



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Spring is in the air and buds are forming. I encourage everyone to enjoy the sunny days in the parks and trails in our communities. Many of you are avid gardeners, as am I, so I personally look forward to getting into the dirt and nurturing new growth.

While I know that COVID-19 is still among us and we must still take safety precautions, I am thrilled that in-person activities are being planned again. The energy that I get from in-person dialogue has been missed, so I look forward to seeing many of your in our community once again. I had the pleasure of attending community litter clean ups in both Eastern Passage and Dartmouth South. It's always so great to be part of these efforts in our district.

Don't forget to sign up for one of my Seniors Tea events happening in May and June. Registration is going well for Eastern Passage.

I look forward to hearing from Woodlawn, Portland Hills/Estates, Russell Lake and South Woodside as well.

Stay safe and be well.

Warmly,

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.





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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week is May 1st -7th! 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!

FRIENDS OF MCNAB'S ISLAND IS HIRING SUMMER INTERPRETERS!

The Friends of McNab's Island Society is hiring university/college students or recent graduates again this summer. The summer Island Interpreters will work 35 hours per week from June until the end of August. The pay range is \$15.00 - \$16.00/hr depending on experience. The candidates must be 30 years of age or younger at the start of employment and can be current students or recent graduates. These jobs are funded under the Canada Summer Jobs program. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and legally entitled to work in Canada. For more information on this exciting opportunity, click [here](#).

Jobs will be posted until May 9, 2022 or until the jobs are filled. Please send your resume, cover letter and references combined into one **Microsoft Word document** and include your name in the file name i.e., **jackorjilljones.doc** and email to info@mcnabsisland.ca.

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 deanchh@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 CUAs 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 Nova Scotia | 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 Achiever'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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You're Invited!



Councillor Kent's Seniors Tea Socials

Eastern Passage:
Horizon Recreation Centre
Wednesday, May 18th, 1pm-2pm

Dartmouth South:
Woodlawn Public Library
Wednesday, June 1st, 1pm-2pm



Please register by contacting my coordinator, Emily:

smithem@halifax.ca
902-490-7177

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DISTRICT 3 – 2022/23 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

Street Recapitalization

Cow Bay Rd – Dyke to Bissett (Potential for Paved Shoulders)

Cow Bay Rd – Bissett to End

Irving St – Pleasant to Grant (Carryover, Integrated Traffic Calming)

Osborne Ave – Pleasant to End (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Asphalt Overlay

Bellbrook Cres – Portland Hills to Edgewater (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Whitehall Cres – Portland Hills to Portland Hills

Active Transportation

Portland Hills Accessibility Improvements – Baker to Greenway near Pumping Station

Walkways

Waynewood Dr to Lansing Crt

Guiderails

Cow Bay Rd - Intersection with Dyke Rd

Cow Bay Rd - Near Rainbow Haven Rd

Bridges

BR35 Cow Bay at Cow Bay River

(Inspection/Design, includes review of AT feasibility)

Active Transportation - New Community Association Grants Projects

Cole Harbour Parks and Trail Association - Shearwater Flyer Trail Bridge Inspections (Districts 3/4)

Planer Patching

Barry Allen Dr – Portland Estates to Portland Estates

Collins Grv – Spring to Regal

Dorothea Dr – Spring to Cole Harbour

La Pierre Cres – Cranberry to Cranberry

Samuel Danial Dr – Cow Bay to End

Proposed Crack Sealing

Brompton St – Elswick to End

Cherlyann Dr – Cow Bay to Astour

Elswick St – Everette to Brompton

Everette St – Pleasant to Elswick

Ponidcherry Cres – Cranberry to Loops Itself

Portland Hills Dr – Portland to Bellbrook (S)



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WATER SERVICE ADVISORY:

Halifax Water has begun phase II of its upgrade work at the Lake Major Water Supply Plant, which supplies drinking water to the communities of Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage, North Preston, Westphal and Burnside.

This critical infrastructure upgrade project is a follow-up to the successful completion of phase 1 that occurred in November & December of 2021. All these upgrades are part of Halifax Water's 10-year plan to upgrade our water supply plants to adapt to a changing climate and will help ensure that their customers in these communities continue to have high-quality drinking water.

They do not expect this phase of work to impact water service for our customers; however, there may be the potential for customers supplied through the Dartmouth system to experience temporary changes, including lower or higher water pressure, or temporarily discoloured water. If you experience discoloured water, please report it online and follow the steps outlined on the [website](#).

Halifax Water is committed to providing safe, high-quality drinking water. To help ensure this, they are continually monitoring water quality across our distribution system daily.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work and its impact on your water supply, please visit the [project webpage](#).

For more information on Halifax Water, please check the [website](#), visit us on [YouTube](#), or Twitter @HalifaxWater, [Facebook](#), or call our Customer Care Centre at 902-420-9287.

ICE PATROL: TITANIC CEREMONY EVENT

I was pleased to bring greetings from Council at the Titanic Commemorative event honouring the 1,500 lost souls of that fateful night in 1912.

