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DISTRICT 11 ONLINE NEWS  
SPRYFIELD - SAMBRO LOOP - PROSPECT ROAD

**DEAR RESIDENTS,**

Welcome to my first e-newsletter of 2022. I want to start by wishing you all the best for the New Year.

Even though we are still stuck with COVID, which is a struggle at the best of times, things continue to move forward at HRM and January started with a real bang. In this newsletter you will find:

- City Hall Report: HalifACT, Regional Plan Review, Support for Homeless and Budget Committee
- District 11 News: New Organic Waste Facility, Otter Lake Landfill Consultations, Fireworks, Speeding
- Events
- HRM Notices
- Community Bulletins

I am always interested in feedback and hearing your thoughts on what is important, so please connect if you have something to share.

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*Please e-mail Stephanie to sign up for my e-newsletter.*

**CONTACT 311**

Call 311 or email [ContactUs@311.halifax.ca](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca) for concerns such as illegally parked cars, fireworks or graffiti, to apply for licenses or building permits, to request information about garbage collection and transit schedules, and to report dangerous dogs or other animal concerns.



### CITY HALL REPORT

#### **HALIFACT – ACTING ON CLIMATE TOGETHER: 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

On January 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole received a presentation and reviewed the HalifACT – Acting on Climate Together: 2020-2021 Annual Report. HalifACT is the climate action movement for Halifax. It's our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future in Atlantic Canada while preparing for current and future climate impacts. This transformational plan aligns the municipality's efforts to support an equitable shift to a net-zero economy by 2050. HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada.

To be successful in achieving its climate targets, HalifACT needs to be integrated into municipal budgeting, work planning and reporting processes. Each business unit (BU) will need to both sponsor and support multiple HalifACT actions to achieve the Municipality's collective climate objectives on time and at scale. To this end, HRM is striving to mainstream climate thinking across the organization so that every relevant decision is climate informed.

Early HalifACT successes include securing funding for the purchase of 60 e-buses and electrification of Ragged Lake Transit Facility expansion, a \$175,000 grant from FCM to support retrofit program development, and an application for \$1M in matching funds submitted to the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Programs for EV chargers. Other early successes relating to mitigation include approvals of an EV Strategy, Deep Energy Retrofit Pilot, an Administrative Order mandating net-zero corporate builds and Halifax signing on to Cities Race to Zero. Some early successes in terms of adaptation include a climate account that funded a refrigerated truck to support vulnerable communities, the Price Albert Rd. rain garden, and \$275,000 worth of trees to support the Urban Forest Master Plan. Also, there was an

application for Natural Infrastructure Funding to improve the resilience of Shore Road in Eastern Passage – a \$5M project and the acquisition of 1.25 acres of land for the Blue Mountain Birch Coves Lakes Wilderness Park. Further to this, a contract was issued to localize new global climate predictions and to begin creating climate hazard maps for flood risks and a natural asset inventory was completed with the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative.

HalifACT is 20% on track and 14% adequately resourced. It requires further resources, major systems change, mainstreaming climate action, education and awareness, and ultimately collective action by all. As it comes to climate adaptation measures, \$1 spent in preparation saves \$6 in future impact costs. There is a proposed 3% Climate Tax currently being debated at Council to fund climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives. I have heard from constituents who are both for and against funding HalifACT. As a community we have some tough choices to make, but the cost of not taking action now is only going to require additional investment in the future. I think it is important that we be very strategic in our investments to ensure they are making a real difference to our communities and our fight to address climate change.

#### **REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW THEMES AND DIRECTIONS WHAT WE HEARD**

On January 25, 2022 the Committee of the Whole had a presentation on the feedback received from the community engagement sessions as part of the Regional Plan Review.

The Regional Plan is a strategic document that provides a region-wide policy vision for how the municipality should grow in our urban, suburban, and rural areas. It outlines where, when and how future growth and development should take place between 2006 and 2031. The Themes and Directions Report was the first major deliverable of the Regional Plan Review.



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Examples of overall feedback included concerns for increased housing availability and affordability, a desire to direct new development into existing urban and suburban communities and to design complete communities, and planning for clustered rural growth centres, such as village or town-like communities, and increased reflection of rural community characteristics. An overview of the What We Heard Report is in the [staff report](#).

