



COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS
HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME NOVEMBER!

With 2021 wrapping up soon, we reflect on a difficult year, but we have a lot to be thankful for. First and foremost, I'm thankful for our Veterans and the ultimate sacrifice they made for us. I would also like to thank the health care workers, first responders, and everyone in our communities who endeavored to see that we as a municipality and province, served the needs of the public in the face of health risks. I'd also like to thank the residents of District 6 for your patience with the renovation of the Dartmouth North Public Library, the road construction in the Mt. Edward Road and Woodlawn areas, and the use of Gray Arena as a temporary shelter for the homeless. In this issue, I am highlighting where we are on our efforts to help homeless in our communities, and updates on various renovations and improvements to facilities in our district.

BIENVENUE NOVEMBRE!

Alors que 2021 s'achève bientôt, nous réfléchissons à une année difficile, mais nous avons beaucoup de sujets de reconnaissance. D'abord et avant tout, je suis reconnaissant de nos anciens combattants et du sacrifice ultime qu'ils ont fait pour nous. Je tiens également à remercier les travailleurs de la santé, les premiers intervenants et tous les membres de nos collectivités qui se sont assurés que nous, en tant que municipalité et province, répondions aux besoins du public face aux risques pour la santé. Je tiens également à remercier les résidents du district 6 de votre patience à l'égard de la rénovation de la Bibliothèque publique de Dartmouth Nord, de la construction de routes dans la zone des chemins Mt Edward et Woodlawn, et de l'utilisation de l'aréna Gray comme refuge temporaire pour les sans-abri. Dans le présent numéro, je souligne où nous en sommes dans nos efforts pour aider les sans-abri dans nos collectivités, et je donne des mises à jour sur diverses rénovations et améliorations des installations de notre district.





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MOBILE SHOWERS

My motion on having mobile showers has now come to life. The showers are now ready to be used and will be situated next to the Dartmouth Library. Showers on the Halifax side will be provided by Adsum Alders 2380 Gottingen St. Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 8pm



Drop in any time between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

LOCATION:
Dartmouth North Community Centre and Public Library - Field
105 Highfield Park Dr.
Dartmouth, NS
B3A 0C2

CONTACT INFO:
Municipal Public Safety Office
902-237-4675

Mainline
902-423-9991

TOWELS AND SHOWER SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED




The Halifax Regional Municipality and Mainline Needle Exchange have partnered to offer **free shower facilities** to those experiencing homelessness in our region.

PAID JOB AND LIFE SKILL BUILDING THROUGH HRM'S YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM

The Youth Live Program is recruiting for a new session! This HRM program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill-building for youth with barriers to employment. Applications are being accepted until November 5: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/youth-live-job-experience-program>





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RECRUITMENT FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS



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.**

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 at: www.Halifax.ca/serve

NOVEMBER IS CROHN'S AND COLITIS AWARENESS MONTH

November is Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month. It deserves our awareness – Canada has one of the highest rates of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in the world. During November, Crohn's and Colitis Canada (@GetGutsyNovaScotia) is raising awareness about these inflammatory bowel diseases, and its impact on those who live with IBD every day and their supporters.

For more information, visit crohnsandcolitis.ca and follow @getgutsycanada and @GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook.

SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA

Applications are open for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program. Help with home heating costs is available for Nova Scotians living on low incomes.

The annual program provides a rebate of up to \$200 to low-income Nova Scotians who pay for their own heat. The income threshold to qualify for the program is \$29,000 for single-income households and \$44,000 for family-income households.

HARP runs through March 31, 2022.

Applications are available [here](#) and through Access Nova Scotia, Community Services and MLA offices.

Additional Resources:

[Property Tax Rebate Program for Low Income Seniors:](#)

[HEAT Fund for low-income Nova Scotians in emergency need of heating assistance](#)

[Nova Scotia COVID Relief Fund for low-income Nova Scotians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in emergency need of heating assistance](#)

For more information on other Nova Scotia home energy programs, visit <https://energyassist.ca/>





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SENOIRS SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

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](#).

MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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 13th

Where: Harold T Barrett Jr High, 862 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

When: Saturday, November 27th

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 www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste

RESCUE WHEEL

I, along with Councillor Patty Cuttell was happy to support the purchase of a rescue wheel for Fire Station 6 in Herring Cove with our district capital funds. Thank you to you and all the crew members of Fire Station 6, D platoon, for hosting the photo opportunity. I really appreciate it. Thank you again to Marc Pike of Mountain Bike Halifax for leading this initiative.



SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Green cart collection service has returned to every two weeks. For green cart and garbage collection schedules, residents should either refer to the *Halifax Recycles* mobile or web-based app at halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere, 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.

DARTMOUTH NORTH LIBRARY NOW OPEN

The Dartmouth North Library has reopened! The renovations are complete, and the library looks amazing. I would like to thank the community for your patience, and I can assure you, the wait has paid off. Please come check out our new look, and of course, borrow a book!



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VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



HRM's Annual Volunteer Conference is coming up on Friday, November 19! 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 their work and provide strong volunteer capacity throughout the municipality.

2021 Volunteer Conference Details

When: Friday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Double Tree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, NS

Registration deadline: 48 Hours prior to each workshop

How to Register for the Volunteer Conference:

1. Register online at halifax.ca/myrec (barcode# 00046392) to register for each workshop you are interested in. Please note: Conference registrations are processed using the municipal recreation registration system. If you don't already have an account, you will need to create one. If you need help, you can call any municipal Recreation Centre for assistance.
2. Please ensure your email is correct when you set up your account/register for your workshops. You might want to also add the following email address as a "trusted sender" as workshop information (including the link to sign in) will be sent to your email from this address: hirtled@halifax.ca
3. 5. Please contact Darren Hirtle at 902-476-1184 if you have any questions.

NEW STREET NAME FOR CORNWALLIS STREET SURVEY



HRM is now conducting a survey until November 12 to collect new street name suggestions for Cornwallis Street in Halifax. The renaming of Cornwallis Street project is one of the recommendations of the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History, and a step towards reconciliation. Submit your ideas [here](#).

CAPITAL WORK POSTPONEMENT

Due to the significant development plans in the Ocean Breeze Village, we will not be proceeding with the sidewalk replacement on Princess Margaret Boulevard and Kilkee Gate. As such, the sidewalk infrastructure will be significantly affected. When the development is completed the municipality will revisit the sidewalk replacement project. Possibly expanding or contracting the scope of our efforts. An exact date for when we proceed with the sidewalk replacement is unknown at this time.



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A sincere thank you to the folks from Farnell Packaging who came out to bundle fresh produce. Also in the picture is Councillor Becky Kent and Fire Captain Michael Sears.

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for November:

- Tuesday, November 9th 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](#).

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, [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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – SULLIVANS POND

There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at Sullivan’s Pond, Thursday, November 11th, beginning at 11:00 am. The municipality has once again granted permission for the Canadian Forces to conduct a fly-past of a Cyclone Helicopter to mark Remembrance Day. The helicopter will fly over Sullivan’s Pond in Dartmouth at approximately 11:08 a.m.

TREE LIGHTING EVENTS



Please join me for some Holiday “Kick-Off” family fun!
Shubie Park Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 5th 4-6 pm
Refreshments, Bonfire, Fireworks and of Course, Santa will be there!

East Dartmouth Community Centre Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 11th 6-7 pm



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REGIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Future Development - Port Wallace Secondary Planning Process, Environmental Update and Revised Work Plan:

Municipal staff will proceed with the revised Port Wallace Secondary Planning work plan and will continue to work with NS Lands Inc., NS Environment and Climate Change and NS Lands and Forestry, to better understand the risks and potential management strategies associated with the risk assessment and closure plan for the former Montague Gold Mine Site and future development in the Port Wallace Secondary Planning Study Area. Staff will report back to Council with more information.

Award - Burnside Park Phase 13 development to begin:

The municipality will begin work on Phase 13 of the Burnside Park development in response to market demand for industrial employment lands and will be developed in three sub-phases. It will include 3.3 kilometers of new streets, 2 kilometers of new active transportations trails, 1.8 kilometers of new sidewalks, 1 new roundabout, and 240 new street trees. Further demand for industrial employment lands is driven by forecast employment growth.

HRM signs up for Cities Race to Zero climate

commitments: The Race to Zero is a global initiative toward a healthy, resilient, zero carbon transition that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth. The municipality publicly endorses several principles, including committing to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, pledging to reach net-zero in the 2040s or sooner, and more.

