting a science experiment
- Singing a song
- Playing a board game
- Making a craft
- Putting on a play
- Anything that works your brain will help you gain!
- Visit the [TD Summer Reading club website](#), opens a new window for more ideas.

Keep track of your points:

Keep track of your points on our Logbook page. Download a printable version or grab one from your branch! If you fill it up, you can print another, or even make your own!

HALIFAX COMMON POOL AND CENTENNIAL POOL UPDATE

Halifax Common Pool

The Halifax Common Pool will remain closed for the rest of the summer due to ongoing repair work.

In light of the Halifax Common Pool being closed, free swims will be available at Needham Pool and the YMCA pool. Residents must register in advance for the free swims.

Needham Pool free swims:

- Monday through Friday from July 26th to September 3rd at
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Residents must register in advance by phone at 902-490-4633 or online at halifax.ca/myREC.

YMCA Pool free swims:

YMCA Greater Halifax, 5640 Sackville Street.

- Monday, August 2nd
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from August 4th until September:
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Residents must register in advance online at www.ymcahfx.ca or by phone at 902-423-9622.

Centennial Pool

Work on the Centennial Pool is ongoing. The pool is expected to reopen in September. For more information on municipal aquatic opportunities, visit Halifax.ca.

BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM – FREE ON STREET PARKING



On-street parking will be free at all parking pay stations, and for HotSpot users, each **Thursday and Friday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Thursday, June 17th to Friday, September 10th.**

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

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

PROVINCIAL WELLNESS FUND GRANTS 2021-22



Applications have launched for the 2021-2022 Wellness Fund grants! This provincial funding helps local groups and organizations tackle community health and wellness issues within



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our communities. The funding must be used to help address the health priorities identified by the Community Health Boards (CHBs) in their current community health plan. This year, eligible organizations also include groups associated with municipalities.

Wellness Fund grants support the CHB Community Health Plan recommendations by funding local community projects that use a population health approach, addressing the Social Determinants of Health, such as income, education, social supports, early childhood development, etc. [This short video](#) helps to explain what this funding is available for, and what types of groups are eligible.

For the 2021-22 Wellness Fund cycle, community groups can apply for Wellness Fund **amounts up to \$5,000 but are typically awarded grants range from \$250-\$3000**. This funding can help kickstart small projects that may grow into community-wide initiatives to improve the health and wellness of residents.

Community groups must apply for funding by October 15, 2021. To find out if your non-profit qualifies, and to apply, visit the CHB website at www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/wellness-funds. Further questions or ideas can be discussed with your local Community Health Board Coordinator: <https://www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/central-zone>.

DISTRICT 9 DISTRICT CAPITAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Each fiscal year, all districts are allocated District Funds that Councillors have the ability to designate for community benefit. District Capital Funds can provide a grant to any non-profit organization or charity or provide funding for HRM projects that are in the HRM departmental operating or capital budget or proposed by the Councillor. The amount of funding provided for 2021/22 District 9 District Capital Fund is \$94,000.

Usually, a public information session would be held to provide information on the Participatory Budget process to interested members of non-profit groups and the public. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this public session will not be held.

The Participatory Budget process is:

1. Non-profit groups submit a project proposal for a specific amount of funding toward their proposed community project. Submissions **must include** a letter from the non-profit group outlining the project and how it would benefit the greater community, confirmation of non-profit status, completed [District Capital Fund Request Form](#). Incomplete submissions will be returned.
2. Staff review the submission to ensure they meet the [District Capital Fund criteria](#).



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3. If the project meets the District Capital Fund criteria for funding, the project goes forward for the Community Vote Night where residents will vote on the projects.
4. Non-profit groups set up their proposed project submission, science fair style, for residents to review and ask questions
5. Residents then vote on the project(s) they would like to see funded.
6. Votes are tallied and the winners announced.

Proposal Submission Deadline:

Friday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

- Email submissions to Chris.Newson@halifax.ca
- or mail via Canada Post to:
Chris Newson, Council Support Office
PO Box 1749
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

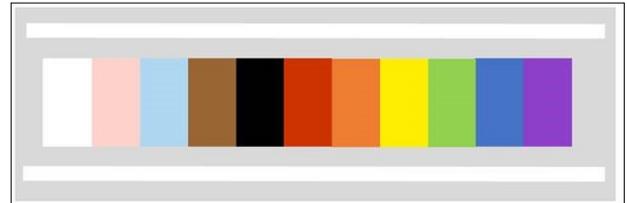
Community Vote Night/Town Hall:

Wednesday, September 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bethany United Church Fellowship Hall.

District 9 residents of all ages VOTE on their favourite projects in person (if public health authority permits). That's right! YOU decide which project gets funding. Winners are announced that night.

