



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

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy May District 4!

Spring is in the air! As the days get warmer, I encourage you all to get outside for some fresh air and enjoy our beautiful municipal parks.

I am looking forward to some community events taking place this month throughout our district. There is still room for more at our Senior Social, taking place at the Cole Harbour Fire Hall on Tuesday May 10th.

We are also looking for more people to help with our Great District 4 Clean Up competition on Saturday May 14th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We have five teams across the district working hard to clean up our communities for the summer. Be part of something fun and productive as we compete to see which group gathers the most litter. I really appreciate all the other clean up groups who have and are still planning to get out there and run a cleanup. You are very appreciated! Thank you for taking such good care of our community.

I encourage you to reach out to me anytime with any of your municipal concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Trish Purdy





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SENIOR TEA SOCIAL



The purpose of our Senior Social is twofold. First, to provide a safe space to offer community to our seniors who may have been isolated over the last two years. The second is to provide helpful information that will promote the safety and well-being of our seniors. May's topic will be Senior Fraud Prevention. RCMP Sandra Paris, Cst./Gend. will give a special talk on how to protect yourself from being scammed. There have been quite a few fraud cases in the last few months, so be sure to come and hear how to protect yourself from being taken advantage of. MLA Lorelei Nicoll will also be joining us. The event is FREE, and we will serve light refreshments with coffee and tea.

Date: Tuesday, May 10th

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Cole Harbour Fire Hall

Topic: Senior Fraud Prevention

May 2022

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week is May 1-7! Check out the HRM Parks & Recreation's calendar of FREE events taking place each day throughout the municipality. Visit our [website](#) for details!

This important week is dedicated to the celebration of youth and their active participation in our communities. Whether it is recreation, drama, sport, dance, civic engagement, art, volunteerism or leadership, young people are regularly engaged in meaningful activities during their discretionary time.

National Youth Week is a time to honour their involvement!

May 1-7 2022

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

SUN. MAY 1
 Bike Ride on BLT Trail | 1-4pm | Ages: 13-24
 Don't have a bike? No problem! Bikes are available to use (limited quantities).
 E-mail: deanchi@halifax.ca to register.

MON. MAY 2
 Pizza and Party Games | The Power House | 5-7:30pm | Ages: 13-24
 Movie Night & Pizza | The Den | 6-8:30pm | Ages: 13-24
 Virtual Program: @Adulting with COAS, Myra Lucia | 6-7:15pm | Ages: 18-24
 Virtual Program: Youth Project Open House | 6 p.m. | Ages: 13-25
 Youth rooms open: The Den 3-8:30 p.m. | Horizon Rec Centre 6-8:30 p.m. | Power House Youth Centre - Drop-in open from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

TUES. MAY 3
 Minute to Win It Night | The Den | 6-8:30pm | Ages: 13-24
 Virtual Program: Highlight reel vs Reality: Unpacking the Impacts of Social Media on Body Image | Eating Disorders Movie Scores | 6-7pm
 Youth rooms open: The Den 3-8:30pm | Power House Youth Centre - Drop-in Open from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

WEDS. MAY 4
 Button Making Party | The Power House | 4-6pm | Ages: 13-24
 Youth Basketball | Cole Harbour District High School | 8:15-9:30pm | Age: 15-17
 I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream! | The Den | 6:30-8:30pm
 Movie Night at Needham | Needham Community Centre | 7-10pm
 Youth rooms open: The Den | 3-8:30pm

THURS. MAY 5
 Paint Night | Horizon Rec Centre | 6:30-9pm
 Maximum of 15 participants. Registration is required. To register, e-mail youth@halifax.ca.
 Movie Night at George Dixon | George Dixon Community Centre | 7-10pm
 3-3 Youth Basketball | Gordon R Snow Community Centre | 6:15-7:45pm | Ages: 15-17
 Minute to Win It | Musquodoboit Rural High | School Lunch Hour | Ages: 13-17
 Virtual Program: Budgeting 101 with Junior Achievement's Brenda Kenney | 6-7pm
 Youth rooms open: Horizon Rec Centre | 6-8:30pm

FRI. MAY 6
 Youth Night Open House | Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre | 6-10pm | Ages: 12-17
 Karaoke & Pizza | Sackville Sports Stadium | 6:30-9pm
 Karaoke | Gordon R Snow Community Centre | 5:30-8:30pm | Ages: 12-15
 Youth Night | Horizon Rec Centre | 6-9pm
 Minute to Win It | Musquodoboit Rural High | School Lunch Hour
 Youth rooms open: Horizon Rec Centre - Youth Room - Drop-in open from 6 - 9 p.m.

