



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME AUGUST!

Wow! Where has July gone? I hope you are having a good summer so far. Lots of things happening in the municipality that is looking more and more like we are getting back to normal. Construction activity, road and sidewalk improvements, improvements to bus stop accessibility, urban forestry tree planting, recreation programs are operating within guidelines and people are out and about enjoying what our beautiful province has to offer.

In this issue, you will see that the municipality is seeking your input. Please be sure to check out the link to current surveys to have your say.

With cultural celebrations and summertime events in the queue, the month of August is showing no signs of wrapping up summer fun! I hope you are able to take the time to enjoy some events or reflect on our rich heritage and accomplishments.

Thank You. Wela'liq. Merci

BIENVENUE EN AOÛT!

Wow! Nous n'avons pas vu le mois de juillet passer! J'espère que vous passez un bon été jusqu'à présent. Beaucoup de choses se passent dans la municipalité qui nous indiquent de plus en plus que nous revenons à la normale. Nous voyons partout prendre place des travaux de construction, une amélioration des routes et des trottoirs, une amélioration de l'accessibilité des arrêts d'autobus ainsi que la plantation d'arbres faisant partie de la foresterie urbaine. De plus, les programmes récréatifs fonctionnent selon les lignes directrices, et l'on sort et se déplace pour profiter de ce que notre belle province a à offrir.

Dans ce numéro, vous verrez que la municipalité sollicite votre avis. N'oubliez pas de consulter le lien vers les sondages en cours pour faire connaître votre opinion.

Avec les célébrations culturelles et les événements d'été dans la file d'attente, le mois d'août ne montre aucun signe d'être en reste quant aux plaisirs de l'été! J'espère que vous pourrez prendre le temps de profiter de certains événements ou de réfléchir à notre riche patrimoine et à nos réalisations.

Thank You. Wela'liq. Merci



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AUGUST VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 17th 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 31st 10 a.m.

I look forward to participating in these meetings, and I hope you can to [join us virtually!](#) Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees - [here](#). Meeting agendas are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports are available for many meetings and are linked within the agendas. Due to COVID-19, meetings are still being held virtually. Live and archived [video is available](#).

The accessible taxi-style service will be required to meet specific standards, and Halifax Regional Municipality is currently looking for your thoughts on what these standards should be, how many vehicles should be available, how should customers be able to book a trip, and more.

To share your ideas, please complete the [online survey](#).

The service is expected to be in operation this year. Your feedback, along with existing policy and best practices, will be used to create a framework for how this service will operate.

ACCESSIBLE TAXI SURVEY



For many years, the municipality has heard from residents and visitors 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. On February 23, 2021, Regional Council gave approval to contract an accessible taxi-style service. Under this new program, the municipality will pay a fee to the contracted company to provide an accessible taxi-style service, while users will pay the standard taxi rate for trips.

OLYMPIC PRIDE

Congratulations to Dartmouth's own Connor Fitzpatrick and his partner Roland Vargas for placing 6th in the Men's Canoe Double 1000m. You have made Dartmouth and Canada very proud.

CANOE SPRINT			
MEN'S CANOE DOUBLE 1000M			
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GER	SEBASTIAN BRENDDEL/TIM HECKER	1:41.73	3
BRA	NASCIMENTO GODMANN/QUEIROZ DOS SANTOS	1:42.54	4
ROU	CATALIN CHIRILA/VICTOR MIHALACHI	1:42.91	5
CAN	ROLAND VARGA/CONNOR FITZPATRICK	1:43.99	7
POL	WIKTOR GLAZUNOW/TOMASZ BARNIAK	1:42.92	6
ESP	CAYETANO GARCIA/PABLO MARTINEZ	1:45.64	8

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS - JULY

Halifax Regional Police charged 22 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of July.

We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired.



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NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY

On August 15th, people around the world will celebrate National Acadian Day by learning about, and participating in, cultural festivities and traditions. Throughout the municipality there will be a variety of opportunities to share in the day and acknowledge the contributions and vibrancy Acadian people have brought to our region.