The event was hosted by the Local Council of Women and the US Coastguard International Ice Patrol. The Ice Patrol was



created for our major shipping lanes to prevent another disaster like what happened to the Titanic. At the ceremony, there were wreaths that were blessed and are to be dropped at the sight of the ships sinking. I had the pleasure of meeting Dee Ryan-Meister, President of the Titanic Society of Nova Scotia. There is a lot of history linking the titanic and Halifax. I was honoured to be able to take part in this event.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON PORTLAND STREET

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the speed limit has been reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on a section of Portland Street.

The reduced speed zone is between Portland Estates Boulevard and Portland Hills Drive.





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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR WOODSIDE-SHEARWATER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL PLAN

HRM is exploring options to build a three-kilometer walking and cycling facility that connects the Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail and the Shearwater Flyer Trail as well as improving other area connections. The purpose of these sessions is to share information on several concepts and hear what people think. There will be both in-person and online engagement. In-person sessions will be:

- Tuesday May 24th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the South Woodside Community Centre, 5 Everette Street
- Thursday, May 26th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street

Online engagement will be on the Shape Your City [website](#) and will feature project information and a survey. That page will launch May 24th.



PEHRA Community Clean Up

RCMP Road Safety Stats

District 3 - March 2022
Eastern Passage

- 259 calls for service in March 2022
Up 32.1% from March 2021
- 11 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 12 issued in March 2021)
3 speeding, 2 cell phone, 6 other MVA (e.g. no insurance, invalid license, etc.)
- 80 Proactive Assignments (vs. 24 in March 2021)
- 24 Cell phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints
- 60 Traffic Stops (vs. 45 conducted in March 2021)
No Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 2 in March 2021)
1 Impaired Suspension (vs. none in March 2021)
- 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 6 in March 2021)
 - 1 of these accidents resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!

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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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

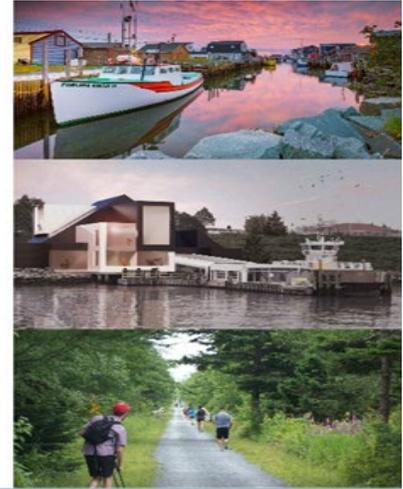
District 3
Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage

Join Councillor Becky Kent from
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm to discuss community matters:

Tuesday, June 7th South Woodside
South Woodside Community Centre

Thursday, June 9th Eastern Passage / Cow Bay
Horizon Recreation Centre

To register, please contact Emily:
smithem@halifax.ca or 902-490-7177



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EASTERN PASSAGE COMMONS UPDATE

The Eastern Passage Commons Master Plan drainage study was approved in the 2021/22 capital budget.

The phase 1 detailed design was approved in the 2022/23 capital budget. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued this Spring for phase 1 design activities addressing the general area around the parking lot/great lawn/courts/skatepark. Once the design is finalized and detailed costs estimates are produced, the plan will be to include funds in future capital budgets for a phased construction approach.



PEHRA Easter Egg Hunt



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PORTLAND HILLS DRIVE AND BELLBROOK CRESCENT TRAFFIC CALMING

Many of you have taken the time to engage with me about traffic calming measures on **Portland Hills Drive** over the last two years. We have heard from the community that there is still concern.

Following the installation of the traffic calming measures, additional speed and volume data was collected. Based on the results of the data evaluation, staff determined that an effective speed reduction was not achieved, particularly on the northern end of the street. As vehicle operating speeds continue to be high, additional traffic calming measures will be installed.

Speed Tables were selected as the appropriate traffic calming measure for Portland Hills Drive. Speed tables encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds, and there is no effect on resident access or on-street parking. Transit buses can also traverse speed tables with minimal impact. The speed tables installed near the school have been effective in bringing down the overall operating speed, and further reducing the speed during the hours near arrival and dismissal time.

We also plan to install traffic calming on Bellbrook Crescent. The 85th percentile speed in August 2018 was 52km/h. Bellbrook will be paved this year, so we are taking the opportunity to integrate speed tables within that project. We will collect follow up speed data once construction is complete and drivers have had time to adjust to the new conditions.

If anyone is interested, you can see all traffic data that we collect on Open Data by visiting our [website](#) and typing "HRM Traffic Studies" in the search for data box. A map will open, and you can click on any blue dot to see a summary of what was collected. You can also email trafdata@halifax.ca with the request number and our data team will send the associated files, you should specify that you would like speed data if it is available as well.

For more information regarding traffic calming in HRM, please visit the [website](#).

EISENER BOULEVARD CHANGES

HRM will be installing additional tactical multiuse pathway (MUP) on the west side of Eisener Blvd, from Russell Lake Drive to the existing Portland Lake Trail, and curb extensions near the Portland Lake Trail ingress/egress point (Atlantic Superstore Entrance). This is a continuation of the existing temporary MUP currently on the west side of Eisener Blvd.

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!



