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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME SEPTEMBER!

September brings the flurry of back to school preparations, and the end of summer. With Phase 5 Reopening Plan scheduled to roll out mid-September, we will see more restrictions lifted and enjoy some of the smaller things in life that we've often taken for granted. I hope you had a wonderful summer, and that you're ready for a change in schedule! In this edition, I'm providing information on surveys, events, solid waste collection, HRM programs and projects, and most importantly, my response to the homeless encampment removal.

I'm sure you are aware of the last resort action by HRM to remove the homeless encampments around the city. Please be assured that this decision came only after months and months of working directly with the homeless in our city along with the Navigator Street Outreach and provincial departments all seeking to provide housing or shelter options before coming to this point. My full statement on the housing crisis and the removal of the shelters is below.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE

Le mois de septembre apporte la frénésie des préparations de la rentrée à l'école, et la fin de l'été. La phase 5 étant prévue être déployée pour la mi-septembre, nous verrons plus de restrictions être levées et nous profiterons de certaines des petites choses de la vie que nous avons souvent tenues pour acquies. Cela permet de garantir que 75 % de la population est entièrement vaccinée. J'espère que vous avez eu un été merveilleux et que vous êtes prêt au changement de saison! Dans cette édition, je donne de l'information sur les sondages, les événements, la collecte des déchets solides, les programmes et les projets de la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax (MRH), et, plus important encore, ma réponse à l'enlèvement du campement de sans-abri.

Je suis sûr que vous êtes au courant de l'action de dernier recours de la MRH pour enlever les campements de sans-abri dans la ville. Soyez assuré que cette décision n'est intervenue qu'après des mois et des mois de travail direct avec les sans-abri de notre ville avec Navigator Street Outreach et les ministères provinciaux pour fournir des options de logement ou de refuge avant d'arriver à ce point. Ma déclaration complète sur la crise du logement et l'enlèvement des refuges est ci-dessous.



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HRM HOUSING CRISIS AND REMOVAL OF SHELTERS

HRM's decision to provide notice to residents living in temporary structures and tents in HRM parks and then removing those shelters and tents wasn't a decision that the municipality came to lightly. The entire situation has been sad and heartbreaking. Housing and the provision of adequate shelter are provincial responsibilities here in Nova Scotia, and the municipality was trying to address these issues within the bounds of our legislative mandate. For the last several months, HRM had been working with the province to ensure that provincial services would be in place to support encampment residents. HRM's approach has been to avoid forced evictions as much as possible and to work with encampment residents to try and connect them with housing and services.

The recent increase of shelters and tents had resulted in an increased risk to the health and safety of both the encampment occupants and the public and had to be addressed. The municipality received numerous complaints from residents regarding health and safety concerns. Some of these complaints have been of a very serious nature including sexual assault, human trafficking, violent assaults, and drug usage (many needles were found at each encampment). Currently, at least six charges are before the courts related to these complaints. In addition, some of the needles used for injecting drugs were appearing in very close proximity to playgrounds. A shed or tent is not a long-term solution. They have no electricity, running water, a toilet, kitchen, they're not built to any building code, and one has already had a fire. More importantly, many people experiencing homelessness require additional supports in dealing with mental health issues as well as addiction support services. Temporary shelters are not a replacement for safe indoor space with services to support the complex needs that many street involved people have (mental health, trauma, addictions).

HRM's decision to remove the temporary shelters and tents was built on the province's commitment to provide both immediate, temporary accommodations (hotel) and long-term stable housing. HRM had been notifying people for the last several weeks that the encampment sites won't be permitted to continue. Some encampment

residents have accepted offers of housing and left, but not everyone has. While HRM and the province have tried to ensure that everyone has had an offer, I'm concerned that some of the reports indicate that a few of the evicted tent residents may not have received one.

We now recognize that HRM may not have the infrastructure and processes to ensure that promises and commitments made by the province regarding transitional housing are adequately fulfilled. We have learned that some vulnerable people were unable to get into hotels and some individuals are being removed from hotels due to lack of provincial funding to keep them there. The situation is completely unacceptable and runs contrary to what HRM staff have been told by the province and were communicating to Councillors regarding how the process of providing transitional housing to encampment residents would unfold. HRM has therefore committed to provide funding until the province can confirm their funding.

