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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY

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DEAR RESIDENTS

Welcome to September and back to school excitement for many. Please remember road safety as our young people start walking to school.

I am looking forward to the return of in person meetings and getting to know our community groups better. Please send along an invite as I would be happy to join in!

The crisis of homelessness in HRM and how we as a municipality responded has dominated all our attention. HRM is aware that we must do better and that a plan made, and a plan not executed as it should have been resulted in tragic events. As a council we are told to do better, and we shall to the best of our ability.



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This cannot happen without partners at the table – those with lived experience, community partners and the provincial government.

To that end a motion was passed at Regional Council on August 31st, 2021: approving the investment of up to \$500,000 towards a range of emergency accommodations for those experiencing homelessness. ([View the motion](#) deliberated by Regional Council.)

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.

I hope that Labour Day proves to be a safe and enjoyable day for all who labour !

ensure your children and those of others are safe!

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 AND RECREATION

BACK TO SCHOOL

Students head back to class on Tuesday, September 7th.

We all know how busy drop off and pick up is at our schools so please be careful, be considerate of others and private property and



Apply now to be part of our inclusion support team! We're accepting applications for the casual position of Inclusion Support Staff in Parks and Recreation. Applications will be accepted until 11:59pm on Friday, September 10, 2021. See full details here:

<http://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home...>



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Congratulations to the reelected and newly elected MLA's within District 1



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Reelected :

Honourable Tim Halman PC Dartmouth East

Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Chair of Treasury and Policy Board

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B2W 3Y6

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Larry Harrison PC Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley

Constituency office

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Stewiacke, NS
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Phone: 902-639-1010
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larryharrisonmla@gmail.com

Newly Elected:

Honourable Brian Wong PC Waverley Fall River Beaver Bank

Minister of Advanced Education

Constituency office
Information not yet available

Business address

Department of Advanced Education
5151 Terminal Road, 6th Floor
P.O. Box 697
Halifax, NS
B3J 2T8

Phone: 902-424-7628
Fax: 902-424-0651

Out and About

August was busy with a few days home to Cape Breton , some very nice projects lead by community volunteers – a clean-up at the end of Perrin Drive, thanks to the team led by Adam Arthurs of Wellington Station House and the Beaver Bank ATV Club





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Annie's Tea at the Museum in Waverley,



Keloose at the WJCC,



A few purchases at the Wellington Station House Vendors Market, a community meeting and a TGIF at the Meaghers Grant Community Hall, a September 2021

90th Birthday party for a long time Fall River resident (and my neighbour) , a few resident meetings, Lock4 visit and checking on a few updates at the Village Green.

Many of the events I attended happen because of Volunteers -

HRM 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to your community? You can nominate an adult, youth, or group for the 2022 HRM Volunteer Awards until Dec. 15, 2021.

Nomination forms are available now:

www.halifax.ca/volunteerawards

HRM honours our community volunteers every spring during National Volunteer Week. Successful nominees will be invited to attend a ceremony and reception to receive their award with the Mayor and members of Regional Council.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION CONTINUES



Weekly green cart collection continues for the remainder of August and September. Put your



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cart out for collection each week until the end of September, even if it's not full. See what goes in the green cart by downloading the What Goes Where app or visiting <http://halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere>

COVID-19 EVENTS RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS



Halifax Regional Municipality has developed a dedicated grant program - The COVID-19 Events Recovery Program for Non-Profit Organizations to support our 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. The one-time grant is to assist with COVID-19 adaptation expenses incurred directly related to deliver in-person (live) events.

The total budget for the COVID-19 Events Recovery Fund is \$150,000. This rolling intake grant program will remain open until the stated deadline or until such time as program funds have been fully allocated. Applications will be accepted no earlier than 30 days before the date of the event.

Details of the program including applicant eligibility, program criteria and

the application, can be found here: <https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/supporting-your-event/grants>

Applications will close at 4:00pm on December 31, 2021, subject to availability of funds.



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 4biggest one yet. Join Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Divisional



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Chief Chuck Bezanson, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) for an incredible, inspiring day of teamwork and friendly competition in support of UWH.



2021 RESIDENT SURVEY 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>

MOBILE HAZARDOUS WASTE



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

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If you have household hazardous waste not acceptable for curbside collection – including old propane tanks, batteries, used motor oil, and



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more – you can bring it to one of several mobile special waste community events this fall across the municipality.