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2022-23 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVED

Regional Council has approved the 2022/23 [municipal budget](#) of \$1.1 billion – \$925.7 million in total municipal expenditures, \$180.2 million in provincial mandatory contributions, and a capital plan of \$318.9 million.

The average residential and commercial property tax bill is increasing by 4.6 per cent: This means the average single-family home tax bill will increase by \$94 in 2022/23 to \$2,144. The average commercial property tax bill will increase by \$1,989 in 2022/23 to \$45,395.

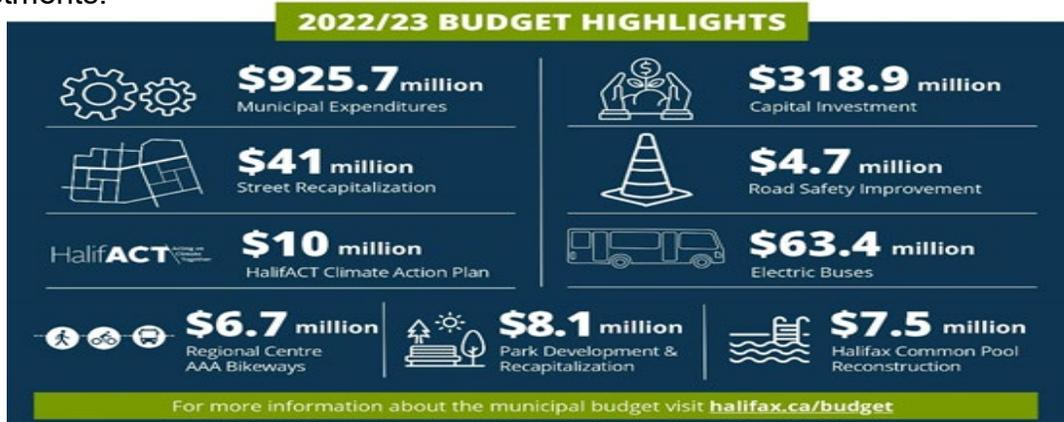
Of the 4.6 per cent increase, 3 per cent goes towards the Climate Action Tax, which will directly support [#HalifACT](#) – the municipality’s long-term climate action plan. The Climate Action Tax will fund projects such as electric vehicles and buses, net-zero buildings, installing public electric vehicle chargers, and taking actions to improve the resiliency of communities and infrastructure against the impacts of climate change.

The remaining 1.6 per cent increase will fund ongoing operations, public safety, maintenance, and service improvements – such as the provincial road transfer – as well as strategic capital investments.

QUIGLEY’S CORNER PROJECT UPDATE



It’s time for the sign and landscape at Quigley’s Corner to be updated. I am working with the Eastern Passage Volunteer Firefighters Association, local artist Jeff Domm, residents and HRM Right of Way staff to make some changes. You can probably already see some improvement with the removal of low-lying plants and bushes, and the addition of new fresh bark mulch. We will be replacing the community signage, as well as the topper and hope to bring some local art showcasing iconic spaces in our community. Stay tuned for more updates.





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BELL LAKE PARK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In the coming months, I will be working through a community engagement plan to gather interest for potential park development around Bell Lake. I have walked some of the paths and informal trails. Entry ways are not clear, paths are not formal and access to the lake is limited. At a time that we have been asking residents in our communities to stay home and enjoy your own neighborhood, it stood out to me that Bell Lake Park is limited. I would like to hear firsthand from residents in Woodlawn and surrounding areas what they would like to see in this park.

Working with an HRM community developer, our plan is to roll out the following engagement elements:

- Site visit – Councillor and HRM Staff
- Focus group sessions – Residents, Service clubs/community groups/staff
- Community Survey (mail out and electronic options) Example question:
 - What do you like about the park? Do you use it, if not why? What recreation amenities are missing? What would draw you to Bell Lake Park? Who should the park serve (all, families, kids, seniors)? Is parking necessary? How would you get to the park?
- Community meeting - what we have heard, possible actions, feedback on possible actions. Plan going forward.

Stay tuned for updates. I look forward to speaking to you and hearing your ideas.

HRM LAKEWATCHERS 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 through 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](#).

Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1st to August 31st.



**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.





RESOURCES FOR REFUGEES AND NEWCOMERS

There are many local networks and support services for refugees. As Canada continues to support Ukraine and the citizens escaping the ongoing horrific situation there, I want to share some resources for individuals who may be arriving in our area.

Halifax is here for you. ❤️

➡️ [New in Halifax](#) 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.

- ➡️ [Welcomed in Halifax Pass](#)
- ➡️ [Halifax Ukrainian Club](#)
- ➡️ [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#) (ISANS) / 902-423-3607
- ➡️ [Halifax Refugee Clinic](#) / 902-422-6736
- ➡️ [Newcomer Health Clinic](#) / 902-487-0501



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for May:

- Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m.

While COVID-19 is still at play, some Regional Council meetings may be moved to a virtual setting on short notice. You can always view Regional Council meetings [online](#).

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3 “Please Drive Slowly” signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.



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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](#).

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](#).

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at **becky.kent@halifax.ca** or **902-478-5368**. 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**.

To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca. For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

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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