I, along with my colleagues, will continue holding the province to account for not doing their job. HRM also must hold ourselves accountable for where we failed. We failed in our ability to ensure that the required coordination was taking place, and the appropriate connections were being made between our staff, the province, and the service agencies.

The events of the last two weeks require a big change in the way HRM addresses its responsibility towards individuals who are homeless. We are going to need social workers, coordinators, and perhaps most importantly, a staff task force that focuses solely on finding solutions to the housing crisis that protects the most vulnerable. Too much time has passed, and we need to immediately build capacity to better understand what should be done, and the best way to do it.

What happens next?

There are a number of initiatives happening or that will happen very soon to provide real and adequate alternatives for folks living rough.

Crisis Housing Funding (Mayor Savage August 31) – Emergency motion to address the needs of the unhoused population and authorize the CAO to spend accordingly to progress emergency interim shelter opportunities. The



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motion provides authorization for spending above current budget, with Council direction to continue to work collaboratively with community partners and other orders of government to meet housing affordability needs more broadly.

A Lived Experience Advisory Committee on Homelessness (Councillor Lovelace August 31) – Established a committee made up of those directly impacted by homelessness on a First Voice committee, to Regional Council with valuable insight directly from those with first-hand experience with homelessness. There is significant academic research indicating the immense value of including the viewpoints of people with lived experience in social policy development.

Letter to Premier Tim Houston (Councillor Mason August 24) – Requests three things – the first is the need for extraordinary and immediate action to address the current lack of affordable single room occupancies, one-bedrooms, or bachelors in HRM. Second, to consider the case for interim rent control measures. Third, consider that the control of housing is returned to HRM. We will continue to pressure the provincial government to get engaged in housing.

The HRM Affordable Housing Work Plan is already underway, or completed (updated August 27) and has seven main areas:

- 1) Creating a grant program to contribute to affordable housing projects in the regional centre – complete
- 2) Inspection and registration of rental properties; fall 2021, delayed due to COVID.
- 3) Allow special care facilities (group homes), secondary suites and rooming houses/single room occupancies (boarding houses) in all zones. Secondary suites - the Centre Plan will allow them in the Regional Centre (Fall 2021), but work to allow in the rest of HRM remains (winter 2021).
- 4) Considering a municipal affordable housing funding program; – done for centre in terms of cash, everywhere for permits and fees, not done for rest of HRM.
- 5) Reviewing how municipal real estate assets can support and leverage affordable housing. The report is due winter 2021.
- 6) Developing holistic approaches to affordable housing

changes in especially vulnerable neighborhoods. Report is due winter 2021/spring 2022.

7) Restrict short term rentals (AirBNB) in residential areas to primary residences only – due fall 2021.

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FUNDING

The municipality will be investing up to \$500,000 towards a range of emergency accommodations for those experiencing homelessness.

Immediate steps are being taken to identify underutilized or surplus municipally owned properties and facilities that can be retrofitted into safe short-term accommodations for people who are unhoused. The goal is to increase the inventory of temporary accommodations as soon as possible.

Building upon collaboration efforts to date, the municipality will work closely with community-based service providers and the Province of Nova Scotia to advance these efforts and ensure social services are available as part of a holistic approach to addressing homelessness.

The funding commitment will also be used to leverage those opportunities that can have the most immediate impact — including funding new positions within the service delivery organizations to make things happen on the ground and equipping community outreach workers with the financial resources required to secure temporary accommodations within hotels that will accept requests.

Further information on the status of efforts will be provided in September, with regular public updates provided moving forward.

For more information visit the [Homelessness and Homeless Encampments webpage](#)



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RAPID HOUSING PROJECTS

On August 31st Regional Council approved three new housing projects (Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia, Akoma, Souls Harbour) funded under Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 2, for at least 43 affordable units, a \$12.9 million investment. View the report [here](#).

SEPTEMBER 30 - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Earlier this year, the Government of Canada designated September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Previously known as Orange Shirt Day, the new holiday provides an opportunity to commemorate and recognize the tragic legacy of residential schools and to ensure that Indigenous history is never forgotten.



SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#)

BILINGUAL STOP SIGNS ON HRM OWNED STREETS

Regional Council voted in favour of my motion requesting a staff report to outline the implementation options, along with cost implications, operational constraints, and timelines, to replace unilingual signs with bilingual (English/French) stop signs on all HRM owned streets.



The Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie and the Department of Transportation and Active Transit are in the process of making changes to the Traffic Signs Regulation to allow bilingual French/English stop signs in Nova Scotia. This change will enable the replacement of English stop signs with bilingual ones. The Province is taking the opportunity to support the preservation of the language in Acadian communities that want to promote their linguistic and cultural heritage on provincially owned roads. The municipality could share in the endeavor by implementing bilingual stop signs on HRM owned streets. Once the changes to the Traffic Signs Regulations are in effect, that municipal staff implement a phased-in installation of bilingual stop signs on all HRM owned streets with potential priority for historic French communities and near French schools in the HRM.

HALIFAX TRANSIT PUBLIC SURVEY



In response to new - and future - commercial and residential development in Burnside & Dartmouth Crossing, a number of transit service options are being considered to reflect the needs of this growing area.

Public feedback will help shape these new bus routes, so have your say by completing the [survey](#).



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COUNCIL PASSES FIRST READING OF KEEPING OF CHICKENS

Council has passed the first reading of a motion that would allow residents to keep egg-laying female chickens as an accessory residential use. This will increase access to food, food skills and connections to food's origins. The proposed regulations will also include standards to ensure safety and compatibility with neighborhoods norms, such as providing a setback from property lines and a limit on the number of egg-laying fowl permitted. Public education, including a voluntary registration program supporting municipal tracking of backyard hens and providing information in case of public health issue, will also accompany these new regulations.

Significant consultation, including an online questionnaire, correspondence, and feedback from key stakeholders, contributed to this decision. For more information, read the [staff report](#).

WEEKLY GREEN BIN COLLECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH



This is a reminder that weekly green bin collection ends on September 30th. Check the municipal website to confirm collection schedules or download the free Halifax Recycles app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand!

We also have Household Sorting Guides available in a number of languages:

- [Curbside Sorting Guide - Large Print English](#)
- [Curbside Sorting Guide - English](#)
- [Curbside Sorting Guide - French](#)
- [Curbside Sorting Guide - Arabic](#)
- [Curbside Sorting Guide - Farsi](#)
- [Curbside Sorting Guide - Simplified Chinese](#)

LOCAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

There are many exciting events to attend in September. The following are a small sampling of what is available:

- [Patio Lanterns Festival](#) running to October 11th
- [Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo](#) (virtual) September 1st
- [Halifax Urban Folk Festival](#) (HUFF) August 29th to September 5th
- [Halifax Fringe Festival](#) September 2nd to 12th
- [FIN Atlantic International Film Festival](#) September 16th to 23rd

CROSSWALK GUARDS NEEDED

CROSSWALK GUARD OPPORTUNITIES

Crosswalk Guards provide a **safe and secure** crosswalk for elementary children at designated school crosswalks.

Opportunities are available for **Halifax, Dartmouth, Sackville, Bedford and Tantallon.**

- Send resume to richart@halifax.ca.
- Enquiries can be made by leaving a message at **902-490-5168**.



Crosswalk Guards are responsible for providing a safe and secure crossing for elementary children at designated school crosswalks in HRM. Halifax Regional Police's Traffic Unit is currently accepting resumes for regular part-time positions across several locations in the municipality, as well as new spares.

Send resumes to richart@halifax.ca. Enquiries can be made by leaving a message at (902) 490-5168.



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EVENTS RECOVERY PROGRAM

Reigniting our vibrant events calendar, stimulating the local economy, attracting visitors, and providing opportunities for social connection and leisure are vital to the Halifax Regional Municipality's recovery from COVID-19.

Halifax Regional Municipality has developed a dedicated grant program - **The COVID-19 Events Recovery Program** for Nonprofit Organizations to support nonprofit community and cultural event organizations **to maintain or restart in-person events** and increase activity that benefits residents and visitors to the municipality under the public health guidelines. **This one-time grant is to assist with COVID-19 adaptation expenses incurred directly related to deliver in-person (live) events.**

Outcomes of participation in the COVID-19 Events Recovery Grant program include:

1. increasing the organization's liquidity to ensure continued operations or adapt their activities from virtual programming to in-person event delivery,
2. encouraging the engagement with local businesses to deliver the event, stimulate the local economy and provide an opportunity for residents to engage and participate in the community,
3. enhance the capacity of the organization to develop safe, COVID-19 compliant spaces for in-person gatherings; and,
4. deliver in-person experiences and events that draw visitors to our communities and will complement tourism-related initiatives.

