



**COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY**  
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS  
COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy January District 4!

I wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2022! I have always liked the idea of a new beginning, and a new year gives that very opportunity for each one of us. It brings a time of reflection and goal setting for the future.

I am very excited to announce a new community initiative for Cole Harbour and the Preston Townships in a program called Square Roots. Square Roots is a community interest company (not-for-profit) that aims to reduce food waste and food access challenges. I have partnered with MLA Angela Simmonds (thank you, Cora Lee!) to offer 10lb bags of local produce to folks in the community who may need a helping hand, twice monthly. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and if you are interested, kindly reach out to me via email or phone to get involved!

Thank you District 4 for a great year in 2021, and I am looking forward to continuing our work together in 2022!

Sincerely,





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## SQUARE ROOTS IS COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY



Square Roots is a community interest company (not-for-profit) that aims to reduce food waste and food access challenges. They offer fresh local produce that may get rejected by grocery stores for not being “pretty” enough. The dates for bundle pick up in January are Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Please be advised that registration for January 8<sup>th</sup> pick-up is now closed.** Click [here](#) to sign up and find more information regarding pick-up options.

Feel free to share this information with folks who may want to participate in the program.



**John Brant**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipient  
January 2022

## OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK GRANTS AVAILABLE



The Outdoor Community Rink Grant Program is now available for interested organizations wishing to obtain permission to build and operate a community rink on Municipal property. The Municipality will support up to 5 organizations with insurance costs for approved community rinks on Municipal Property (please note that community rinks not on municipal property are excluded from the program).

To apply for this season, please complete the [Outdoor Community Rink Program Form](#).

You can also request an application and submit to Darren Hirtle at [hirtled@halifax.ca](mailto:hirtled@halifax.ca). Deadline for submission for the 2022 season is 4pm on January 6, 2022.

To learn more and apply please visit our [website](#).



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## ICE SAFETY

The municipality’s ice thickness testing program has not begun for the 2022 winter season as it is not yet safe for staff to be on the ice. Each year the municipality provides [weekly reports on ice thickness testing](#) undertaken on more than 70 lakes throughout the region. This testing will resume when conditions allow.

Residents are asked to take safety precautions for themselves and their families by avoiding any recreation activities on frozen lakes and ponds, including walking, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and skating until ice thickness testing resumes.

The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of lakes. It is also important to note that ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.



**Judie & Jim Edgar**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipients

## JUST FOOD ACTION PLAN SURVEY



HRM and the Halifax Food Policy Alliance have teamed up to develop JustFOOD: an action plan for the Halifax region, working towards a more healthy, just, and sustainable food system built on existing strengths and community wisdom.

They are seeking input from community members to help shape actions for positive change in the food system! I encourage you to head over to the [website](#) to have your say by completing their Action Survey.



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### WINTER STORMS IN HRM



Winter weather brings some extra challenges to us all. Here are some reminders and tips that may help you, and those who are working hard to clear our streets to keep us safe. For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit our [website](#).

### WHEN WILL MY STREET OR SIDEWALK GET CLEARED?

HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops. The timing varies depending on the priority level. Wondering what priority level your street or sidewalk are? Use HRM's interactive maps for [sidewalks](#) and [streets](#).

A reminder: HRM's timelines start when the weather ends. Please check service timelines before calling 311.

Of course, some roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. You can check out this information [here](#).

### OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING BAN

Help make it easier for plows to continue clearing snow by moving your vehicle off the street.

As per the provincial Motor Vehicle Act, the municipality is only able to call the parking ban from December 15-March 31 each year. However, as per section 139 of the MVA, a vehicle impacting clearing can be ticked/towed at any time of day, any day of the year.

This winter season, the municipality is implementing two zones for the overnight parking ban (see map):

- Zone 1 – Central refers to Halifax Peninsula and downtown Dartmouth within Highway 111 (the Circumferential Highway)
- Zone 2 – Non-Central is a designated area outside of Zone 1 – Central.

With the introduction of the two zones, parking bans may be in effect municipal wide or just in one zone. Residents will be able to determine what zone they're in by searching their address using the interactive map available [here](#).



**Sean Francois**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipient



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## 2022-23 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 program. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2022.

Application forms and program guidebooks will be available on our [website](#) as well as from:

- [HRM Customer Service Centres](#)
- Contacting [311](#)
- Or by e-mail - [Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca)

For further information, please call 902.490.7310.

The Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants: a project grant of up to \$5,000 and a capital grant of up to \$25,000. The grants can aid specific types of projects in numerous categories, from Arts and Crafts, Diversity and Inclusion, Recreation and more.



**Philip Love**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipient

## RCMP Road Safety Stats

November 2021 Summary - District 4  
Cole Harbour - Westphal - Lake Loon - Cherry Brook



757 calls for service in November 2021  
Up 49.9% vs. November 2020



76 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 22 in Nov. 2020)

- 34 aggressive driving, 7 cellphone, 24 other MVA (i.e. no insurance, driving while suspended, etc.), 10 speeding, 11 stunting,

263 Proactive Assignments (vs. 59 in Nov. 2020)



41 Cellphone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints

191 Traffic Stops (vs. 120 in Nov. 2020)



4 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 10 in Nov. 2020)

2 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 1 in Nov. 2020)

19 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 24 in Nov. 2020)

- Of these, only 1 resulted in an injury

PLEASE  
DRIVE SAFELY



**Michael Klenavic**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipient

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### EMERA OVAL IS OPEN

The Emera Oval is now open for the winter season, weather permitting.

