



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

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

October is here and it has been almost a year since you elected me as Councillor for District 3 Dartmouth South Eastern Passage. This past year has been busy and dynamic but most of all, an honour to represent you. I appreciate your continued interest in engaging with me and bringing your concerns and opinions to me. Of course, COVID-19 has changed how I connect with you as Residents, and I can already feel a shift in willingness to meet in person. While this excites me, as I am very much a people person, we need to continue to be vigilant in our safety practices. I am having small in-person meetings that are working well, and it is my hope to begin to schedule some larger community meetings. Should this not be advisable by Public Health in the coming months, I will switch to scheduling some meeting rooms in your neighborhoods so that I can set up a pop-up office space for one-on-one chats with residents. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

As always, Zoom and Teams meetings are still an option and work well when we need them. There are some important things happening in our district that are highlighted in this issue. Please let me know what you think. Take care, enjoy your Halloween celebrations and above all stay safe.

Warmly,

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MOUNT EDWARD ROAD ROAD REHABILITATION

On September 7th, Mount Edward Road Rehabilitation Project began and is expected to continue until October 15th. This project supports the [2021-25 Regional Council Strategic Priorities Plan](#) to establish a safe and accessible integrated mobility network. Sidewalks will not be impacted at this time. Mount Edward Road from Woodlawn Road to Spring Avenue will be closed to traffic 24 hours a day. A marked detour will be in place. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible.

SEPTEMBER 30TH: NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Recently, the Federal Government passed legislation marking September 30th as a statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and provides a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

October is Mi'kmaq History Month.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of Mi'kmaq History Month. In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture and heritage.

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For events, celebrations, and resources visit our [website](#).





**EASTERN PASSAGE & AREA
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY BANNER PROJECT**

As Councillor for District 3, I am pleased to be a partner on the EPABA Community Banner Committee. This beautification and enhancement project will brighten and welcome residents and visitors to our community through a vibrant commercial district. Community pride and local events will be celebrated and promoted. I want to thank EPABA for taking the lead role in this project through an agreement with HRM Right of Way Services to utilize the utility poles along major corridors. The first phase of the project honoring local veterans around Remembrance Day is exciting and coming together. I am pleased to have committed \$5000 from District 3 Capital Funds to get this phase off the ground. There is much more to do, but it is coming together.

**TRAFFIC CALMING:
EISENER BOULEVARD**

I'm pleased to announce that traffic calming work will soon begin on Eisener Boulevard. The scope of work is to install a tactical multi-use pathway (MUP) on the south west side of the street from Russell Lake Drive to Portland Estates Boulevard West. The MUP will be constructed using paint and flexible bollards and is planned to remain in place year-round. Crews will perform winter maintenance and snow removal within the limits of the MUP. As this will be a new type of infrastructure to maintain during the winter, staff will be monitoring to confirm feasible service standards. Parking will be restricted along the MUP, but will be unaffected on the opposite side of the street.

The project will also include two painted crosswalks across Eisener Blvd at Russell Lake Drive and Portland Estates Blvd West that will remain in place for the duration of the tactical project.

The MUP will create roadway narrowing with the intended purpose of reducing vehicle speeds along the corridor as well as provide additional connection for pedestrians and cyclists.

The MUP is expected to be in place for 2 years as a temporary measure in advance of a future permanent solution. The tactical nature of the work allows us to evaluate and make adjustments as needed prior to installing permanent infrastructure.

Installation is expected to take place in October.





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SHEARWATER FLYER PARK OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

Regional Council voted unanimously to approve a general area within Shearwater Flyer Park, 1340 Caldwell Road, Eastern Passage, to be designated as a dedicated year-round off-leash dog area. As part of this, Regional Council directed the CAO to include development of the Shearwater Flyer Park off-leash dog area for consideration in the 2022/23 capital budget. The community engagement exploring potential dog off-leash areas in Eastern Passage ran from December 3, 2020 to January 18, 2021. Information, a survey, and a Q&A platform were hosted on HRM's Shape Your City portal. You can view the report [here](#).