The total budget for the COVID-19 Events Recovery Fund is \$150,000. Event applications will be assessed non-competitively on an ongoing basis as they are received. Applications will be accepted no earlier than 30 days before the date of the event.

Applications will close at 4:00pm on December 31, 2021, subject to availability of funds. This rolling intake grant program will remain open until the stated deadline or until such time as program funds have been fully

allocated. For more information on the program criteria, eligibility and the application form please visit our [webpage](#).

HALIFAX HARBOUR SWIM



After a hiatus last year in response to COVID-19, I am pleased to share that the Halifax Harbour Swim will once again be taking place on September 8th at 11:30 a.m. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this initiative in support of United Way Halifax (UWH).

When you donate to UWH, you are powering a [large network of community programs](#), providing safe shelter, crucial connection, and nutritious meals to those who need it most.

Let's make this year's Halifax Harbour Swim the biggest one yet. Join Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Divisional Chief Chuck Bezanson, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) for an incredible, inspiring day of teamwork and friendly competition in support of UWH.

NORTH GROVE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



For upcoming events and programs for the month of September, please visit their [website](#).

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FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID SUPPORT – VIRTUAL PROGRAM

FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID SUPPORTING YOUTH - VIRTUAL PROGRAM
10 hour certification program

COURSE OVERVIEW
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the help provided to a person who is showing signs of declining mental well-being or crisis. "MHFA – Supporting Youth" is a course designed for members of the public who have frequent contact with young people (ages 12 to 24).



PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO:


- recognize signs that a young person may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health or substance use crisis
- initiate conversations that encourage a young person to talk about a mental health or substance use problem
- discuss professional and other supports that could help with recovery to improved mental well-being
- assist in a mental health or substance use crisis situation
- check in with one's own mental well-being and take action as needed

Participants must be 16 years of age, have access to high speed internet and a webcam and be able to attend all of the online sessions below to receive their certification. Seats are limited, so please consider this before registering.

Orientation session: Wednesday October 13: 9-10am
Module 1: 2 hours of self-directed learning completed between October 13-19
Module 2 & 3: Wednesday October 20 & 27: 9am-1pm

Please call (902)460-4560 to register. Please read program requirements outlined in accompany email prior to calling to register.

Community Health Team



TWO MUNICIPAL PROJECTS RECEIVE AWARDS OF MERIT

The Halifax Regional Municipality has won two awards of merit in the Lieutenant Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Architecture.

An Award of Merit in the Large-Building Category was awarded to Abbott Brown Architects, in collaboration with the firm Diamond Schmitt Architects, for renovation of the Zatzman Sportsplex in Dartmouth. The jury noted the improved re-use of the existing pool and arena spaces, which were united by a new connector/circulation hub. The Zatzman Sportsplex now uses internal daylight and layered views into adjoining spaces to create an enhanced environment for the public.



An Award of Merit in the Small Building Category was awarded to Abbott Brown Architects for the renovation design of the Alderney Pedway in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The jury recognized the designer’s effective strategy of “humanizing an indifferent public space with the intervention of scaling elements that create a variety of inviting spaces for people to hang out either alone or in groups.”



For more information, visit: <https://lt.gov.ns.ca/honours-awards/awards>.

IMPLEMENTING PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING PROGRAMS

Based on a recommendation from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, localized pedestrian wayfinding programs will be implemented on an ad-hoc basis.

Pedestrian wayfinding includes street name signs at the intersections of pathways and streets.

This signage will promote active transportation among residents, for both walking and biking. It will also assist tourists as they explore the Halifax region.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).



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HRM BUDGETING FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Regional Council voted to request a staff report that will recommend the optimum percentage of HRM’s annual budget to be dedicated to climate mitigation and adaptation measures for a minimum of the next 3 years.

The report will provide recommendations to prioritize the most cost-effective municipal investments in net-zero infrastructure, including but not limited to: transportation, forest and land conservation and other nature-based solutions, conversion of public buildings to low-carbon heating and cooling, and related HRM staff positions. The report will also include a range of financing options, tax implications and timelines for achieving HRM’s climate goals.

The report will provide a realistic assessment of the cost of key climate adaptations and mitigations, the optimum annual percentage of HRM’s budget that should be set aside and spent annually, and options for financing investments in related infrastructure and nature-based solutions.