The maximum capacity will be 230 participants, per skate time. Access will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis until the maximum capacity has been reached.

Residents must show [full proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#) and government issued photo identification, practice physical distancing, as well as wear a mask at all times including on the ice and in the Oval Pavilion.

Equipment rentals, including skates and helmets, will not be available at this time, therefore, residents will be required to bring their own equipment. CSA-approved multi-impact hockey helmets are mandatory for children 12 years of age and under however, all skaters are encouraged to wear a helmet, for their own safety.

The Emera Oval is the largest artificial ice surface east of Quebec – approximately 55,000 square feet of ice, or the same as three NHL hockey rinks. The ice surface will be open for free daily public skates throughout the winter.

Residents are encouraged to check the website or hotline prior to heading out, as weather and ice conditions can result in closures or delays. View the latest information and schedule [here](#).

Residents can also call the Information Line at 902-490-2347 or follow Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



**Michael Cutcliffe**  
District 4 2021 Volunteer Award Recipient

**Winter Driving? Be #WinterWise!**

- Plan ahead**  
Check weather and road conditions before heading out.
- Slow down**  
Roads are unpredictable when they're slippery so it's best to drive at a slower speed. Accelerate and stop gradually to maintain traction and avoid spinning your wheels.
- Keep your distance**  
It takes longer to stop on a slippery road. Keep plenty of distance between you and other vehicles.
- Be prepared**  
Consider investing in winter tires and assemble a winter emergency kit. For more information visit the Canadian Red Cross website.
- Stay calm and focused**  
Remaining calm and focused will allow you to respond better to unexpected challenges on wintry roads.

For information on road conditions this winter, visit [511.novascotia.ca](http://511.novascotia.ca) and follow us on Facebook at Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia and Twitter @RCMPNS for #WinterWise tips.



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### SENIORS CARE GRANT

As of December 1, the Province of Nova Scotia has a new grant program available to help our seniors. The Seniors Care Grant will be an annual reimbursement program of up to \$500 to help cover the costs of household services. It can be used to reimburse costs for such things as snow removal, home repairs, lawn care, grocery delivery, and more. It is available to homeowners and renters.

The applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the program:

- They must still reside in their home
- The property or lease agreement must be in their name or include their name
- They are 65 years of age or over
- They have an annual household net income of \$37,500 or less

Applicants can [submit online](#) or by paper. Paper applications are available at MLA offices as well as Access Nova Scotia Offices.

Applicants have until May 31, 2022, to apply for the grant. For more information, please visit their [website](#) or call 1.800.670.4357.



### BUILDING A BETTER HALIFAX – LEARN MORE AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS



Everyone has a role to play in building a better Halifax.

The Halifax Partnership, Halifax's public-private economic development organization, and Halifax Regional Municipality are leading the development of Halifax's economic growth plan for 2022-27.

This involves bringing together businesses, partners, residents, and communities throughout Halifax to share ideas, insights, and actions to build a more inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and prosperous Halifax over the next five years.

Learn more about the next five-year economic growth plan and how you can help make Halifax better.

You can share your ideas with the Halifax Partnership and HRM [here](#).



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### NEW IN HALIFAX WEBSITE SUPPORTS NEWCOMERS IN OUR REGION



A new website has launched to assist newcomers as they settle into life in the municipality.

[New in Halifax](#) provides important information and resources for new residents. The website was designed as a dedicated, user-friendly experience tailored to the needs of newcomers in our communities.

Previously, the municipality provided a variety of information for newcomers on Halifax.ca, including details on assistance for refugees, transportation, education, health and safety, employment, income and taxes, and much more. *New in Halifax* is now the centralized hub for this type of information, so it's all readily available in one place.

The website is part of the [Halifax Immigration Partnership](#) (HIP) initiative, which was established in 2013 by the community partners including the Halifax Regional Municipality and is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). HIP works with partners from many different sectors to ensure that Halifax is a welcoming place for all newcomers to live and thrive, a place in which all belong and can call home.

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) strengthen the community's ability to welcome newcomers into a place that values and embraces diversity. Today, there are more than 70 LIPs across the country.

*New in Halifax* will offer the ability for service providers in the HIP network to share information, resources and best practices with each other to further expand offerings to newcomers in Canada.

### NEVER MISS A COLLECTION DAY

HRM's solid waste collection schedule will not be mailed out this year.

To get a calendar, you can use the free Halifax Recycles app, call 311 to have a schedule mailed to you, visit your local library, or customer service centre, or print a copy [here](#).

You can also visit our [website](#) and enter your address to get a custom calendar.

### UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for January, which I look forward to participating in. These are in addition to several specific committee meetings. Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings [here](#), and I invite you to [join us virtually](#)! Agendas and reports are available by noon on Fridays prior to the meeting date.

- Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am



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### 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 January 13<sup>th</sup> will be virtual. 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](#).