One will be held in District 1 on Saturday, September 25 at the Musquodoboit Rural High - 11980 NS-224, Middle Musquodoboit

Click here for a full list of mobile special waste events and for more information on dropping of items any time of year at the household special waste depot in Bayer's Lake:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste>

2021 FALL WELLNESS PROGRAM FLYER!

We are offering some in-person programs to residents of the greater Halifax area and will continue to bring free virtual wellness programs to Nova Scotia residents with a valid NS health card.

To view the fall flyer, visit:

https://www.nshealth.ca/.../files/cht_fall_2021_flyer_1.pdf

To register for programs visit:

<https://cht.cdha.nshealth.ca/selectCourse.aspx?unitId=All>

To learn about wellness navigation or more about your Community Health Team, visit:

www.CommunityHealthTeams.ca

Nova Scotia Health IWK Health

September 2021

FALL 2021

REGISTER NOW

Online • Phone



Please ask about accessibility and interpretation services.



FREE HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

www.communityhealthteams.ca
902-460-4560



WELLNESS NAVIGATION



REDUCING YOUR HEALTH RISKS



FOOD, NUTRITION & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



MENTAL WELLNESS



PARENTING

Community Health Teams



in PARTNERSHIP with



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IN HRM : FEASIBILITY STUDY

The municipality is now three years into its five-year [Strategic Road Safety Plan](#) that focuses on reducing transportation-related fatalities and injuries on our roadways. The use of photo enforcement technology has been identified as a tool to help make intersections safer by

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reducing aggressive driving behaviours such as red light running and speeding. Although this technology is used in many cities across Canada, it is currently not used in HRM, but it may be in our future.

HRM is currently looking for a consultant to conduct a study for the photo enforcement program (red light camera and electronic speed detection) within the municipality, to understand if it is a feasible and beneficial option for us.

Regional Council would vote on this matter 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION USER FEE UPDATE

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](#).

SLOW DOWN SIGNS AVAILABLE

While not for everyone many residents have asked for SLOW DOWN SIGNS and I have reordered with a few left over. If you would like one, please send me an email with your address and my very kind volunteer (husband) will drop one off to you.






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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



multiple programs. The Affordable Access Program 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.

[Application Deadlines](#)

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

Affordable Access Program

If you qualify, you only need one application to apply for:

-  **Affordable Access Transit Pass**
Save 50% off the cost of your monthly transit pass
-  **Recreation programming funding**
Save 50% or the full cost of recreation programming for you and your family
-  **Property tax payment assistance**
Receive assistance or deferral when paying your property taxes

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AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality's Affordable Access Program allows qualified residents to apply for municipal subsidized programs. Simply apply once and have that application considered for

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SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

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

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

North West Community Council:

Monday, September 13th 7:00 p.m.

Grants Committee

Monday September 13th 10 a.m.

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Wednesday September 15th 10 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday September 15th 1p.m.

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Monday September 20th 4p.m.

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

WHAT TO DO ...

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
- [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

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.



Nova Scotia will recognize September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day to acknowledge and reflect on the legacy of residential schools and the vital role it holds in the reconciliation process. Learn more:

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210903008>.





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Mui'watmnej na'kwek wjit Ketlewey aqq Apiksiktatimk

Wla kmitkinu Nova Scotia
Wikumkewiku's 30



CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Community Committees
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

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Council Constituency Coordinator:
Stephanie Brown

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SIGN UP TO MY E-NEWSLETTER

I'll be regularly sending out e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with Stephanie Brown, my Council Constituent Coordinator at:

Email: browns@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090

311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

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

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

Or email: ContactUs@311.halifax.ca



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FALL RIVER-WAVERLEY RD-MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY RCMP Data for July, 2021



702 calls for service

...up only by .72% over the same period in 2020



47 Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs) issued

...up from 33 during the same period in 2020

4 Aggressive Driving, 1 Cell Phone, 32 Other MVA (Fail to Yield, etc.), 9 Speeding, 1 Stunting



50 Cellphone/Seatbelt/ Speeding, etc. checkpoints

115 Traffic stops

...down from 129 during
the same period in 2020

187 Proactive Assignments

...up from the 172 reported over the same period in 2020



2 Impaired Driving Charges

...one more charge laid than in July, 2020

2 Impaired Suspensions: 1 - 7 Day / 1 - 15 Day

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.