SAT. MAY 7
 Power House Youth Centre Open House | 1-4pm
 Youth Open Gym | Astral Drive Jr. High | 12-1pm

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION VISIT: HALIFAX.CA/YOUTHWEEK
 To register for a virtual program please email youth@halifax.ca

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SQUARE ROOTS: APRIL DATES



Square Roots is a community interest company (not-for-profit) that aims to reduce food waste and food access challenges. They provide fresh local produce that may get rejected by grocery stores for not being “pretty” enough to families in need for low or no cost. The dates for bundle pick up in May are the 14th and 28th. Please e-mail me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca to sign up and find out more information regarding pick-up or delivery options.

DISCOVER ADVENTURE EARTH PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER!

The Adventure Earth Centre is offering a variety of outdoor recreation programming this summer:



- Overnight Camps at Camp Mockingee
- Day Camps at Shubie Park
- Day Camps at Fleming Park

Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page to learn more about these outdoor, interactive summer programs. Click [here](#) to register today!

DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP COMPETITION

Grab your friends, team or neighbours and join us on Saturday May 14th for a District 4 Community Clean up. We are going to compete to see who collects the most trash! If you are interested in participating in the event, kindly call or email me and I will connect you with a cleanup group. Many hands make light work. Let’s work together to clean up our community!

Date: Saturday May 14th

Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Locations: All over District 4!

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca or 902.240.3067

Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police

- In **March 2022**, 31 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences.
- 28 were alcohol-related, 3 were drug-related.
- 9 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - were at least twice the legal limit.
- Police received 13 calls in March 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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BACKYARD FIRE DO'S AND DON'TS: SUMMER REGULATIONS

It's that time of year when many of us want to enjoy a warm spring or summer's evening by a backyard fire or wish to burn some wood that we've cleared from our property while tidying up after the winter. But we must do this safely, abiding by all provincial and municipal rules around outdoor burning:



STEP 1: Check to see if fires are permitted by the Province of NS on a given day

View the [Provincial Burning Restrictions Map](#) to check for bans every time before you burn (posted as of 2:00 p.m. each day):

- Green = open air wood burning status is not posted yet (visit later - after 2:00 p.m.)
- Green = open air wood burning is allowed, beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Yellow = open air wood burning is allowed, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Red = open air wood burning is not allowed at any time

STEP 2: If burning is permitted that day, follow the municipal rules for backyard fires (domestic burning) that apply to you

Check the information below to see if you're in an (A): "Permit Required Zone" or (B): "No Permit Required Zone". The following rules apply until October 15th:

(A) URBAN/SUBURBAN AREAS: "PERMIT REQUIRED ZONE"

Your property is serviced with both municipal water AND sewer. Most urban/suburban lots in the municipality are in this Zone.

✓ **One outdoor wood burning appliance** can be used without a permit if they meet the criteria in the By-law, which means they:

- must be placed a minimum of 4.75m (15ft) from any dwelling or accessory building.
- are not placed on a wooden deck/combustible platform.
- only burn dry seasoned wood.
- are equipped with a spark arrester with no opening large than 9.65 mm (3/8") to prevent sparks from leaving the appliance.
- are used per the manufacturer's instructions.

✓ **Burning in propane or natural gas CSA or ULC approved appliances** are permitted any time of day, as they are not regulated under the By-law, however all manufactures instructions must be followed.

✗ **Burning of brush/tree limbs and other domestic waste** (boxes, construction material, etc.) is prohibited.

✗ **Campfire burning** is prohibited (0.5m diameter open fire) except at campgrounds.