Helping Nova Scotians in need with home heating costs.



The Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT) Fund provides up to \$400 for these income thresholds:

- \$29,000 for a 1-person household
- \$47,703 for a 2-4 person household
- \$67,937 for households with 5+ people

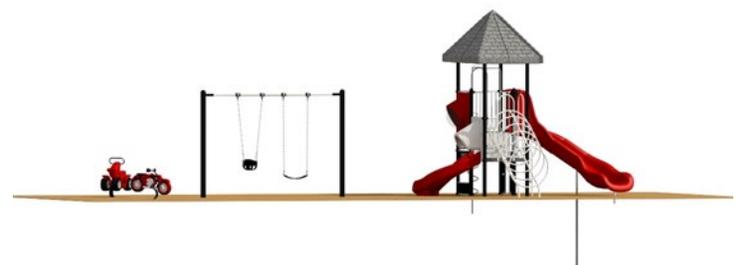
Apply **online** or by **phone**:

www.SalvationArmy.ca/Maritime/Heat
902-422-3435

The Fund is proudly administered by The Salvation Army.

LAURA DRIVE PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Exciting things are happening at Laura Drive Park in Cow Bay! On September 10th, work began to replace the playground equipment. Depending on weather, this project will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete.



GENDER BASED ANALYSIS PLUS TRAINING

I was pleased to take part in the Gender-based Analysis Plus training course offered by the Federal Government. Gender-based Analysis Plus is an analytical process used to assess how different women, men and gender diverse people may experience policies, programs and initiative.



MUNICIPALITY CONTINUES COLLABORATION TO HELP ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

On September 29th, Mayor Mike Savage, and Assistant Chief of Emergency Management, Erica Fleck provided an update regarding ongoing efforts to help address homelessness in Halifax region. Full video of this update can be found [here](#).

The municipality continues to collaborate with the province, along with professional service providers and volunteers, to provide support to those experiencing homelessness in our region.

In August, Regional Council unanimously approved investing up to \$500,000 towards a range of emergency accommodations for those experiencing homelessness. Further to this, Halifax Regional Municipality:

- Is in discussions with the province to establish two emergency accommodations sites in the very near future
- Has secured 24 modular units that can provide accommodations for up to 73 individuals
- Recently transitioned Gray Arena to a temporary emergency shelter with Out of the Cold as the service provider and funding from the province for wrap around services
- Is hiring a coordinator for a one-year term to act as a liaison with professional service providers and ensure better aligned efforts in support of those experiencing homelessness

- Has been allocated more than \$20M through the federal government’s Rapid Housing Initiative program for 137 units of new permanent, affordable housing

Through collaboration with professional service providers and volunteers, occupants of the homeless encampment at Meagher Park continue to be offered alternative, safe, temporary accommodations. It is important to remember that some of those experiencing homelessness will not – or cannot – accept housing options, temporary accommodations and/or other offers of support for a variety of reasons.

For more information on the municipality’s approach to homelessness and initiatives to support affordable housing can be found [here](#).

KEEP ON TRACK WITH HALIFAX RECYCLES APP

Download the Halifax Recycles app on the App Store or Google Play to:

- Search the name of a material to find out where it goes in the waste stream
- Get a custom collection calendar
- Set up collection notifications

No smartphone? No problem! Use the [web app](#).



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DYKE ROAD SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

I am pleased to announce that the speed limit on Cow Bay/Dyke Road will be lowered from 70km/hour zone to a 60km/hour zone. This change will bring it in line with both the surrounding area and the recommendation of our Transportation Association of Canada speed limit warrant based on the road's geometry. The signage for this change should be installed sometime this Fall.



