



**COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON**  
**DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS**  
**WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY**

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**DEAR RESIDENTS**



Your print newsletter is on the way!

I hope you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and a safe Halloween.

I am thankful for:

- Family and friends whose patience in my absence are still there for me!
- A Caring community that has grown in size considerably!
- Frontline workers that are braver than we can say!
- Dr Strang who is such a tireless leader!



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- My fellow Councillors and Mayor
- The HRM team who I annoy with questions they never fail to answer!

To all who have been there with questions, answers, support, and guidance as I travel this Councillor journey – you are appreciated more than words can say. 😊



### OCTOBER IS MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH



Every year on October 1, Nova Scotians mark Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture, and important contributions of Mi'kmaq people.

These centuries-old treaties honour the enduring bond of friendship and respect between Nova Scotia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and reaffirm the historic

presence of the Mi'kmaq who have occupied the land for thousands of years.

I was honored to attend the Flag Raising at the Grand Oasis Stage (Grand Parade).

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.

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.

For events, celebrations, and resources, visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/diversity-inclusion/indigenous-services/mikmaq-history-month>

### BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

With school now back in full swing we are reminded of the challenges that can come along with parking by-law compliance in school zones.

At the forefront of the parking rules in school zones is the safety of our children – and the safety of others, including parents dropping off their children, school bus drivers, teachers, and others who may happen to be walking or driving through the area. The rules are also in place so that buses and others can maneuver in the area as they need to.

HRM's Parking Enforcement and Compliance team have been putting a special emphasis on parking by-law enforcement in school zones this month through compliance and educational efforts.



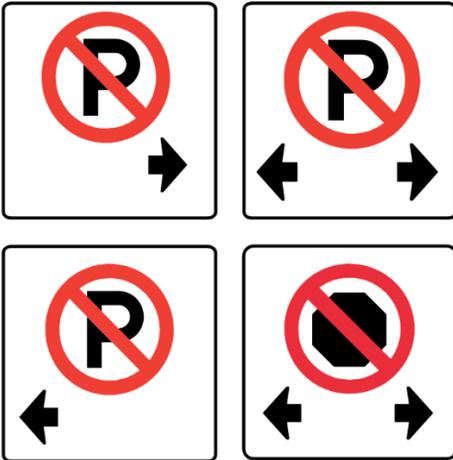
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Here are some stats provided from Parking Enforcement and Compliance from the first two weeks of this school year in HRM:

- 29 Schools on list for proactive patrol
- 54 Patrols
- 47 Tickets
- 111 Warnings

It is key for those who frequent school zones – particularly parents – to be informed on how to drop off kids safely, and legally. Here are some **Park Safe** tips shared with me from Parking Enforcement and Compliance:



**No Parking signs:** This means a vehicle CAN stop in these areas to drop off and pick up school children. It does not, however, mean that the driver can arrive 15 minutes before school is dismissed and wait for their child. In many cases, the No Parking areas around schools are for specific periods of time such as from 7 am to 6 pm. No Parking areas are normally located where it is safest to momentarily stop a vehicle to drop off and pick up children.



**No Stopping signs:** These areas are likely to be found at intersections, school crossing guard locations or crosswalks where there is a high concentration of students crossing the street. Drivers who park in these areas are jeopardizing the safety of students walking to and from school. Your vehicle cannot park OR stop within this signage.



**Stop signs:** Parking within 10 meters of a stop sign is not permitted. Parking there can obstruct the view of people crossing and driving.

**School Bus Zone:** School bus signage must be kept clear so that children can step off the bus and onto a curb instead of exiting on the street.

**Blocking driveways:** Be a good neighbour. Watch out not to block entrances to garages or driveways

**Double parking:** Do not double park when dropping off and picking up students from school

**Crosswalk:** leave 5 meters between your vehicle and any crosswalk marking to ensure children can be visible when crossing the street.





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## Virtual African Nova Scotian Community Circle

**Virtual Community Circle:**  
Interested in working with the Halifax Regional Municipality?

Join us for a virtual community circle to learn about jobs with the municipality, and speak directly with business unit leaders and one of our recruiters.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | 6 p.m.

We offer opportunities for mechanics, accountants, bus operators, planners and much more. Being the level of public service closest to residents, municipal careers are diverse, dynamic, and hands-on.

RSVP to [simmona@halifax.ca](mailto:simmona@halifax.ca) to register by midnight on October 12, 2021 to confirm your attendance. Once confirmed, a meeting link with instructions about how to participate will be sent to you through email. ASL interpreters will be in attendance.

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Supported by the Halifax Regional Municipality's Office of Diversity and Inclusion and African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office.

If you enjoy working with others, have a desire to learn, grow and give back to the community through your work, you can register by emailing [simmona@halifax.ca](mailto:simmona@halifax.ca).

## 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](http://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.

## COVID-19 EVENTS RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

While this was on last months e newsletter it is worth a reminder for Non-Profits!



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.



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## 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](http://www.SalvationArmy.ca/Maritime/Heat)  
902-422-3435

The Fund is proudly administered by The Salvation Army.

Together, the Province of Nova Scotia through Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, and Nova Scotia Power, its employees and customers, have played a significant role in growing this Fund to help families each year. In 2020, Maritime Link also made a one-time contribution to the program, enabling The Salvation Army to assist an additional 2,500 households.

## HRM'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANTS PROGRAM



Community associations in HRM play a significant role in operating and maintaining Active Transportation (AT) facilities and promoting and educating the public about walking and cycling.

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To help these community groups do this work, several grant programs are available to support projects and events through five available AT grants. Learn more and apply here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/active-transportation-grants-program>

**The deadline to apply is Friday, October 15th** for projects starting in November 2021 and ending in March 2022.

## YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM RECRUITING



## Youth Live Program

*Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment?* If you're between 16 and 24 years old, you may be eligible to participate in the Youth Live Program.