(B) RURAL AREAS: "NO PERMIT REQUIRED ZONE"

*Your property is **not** serviced with municipal water AND sewer. Most of the rural lots in the municipality are in this zone.*

✓ **Outdoor wood burning appliances** are allowed if they meet the criteria in the By-law (as indicated in section A).

✓ **Campfire burning** (0.5m diameter open fire) is allowed ONLY if the fire is 4.75m (15ft) away from any dwelling or accessory building. The campfire must be contained using non-combustible material and you must burn dry seasoned firewood. Only one campfire is permitted per property.



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✓ **Burning in propane or natural gas CSA or ULC approved appliances** are permitted any time of day, as they are not regulated under the By-law, however all manufactures instructions must be followed.

✓ **Domestic burning of brush/tree limbs** is allowed ONLY if:

- the fire is 23m (75ft) away from any dwelling or accessory building.
- a person in charge of burning has a means to call 911 from site.
- at least two people 19 years of age or older are present.
- suitable equipment is in attendance to contain and extinguish the fire.
- wind velocity will not jeopardize the ability to control and contain the fire.
- the person in charge ensures all smoldering embers are completely extinguished prior to leaving the site.

✗ Domestic waste burning is prohibited (includes leaf and yard waste including grass and grass clippings, twigs, and house and garden plants, box board including cereal, shoe, tissue and detergent boxes, construction, or demolition material, including saw dust, wood shavings, planking, siding, wood beams, plastic and rubber).

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

For more information on these burning types, please contact 311 and they will arrange for Fire Prevention Staff to contact you.

Call 911 while illegal burning is occurring and advise the operator of the civic address where the burning is taking place and the reason you think the burning is in violation of the Halifax Regional Municipality's [By-Law Number O-109 Respecting Open Air Burning](#).

Visit the municipality's [webpage](#), Burning Rules and Regulations, for more information.

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COUNCIL APPROVES NEW 2022-2027 ECONOMIC STRATEGY



We're looking ahead to a bright future! Regional Council has adopted [People. Planet. Prosperity. Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy 2022-27](#) as the new five-year economic strategy – a strategy with a vision of a prosperous, growing municipality that puts the well-being of people and the planet first.

The Halifax region has undergone significant changes since the previous 2016-21 Economic Strategy was developed, including record population growth. The Inclusive Economic Strategy sets three strategic goals over the next five years:

- 👍 Promoting and maximizing inclusive and sustainable growth;
- 👍 Attracting, retaining and developing talent; and
- 👍 Making Halifax a better place to live and work.

Ongoing engagement will continue to be fundamental for shaping a more inclusive municipality over the next five years and beyond.



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STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT: HRM'S NEW ONLINE DASHBOARD



The Halifax Regional Municipality is marking the launch of its Strategic Performance Snapshot – a new online dashboard showcasing the municipality’s progress as it delivers on the priorities of Regional Council and the administration.

Explore the Strategic Performance Snapshot [here](#).

It is an online record of the work being done by the municipality, based on data that is updated annually. The goal is to improve access to information and transparency through a centralized dashboard that shows how well the municipality is delivering services, including Council Priorities.

Progress is measured by a variety of key performance indicators (KPIs) including:

- residents’ satisfaction with services
- financial performance and stewardship
- employee retention
- achieving service standards and completion of project milestones.

Some of the key features of the dashboard include year-over-year trends, information about related KPIs, and at-a-glance graphs and charts. You can also access data on more than 80 municipal projects and initiatives.

All the work of the municipality is tied to the Council-approved strategic priorities (outlined on the dashboard). There are commitments to deliver on specific outcomes and initiatives to achieve each priority in the [2021-25 Strategic Priorities Plan](#).

CANADA SUMMER JOBS NOW AVAILABLE

Youth 15-30 can now apply for the federal government’s Canada Summer Jobs program, as the hiring period for 2022 has been launched (open until July 24, 2022). This is your chance to gain experience and put your skills to use to help your community!

Canada Summer Jobs aims to help younger Canadians develop the skills and experience to transition successfully into the labour market.

Keep an eye out here for the many opportunities that will be posted [here](#).

New jobs will be added regularly as they are approved for funding by the Canada Summer Jobs program.





