



COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE

DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS

HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION

During extreme cold weather and storms, HRM is opening municipal facilities such as the George Dixon Centre to provide emergency shelter.

There are also community-run warming centres located at St. Matthew's Church (Barrington Street) and the Sackville Area Warming Centre (located at Gateway Community Church).

HRM has built new accommodations in modular units near the Dartmouth ferry terminal (this project has 24 private rooms, shared washrooms, and a shared kitchen); and continues to partner with Nova Scotia's Department of Community Services on longer term solutions.

In late January the Province announced it will work with HRM and the Government of Canada to convert the former Travelodge hotel in north end Dartmouth to 65 supportive housing units. This conversion project is in addition to the two modular housing sites that HRM has already funded in Dartmouth and Halifax.

The downtown Halifax modular units will be installed on the Centennial Pool parking lot. Construction is expected to begin mid-February.

Learn more: www.halifax.ca/addressinghomelessness

What can I do if someone is in need during an extreme weather event?

If you see an individual in need of shelter during extreme weather and **they have requested help, please call 311 or 211** to connect them with service providers and ensure help is on the way. But if their **life is in danger, please call 911.**

SKATING ON LAKES AND PONDS

HRM Parks staff are currently testing ice on various lakes across the municipality. Most of the lakes are now ice covered, however some lakes have not formed ice to the recommended thickness of 15 cm required for safe use. Staff will continue to monitor, test, and update the ice thickness table as conditions permit. Be sure to check the updates for your local lake here before heading out: www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/skating/ice-thickness.

PARKS & REC FEE CHANGES

On April 1, 2022 the Parks and Recreation Fee structure will be changing. These changes will affect all recreation services, programs, rentals, drop ins, voucher and memberships fees. Some fees are increasing in cost

while others are staying the same or decreasing. Please see the full list of fee structure changes [here](#).

SNOW CLEARING IN HRM

HRM has service standards in place for snow clearing on streets, sidewalks, and bus stops. **Please check that these timelines are expired before reporting clearing issues to 311.** We prioritize commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools. When the snow stops, operators work quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared by 24 hours and major roads and bus routes within 12 hours. For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, please visit www.halifax.ca/snow.

LET'S CONNECT!

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