



## MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

I trust you have had a good October with a safe, yet rainy Halloween. As we enter November, I encourage you all to spend time reflecting on the many sacrifices our military veterans and serving members have made, and are making to make our lives better. They are not small and deserve our thoughts, prayers, and strength to carry out their duties with pride, safety and support from their communities.

Stay safe, be well and be kind, we all need that from each other.

Warmly,

*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.*

## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL CELEBRATES ONE YEAR OF GENDER PARITY

We are coming up on celebrating one year of gender parity for the first time ever on Halifax Regional Council.

Since Catherine MacLean Sullivan was elected as a City of Halifax Alderman (person) in 1934, women have been active and important members of municipal government in the Halifax region.

However, it was not until 2020 when Halifax Regional Council achieved two historic milestones: the election of the first woman of colour, Councillor Iona Stoddard, and a council with gender parity - which is equal representation of elected Councillors who identify as women and men. This is a historic milestone that is truly worth celebrating.

To read the profiles of current Regional Council members – 8 women and 8 men – visit our [website](#).



## HRM'S YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM



### Youth Live Program

[The Youth Live Program](#) offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. A new session is coming up - the application deadline is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

While in this supportive environment the program participants will gain hands-on work experience and participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. At Youth Live you will Work to Learn and Learn to Work!

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](#).

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.

## MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT EVENTS

Residents looking to dispose of unwanted household special waste can bring their materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening this November:

**When:** Saturday, November 6  
**Where:** Tallahassee Community School, 168 Redoubt Way, Eastern Passage

**When:** Saturday, November 13  
**Where:** Harold T Barrett Jr High, 862 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

**When:** Saturday, November 27  
**Where:** Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.

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.

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



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots



## PARTICIPATE IN HALIFAX'S ACCESSIBILITY TOWN HALL



Take part in the municipality's Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall!

The Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall is an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality business unit representatives to provide updates to the community regarding accessibility initiatives in the municipality, and to hear feedback and input from residents.

Staff from Corporate & Customer Services, Transportation & Public Works, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion/African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office, and Transit will be present at this year's event:

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Paul O'Regan Hall - Halifax Central Library  
Facebook Invitation: <https://fb.me/e/19EKsjrIV>

The event will also be live streamed to YouTube with viewing locations at the Tantallon and Musquodoboit Harbour Libraries.

You can attend in-person or participate online via Zoom. To attend this event virtually and submit your questions live, [registration](#) is required.

ASL interpretation will be available at Paul O'Regan Hall and on the live-streamed virtual event. Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Captioning will also be visible on the live-streamed virtual event. This is an accessible venue.

For full event details, including Access-A-Bus information and COVID-19 requirements, visit our [website](#).

## RECRUITMENT FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>



The Municipal Clerk's Office has begun the fall recruitment process for residents to serve on boards, committees, and commissions. Recruitment is ongoing until **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Regional Council recognizes that the municipality is best served by boards, committees, and commissions whose membership reflects the diverse communities they serve. Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important— are you interested?

View the full list of opportunities and complete an online application form [here](#).



## **TRAFFIC CALMING ON EISENER BOULEVARD**

Traffic calming measures have been installed on Eisener Boulevard which includes a tactical multi-use pathway (MUP) on the south west side of the street from Russell Lake Drive to Portland Estates Boulevard West. This includes 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 also includes 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.

I am receiving comments through email, phone, and social media all of which I am collecting and sharing with staff. This project is ongoing with a complex set of challenges. The traffic calming

framework that is in place right now does not include public consultation, however it is something that I believe should be considered on all future projects. I will be asking for that as a new recommendation to this framework.

Engineers and experts in traffic safety are where the designs are created, and they do so with many elements in consideration. It's important to see what the results are for this project before considering changes. We are in the early stages of changes that are expected over several years. The challenges include unsafe road crossing, speeding, one lane being used as two, and pedestrians on upper side are unsafe walking to school and parks. Other considerations include connections for pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely to the Portland Greenway.

Eisener Blvd is projected to be resurfaced in two years with full curb/gutter, complete sidewalks and bike lane installed. The current infrastructure is a solution to very serious traffic concerns expressed by the community. Narrowing roads are effective and proven ways to reduce traffic speeds.

Traffic calming is often needed and asked for, then many residents in the area express concern during installation, and later adjust and change driving habits. Please consider waiting this out and seeing what happens. If you have any questions or concerns, I ask that you send me an e-mail. I am happy to discuss any time.

Please consider attending the PEHRA AGM on November 17<sup>th</sup> to hear me speak on this and answer questions. You can register for the meeting through PEHRA.



## HRM'S VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

HRM's Annual Volunteer Conference is coming up on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>! It will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Dartmouth.

The volunteer conference is a celebration of the tremendous contributions of volunteers in the region. Residents get the opportunity to participate in training and networking to become more effective in their work and provide strong volunteer capacity throughout the municipality. Learn more and find out how to register [here](#).



