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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME JANUARY!

Happy New Year. I hope your holiday season was enjoyable. As we embark on 2022 with a hopeful approach, we reflect on 2021; it was a notably difficult year, where we faced challenges that COVID-19 presented, well into more than a year of experiencing a pandemic. I'd like to thank residents for taking the time to communicate their messages of support and expressing concerns that will ultimately make HRM a more improved city and place to live.

Last year, there were also many positive accomplishments for District 6 and our city. The municipality collaborated with the Provincial Government to address housing and homelessness in an ongoing effort to improve an epidemic. Mobile showers were installed adjacent to the Dartmouth North Library, various traffic calming projects were put into effect in district 6, a pump track was constructed and finished with a grand opening taking place this past September, the Dartmouth North Library underwent a much-needed upgrade, construction of the Dartmouth North

Community Centre began, and the streetscape project of Spring Garden Road was completed. And the list goes on.

Finally, we continued to stay strong as a province in supporting each other on many levels, during the ongoing pandemic. Here's to a successful 2022, and all the exciting things we'll accomplish in making Halifax the best it can be.

BIENVENUE JANVIER!

Bonne année. J'espère que votre temps des Fêtes a été agréable. Alors que nous nous lançons dans 2022 avec une approche optimiste, nous réfléchissons à 2021; c'était une année particulièrement difficile, où nous avons été confrontés à des défis présentés par la COVID-19 et cela fait plus d'un an que nous vivons avec la pandémie. Je tiens à remercier les résidents d'avoir pris le temps de communiquer leurs messages de soutien et d'avoir exprimé des préoccupations qui, en fin de compte, feront d'Halifax une ville et un endroit où il fait bon vivre.



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L'année dernière, il y a eu aussi de nombreuses réalisations positives pour le district 6 et notre ville. La municipalité a collaboré avec le gouvernement provincial pour s'attaquer au problème du logement et de l'itinérance dans le cadre d'un effort continu visant à améliorer une épidémie. Des douches mobiles ont été installées à côté de la bibliothèque Dartmouth North, divers projets de modération de la circulation ont été mis en œuvre dans le district 6, une piste de pompage a été construite et une grande ouverture a eu lieu en septembre dernier, la bibliothèque Dartmouth North a fait l'objet d'une mise à niveau très nécessaire, la construction du centre communautaire Dartmouth North a commencé et le projet de paysage de rue sur le chemin Spring Garden a été achevé. Et la liste continue.

Enfin, nous avons continué de rester solides en tant que province pour nous soutenir mutuellement à plusieurs niveaux pendant la pandémie actuelle. À une année 2022 réussie et à toutes les choses excitantes que nous accomplirons pour faire d'Halifax la meilleure ville possible.

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

EMERA OVAL NOW 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 at halifax.ca/skateHRM.

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





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YOUR DARTMOUTH NORTH VIDEO DIRECTORY

The Between the Bridges Network is introducing the [“Your Dartmouth North” Video Directory!](#) This Youtube channel features short videos where you can see the people and hear about the different organizations, services, and places in Dartmouth North. This is a living community resource so be sure to subscribe and check back regularly to see what's new!

Learn about the wonderful organizations, people, and places in *Dartmouth North.*

[tinyurl.com/DNDirectory](https://www.youtube.com/DNDirectory)

To learn more, email info@betweenthebridges.ca

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.

ICE THICKNESS TO SAFELY ENJOY WINTER ACTIVITIES

15 CM WALKING OR SKATING ALONE	20 CM SKATING AS A GROUP OR PLAYING HOCKEY	25 CM SNOWMOBILING OR DRIVING AN ATV
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(Credit: Canadian Red Cross)

ICE SAFETY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that it is not currently safe to be on frozen lakes and ponds as there is noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region.

The municipality’s ice thickness testing program has not begun for the 2021/22 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.

OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING BAN – GET UPDATES ON YOUR PHONE

NEW: HRM has introduced two zones for the overnight winter parking ban. Zone 1 - Central & Zone 2 - Non-Central

Find out what zone you're in using this interactive map: <http://ow.ly/6U5F50Hblf0>

And stay up to date on the winter parking ban by signing up for hfxALERT: <http://halifax.ca/hfxalert>
hfxALERT will send urgent and non-urgent notifications from Halifax Regional Police, Halifax Fire & Emergency’s Emergency Management Division, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.





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SNOW CLEARING IN HRM

Winter weather brings some extra challenges to us all and it can be frustrating as we wait at home for our street or sidewalk to be cleared. However, HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops and the timing varies depending on the priority level.

We prioritize commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools. When the snow stops, operators work as quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared by 24 hours and major roads and bus routes within 12 hours.