Staff will return to Regional Council in May 2022 with recommended amendments and adjustments to the Regional Plan that align with Regional Council's goals. They will also return to Council in December 2022 with the remaining policy framework, and then create a work plan and begin analysis of additional lands to be considered for expansion in anticipation of continued growth to be brought forward for Regional Council's consideration in 2023/24.

Part of the Themes and Directions What We Heard Report were submissions for site-specific amendments. 53 submissions in total were received, including a number within District 11. To review the locations, requests, and staff recommended approach see [Attachment C of the What We Heard report available on-line](#).

#### Submissions included request for:

- Lands around Kidston Estates
- Purcell's Cove Backlands
- Clifton Heights
- Lands Southwest of Herring Cove Road
- Exhibition Park
- 1246 Ketch Harbour Road
- Ragged Lake Industrial Park

As part of this process, I made a motion for a staff report outlining the process to initiate updated secondary plans for the areas that have been identified for Bus Rapid Transit. Spryfield is one of those area.

The motion asks staff to look at:

1. prioritizing BRT Corridors for rezoning that supports transit oriented complete communities,
2. identifying boundaries for the secondary plan updates,
3. the process and timeline required for completing the secondary plans, and;
4. the financial resources and budget required to do the work.

With the tremendous amount of development pressure in the Spryfield area and implementation of the Herring Cove Functional Plan, I believe it is important we have an updated Secondary Plan to guide new development and ensure it reflects a community vision for the area. Stay tuned for more information on this.

## CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS POPULATIONS

The cold weather continues, and more winter storms are on the way. During cold weather events, the municipality has been continuing to support Nova Scotia's Department of Community Service to address homelessness by providing access to municipal facilities as emergency shelters such as the George Dixon Centre in Halifax.

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).

Other ongoing efforts by the municipality to help our homeless population include providing accommodations at modular units (unhoused individuals were recently able to move into the Dartmouth modular site), approving additional funding, [and more](#).



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*An example of a bedroom room in the modular housing units*

In January, the Province announced it will be working with HRM and the Government of Canada to create 65 additional supportive housing options.

The former Travelodge hotel in Dartmouth is being converted to supportive housing units for people who are chronically unhoused. This is in addition to both modular housing sites that the municipality has already funded (Dartmouth and Halifax). Learn more:

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220127001>

### ***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.**
- Out of the Cold Community Association says that individuals can also call their shelter anytime to access support and referrals to other community services. Out of the Cold Shelter Support Line: **902-830-4821.**

### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- **Regional Council:**  
February 8, February 15, March 1 and March 22.
- **Halifax and West Community Council:**  
February 22 and March 8

To view upcoming meetings visit [Regional Council | Halifax](#). There are many ways for you to share your views with Regional Council. [Learn how you can participate.](#)

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It is Budget season. Each of the municipality's business units will present their proposed business plan and budget.

Then, Regional Council will debate budget changes and refer them for final decision on Wednesday, March 23. Full approval of the budget will be on Tuesday, April 12.

Here is the proposed schedule. Dates could change, the most up to date info and more background on the budget process can be found here: [www.halifax.ca/budget](http://www.halifax.ca/budget)

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 2**

- Corporate & Customer Services
- Chief Administrative Office
- Auditor General

#### **Friday, Feb. 4**

- Legal & Legislative Services
- Finance & Asset Management
- Human Resources & Corporate Communications
- IT

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 9**

- Transportation & Public Works

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 16**

- Halifax Transit
- Parks & Recreation



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## Friday, Feb. 18

- Planning & Development
- Wednesday, Feb. 23
- Halifax Regional Police
- RCMP

## Wednesday, March 2

- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency
- Halifax Public Libraries

## Wednesday, March 23

- Recommendation Report and Presentation: Budget Adjustment List (BAL - aka the "Parking Lot") review

## Tuesday, April 12

- Full review of final budget

You can speak directly to me as your Regional Council about budget priorities. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments.

To be added to the speakers list for virtual meetings, pre-registration is 4:30 p.m. the business day before the meeting.