In partnership with the Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH), the municipality will host an official flag raising ceremony on Friday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Grand Parade. Attendance will be limited (250 people) to promote public health. You can also [view the live stream](#) online. Visit the [Employee Hub](#) to learn more about this and other Acadian Day festivities.

Within the Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO, the municipality's French Language Services continue to grow.

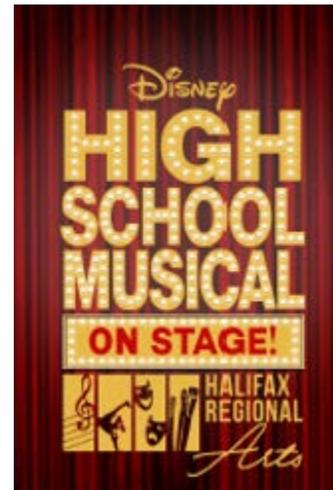
- The Office has successfully obtained two grants for the 2020-21 fiscal year to continue to provide free French training to municipal employees and free translation services to Business Units. [Learn more about the Fall language training opportunities.](#)
- Work continues to develop a Corporate French Services Strategy. Group discussions were conducted with local Acadian and Francophone community members in the winter of 2019-20 to provide input on the plan.
- Earlier this year, a [French-Language Services Internal Assessment Report](#) was compiled and shared with Business Units. The report provided an analysis of the current state, current capacity, service gaps and recommendations regarding French services.
- A [French micro-site](#) launched in 2019 enables French language speakers to navigate the municipal website (halifax.ca) and improve access to information about key municipal services. The Office of Diversity &

Inclusion/ANSAIO is currently exploring ways to expand the content.

I encourage you to take time this week to learn more about Acadian culture and Francophone communities by exploring the links above, and to safely participate in the day's festivities. Vive l'Acadie!



HALIFAX REGIONAL ARTS FALL MUSICAL



Halifax Regional Arts is seeking Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) students from Grades 9 to 12 who are interested in acting, dancing, singing, or being part of the technical crew for the fall 2021 production of Disney's High School Musical!

Auditions, rehearsals, and performances will be in person at Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth.

- in person auditions start September 1st
- rehearsals will be Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30-9:30 p.m. starting early in September 2021 and will include weekends starting in November.
- Performance dates are November 15th to 20th.

Email dzinck@hrce.ca for more Information or to sign up.



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MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HALIFAX

\$13 million has been announced under the Rapid Housing Initiative to build 43 new affordable homes in Halifax. These housing units will support individuals who are in uncertain housing situations, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, or living in temporary shelters because of the pandemic. This is a significant step forward as we work with all levels of government to try and end the housing crisis and resulting homelessness that far too many individuals are facing.

The announcement was made on July 14th at City Hall by the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Andy Fillmore, Member of Parliament for Halifax, and Mayor Mike Savage.

As Mayor Savage said, "Safe, supportive, affordable housing is a pressing need in Halifax. [this] announcement, in addition to the three projects already approved under the Rapid Housing Initiative, will allow us to work quickly with community partners to help more people find a lasting home."

We know there is more work to be done on the complex issue of chronic homelessness, however, steps like this funding through the Rapid Housing Initiative will provide significant help to the most vulnerable individuals.

FIRST ELECTRIC FLEET IN ATLANTIC CANADA: GREENER BUSES ARE EN ROUTE

Halifax Regional Municipality will be getting 60 new battery-operated, electric buses by 2024 thanks to combined funding totaling \$112 million from all three levels of government. The electric fleet will be the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

This is significant news for Halifax - once in service, these buses are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 3,800 tonnes annually by 2030. They will also reduce operating costs for Halifax Transit.

Mayor Savage said that this investment brings us much closer to the modernization of a public transit service that will reliably and sustainably meet the needs of a growing community and make taking transit a better choice for more people.

The fleet will expand our existing public transit service and will help Nova Scotia achieve its ambitious climate change goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2050.