The August 9/21 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report highlighted the global urgency of reducing carbon emissions. HRM has an excellent climate plan, but to act effectively and in a timely way, HRM council must include climate mitigation and adaption measures in its future budgets.

SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

On Saturday, September 4th, bring your household waste to the Household Special Waste Mobile Depot at [@micmacmall](#), 21 Micmac Boulevard in Dartmouth. Depot runs 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., rain or shine. For the full list of items accepted, please visit www.halifax.ca/hswdepot.



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

HALIFAX TRANSIT - TRANSIT CODE CAMPAIGN

Halifax Transit has officially launched a guide for passenger conduct and passenger policies in an effort to help foster safety, courtesy and respect.

The Transit Code campaign is relevant to everyone, and aims to:

- Improve awareness of Halifax Transit policies;
- Highlight Halifax Transit’s zero-tolerance policies and practices regarding prohibited conduct including racism, discrimination, harassment, verbal and physical abuse, and other serious behaviours; and,
- Clarify passenger courtesy practices, including key themes related to entry and exit, bags and backpacks, courtesy seats, and respecting others’ space and privacy while using transit.

Halifax Transit is committed to the safety and security of all staff and customers, in every transit vehicle and vessel, and on every transit property.

For more information about passenger conduct and policies, please visit halifax.ca/transitcode.





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GRANTS AWARDED TO SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAMS

Operating grants have been approved for various search and rescue programs, including:

- Eastern Shore Ground Search & Rescue Team.
- Halifax Regional Search & Rescue Team.
- Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue Team; and,
- Sheet Harbour & Area Search and Rescue Team.

Volunteer search and rescue teams provide assistance to all three levels of government in the event of a missing person search, an evacuation, natural or man-made disaster, or an evidence search.

Further, a Capital Grant was awarded to Halifax Regional Search and Rescue to both replace and extend the existing forced air furnace at the former Lakeview School location, so it will now include the large classroom space which is used for training.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).

STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.



Looking for information on school transportation, bus stop locations or the school calendar? If so, contact the

[Halifax Regional Centre for Education's \(HRCE\)](#) at **902-464-2000** or visit the [HRCE website](#).

PARKS & RECREATION USER FEE UPDATES

A new standardized fee structure has been approved for recreation bookings, including arenas, sport fields, sport courts, all-weather fields, ball diamonds, facility rooms, gymnasiums, registered programs, memberships, drop ins and vouchers.

This new structure will eliminate the inconsistencies and inequities that exist in Parks & Recreation's current user fee structure. It will also ensure that fees for municipal programs and services are appropriate relative to other service providers. It is important that the municipality's fees do not compete with, or undercut, not-for-profit organizations.

Staff engaged multiple stakeholders, including provincial sport organizations, rental groups, and partner facilities, in developing this proposal. Input was also gathered from community organizations that provide recreation opportunities to residents. Additionally, staff have regularly collected feedback from residents and organizations as part of their day to day operations, as well as through other developed strategies and plans.

The fees are proposed to be phased in over a three-year period to lessen the impact, beginning April 1, 2022. This will ensure that the fees are fair and equitable, and that the adjustments are reasonable to the user to avoid the impact of a significant fee change.

For more information, and to view the new user fees, read the [staff report](#).

HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

The municipality's social media channels exist so you can communicate and engage with each other and municipal staff about municipal programs, services, and initiatives. Follow or like these social media accounts to get up to date information. For links to all our available channels, please visit our [webpage](#).





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2021 RESIDENTS SURVEY NOW UNDERWAY



The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched its 2021 Resident Survey. The survey is conducted to gather feedback from residents, measure performance, and help guide strategic policy and planning decisions.

Mayor Mike Savage encourages residents to use this opportunity to share their opinions with members of Regional Council and municipal staff.

“Past surveys have been extremely valuable in making us aware of how satisfied people are with the services they are receiving,” said Savage. “This is a tool to show us where we can improve, and to show people we are listening.”

Letters to 20,000 households were mailed this week. This randomly selected sample of households, proportionally representative of the population from districts across our region, was chosen using the municipality’s civic addressing database.

The survey can be completed online, in written form, or over the phone. It asks a diverse range of questions about quality of life, resident priorities, value for taxes, satisfaction with services and service delivery, recreation, leisure, safety, community infrastructure, transportation, and other services.

