



**COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY**  
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS  
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## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy March District 4!

We are steadily marching our way into spring and warmer weather! This month, we will see our days get a bit longer with the Spring Forward time change on March 13th. I am looking forward to getting back to in-person meetings and Regional Council, which will resume in Council Chambers on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We may see a lifting of restrictions this month if all goes well, which would be the long-awaited end of two difficult years. With that, I wish all the kids a wonderful March Break and remind drivers to watch out for kids and pedestrians as days get more pleasant for walks and playing outside.

As always, please reach out to me anytime for all your municipal concerns.

Sincerely,

March 2022

## SQUARE ROOTS: MARCH DATES



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 March are the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to sign up and find more information regarding pick-up or delivery options.

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



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### MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On March 8th, we celebrate women around the world. Canada's theme for International Women's Day (IWD) 2022 is Women Inspiring Women.

This important day celebrates all the women and girls who inspire us by demonstrating leadership in the choices they make in their day-to-day lives to contribute to the social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. Together, we have so much to celebrate!

This day is also to raise awareness of the progress made towards achieving gender equality and the work yet to be done. We all have role to play in forging a more gender-balanced world.

I am very proud to be a part HRM's first Regional Council with gender parity—which is equal representation of elected Councillors who identify as women and men.

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Did you know?

☞ The beginnings of IWD can be traced back to the early twentieth century, emerging from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe, reflecting the growing voices for women's equal participation in society.

☞ The United Nations officially recognized 1975 as International Women's Year and began celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day from there on.

### CONSIDER STARTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN THIS SUMMER

Thinking of starting a community garden? Many community gardens in Halifax are operated by residents on land owned by the municipal government.

**Applications for spring 2022 are due by March 30.** To review HRM's application form and handbook, visit our [website](#).

You'll also find a full list of existing community gardens if you're thinking of joining one. Let's get growing!





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### MARCH IS FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

Celebrate Francophonie Month with me in March! What is Canada – or even Nova Scotia – without our Francophone culture? It would be a very different-looking Canada, missing out on the rich, celebrated culture and diversity the French language and Francophone people contribute to our national identity. Bilingualism, and speaking French, are also fundamental parts of our Canadian values.

[Nova Scotia's own Acadian history](#) is very complex. Despite many great difficulties over the years, including the tragic deportation in the 1700s, Acadian people returned and established strong communities with a very vibrant culture that remains an integral part of Nova Scotia's diversity to this day.

Our Francophone culture also connects us with the world in terms of international relations. Did you know that Canada is a part of an organization called "[La Francophonie](#)", a group of 88 states, member governments, and observers – including 300 million Francophones – that share French as a common language and common value system in many ways.

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### CÉLÉBREZ LE MOIS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

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**FRANCOPHONIE**



*Célébrez le Mois de la Francophonie avec moi en mars ! Que serait le Canada - ou même la Nouvelle-Écosse - sans notre culture francophone ? Ce serait un Canada bien différent, sans la culture et la diversité riches et célébrées que la langue française et les francophones apportent à notre identité nationale. Le bilinguisme et le fait de parler français sont également des éléments fondamentaux de nos valeurs canadiennes.*

*[L'histoire acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse](#) est très complexe. Malgré de grandes difficultés au fil des ans, y compris la déportation tragique dans les années 1700, les Acadiens sont revenus et ont établi des communautés solides avec une culture très vivante qui continue de faire partie intégrante de la diversité de la Nouvelle-Écosse aujourd'hui.*

*Notre culture francophone nous relie également au monde en termes de relations internationales. Saviez-vous que le Canada fait partie d'une organisation appelée "[La Francophonie](#)", un ensemble de 88 États et gouvernements membres et observateurs – y compris 300 millions de francophones - qui partagent le français comme langue commune et un système de valeurs communes à bien des égards.*

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### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DISTRICT BOUNDARY RESIDENT REVIEW PANEL POSITIONS

A district boundary review is required in 2022; changes coming from this review will not come into effect until the 2024 Municipal Election.

However, residents now can apply to join the Boundary Resident Review Panel. The Panel will serve as a key component for the [2022 District Boundary Review process](#).

The 2022 District Boundary Review process includes:

- ✓ Phase 1, which will determine the size of Council and its governance structure; and,
- ✓ Phase 2, which will set specific district boundaries.