Funding will also be used to purchase related charging equipment and expand the Ragged Lake Transit Centre to accommodate the new fleet. The facility will also undergo a deep energy retrofit to achieve a net-zero standard.

Learn more about how Halifax is transforming transit and creating a more convenient, cost-effective and environmentally responsible transit system, including added ferry routes:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/transportation-projects/transforming-transit>





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THE NORTH GROVE

August 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.

HRM'S AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

The Affordable Access Program allows qualified residents to apply for municipal subsidized programs. This new intake process will allow you to apply once and have that application considered for multiple programs. It includes:

[Low Income Transit Pass](#)

Allows participants to purchase a monthly adult transit pass for 50% of the regular price for one year.

[Recreation Access Program](#)

Provides either partial (50%) or full (100%) payment for Recreation programs for children, youth, and adults in financial need.

[Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Program](#)

Helps homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a deferral of property tax (payment is delayed to a later date), or a deferral of local improvement charges.

Learn more about this program:

- [Application Deadlines](#)
- [Apply for the Affordable Access Program](#)
- [Affordable Access Program Qualifications](#)



CIVIC NUMBER SIGNS



The Halifax Regional Municipality [By-law C-300](#), Respecting Civic Addressing, requires property

owners to post their property assigned civic number on all structures or facilities.

How to post your civic number:

- Post your house number so it is highly visible from the street day or night, 12 months a year.
- Post at the beginning of your driveway if your house is more than 100 ft. (30 m) from the road or hidden from view. The sign should be at least 48 inches (1.2m) from the ground to meet regulations.
- The minimum height of numerals on residential properties shall not be less than 4 inches. On non-residential properties, the minimum height of numerals shall not be less than 8 inches.
- The colour of the numerals shall clearly contrast with the background upon which the numbers are displayed.

How to get a blue & white civic number plate:

Although blue and white civic numbers are not mandatory, they do meet all of the requirements and are highly recommended. Please visit our [webpage](#) for a list of Fire Stations and private suppliers for blue and white civic number signs.



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COME ON OUT AND CELEBRATE SUMMER AT THE NEW PATIO LANTERNS FESTIVAL

Check it out! HFX Civic Events officially kicked off the #PatioLanternsFestival from the Grand Oasis Stage in Grand Parade on Thursday, July 16th. We've all missed our community events so much. Now you can enjoy live music and more every Thursday – Sunday.

This brand-new festival is lighting up our local businesses all summer long and into the fall, with live music, food and drink specials, summer décor, fun activities, and more patio magic.

Visit patiolanternsfestival.ca for more information and check out this behind-the-scenes look at this exciting event: <https://youtu.be/gnW45HIWRgo>

And don't forget about HRM's Business Recovery Program, offering free on-street parking — Thursdays and Fridays from 4pm-6pm. Parking is always free on weekdays after 6 pm, on weekends and holidays.



CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY



Halifax Regional Police is reminding everyone to do their part to ensure the

safety of those who are working on our roadways this

summer. Summer is a peak time for construction projects. Without a doubt, you'll come across a construction crew on our roads and highways in your travels.

Police ask motorists to keep the following tips in mind to safely navigate through construction zones:

- If construction is happening on roads you frequently travel, consider taking another route and avoid the area.
- Always obey the posted speed limit and signage when driving through construction zones. Speeding in a construction zone will result in a fine that is double that of a normal speeding ticket.
- Pay close attention to sign flaggers and obey their instructions.
- Stay extra focused and alert when driving; take note of where construction zones begin and end.
- Always be prepared to stop suddenly when driving through construction zones.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers' equipment and vehicles.
- As always, avoid driving while distracted.
- Stay calm and be flexible when encountering traffic delays.

Construction crews working on roads and highways are counting on you to work with them to ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day.

We're at the height of construction season, so you'll see many of our crews at work on streets and sidewalks.

Please be patient and obey speed limits in all construction zones – for everyone's safety.