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

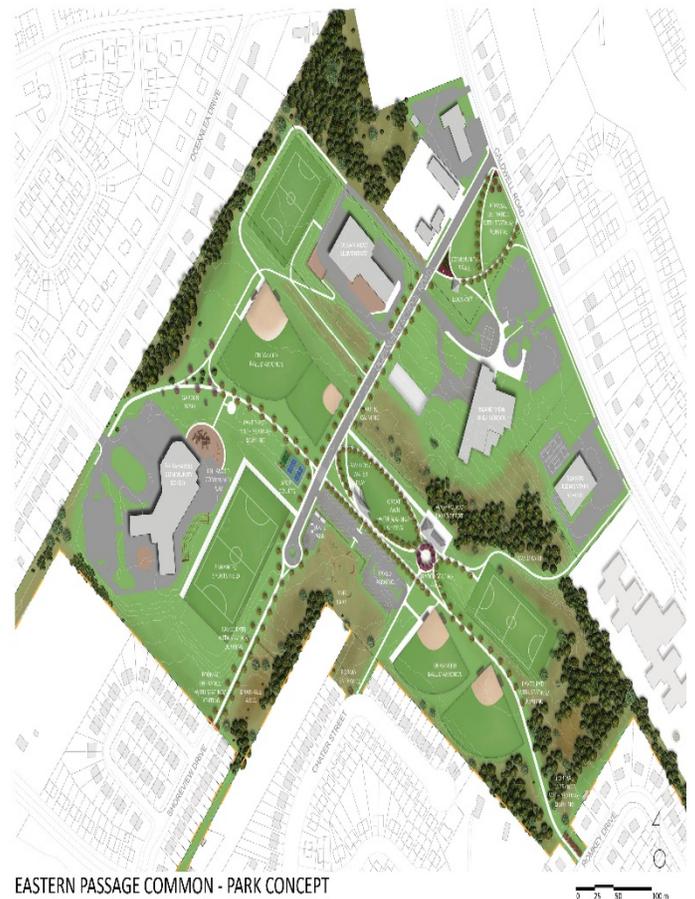
There are three Regional Council meetings scheduled for October. **Regional Council meetings begin at 10am, and are held on Tuesdays:**

- October 5
- October 19
- October 26

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 currently being held virtually but we look forward to resuming in-person meetings once it is safe to do so.

EASTERN PASSAGE SKATE PARK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Eastern Passage Commons has an approved Master Plan for capital revitalization. The skate park location is to be moved and improved. In an effort to have the community engaged, I hosted a community meeting in September. It is my intention to work with the community to make sure we have a skate park that works well for our users and fits well in the new Eastern Passage Commons. The full scope of the Eastern Passage Commons Plan can be found [here](#). If you would like to be part of our local committee, please contact me.





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SPECIAL WASTE

Residents looking to dispose of household hazardous waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to any of the mobile special waste depot events happening this fall (open 9am – 4pm):

- Saturday, October 2
St Margaret's Bay Elementary - 24 Ridgewood Dr, Head of St Margaret's Bay
- Saturday, October 9
Mic Mac Mall - 21 Micmac Blvd, Dartmouth
- Saturday, October 16
NSCC Leeds St Campus - 5685 Leeds St, Halifax
- Saturday, October 30th
Saint Mary's University, 960 Tower Rd, Halifax

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- fuel oil and used motor oil
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit call2recycle.ca for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries and cell phones)

- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit [their website](#) for locations and hours of operation)

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are on most Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The household special waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality, and business waste is not permitted.

For more information on the municipal solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please [visit the website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

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REPORT A CRIME

If you want to report a crime but don't need an officer to come to the scene, call the incident reporting line at 902.490.5016, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on statutory holidays.

Use this phone number to report:
thefts
thefts from vehicles
property damage
driving complaints (not in progress)

For more information, visit our [website](#).

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PORTLAND STREET/COLE HARBOUR ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN UPDATE



HRM staff and the project consultant continue to make progress on the Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road Functional Plan. The goal of the plan is to create two functional designs of the Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road corridor from Prince Albert Street to Bissett Road.