You can identify when your street may get cleared **after a snow event has stopped**:

- Check this chart for when street clearing should be completed:
<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/service-updates#StreetTimelines>
- Check this chart for when sidewalk clearing should be completed:
<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/service-updates#SidewalkTimelines>
- If you are not certain what type of street or sidewalk type that applies to you in each chart, visit the following interactive maps: Street Information (<https://bit.ly/3qVTIUJ>) / Sidewalk Information (<https://bit.ly/3n4XJF0>)

If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time in each chart, please ContactUs@311.halifax.ca or call 311 so crews can be dispatched to address the issue. If an emergency vehicle needs to access a street, staff dispatch a plow immediately to that street.

Residents should note that in snowfalls greater than 30 centimeters or in blizzard conditions, more time may be needed to complete clearing. The same exception may

apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe.

For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter’s impacts across our municipality, visit: halifax.ca/snow or [keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates](#) via [@hfxgov](#) on [Twitter](#).

Of course, some roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. Provincial road information is here:

<https://novascotia.ca/tran/winter/losmap.asp>



REMEMBER TO CLEAR YOUR WINDSHIELD



Please make sure to clear off your windshield after each snowfall to ensure the utmost safety for yourself and other motorists while on the road.



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HALIFAX 2021 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to all of Halifax's 2021 Volunteer Award Recipients.



Award recipient, Dee Vipond receives her award with Mayor Savage and Councillor Mancini



Judie and Jim Edgar receiving their award with Mayor Savage, Councillor Mancini, Councillor Purdy and Councillor Austin.

VITALI'S HELPING HANDS

Vitali's love for his community started at eight years old, where he delivered cozy socks to the residents at Oakwood Terrance Nursing Home over the holiday season. This good deed quickly expanded into creating full Christmas stockings for all residents. After losing his special friends, Vitali donated memorial benches, for all to enjoy and in remembrance.

Also, after learning about the homelessness crisis in Halifax, Vitali held a bus tickets drive for the Dartmouth Shelter Society. He also teamed up with MLA Tim Halman last year to help with homelessness and food crisis in District 6.

This year, Vitali collected and donated trimmings for twelve turkey dinners and gift cards for families, as well as products for the breakfast program at Ian Forsyth Elementary School. This is the sixth holiday season that Vitali's Helping Hands has been volunteering in his community.





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HALIFAX TRANSIT TEMPORARY SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

Based on current Halifax Transit staff availability, conventional bus service and ferry service will be temporarily impacted over the coming weeks. Staff are working to minimize service loss and provide as much notice as possible to passengers.

A full list of service disruptions for buses and ferries can be found here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/service-disruptions>

For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, residents can visit halifax.ca or follow [@hfxtransit](https://twitter.com/hfxtransit) and [@hfxtransitalert](https://twitter.com/hfxtransitalert) on Twitter.

2022-2023 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality’s Community Grants Program will begin accepting applications January 4th, 2022 for the 2022-2023 program. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2022.

Application forms and program guidebooks will be available from:

- <https://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants>
- HRM Customer Service Centres:
 - o <https://www.halifax.ca/home/311#ContactCentres>
 - o Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, - Dartmouth, 1st floor
- Contacting 311 - <https://www.halifax.ca/home/311>
- Or by e-mail - 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.

ROAD NARROWING FOR SAFETY



Q: I’ve noticed some streets around the municipality are narrower than they once were. Why is this done?

A: Engineering improvements like street narrowing are part of the municipality’s ongoing initiatives to improve road safety. Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers.

- Curb extensions and/or raised medians narrow the road width. This reduces vehicle speeds by making the road feel more constrained.
- Curb extensions, located at intersections, reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians and increase mutual visibility between pedestrians and motorists. These modified roadways are designed to have minimal impact on resident access, buses, emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles, and are designed to



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accommodate turning movements for larger vehicles.

- I am aware that while these changes are intended to improve overall safety, cyclists can sometimes feel squeezed on these narrower sections. While these measures slow down motorists, I urge users of the road to respect each other - and the rules of the road.

[Halifax \(www.newinhalifax.ca\)](http://www.newinhalifax.ca) 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.

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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.

SKATE PARK UPGRADES



The Halifax Skateboard Association has been working with RDS and Centre Distribution who donated and shipped a custom 2500lbs granite skateboard bench from Vancouver to Dartmouth to

be placed at Caledonia Skate Park. The bench is a very high-quality skateboard obstacle that is the first of more upgrades to come. HRM is partnered with HSA to revitalize and expand our skateboard infrastructure.

SUPPORTING NEWCOMERS IN OUR REGION

A new website has launched to assist newcomers as they settle into life in the municipality. [New in](#)