For more information on the District 9 District Capital Fund and to apply for funding, visit [the municipal website](#).

RAINBOW CROSSWALK PAINTING PROGRAM



The Rainbow Artwork at Crosswalks Program has been expanded this year with 11 new sites for a total of 53 painted crossings.

This year, in consultation with the office of Diversity & Inclusion, the crosswalk design was updated to include the colours of the progressive pride flag – black, brown, pink, light blue and white.

The Halifax Regional Municipality has fully funded the repainting of the following three signalized intersections:

- Spring Garden Road and Queen Street (four at this location)
- Gottingen and Cornwallis streets (four at this location)
- Alderney Drive and Ochterloney Street (four at this location)

Councillors and Business Improvement Districts funded the painting of the additional crosswalks throughout HRM. **Crosswalks you may notice around District 9 and neighbouring communities are:**

- **Quinpool Road at Harvard Street**
- **Quinpool Road at Vernon Street**

Diverse ideas and inclusive actions create stronger communities. This fun and creative



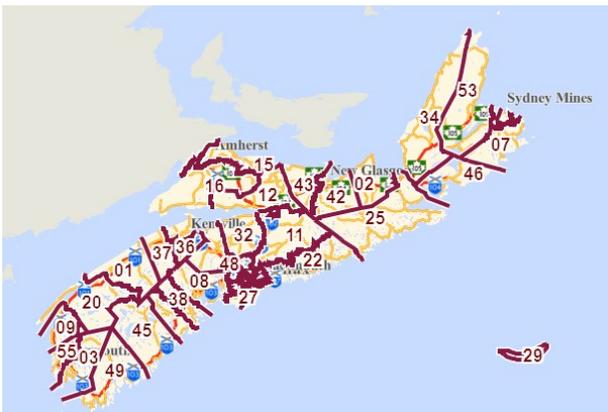
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approach to sharing the municipality's Pride as a community is just one way the municipality celebrates and supports Halifax Pride 2021. For upcoming activities, visit halifaxpride.com or halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.

The municipality recognizes that many residents and business owners have a desire to express support for Halifax Pride 2021 through street art, however, **sidewalk painting is not permitted for residents**. Some materials, especially when applied to sidewalks, can become slippery in wet weather. It is in the best interest of public safety that material, other than chalk sticks, is not applied on the right-of-way by residents. Crews will remove artwork on sidewalks that violate municipal By-laws [S-300](#) and [S-801](#). The cooperation and consideration of residents and business owners is appreciated.

NS ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES



In the fall of 2019, the House of Assembly legislated 55 electoral district boundaries as

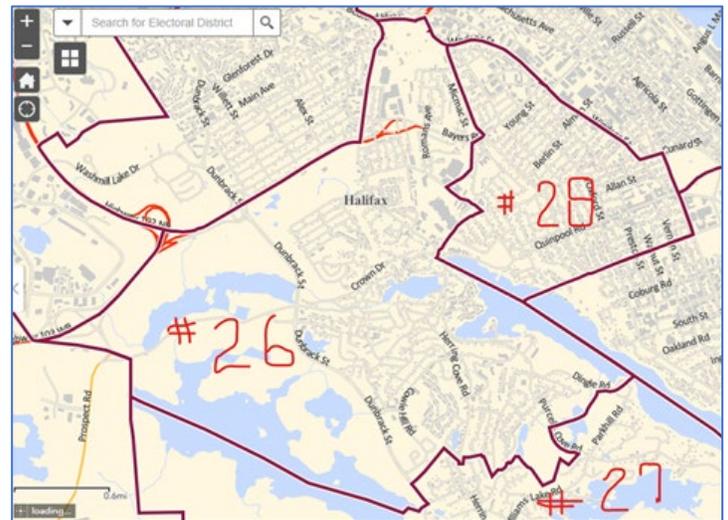
recommended by the Electoral Boundaries Commission. The 55 new district boundaries came into force for the next provincial general election (41st) after March 1, 2020.

The provincial boundary areas that impact municipal District 9 are:

26 – Halifax Armdale

27 - Halifax Atlantic

28 – Halifax Chebucto



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 ([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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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Classes resume on Tuesday, September 7th. Do you have questions about what school your child is to attend, school transportation or looking for the school calendar? Go to the [Halifax Regional Centre For Education website](#). Or follow them on Twitter at: [Tweets by @HRCE_NS](#).

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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

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

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.

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:

"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. Making a respectful Land Acknowledgement now, 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.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.



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Summer Fun in District 9!



Chocolate Lake Beach



Flinn Park, Flinn Street



Sir Sandford Fleming Park (The Dingle)



Chain of Lakes Trail



Saunders Park, Chebucto Road



Larry O'Connell Park/Sportfield