## GREEN CART COLLECTION

Green cart collection service returned to every two weeks on Monday, Oct. 4.

For green cart and garbage collection schedules, residents should either refer to the *Halifax Recycles* mobile or web-based app on our [website](#), or call 311.

Residents are reminded to place their garbage, recycling, and green cart curbside no later than 7 a.m. to ensure pick-up.



## CALDWELL ROAD SCHOOLS IN EASTERN PASSAGE

On Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, I held a stakeholder meeting at the Horizon Recreation Centre to discuss several converging traffic issues surrounding Ocean View Elementary, Seaside Elementary and Island View High School. I'm pleased to share that this was a very productive meeting and staff are investigating potential solutions.

In attendance was a parent representative of each school, HRM staff from Traffic, Fire and Emergency Services, Parks, Parking Enforcement, as well as Principals of Ocean View and Seaside Elementary Schools, and RCMP Community Policing. My goal was to give HRM staff and Police a thorough understanding of what is at play in this area of Caldwell Road. With 4 schools within 1km of each other and 3 all accessed from Caldwell Road, it is especially challenging and often unsafe for pedestrians, students, and drivers early in the morning and later in the afternoon.

Each school has different challenges so any approach or any solutions must take them all into account, so no unintended consequences of change makes it worse at any one location.

HRM Staff appreciate the opportunity to hear first-hand the challenges at these locations and hear some suggestions for solutions. I will be engaging with staff to follow up on suggestions and hopefully some potential solutions that make it safer for everyone. Please remember that driving safe and cautiously in school zones is always the best approach.



## 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

## KEEPING OF EGG-LAYING HENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

**Nominate an outstanding volunteer for the 2022 Volunteer Awards**



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.

Households will be able to keep and raise egg-laying fowl in residential areas for personal use thanks to a recent vote by Regional Council.

Amendments have been adopted to the [Regional Municipal Planning Strategy](#) and land use by-laws to allow the keeping and raising of egg-laying hens as an accessory residential use.

In recent years, Regional Council has considered household food security and supported policy changes, partnerships, and community-based solutions to food security challenges. This change will increase access to food, food skills and connections to food's origins.

The regulations will include standards to ensure safety and compatibility with neighbourhood norms, such as providing a setback from property lines and a limit on the number of egg-laying hens permitted based on lot size.

Public education, including a voluntary registration program supporting municipal tracking of backyard hens and providing information in case of a 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](#).



### 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.*



## IN-PERSON REGIONAL COUNCIL RESUMES

Halifax Regional Council and some other meetings have resumed in an in-person format. It was very exciting to join my colleagues at our first in-person Regional Council meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Several COVID-19 restrictions are in place per public health guidelines, to ensure we can meet safely, and effectively:

- Masks must be worn during in-person meetings other than when an individual is called upon to speak by the Chair.
- To enter the building and attend the meeting, [Proof of Full COVID-19 Vaccination is required.](#)
- For members of the public who are participating in a meeting, a phone-in option will be available for those unable to attend in-person.
- Live webcasts are available for most meetings

### How will I know if a meeting is in-person or virtual?

[Check the agenda](#) for each meeting, once available, to confirm whether the meeting will be virtual or in-person. For public hearings, advertisements will include whether the hearing is virtual or in-person.



**MEETING**

HALIFAX

## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for November:

- Tuesday, November 9 at 10am
- Tuesday, November 23 at 10am

We have now resumed in-person Regional Council meetings – it’s great to be there in Council Chambers with my colleagues. Meetings are also broadcast live on Eastlink Community TV and [online](#).

## HALIFAX AND THE YMCA: WORKING TO KEEP YOU SAFE THIS WINTER

Removing snow around your property can be a challenging – or even impossible – task for many people. There is help available: the Halifax Regional Municipality provides an annual contribution of \$400,000 in support of the YMCA for its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

To find out more about this program and to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the YMCA [online](#).





## COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

### UPCOMING TRANSIT CHANGES AND ADDED ROUTES FOR DISTRICT 3

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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## DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

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](http://Halifax.ca/servicechanges).
- To look up your changes visit [halifax.ca/transit](http://halifax.ca/transit) or call **311**
- Attend a free webinar on September 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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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](http://halifax.ca/transit) or call **311**



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DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

## NOVEMBER IS CROHN'S AND COLITIS AWARENESS MONTH



Halifax Regional Municipality is lighting up Halifax City Hall red on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to highlight this awareness month. Please take time to take a selfie in front of City Hall and tag @GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook to show your support!

For more information, visit [crohnsandcolitis.ca](http://crohnsandcolitis.ca) and follow @getgutsycanada and @GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook.

## 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](#).

## 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](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca) For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

11 NOVEMBER  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Lest we forget*