Registration information will be included on the meeting agenda page for each meeting:  
<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

## DISTRICT 11 NEWS

### RAGGED LAKE ORGANIC FACILITY

In January, the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) for the Ragged Lake Organics Waste Facility met to review the operations and construction progress for the new facility in Goodwood. Construction for the project was initiated in February 2021 and clearing and grubbing is now complete.

Environmental management is critically important in the construction and operation of this facility and Englobe has been retained to manage surface water run-off. An intensive water

monitoring program is being implemented to ensure compliance with Dept of Environment Guidelines around environmental impact.

The team leading the design of this new facility brings extensive experience to the table, having built several organic waste facilities across Canada, including facilities in Hamilton, Guelph, and Calgary. The Ragged Lake facility is their most advanced organic waste facility yet.

It includes a multi-stage odour treatment system with an enclosed negative pressure facility which features enclosed process vessels, airlocks for truck entrance, a single 30m discharge stack discharge. It is designed to perform at 80% better than minimum requirement.



*An overview of the new, and existing organic facility*

Special thanks to the local community members who attended the meeting and asked great questions about the facility design and water monitoring program.

The CLC is looking for committee members. If you live in District 11 and wish to get involved,



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please contact AIM Environmental by email at [RaggedLakeCLC@aimgroup.ca](mailto:RaggedLakeCLC@aimgroup.ca) or by phone at 902-876-5185.

Keep checking Halifax's website for more updates and information on this important new project: [New Organics Facility | Compost | Ragged Lake | Halifax](#)

### OTTER LAKE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

An application to pause the FEP/WSF was submitted to NSECC on August 26, 2021. As part of application consideration, NSCECC requested that the Municipality and site operator, Mirror Nova Scotia Inc., conduct public consultation for the residents located within a five-kilometer radius of the Otter Lake facility.

A public consultation process ran from November 3 to December 3, 2021. While this consultation was targeted to residents located within a five-kilometre radius of the Otter Lake facility, all residents across the municipality were able to provide feedback. Following the conclusion of the public consultation process, a public consultation report was developed by Dillon Consulting Ltd., which documented the results of the public consultation program.

On January 24, 2022, this public consultation report was submitted to NSECC. The full report, with all survey results, can be found on the project web page at [Otter Lake Public Consultation | Halifax](#).

The project web page will be updated as further information becomes available. Residents may contact [otterlake@halifax.ca](mailto:otterlake@halifax.ca) for any concerns or questions regarding the application including mitigation measures.

### FIREWORKS

The illegal use of fireworks has been the source of many complaints recently. Fireworks when not used properly or without consideration can impact people, pets, and wildlife. They are especially harmful to anyone with an underlying condition such as PTSD or Autism.

A call for a Ban on Consumer Fireworks has ignited a lot of discussion in the community. In HRM, fireworks are only permitted on New Year's Eve, Canada Day, Natal Day, and on recognized religious holidays. If you must use fireworks, you must abide by burning and noise by-laws, which means fireworks may only be used during certain days and times. It is important to note HRM does not have the legal authority to ban the sale of fireworks.

This is clearly articulated in a 2008 report [By-Law to Ban the Sale of Fireworks - Jan 6/09 Regional Council - HRM \(halifax.ca\)](#). The Provincial Government use to regulate the sale of fireworks, but the provincial *Fireworks Act* which regulated the sale, purchase and use of fireworks was repealed in 2002. The sale of fireworks is now regulated under the Federal Explosives Act.

I would support any provincial Bill in the Legislature to restrict the sale and use of consumer (family) fireworks in Nova Scotia. The illegal use of fireworks has a negative impact in our communities.

For general, non-urgent questions or concerns regarding the use of fireworks in our municipality, **please contact 311**. If you witness illegal fireworks use, **please call 911**. Learn more about the hazards and the safe use of fireworks in HRM: <https://www.halifax.ca/.../fire-prevention-safety/fireworks>



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## SPEEDING

Addressing issues of speeding remains an on-going initiative. Prospect Road Communities are patrolled by the RCMP.

For the month of January, there were 16 Proactive Patrols by the RCMP, resulting in 18 tickets being issued. Proactive Patrols are dedicated intelligence led patrols, within identified problematic areas, to address crime trends, traffic complaints and community issues.

Halifax Regional Police continue to targeted enforcement and patrols in Spryfield and around Sambro Loop.