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CHANGES TO BUS ROUTE 53 & 54

As part of the ongoing Halifax Transit improvement program there will be changes to Route 53 & 54. Not only will there be changes to the route but there will also be improvements to address accessibility at bus stops. The following bus landing pad installations are planned at stops within District 6. Some of these have commenced while we are waiting for approvals for some others. These stops will not be active until the November 22 service change date.

Although the work will commence in the coming weeks, these stops will not be active until the November 22 service change date.

The stops above relate to the service changes on the **53** (Route 53 - Notting Park replaced by Route 53 – Highfield) and **54** (Route 54 - Montebello will be extended to Bridge Terminal and undergo minor routing adjustments). Here is the approved [Annual Service Plan](#) which will provide an overview of the service that is changing:

LOCATION	NEAREST CIVIC #
Lexington Ave At Walnut Hall (7146)	118
Appian Way Before Colonna Pl (2201)	Opposite 127
Breeze Dr After Castleton Ct (2198)	Adjacent 1 Castleton Ct
Breeze Dr Before Pompano Ct (2199)	Adjacent 3 Pompano Ct
Columbo Dr After Civic 33 (2200)	33
Leaman Dr After Albro Lake Rd (2250)	6
Leaman Dr Before Ambercrest Pl (2251)	Adjacent 7 Ambercrest Pl
Crystal Dr Before Farthington Pl (2252)	19
Crystal Dr Before Pinecrest Dr (2253)	Opposite 4

This work typically involves installation of a concrete pad between the sidewalk and the curb, or behind the sidewalk. Where no sidewalk exists, a concrete pad with a pedestrian ramp to the street will be installed, or the shoulder of the road may receive an asphalt pad. Although constituents may have concerns over their property, bus stops are almost inclusively installed in the Right-of-Way (ROW). Most residents don't realize this isn't their actual property until HRM exercises its right to use the space for transit or pedestrian infrastructure. As part of the siting process, Halifax Transit does their utmost diligence to site infrastructure away from residences, but in some cases, it isn't always possible.

ROUTE 53 HIGHFIELD

- This new route will provide local service 7 days/week between Highfield Terminal and Alderney Gate, via the Bridge Terminal.
- This route will follow a similar routing as the existing Route 53 Notting Park. To provide two-way service along the entire route, this new route will not service Victoria Road.

ROUTE 54 MONTEBELLO

- The new Route 54 Montebello will provide service between Montebello, Alderney Ferry Terminal, and the Bridge Terminal. Proposed Service Adjustments 2021/22 Halifax Transit Annual Service Plan 2021/22
- This route will follow the same routing between Montebello and Alderney Ferry Terminal as the existing Route 54 Montebello but will be extended to provide a connection to the Bridge Terminal.
- In order to provide additional service to the Keystone Village/Montebello area, the route will travel Breeze Drive, Columbo Drive and Appian Way, and therefore will not be travelling along small portions of Breeze Drive and Appian Way on which the existing route currently operates.



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Community Notice #1

Ellenvale Run Channel Rehabilitation – Phase 5

July 19, 2021

Project Overview

Stormwater flows through Ellenvale Run from Lemont Lake to Morris Lake.

Phase 5 of this rehabilitation project focuses on replacing the retaining walls along the portion of Ellenvale Run between the Belle Vista Drive/Waltdale Drive intersection and Wanda Lane and continuing between Belle Vista Drive and Wanda Lane.

This work will begin during the week of July 19 and will continue into the fall of 2021.

The retaining walls along the channel consist of various materials and types: gabion baskets (metal wire baskets filled with stone), masonry stone walls, steel sheet piles, and precast concrete blocks. The condition of the retaining walls also varies along the channel. In some areas, the walls appear to be in relatively good condition, while in others, the walls are falling, and temporary bracing has been installed to prevent them from falling into the stream. In an effort to stabilize the channel walls, to 'naturalize' the channel, and to reestablish or improve natural habitat, the restoration efforts of this project will use energy dissipation pools, natural pool and riffle sequencing and natural stone on the bottom of the channel liner. This provides a naturalized stream bottom that reduces velocities, creates pools and meanders and helps to improve fish passage.