The District Boundary Resident Review Panel, supported by municipal staff, will begin their work in Phase 2. The Panel will consider how to draw boundaries of municipal districts, based on the recommendations from Phase 1.

Information on the role, including an application, can be found at [here](#). Residents may also contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902-490-4210 or by email at [serve@halifax.ca](mailto:serve@halifax.ca). It is recommended that applicants have professional expertise in the field of urban planning, municipal governance, public policy and/or political science.

**Applications are due by Monday, March 7, 2022.**

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### STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP

HRM's Spring 2022 Step Up to Leadership sessions are now open for registration.

The municipality's Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services team offers a free, nine-session course that covers a wide range of topics to help you develop leadership skills and build strong communities.

To learn more or register, visit our [website](#).

Registration closes on March 18, 2022.

When: Wednesdays, March 23 to May 18, 2022

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Fairbanks Centre at 54 Locks Road, Shubie Park, Dartmouth.

Register at any municipal recreation centre or online at [www.halifax.ca/myrec](http://www.halifax.ca/myrec) using the course code 00051338. For more information, please contact Darren Hirtle, Community Developer at 902-225-5806 or [hirtled@halifax.ca](mailto:hirtled@halifax.ca).



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## FREE HELP WITH YOUR INCOME TAXES

Halifax Public Libraries has shared that registration for free tax clinics with the Library opens on March 1. You can register for 2022 tax clinics by calling your local library branch or by visiting in-person.



**Have Your Taxes Done for Free at the Library!**

This year, tax clinics will be held via telephone with a volunteer from CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

You may be eligible for help at a free tax clinic if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

Learn more about whether you're eligible, and to register [here](#).

## HRM'S TREE PRUNING PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY – YOU CAN HAVE A SAY

The municipality's tree pruning program is a proactive, cyclical maintenance program intended to ensure the continued health and safety of our urban forest. The winter 2022 program is now underway and is expected to continue through March.

Any resident may call 311 to request street tree work within the municipal service boundary. For more information, visit our [website](#).

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## RCMP Road Safety Stats

January 2022 Summary  
Cole Harbour/Westphal/Lake Loon/Cherry Brook - District 4



631 calls for service in Jan. 2022  
Up 15.8% from Jan. 2021



21 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 25 in Jan. 2021)  
• 5 aggressive driving, 4 speeding, 2 cell phone, 10 other MVA (i.e. unregistered vehicle, driving without insurance, etc.)

280 Proactive Assignments (vs. 49 in Jan. 2021)



18 Cellphone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints

86 Traffic Stops (vs. 160 in Jan. 2021)  
No Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 5 in Jan. 2021)  
1 Impaired Suspension (vs. 4 in Jan. 2021)



12 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 26 in Jan. 2021)  
• Of these, none resulted in injuries

**Please Drive Safely!**

## Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police

- In December 2021, 41 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences.
- 36 were alcohol-related, 5 were drug-related.
- 7 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - were at least twice the legal limit.
- Police received 16 calls in December from citizens who suspected impaired drivers.



**If you see a potential impaired driver:**

**Call 911 immediately.** Give the call taker your location, a description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, colour, make and model, the direction of travel for the vehicle and a description of the driver.



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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.

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### JOIN THE YOUTH LIVE PROGRAM

**Looking for work experience?**  
**Struggling to find meaningful employment?**

If you're between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the Youth Live Program.  
Apply by April 1, 2022!

- 24 weeks of paid work experience
- Free training
- Monday-Friday work schedule with weekends off

Visit [halifax.ca/youthlive](http://halifax.ca/youthlive) for application details.

Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment? If you're between 16 and 24 you may be eligible to participate in the **Youth Live Program**.

The Youth Live Program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. While in this supportive environment, program participants gain hands-on work experience and participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills.

Apply by April 1, 2022 for our spring session.

#### For more information or to apply:

- ☞ Call 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446
- ☞ Send an e-mail to [ylrecruit@halifax.ca](mailto:ylrecruit@halifax.ca)
- ☞ Message Youth Live through Facebook: [facebook.com/hfxyouthlive](https://www.facebook.com/hfxyouthlive)
- ☞ Learn more: [www.halifax.ca/youthlive](http://www.halifax.ca/youthlive)



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### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Do you, or someone you care for, have a modest income and a simple tax situation?