## HRM NOTICES

### GREEN CART WINTER TIPS

Green carts are collected curbside every second week. Green carts are an important part of HRM's source separation program to keep organics out of our landfill. I hear from many people that there are issues with material freezing in their green carts and causing issues with pickup. When the weather is cold, ensure you are using the following tips to keep the bin from freezing:

- Line the bottom of the green cart with newspaper or boxboard, like a cereal box
- Place wet food waste in boxboard or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Put out your green cart to the curb for every collection, even if the cart is not full, as this minimizes the time the material has to freeze

This is our city and our waste collection system.

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We all have a part to do in making it work. If your green cart wasn't picked up, **please call 311**. Let's make this work together.

## NEVER MISS ANOTHER COLLECTION DAY

The municipality's solid waste collection schedule will not be mailed out this year. To get a calendar, you can use the free Halifax Recycles app, or call 311 to have a schedule mailed to you.

You can also visit [www.halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://www.halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere) and enter your address to get a custom calendar which you can print out. (Just what my teenagers need!!)

## 2022-2023 HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted. 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 **OR** a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

More information, including eligibility, guidebooks, and application forms, visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-non-profit-resources/community-grants>

**Applications are being accepted until March 31, 2022.**

## NEW IN HALIFAX?

A new website has launched through HRM's Diversity & Inclusion Office to assist newcomers as they settle into life in the municipality. New in



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Halifax provides important information and resources and was designed as a dedicated, user-friendly experience tailored to the needs of newcomers in our communities.

Visit [www.newinhalifax.ca](http://www.newinhalifax.ca) for topics including assistance for refugees, transportation, education, health and safety, employment, income and taxes, and much more.

### OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING BAN

For more information about the winter parking ban, and when/how it applies please visit [halifax.ca/snow](http://halifax.ca/snow). Stay up to date on the winter parking ban by signing up for hfxALERT: [www.halifax.ca/hfxalert](http://www.halifax.ca/hfxalert)

hfxALERT will send urgent and non-urgent notifications about the parking ban and other municipal notices.

### SNOW CLEARING IN HRM

District 11 snow clearing is done by both HRM and NS Public Works. It is always a challenging time of year, and part of the reality of living in a winter city.

Thank you to everyone who sent concerns about bus stop clearing. I have been working with area supervisors on how this service can be improved. It remains important that issues are called into 311.

HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops and the timing varies depending on the priority level. Commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools are prioritized. 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. Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets each have different snow clearing time standards. Streets are required to have a regular "cut throughs" to enable emergency vehicles access, and "finished clearing" happens after. To review standards for different streets, visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/.../winter-operations/snow-clearing>

For folks on Provincial Roads, information on winter operations is available here, including contact info to report issues.

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

Not sure if you are a Priority 1 or 2, or HRM or Provincial road? Check the Winter Street information map:

<https://hrm.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html...>

### PARKS & REC FEE CHANGES COMING

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.

This does not mean prices are going up across the board; as a result of the fee structure changes that was approved by regional council, some fees are increasing in cost while others are staying the same or decreasing. Please see the full list of [fee structure changes here](#).

The updated fee structure will reflect the actual cost of providing recreation services to residents. Learn more, and explore a list of FAQs at [halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes](http://halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes)



## EVENTS

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CANADA) / AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH (NS)**

*February 2022*

I invite you to recognize Canada's Black History Month and Nova Scotia's African Heritage Month with me throughout February. As we commemorate this important month, please take time to celebrate and learn more about the rich culture, achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians and communities of African descent in our region and across the nation. This year's African Heritage Month theme,

*Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians*, recognizes the long-standing history of people of African descent in the development of Canada. The municipality is holding a variety of events to celebrate the legacy, achievements, and contributions of people of African descent as part of our collective Nova Scotia heritage. For more information visit

[www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca)

### **NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY: THE LANDSCAPE OF GRAND PRÉ WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

*21 February 2022*

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is on February 21, 2022. The 2022 Nova Scotia Heritage Day Honouree is "The Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site." As we enjoy this holiday in Nova Scotia, please take time to reflect on the historical significance of Grand-Pré:

<https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/content/education-resources-heritage-day>