2022-23 Capital Planning Framework development

begins: The municipality will begin developing a funded 4-year capital plan and 10-year capital outlook. This will prioritize Regional Council's key strategic priorities, as well as reliable and quality municipal services. The framework will allocate 70%-80% of the annual base capital program to asset renewal projects, and 20%- 30% to service growth projects for the 2022/23 through 2025/26 budget years.

HALIFAX BOASTS RELATIVELY STRONG ECONOMIC SHOWING THROUGH PANDEMIC



Halifax's CAO Jacques Dubé and the Halifax Partnership recently provided Regional Council with an economic update recently. Compared to other major Canadian cities – we fared well through the pandemic.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rebound coming:

- Halifax's GDP contracted by 1.9% in 2020 – but that's the lowest among major Canadian cities.
- Projections show a strong GDP rebound is coming. Halifax's GDP is expected to grow by 5.7% by the end of 2021, and then return to a "more normal" range (about 2% over the next few years).

Strong employment numbers:

- Halifax led Canadian cities in employment growth in early 2021.
- In May 2020, Halifax had lost about 23,200 jobs. By September, it was already above pre-pandemic levels by 1,100 jobs.
- Long before the end of 2020, Halifax regained the jobs it lost at the beginning of the pandemic.
- Unemployment went up during the third wave in the spring but has begun to drop again (7.4% in August).



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Population growth:

- We attracted new residents thanks to immigration and inter-provincial moves.
- We hit the 2nd highest level of population growth ever in 2019 to 2020.

With a strong economy comes some side effects:

- House prices continue to rise sharply in Halifax. The average cost of a home in September was just under \$472,000 – over 20% higher than the previous September.
- Consumer goods are getting more expensive, with a year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 4.8% in August.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, travel into the province is still slow, with passenger numbers at the Halifax Stanfield airport still well below pre-pandemic levels.
- We are also still missing the economic benefit of welcoming cruise ships into our port.

MUNICIPALITY COLLABORATING WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Following the October 12th announcement by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality confirms its ongoing commitment to collaborate with the Province of Nova Scotia in addressing housing and homelessness in our region.

Several measures were outlined by the province:

- A commitment to fulfilling recommendations from the Affordable Housing Commission
- The introduction of inclusionary zoning
- More flexibility with municipal taxation measures
- Increased support for affordable housing
- Designation of provincial lands for housing in serviceable areas

- Wrap-around supports for those living in emergency accommodations.
- A joint task force to facilitate approvals of large residential developments.

Work has already been underway for quite some time by the municipality.

Well-established municipal plans and strategies have been informed by extensive public consultation – reflecting the values and vision of residents. Together, the Regional Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, the Centre Plan and the Rapid Transit Strategy are the culmination of years of strategic planning and efforts to manage infrastructure, develop sustainable communities and improve the range of transportation for residents.

Under existing municipal regulations, approximately 56,000 residential units can be built without any changes to policy or land use by-laws. There are approximately 19,000 units that could proceed today – where municipal approvals have already been granted by Development Agreement or Site Plan Approval and there are 4,010 units currently under construction. Approximately 37,000 units could also begin construction through Building Permits or Site Plan Approvals as part of Centre Plan for which the municipality anticipates receiving provincial approval before the end of this year.

The municipality stands behind the current development processes but recognizes that shortening wait times for both small and large projects will further the goal of continuously improving service delivery. HRM is prepared to work closely with the province to help advance this work, while maintaining a primary focus on the interests of its citizens.

As Mayor Savage said, “the province and the municipality share a responsibility to ensure all residents have an opportunity to realize their potential, to sleep in a warm bed under a secure roof.” For more information on the municipality’s approach to homelessness and initiatives to support affordable housing, visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/helping-address-homelessness>



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The upgrades to the Ellenvale Run in Woodlawn are looking great

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IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Halifax Regional Police charged 25 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of September. Police received 14 calls throughout the month of September from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired.



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This year's keynote speaker is Catherine Woodman, former CEO of the Halifax United Way.

When: Friday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Where: Double Tree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Road

Register by November 4th for early bird pricing of only \$35! Enjoy networking, learning, lunch & more!

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Currently serving on:
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
Regional Centre Community Council
Environment and Sustainability Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Special Events Advisory Committee
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
SAC for Prince Andrew High School
Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management



Congratulations to the Caledonia Junior High Boys Soccer team. They are Regional Champions. Go Wolves!!!!

Land Acknowledgement

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.