Community organizations and volunteers here in HRM are hosting free in-person or virtual tax clinics! Visit the Federal Government's [website](#) or call 1-855-516-4405 for more information.



### 2022-23 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PROCESS

It's Budget season once again. Each of the municipality's business units will present their proposed business plan and budget to Regional Council – that's happening now. We are also listening to members of the public who wish to provide input on a variety of topics.

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.

View the proposed schedule, learn about the budget process, and find out how you can participate [here](#).

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### PARKS AND RECREATION- HELP IS AVAILABLE

You can register for municipal recreation programs, classes and much more [online](#). From here, you can search for programs and register for **programming** or **drop-ins/classes**.

If you need help or have any questions, Rec staff are happy to assist you, or troubleshoot any registration issue. Just call 902-490-6666 to connect with a staff member.

Be sure to follow Halifax Parks & Recreation for updates – you can also connect with them online if you have questions:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

### BOOK HALIFAX RECREATION PROGRAMS AND MORE:

[www.Halifax.ca/myREC](http://www.Halifax.ca/myREC)

Search and register for activities for youth, adults and seniors, year-round.

Need assistance? Call 902-490-6666





## POTHoles – REPORTING AND REPAIRING

Another freeze-thaw cycle = more potholes!  
This is a challenging year for potholes due to the freeze and thaw cycle we've been experiencing. I get many questions and concerns from residents as we move from winter into spring, as new potholes appear, and existing ones may get bigger.

HRM crews monitor for potholes on our roads year-round, but it's also important for residents important to report potholes so that crews are aware of them and can work on getting them fixed.

### Q: How do I report potholes?

A: On municipal roads, **please call 311** or email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca). You can also fill out this online form [here](#).

However, even within the municipality the province is responsible for 100-series highways (and ramps/overpasses associated with these highways). On provincially owned roads, please contact the TIR Operations Contact Centre (OCC): [tir-occ@novascotia.ca](mailto:tir-occ@novascotia.ca) or call 1-844-696-7737

### Q: What if my vehicle is damaged by a pothole?

A: The driver should first call 311 to determine who is responsible for the stretch of road the pothole is located on. If the damage occurred due to a pothole on a municipal road, begin a claim process with a 311 agent. If you determine it occurred on a provincial road, please contact TIR.

### Q: How long will it take to repair potholes?

A: The time to fix a pothole can range anywhere from 7 business days to 30 days depending on the pothole and if it is considered a priority. Crews aim to repair priority potholes on main arterial roads within 7 business days. However, weather can hamper these efforts - due to recent weather, crews were unable to fill potholes for nearly 10 days recently, off and on.

### Q: What constitutes a priority pothole?

A: The municipality considers a pothole of 8 cm or greater in depth to be a P1 (Priority 1), and a pothole of 7.9 cm or less in depth to be a P2 (Priority 2).

- P1 classified potholes have a service standard of seven business days on arterial and major collector roads, 14 business days on minor collector roads and 30 business days on local roads.

- P2 classified potholes have a 12-month service standard on all street classifications.

### Q: How are potholes repaired at different times of year?

A: HRM has two strategies for repairing potholes:

- **Cold patch:** a quick and low-cost strategy, where a pre-mix of asphalt is placed in the potholes and compacted. These relatively quick repairs are generally performed during winter months and are mainly a as a temporary hold until proper repairs can be scheduled.

- **Hot mix repair:** Pavement around the pothole is saw-cut and then filled with hot-mix asphalt. This type of repair generally addresses the underlying problems; however, the initial cost is higher, and the repair process is more involved. Plants typically don't open until May for hot asphalt.



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### Q: How many potholes does HRM repair?

A: To provide some perspective - municipal transportation crews have repaired more than 600 potholes across the municipality since November.

There are approximately 384 on HRM's rolling repair list. It's important to note these numbers are constantly changing, as crews log and repair potholes each day.

### UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for March:

- Tuesday, March 1 (10am)
- Tuesday, March 22 (10am)

Visit our [website](#) to see a full list of upcoming meetings including Standing Committees and Community Councils.

Please be advised that Regional Council will return to in-person meetings beginning on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. I encourage you to view the meeting virtually or attend in-person once we can do so. Agendas and links to watch the meeting are provided on the webpage I referenced above – I hope you can join us!

### 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 scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled due to a light agenda. The next meeting of Community Council will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](#).