The Youth Live Program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill-building for youth with employment barriers. In a supportive environment, program participants will gain hands-on work experience and participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. Application deadline is October 4, 2021.

For more information or to apply please contact:

- 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446
- Send an e-mail to [ylrecruit@halifax.ca](mailto:ylrecruit@halifax.ca)
- Message through Facebook: [facebook.com/hfxyouthlive](https://facebook.com/hfxyouthlive)



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Youth Live will contact you to get some more information about you, and to tell you more about the program. After that, you may be invited to an information session.

## GENDER PARITY



## RCMP AUGUST STATS

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

- 691 calls for service**  
...up only by +8.3% over the same period in 2020
- 20 Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs) issued**  
...down from 34 during the same period in 2020  
2 Aggressive Driving, 11 Other MVA (No Insurance, Fail to Yield, etc.), 7 Speeding.
- 48 Cellphone/Seatbelt/Speeding, etc. checkpoints**
- 98 Traffic stops**  
...down from 112 during the same period in 2020
- 165 Proactive Assignments**  
...up from the 140 reported over the same period in 2020
- 2 Impaired Driving Charges**  
...same number as in August, 2020.
- 0 Impaired Suspensions**

**PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.**

## OPEN DATA RELEASE - TAKE A LOOK!



This week, HRM released two new datasets as part of the Open Data program.

In support of #HalifACT, the municipality's climate action plan, HRM Building Energy Usage has been shared with the public. This includes electric, natural gas, fuel oil, and propane usage and costs for a number of our facilities.

HRM is also releasing building and construction permit from the new Planning Permitting Licensing & Compliance application, PPL&C Issued Construction Permits and PPL&C Issued Building Permits. Explore the municipality's Open Data catalog: <https://catalogue-hrm.opendata.arcgis.com>

## 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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## OCTOBER VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

### Regional Council:

Tuesday, October 5th at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 19th at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 26th at 10 a.m.

### North West Community Council:

Monday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m.

### North West Planning Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 6th at 7p.m.

### Grants Committee

October 18th at 10 a.m.

### Advisory Committee on Accessibility

October 18th at 4p.m.

### Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Wednesday October 20th at 10 a.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 October. The following are a small sampling of what is available:

- [Patio Lanterns Festival](#) running to October 11<sup>th</sup>
- [Halifax Mooseheads Hockey Season](#) October 2nd to April 2nd, 2022
- [Nova Scotia Forest Festival – Lake Charlotte](#) October 2nd
- [Stars on Ice Tour 2021](#) October 8th

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- [Nocturne](#) October 13th to 16th
- [Hal Con](#) October 22nd to 24<sup>th</sup>

**WE'RE BACK!**  
OCT. 5TH 1-3

**Carroll's Corner Seniors Group**

- 9 Milford Rd, Carroll's Corner
- This will be held the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 1-3
- Hope to see you there!

## CARDS EVENINGS



Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> places & Boobie  
50/50 Draw  
Loonie Jar – All games winner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 AT 7 PM – 10 PM

Cards evening

Meaghers Grant community hall

Auction 45 card games

\$5 per person

\*\*COVID 19 updates

- Players are allowed to move between tables
- Proof of vaccination is required
- Wearing a mask is mandatory



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## 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

Phone: 902-490-4090

Email: [browns@halifac.ca](mailto:browns@halifac.ca)

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](mailto:browns@halifax.ca) or 902-490-4090

## 311 CONTACT CENTRE

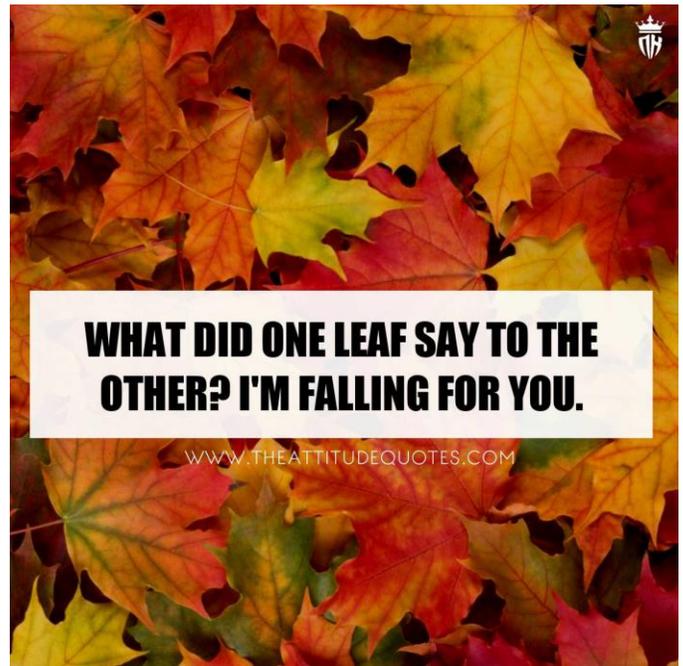
More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

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](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca)

## SIGN UP TO MY E-NEWSLETTER





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## OUT AND ABOUT



### WAVERLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It was especially nice to chat with Waverley Residents at the Waverley Community Association AGM! Thanks to Pat Healy for the pic!



Flag Raising for Truth and Reconciliation!



It's a Fall Festival at the Upper Musquodoboit Community Centre supported by volunteers here's new President Kayla Henley whom I look forward to working with along with the team on the Board.



Finally, the Gate at Perrin Drive is locked, and we are thankful for all who made that happen!



Sign is up!!!! Thanks, FRABA

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