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### **Francophonie Month**

01 March → 31 March 2022

### **International Women's Day**

08 March 2022

### **International Francophonie Day**

20 March 2022

### **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

21 March 2022

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **CHEBUCTO WEST COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Community Health Boards are a committed group of volunteers who are working together to improve the health of their communities. CHBs serve a vital role in the well-being of their communities, helping to support many community-based projects and partnerships. This includes providing grants to community-based groups to support projects focused on health promotion and the social determinants of health. For more info visit

<https://www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/>

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – RCMP CITIZENS ON PATROL**

The RCMP has shared that its community-based crime prevention initiative, Citizens on Patrol (COP), is seeking new volunteers province-wide to help keep communities safe. The successful program has been running for decades. The Citizens on Patrol Program is a partnership between police and volunteers that helps ensure safe homes and safe communities.



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COP volunteers are trained by the RCMP and are the eyes and ears of their communities.

If Citizens on Patrol is just the opportunity you're looking for, contact the RCMP at [hdiv.volunteer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:hdiv.volunteer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) with your name, address, phone number and nearest detachment. We'll provide you with more info.

***Have a Community Notice you would like me to share?*** Send your notice to [patty.cuttell@halifax.ca](mailto:patty.cuttell@halifax.ca). Please keep notices to 75 words or less and provide a link for more information.

### COUNCILLOR LIFE

**Life as a Councillor is busy!** One of the many things I do as an HRM Councillor is sit on a number of Councils and Committees, including:

- [Regional Council](#)
- [Halifax and West Community Council](#)
- [Halifax Water Board of Commissioners \(Chair of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee\)](#)
- [Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee \(Vice Chair\)](#)
- [Appeals Standing Committee](#)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee](#)
- [Community Liaison Committee for the Ragged Lake Organic Waste Facility](#)
- [Community Monitoring Committee for Otter Lake Landfill](#)
- [Discover Halifax Board of Directors](#)

Schedules, agendas and minutes for these meetings are [all available on-line](#).

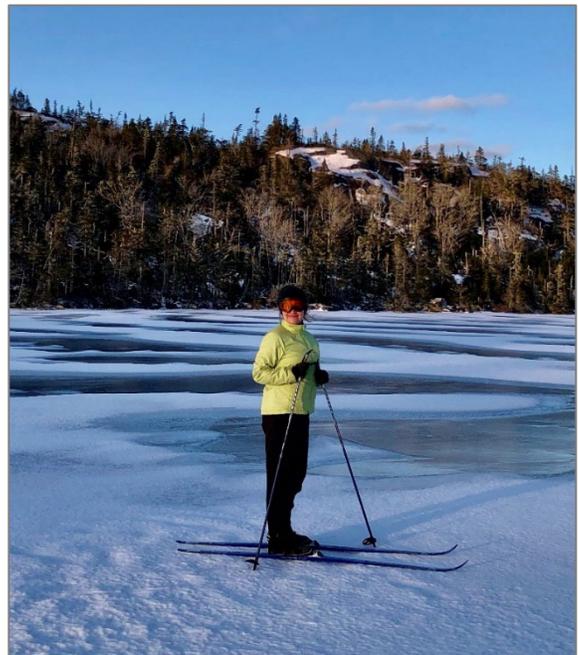
### STAY IN TOUCH

If you have an issue or question please email me at [patty.cuttell@halifax.ca](mailto:patty.cuttell@halifax.ca) or call 311. You can also follow me on social @pattycuttell11 for regular posts and updates. Stay safe and be well everyone!

### HOT TIP!

Winter is here. I like to think of February as being almost through winter. While it is cold out, there are still plenty of ways to remain active. Skating ponds and lakes when they are frozen, cross country skiing when there is snow, or taking a winter hike on one of the many trails in District 11.

Did you know SCOTIA XC Ski Club grooms Graves-Oakley Park in Spryfield, as well as five other ski-trail systems in Halifax? If you are interested in exploring cross-country skiing, visit ([scotiaxc.ca](http://scotiaxc.ca)) for information on programs and ski rentals. And before you head out to skate, check [Halifax.ca for ice thickness conditions](#).



*Exploring one of the lakes in the Terence Bay Wilderness Park*