The project team is currently in the process of creating conceptual designs for the corridor based on their understanding of future development, available right-of-way, the opportunities and challenges identified in the Existing Conditions report, and feedback received from members of the public and internal and external stakeholder groups during the first round of consultation. The primary goals for the concepts are the creation of a high-quality transit priority corridor to support the proposed bus rapid transit service outlined in the Rapid Transit Strategy and better accommodation of walking and cycling, while also managing congestion for drivers. The project team will review the concepts and select two that will be further refined into two functional designs for the corridor.

The current project schedule has the second round of consultation slated to occur this fall where the two functional designs will be presented to internal and external stakeholder groups and the general public for feedback. This feedback will be considered and incorporated into final revisions of the two functional designs. The consultant's final report will include costing for both options and a recommended option for implementation.

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE

The municipality invoices property tax bills to all property owners twice each year. I would like to remind residents that the 2nd bill of the year is sent in September and is due on the last working day of October. Learn about municipal property taxes [here](#) and how to pay them [here](#).

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 December 15, 2021. [Nomination forms](#) are available now.

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.

For this year, the recipients for District 3 were Amit Batra, Shelly Bhardwaj, Allan Carrington, Gloria Mannelle, Layla McFadden, Doug Pickrem and Theresa Trider. Congratulations, and thank you for contributing your time, talent, and energy to help build our amazing community!



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UPCOMING TRANSIT CHANGES AND ADDED ROUTES FOR DISTRICT 3

On November 22nd the following route changes and additions will take effect:

Existing routes that are being replaced:

Route 60 Eastern Passage – Replaced by Route 6 A/B/C

Route 63 Woodside – Replaced by Route 6 A/B/C)

Route 62 Wildwood – Replaced by 63 Mount Edward

Route 57 Russell Lake - Replaced by Route 57 Portland Estates. Service between Penhorn Terminal & Woodside Ferry Terminal replaced by Route 67 Baker

Route 66 Penhorn – Replaced by Route 67 Baker

Route 58 Woodlawn – Replaced by Route 58 Woodlawn and 158 Woodlawn Express

Route 59 Colby – Replaced by Route 59 Colby and 159 Colby Express

Route 61 North Preston – Replaced by Route 61 North Preston and 161 North Preston Express

Route 65 Caldwell – Replaced by Route 65 Caldwell and Route 165 Caldwell Express

Route 68 Cherry Brook – Replaced by Route 68 Cherry Brook and Route 168A Auburn Express & Route 168B Cherry Brook Express

Route 78 Mount Edward Express – Replaced by Route 178 Mount Edward Express

Route 79 Cole Harbour Express – Replaced by Route 179 Cole Harbour Express

Route 159 Portland Hills MetroLink – Replaced by all new express routes and/or Route 5 Portland

Route 401 Porters Lake – Replaced by Route 401 Porters Lake

New Routes:

Route 5 Portland – New corridor route (7 days/week frequent service between Portland Hills Terminal and downtown Halifax)

Route 6 A/B/C Eastern Passage – New branched corridor route providing service between:

6A Bridge Terminal – Woodside (weekday service only)

6B Bridge Terminal – Eastern Passage (7 days/week)

6C Bridge Terminal – Heritage Hills (7 days/week)

Route 57 Portland Estates – New local route, peak period weekday service only, between Portland Hills Terminal and Penhorn Terminal.

Route 58 Woodlawn – New local route, 7 days week service, similar routing to former Route 58 Woodlawn but will extend to Portland Hills Terminal.

Route 59 Colby – New local route, 7 days/week service between Colby Village and Portland Hills Terminal following same routing between Portland Hills Terminal and Colby Village as former Route 59

Route 61 North Preston – New local route, 7 days/week service between North Preston and Portland Hills Terminal following mostly similar routing to former Route 61, but will take Forest Hills Parkway to Portland Hills Terminal similar to former Route 68.