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HRM'S AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

With the Halifax Regional Municipality's Affordable Access Program, you only need one application to apply for:

- ☐ Affordable Transit Pass (applications open mid-May and processed on a first-come, first-served basis)
- ☐ Recreation programming funding (applications are open year-round with no deadline)
- ☐ Property tax payment assistance (deadline of August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill)

To learn more, to see if you qualify, or to apply, call 311 or visit our [website](#).

HRM LAKEWATERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM



A new Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program called LakeWatchers is being launched by the municipality.

The program will:

- ✓ Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- ✓ Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.
- ✓ Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#).

You can get involved!

Data collection will take place twice yearly through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

To express your interest in volunteering, and to learn more, click [here](#).

Apply for the Affordable Access Program

Affordable Transit Pass: save 50% on regular adult pass. Apply by July 1.

Recreation Funding Access Program: save 50-100% on child, youth, and adult participants in most recreation programs. Apply at least two weeks before registering for recreation programs.

Property Tax Exemption & Deferral Program: help or defer property tax. Apply by August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill or December 31 for an exemption for the current year.

Apply:
halifax.ca/about-halifax/affordable-access-program/

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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for May:

- Tuesday, May 17th at 10am
- Tuesday, May 31st at 10am

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

Due to the ongoing pandemic, all meetings are virtual again, and I encourage you to view online if you are interested. Agendas and links to watch virtual meetings are provided on the webpage I referenced above – I hope you can join us, virtually!

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. The next Community Council meeting will take place today, Thursday May 5th. Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

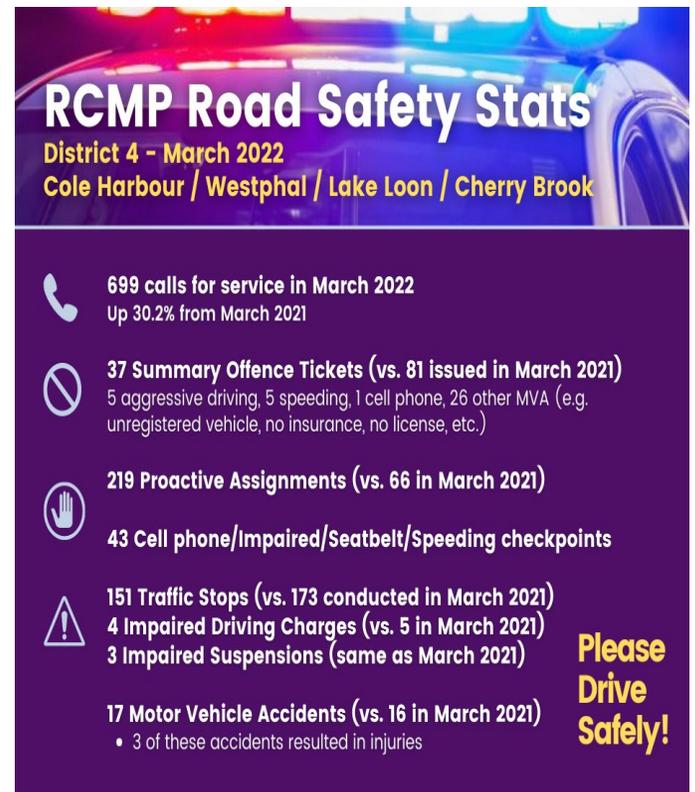
As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province. If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.

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 Simonov (Smith) at **902-490-7177**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).



RCMP Road Safety Stats
 District 4 - March 2022
 Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

-  **699 calls for service in March 2022**
Up 30.2% from March 2021
-  **37 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 81 issued in March 2021)**
5 aggressive driving, 5 speeding, 1 cell phone, 26 other MVA (e.g. unregistered vehicle, no insurance, no license, etc.)
-  **219 Proactive Assignments (vs. 66 in March 2021)**
- 43 Cell phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints**
-  **151 Traffic Stops (vs. 173 conducted in March 2021)**
4 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 5 in March 2021)
3 Impaired Suspensions (same as March 2021)
- 17 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 16 in March 2021)**
 - 3 of these accidents resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!