Traffic Impacts

Wanda Lane will be open to local traffic only between Belle Vista Drive and Tobin Street during this project. Traffic will at times be delayed as temporary traffic control measures may be in place in the areas of work.

What to Expect

The contractor will have heavy equipment on the roads to facilitate stream reconstruction. Work will also be progressing within the channel. Residents can expect to see heavy equipment within the channel replacing the existing walls.

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Learn more: halifaxwater.ca/project/ellenvale-run-rehabilitation-project-phase-5



Community Notice #2

Ellenvale Run Channel Rehabilitation – Phase 4

July 26, 2021

Project Overview

Stormwater flows through Ellenvale Run from Lemont Lake to Morris Lake. Phase 4 of this rehabilitation project focuses on replacing the retaining walls along the 95-metre portion of Ellenvale Run between the Belle Vista Drive/Waltdale Drive Intersection and Ellenvale Avenue.

Upcoming Work

Over the coming weeks, work will continue in and around the channel. This work will involve preparing for and pouring concrete, placing solid concrete sections of channel liner, sealing the channel liner section connections, breaking rock and backfilling excavations in the area as needed.

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RAINBOW CROSSWALKS



It is great to see the Rainbow Crosswalks painted in District 6. I was happy to contribute capital funds for this project.

HRM AQUATICS UPDATE – INCLUDING FREE SWIMS!

Summer's heat is still upon us, and there's nothing like a dip in cool water on a hot august day. HRM has plenty of supervised beaches and local pools (with free swims available!). But, be sure to first check what's open and what's closed before you head on our [website](#).



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PHOTO RADAR ENFORCEMENT IN HRM: FEASIBILITY STUDY COMING



HRM's Strategic Road Safety Plan focuses on reducing transportation-related fatalities and injuries on our roadways. As part of this, HRM is currently looking for a consultant to conduct a

study for a possible photo enforcement program (red light camera and electronic speed detection) to understand if it is a feasible and beneficial option for the municipality.

Regional Council would vote on this matter only after the report is complete, and staff would make recommendations to Council based on the report's findings. I look forward to learning the outcome of this report and continuing to work towards safer roadways in HRM.

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES BIKEWAY NETWORK

Halifax is on its way to having nearly 60km of interconnected 'All Ages and Abilities' (AAA) bikeway routes. It's part of HRM's Integrated Mobility Plan to develop safer and more accessible ways to get around our municipality.

HRM recently awarded Colliers Project Leaders with the contract to help bring this bike network to life. The bikeway network is expected to be completed in 2024. However, parts of it are already underway.

Once completed, the network will include [protected bike lanes](#), [multi-use pathways](#) and [local street bikeways](#).

Learn more about the AAA bikeway network [here](#)

MUNICIPALITY TO WORK WITH PARKS CANADA ON POTENTIAL NATIONAL URBAN PARK DESIGNATION



Halifax and Parks Canada are teaming up to review the feasibility of potentially designating the beautiful Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes (BMBCL) as a

national urban park. The municipality has already identified BMBCL as a priority through its Regional Plan.

Further review of this site, and other special green spaces in HRM, will be looked at as part of the National Urban Park program as it unfolds. A thorough public engagement program will be coming to support this review. Stay tuned for more in the coming months!

Learn more about the [National Urban Park Program](#)

MOBILE SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT EVENTS IN AUGUST

If you have household hazardous waste not acceptable for curbside collection – including old propane tanks, batteries, used motor oil, and more - you can bring the materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening in HRM this August:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home/news/mobile-special-waste-depot-events-august>

When: Saturday, August 7

Where: Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway, Dartmouth

When: Saturday, August 21

Where: BMO Centre, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.



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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



My dog Spirit gives his final inspection and approval of a new tree planted as a part of our Urban Forestry Program. This is high praise for our staff, as Spirit fancies himself an “expert” in strategic tree placement on his walks around the neighbourhood. 😊