Route 63 Mount Edward – New local route, 7 days/week service between Portland Hills Terminal and Penhorn Terminal via Mount Edward Rd, similar routing to former Route 62 Wildwood

Route 65 Caldwell – New local route, 7 days/week service between Caldwell Rd area and Portland Hills Terminal, similar routing between Portland Hills Terminal and Caldwell



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Rd area as former Route 65 Caldwell. No service on Carisbrooke Ln., Shrewsbury Rd., Carlisle Dr., Pearl Dr., Atholea Dr., & Caldwell Rd. south of Sherwood St. Instead, the route will travel along Caldwell Rd., Astral Dr., Sherwood St. and Brookfield Ave.

Route 67 Baker – New local route, similar routing to former Route 66 Penhorn. Also replaces the portion of the former Route 57 Russell Lake between Penhorn Terminal and Woodside Ferry Terminal

Route 68 Cherry Brook – New local route, 7 days/week service between Cherry Brook and Portland Hills Terminal. Follows similar routing to former Route 68 north of Hillsboro Dr., south of Hillsboro Dr. it will follow similar routing to the former Route 61.

Below are the express routes which at peak times, will provide service in their local area (servicing all stops for the local route) then provide express, limited stop service from Portland Hills Terminal to downtown Halifax:

- Route 158 Woodlawn Express
- Route 159 Colby Express
- Route 161 North Preston Express
- Route 165 Caldwell Express
- Route 168A Auburn Express
- Route 168B Cherry Brook Express
- Route 178 Mount Edward Express
- Route 179 Cole Harbour Express

Route 401 Porters Lake – New rural route, 7 days/week service between Porters Lake Park & Ride and Portland Hills Terminal. Service has been eliminated to West Chezzetcook, Grand Desert and Seaforth. Three trips per day have been added on Saturdays and Sundays.

Starting now, you can learn more about these changes and become familiar with navigating a new route if you are impacted by:

- Learn more about these plans at Halifax.ca/servicechanges.
- To look up your changes visit halifax.ca/transit or call **311**
- Attend a free webinar on September 29th at noon to learn more about the Halifax Transit changes, and how to navigate the buses once the changes are in place. Register here: halifax.ca/yournewcommute
- More information, including a booklet with route maps and schedules, as well as a new Riders' Guide and Network Map will be available in October.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER | EXPLORE YOUR NEW ROUTES | SERVICE CHANGES Starting November 22 | HALIFAX TRANSIT

IF YOU TOOK ROUTE	CONSIDER TAKING	ADJUSTED ROUTES
5	26 or 9 or 2	90
7	7 or 7	91
14	24 or 10 or 29	194
32	127 or 9	433
53	53 or 87 or 5 or 158 159 161 165 168	
54	54	
55	55	
57	57 and/or 67	
58	58 or 158 or 5	
59	59 or 159 or 5	
60	6 or 6 or 6	
61	61 or 161 or 68 + 168 or 5	
62	63	
63	6 or 6 or 6	
65	65 or 165	
66	62 or 67 or 58 + 72 or 159 + 72	
68	61 or 161 or 68 + 168 or 5	
78	178	
79	179	
159	159 165 168 168 or 5	
401	401 or 370	

Find your changes at halifax.ca/transit or call 311



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NEW NAME: HORIZION RECREATION CENTRE

As many of you know, Horizon Elementary School in Eastern Passage was renamed last year. In keeping with the community interest conveyed during that process, HRM has approved the renaming of the Recreation Center as well, to Horizon Recreation Center. I want to acknowledge the efforts of the late Jeep Deveaux and other community members who worked so hard to establish this community school and recreation space in our community. We can still be very proud of that work and honor those who made it happen, while honoring all who use it in our communities today.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE



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

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



CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at **becky.kent@halifax.ca** or **902-478-5368**. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311. To reach my office, please call Emily Smith at **902-490-7177**.

To sign up for my monthly E-Newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).



COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Community Council is meeting virtually. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change.

You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).