

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy November District 4!

This month, we reflect on the sacrifices of the many people who laid down their lives for the hope and dream of a better world. Let's honor their memory by trying our best to be a small part of that better world to those around us.

Also, this month we have the start of the Christmas and Holiday season with the Parade of Lights, and the Grand Parade Tree Lighting. We have our very own Christmas Tree Lighting here in Cole Harbour at the Fire Station on Cole Harbour Road, brought to you by Cole Harbour and Area Business Association. Stay tuned for these events later in the month!

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any of your municipal concerns or questions. I am always happy to hear from you. Have a great month!

Sincerely,

HRM YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM

<u>The Youth Live Program</u> 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 5th.

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
- Message through <u>Facebook</u>.

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.



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COLE HARBOUR COMETS MINOR GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Comets Give Back!

Some of our Comets Rep Team athletes volunteered at Kiwanis Beach and Park in October. We're thankful for this beautiful space the Kiwanis provide our community. They spent 3.5 hours weeding, raking beach sand, and planting hundreds of tulips.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community.





November 2021

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 6th

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 <u>Halifax Recycles app</u> or visit our <u>website</u>.









Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

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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 10th 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Paul O'Regan Hall - Halifax Central Library Facebook Invitation: https://fb.me/e/19EKsjrlV

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, <u>registration</u> 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 15th



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**th.

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.



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HRM'S VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



HRM's Annual Volunteer Conference is coming up on Friday, November 19th! 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.

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 15th, 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.

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.



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 househoulds 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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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 19th.

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, <u>Proof of Full COVID-19</u>
 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?

<u>Check the agenda</u> 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.



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for November:

- Tuesday, November 9th at 10am
- Tuesday, November 23rd 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.

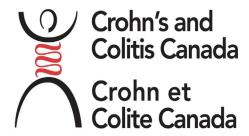
To find out more about this program and to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the YMCA online.





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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 <u>crohnsandcolitis.ca</u> and follow @getgutsycanada and @GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook.

KEEPING OF EGG-LAYING HENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

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

Amendments have been adopted to the <u>Regional Municipal Planning Strategy</u> 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 egglaying 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.





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HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES COMING NOVEMBER 22nd



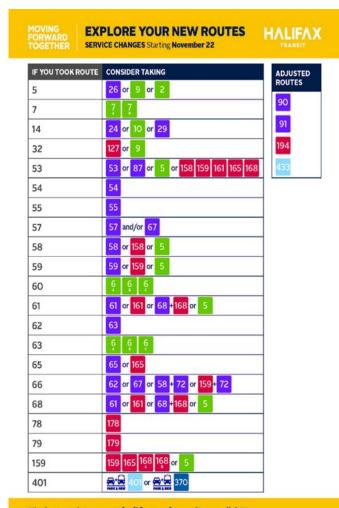
As our city changes, so do our public Transit needs. On November 22nd, 2021, Halifax Transit will introduce large-scale service changes primarily affecting Dartmouth communities (Districts 2, 3, 4, 6) but that also reach to Halifax, Spryfield, Cole Harbour, and communities between Dartmouth and Porters 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 <u>Halifax.ca/servicechanges</u>.
- To look up your changes visit <u>halifax.ca/transit</u> or call 311
- More information, including a booklet with route maps and schedules, as well as a new Riders' Guide and Network Map are available now.

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.



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





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GREEN CART COLLECTION

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

For green cart and garbage collection schedules, residents should either refer to the **Halifax Recycles** mobile or web-based app on our <u>website</u>, 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.



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



656 calls for service
...an increase of +22.1% over the same period in 2020



45 Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs) issued ...up from the 33 issued during the same period in 2020

12 Aggressive Driving, 25 Other MVA (Expired Plate, License Suspended, etc.), 3 Speeding, 1 Seatbelt, 3 Cellphone, 1 Stunting



26 Cellphone/Seatbelt/ Speeding, etc. checkpoints

162 Traffic stops ...up from 126 conducted in the same period in 2020

151 Proactive Assignments
...up from the 98 reported over the same period in 2020



7 Impaired Driving Charges (2 in September 2020) 2 Impaired Suspensions (3 in September 2020)



15 Motor Vehicle Accidents
...down 5 from 20 reported during the same period in 2020

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

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. Please be advised that the Community Council meeting taking place on November 4th will be held in-person, in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Halifax City Hall. 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.

