



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy Fall District 4!

October is a beautiful month in Nova Scotia. District 4 is home to many beautiful trails that I hope you are able to take advantage of during this lovely season. I also would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns related to our district or our municipality! It is always a pleasure to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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'kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw 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 our [website](#).



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BEATRICE!



Beatrice Geldart was born on September 2, 1921 in Dartmouth to parents Nazaire & Mary Louise Chaisson. She met and married a farm boy (Eric Geldart) from Cole Harbour and spent the next 75 years as an active member of the community. She moved to Cole Harbour before Colby Village or Forest Hills were even thought of and when Cole Harbour Road was still gravel and not paved. Bea worked beside her husband at Geldart's Poultry farm while raising 3 children, until Eric's death at age 56. At that time, she learned to drive and continued to be active in her community. She was a longtime member of the Cole Harbour Heritage Society, the Cole Harbour Campbell Club and a 57-year member of the CWL of Saint John XXIII parish. When asked what her secret was, she replied - "Stay active, eat healthy, don't drink or smoke and take 1 day at a time and above all don't forget to laugh".

PARK PLANNING FOR THE REHAB LANDS: ROUND TWO OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The second round of the community engagement for park planning for the Rehab Lands is now open. In this round we will be exploring different options for the park and asking the public for feedback on three concept scenarios. The engagement will be hosted online again on our Shape Your City engagement platform. There is a presentation available to view and an online survey where you can give feedback. You can also view the "What We Heard" report that summarizes the feedback from the Park User Survey in round one of community engagement.

The online survey will be available until November 1, 2021. More information and access to the survey 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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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 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.

Interested in working with the municipality? Join HRM staff for a Virtual African Nova Scotian Community Circle, October 13th at 6 p.m.

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.

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.

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](#).

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE APPROACHING

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 all about municipal property taxes [here](#) and how to pay them [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.





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MUNICIPALITY CONTINUES COLLABORATION TO HELP ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Today, 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, visit our [website](#).

HRM 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to your community? You can give them the recognition they deserve! Nominate an adult, youth, or group for the 2022 HRM Volunteer Awards until December 15th, 2021. [Nomination forms](#) are available now.

Nominate an outstanding volunteer for the 2022 Volunteer Awards





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PORTLAND STREET & COLE HARBOUR ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN



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 BRT 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.

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 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.





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HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES COMING NOVEMBER 22

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Starting **November 22**

THE FOLLOWING ROUTES ARE CHANGING:
5, 7, 14, 32, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 78, 79, 90, 91, 159, 194, 401, 433

INTRODUCING NEW ROUTES:
5, 6 A/M, 7 A/B, 24, 26, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 67, 68, 127, 158, 159, 161, 165, 168 A, 178, 179, 401

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

As our city changes, so do our public Transit needs. On November 22, 2021, Halifax Transit will introduce large-scale service changes primarily affecting Dartmouth communities (Districts 2, 3, 4, 6) but that also reach to Halifax, Spryfield, Cole Harbour, and communities between Dartmouth and Porters Lake/Seaforth. A new West Bedford Park & Ride will also open, which will require minor route modifications to four routes to service the Park & Ride.

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

- 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.

Halifax Transit is implementing the Moving Forward Together Plan because as our city evolves, so do our public transit needs. As part of this, Halifax Transit is creating a simplified transfer-based system. Transfers make transit routes shorter, which means they're less likely to get delayed by traffic, and more efficient.

While trips won't look exactly the same, most trips are possible using the new routes. It's possible that trips may now require a transfer.

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

IF YOU TOOK ROUTE	CONSIDER TAKING	ADJUSTED ROUTES
5	26 or 9 or 2	90
7	7 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 6 6	
61	61 or 161 or 68 + 168 or 5	
62	63	
63	6 6 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 A 168 or 5	
401	401 or 370	

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings are open for anyone to speak at, or to submit written comments. They are your chance to share your opinions and views on specific topics with [Regional Council](#) or [community councils](#). Public Hearings are currently all virtual due to COVID-19.

Public hearings are typically held to discuss planning and development related matters, new by-laws, or changes to existing by-laws. For more information, visit our [website](#).

View upcoming public hearings [here](#) or check out the listings in the Chronicle Herald.

Halifax Regional Council intends to consider, and if deemed advisable, amend the existing Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to permit the keeping of egg-laying hens. The virtual public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. It will be webcast and may be viewed online. More information can be found [here](#).

COLE HARBOUR-WESTPHAL-LAKE LOON-CHERRY BROOK District RCMP Data for August, 2021



564 calls for service

...an increase of +4.83% over the same period in 2020



28 Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs) issued

...down from the 31 issued during the same period in 2020

11 Aggressive Driving, 15 Other MVA (following too closely, fail to yield to a pedestrian, etc.), 2 Speeding



9 Cellphone/Seatbelt/Speeding, etc. checkpoints

127 Traffic stops

...up from 76 conducted in the same period in 2020

122 Proactive Assignments

...up from the 71 reported over the same period in 2020



2 Impaired Driving Charges

...down from 5 charges in August, 2020

2 Impaired Suspensions

...compared to three 7-day suspensions in August, 2020

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.

GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS PLUS TRAINING

Recently, I took 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.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

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

Saturday, October 9

Mic Mac Mall lower parking lot, 21 Micmac Blvd, Dartmouth

Saturday, October 16

NSCC Institute of Technology Campus, 5685 Leeds St, Halifax

Saturday, October 30

Saint Mary's University, 960 Tower Rd, Halifax

The depots run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. A full list of materials that are accepted can be found [here](#).

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.

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](#).

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province. If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca or **902-240-3067**. For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**.

To reach my office, please call Emily Smith at **902-490-7177**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