Non-selected residents can still engage with the municipality on current and future projects through our public engagement portal: <https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca>. There will also be future surveys and more opportunities to participate.

The last survey of this kind was conducted in 2018. Results were used to assist Regional Council in planning and allocating resources for the years ahead.

For more information on the 2021 Resident Survey, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/accountability-transparency/citizen-survey>.

GETTING BACK TO NATURE WITH NATURALIZATION PILOT PROJECT



It is no secret that parks are highly valued spaces in our region. This has become particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, as more people have relied on outdoor spaces to support their health and wellness needs.

Thanks to a naturalization pilot project, residents will notice that a few green spaces across the region are returning to their roots, with newly planted trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. Naturalization is an approach to landscape management that seeks to enhance biodiversity and ecological resilience in the urban landscape. It uses native or non-invasive plants to preserve and celebrate the natural species found in our region.

Merv Sullivan Park, Leighton Dillman Park (within the Dartmouth Commons), and Sime Court right-of-way are three pilot sites underway as part of the project. The naturalized areas aim to improve habitats for birds and pollinators and may also create new community gathering spaces.

The pilot project stems from a 2019 Regional Council decision to expand naturalization efforts in parks and right-of-way areas. As we work towards a low-carbon future, naturalization is well-aligned with the municipality’s [2021-25 Strategic Priorities Plan](#), specifically around building healthy, vibrant communities and a protected and sustainable environment.

Implementing successful naturalization programs requires a team of dedicated volunteers and staff. When public health restrictions made it challenging to accommodate volunteers, employees from Parks & Recreation and Transportation & Public Works pitched in to advance the project. The small but mighty team worked together to plant pollinator-friendly species and restore the areas to a natural state. Learn more about the benefits of naturalization and view a map of naturalized areas in our region [here](#).



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PRINCE ALBERT ROAD IS GETTING A ROAD DIET



A Road Diet is a design approach that reallocates existing roadway space to better fit traffic conditions and road users. This also helps us better achieve a "complete streets" environment, making considerations for people

driving, cycling, walking, rolling, and taking the bus. The project will improve the overall corridor of Prince Albert Road to better match the traffic transportation demands, promote slower vehicle speeds, improve stormwater runoff and drainage, and make the area more comfortable and visually appealing.

Features of the Road Diet on Prince Albert Road:

- Narrowing the road at the Lakeview Point Road intersection from four lanes to two. This will increase visibility of pedestrians and reduce the crossing distance.
- Increasing the size of the public space adjacent to Lake Banook and adding provision of eastbound and westbound bike lanes that will complement the Lake Banook Multi-use Pathway.
- Simplifying the intersection of Prince Albert Road and Graham's Grove.
- Adding a new rain garden between Sinclair Street and Cottage Hill Drive. [Learn more here.](#)



Phase 5 of the Ellenvale Run Project is well under way.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD STREETSCAPING PROJECT

Exciting milestones for the [#ImagineSGR](#) Streetscaping Project!



1. A vault is lowered into the street in front of the Scotiabank on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Brenton Street. This vault will allow underground wiring for telecommunications.
2. Curbs being laid at the Dresden / Birmingham block.

You can see how much wider the sidewalk will be once construction is complete.

3. Installation of soil cells. These will allow tree roots of newly planted trees to grow under the streetscape.
4. Ductbanks being installed along the sidewalk. These ductbanks will run the length of the street and house all the underground wires.

WOMENS QUALITY OF LIFE IN HRM REPORT

As part of the *Diversity and Inclusion Framework*, the municipality has committed to identifying and addressing systemic barriers in practices, policies, procedures and programs so that HRM can capitalize on the strengths and talents of our community including women, gender diverse and non-binary people.

In 2021, The Office of Diversity and Inclusion/African Nova Scotia Affairs Integration Office began working to address the gap in sex disaggregated data by requesting data analysis services from [Engage Nova Scotia](#). Engage is a leading research organization that conducts the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey based on the University of Waterloo's [Canadian Index of Community Wellbeing \(CIW\) Survey](#).



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PUMP TRACK OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING

On August 18th, we had the official grand opening of the Shubie Park Pump Track. I was joined by Councillor David Hendsbee, and biking enthusiasts for the event.



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.

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Darcy and Riley West speaking of the benefits of healthy, active living, and how the pump track makes staying healthy fun.

Currently serving on:
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
Regional Centre Community Council
Board of Police Commissioners
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