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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations graduates!

Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

Know someone

who may be interested in becoming a Halifax Regional Police officer? We are currently recruiting for the 2023 Cadet Class! The deadline for applications is June 19th. Contact HRPrecruiting@halifax.ca for more information.

Keep reading for an important update on homelessness and encampments, the 2022 State of the Municipality address, an opportunity for an Urban Forest Walking Tour, a transit priority lane on Bayers Road and much more!

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JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held in person on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW...

June 1st is the [GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS](#)

June 1st is [GLOBAL RUNNING DAY](#)

June 3rd is [WORLD BICYCLE DAY](#)

June 5th is [WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY](#)

June 7th is [WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY](#)

June 8th is [WORLD OCEANS DAY](#)

June 19th is [FATHER'S DAY](#)

June 20th is [WORLD REFUGEE DAY](#)

June 21st is [INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY](#)

June 24th [TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY](#)

SPRING COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS



Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, I am pleased to offer a Community Drop-In session the first Thursday of the month in June from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have a question regarding a municipal program or services, please drop-in for a chat with me at the Chocolate Lake Community Centre, 14 Purcells Cove Road. I will be wearing a facial mask and ask that you also wear a mask.

There will be no drop-in sessions for July or August. You can still reach me at Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca or by phone at 902.579.6746. I hope to recommence the Drop-In sessions in September.

CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY JUNE 4TH & 5TH

Residents are encouraged to place unwanted items at their curbs for prospective treasure hunters to haul away. Acceptable items include, but are not limited to: books, furniture, toys, kitchen items, sports equipment, clothing and electronics. Only place items at the curb that are free and clearly marked with a "FREE" sign.



All unclaimed items must be removed by dusk on Sunday. Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations and remember to put any garbage material out on your regular garbage day and week. Regular limits and preparation are required.

Promote your free items and plan your treasure hunt in advance by pinning and viewing available items on the Curbside Give Away map posted at www.halifax.ca/curbside. Residents are encouraged to pin the location and details of items available to assist others in searching and finding specific items by neighbourhood. Share your finds and connect with other treasure hunters on Facebook and Twitter and use the hashtag [#hfxcurbside](https://twitter.com/hfxcurbside).

This event will happen rain or shine. Residents are reminded to follow public health recommendations and should only place curbside items that are clean and sanitized.

HOMELESSNESS & ENCAMPMENTS

On May 3rd, Regional Council discussed the issue of homelessness and encampments referencing the [staff report](#) that outlined potential temporary outdoor shelters. Page 5 of the staff report addresses the issue of encampments as follows: ***Most stakeholders indicated that the practice of not forcing out those sleeping in deep woods areas and providing supports as possible to them is an approach that should be continued. There was clear feedback from a range of stakeholders***

that the municipality needs to provide an option for people who need to sleep on public land.



Meaghers Park

In consideration of this, staff have suggested the following criteria to evaluate park sites to determine suitability (see pages 6 & 7 of the report). This would include prohibiting placement in or near sites such as:

- Schools, daycares, or adult care facilities
- Active sport fields, dug outs or bleachers
- Horticultural displays or gardens – Cemeteries
- Environmentally or culturally sensitive areas
- Blocking a path or right of access
- On bridges, docks, or wharfs
- Playgrounds, pools, splash pads

A maximum of four tents per site is proposed in order to contain the size and complexity of management of the locations. Depending on site configuration, some locations may only be able to a smaller number of tents.



For locations designated as sheltering places for multiple nights, some form of toilet facility should be provided and, if possible, a water source. These sites should have garbage cans and regular collection and an option for dry goods storage. Anyone sheltering in a park will be expected to comply with applicable laws, including provincial and HRM burning restrictions.

Proposed sites for overnight sheltering that would be in or near District 9 are:

- Bi-Hi Park
- Chocolate Lake
- Saunders Park

Proposed sites for long term sheltering that would be in or near District 9 are:

- Ravenscraig Drive Park (other side of Purcells Cove Road from the Frong Pond).

Following discussion on the proposed steps as outlined above, the final motion approved by Regional Council was to:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to continue to support the province and other partners to ensure individuals have safe, supportive and affordable housing,
2. Direct the CAO to continue efforts to increase availability of affordable housing as described in the body of this report,
3. Direct the CAO to formalize criteria and locations for the designation of overnight sheltering sites in parks

consistent with the criteria and locations described in the body of the staff report dated April 28, 2022, with the removal of the one-night camping sites, and addition of those sites to the list of potential longer term camping sites if required and possible to ensure adequate supply to meet demands to be brought back to Council for consideration,

4. Direct the CAO to continue to review options to add non-park sites to inventory of outdoor sites available for overnight sheltering,
5. Authorize the CAO to negotiate and enter into a contribution agreement with the United Way to convene a lived experience committee to advise staff, and
6. Direct the CAO to return to Council with a subsequent report with additional analysis and recommendations for actions, including a timeline and plan for supporting the transition of people, education and implementation that is lead and delivered by civilian staff.
7. Direct the CAO to provide a staff report on negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Province of Nova Scotia on supporting Unsheltered Residents of HRM. The report should include defining the roles of each order of government and specific actions to support and prevent homelessness within the HRM.



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The report is expected back to Regional Council by mid October 2022.

2023 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE CADET CLASS

2023 HRP CADET CLASS

APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN!

Submit your application for the 2023 HRP cadet class online before June 19, 2022.

Have questions?
Email the **HRP Recruitment Team** at: hrrcruiting@halifax.ca

Join Our Team!

“As community members, we are all feeling the impact of these violent incidents that have occurred,” says Chief Dan Kinsella. “We are exploring every avenue to progress these investigations, and we need help from the community. We hope that providing a more direct and confidential conduit to the investigative team will make people who have information more comfortable with sharing what they know.”

The tip line can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers may leave an anonymous tip, or they can leave their name and a contact number, and an investigative team member will contact them. We want to assure citizens that the information they provide is important and all tips will be reviewed and followed up on by a team member.

To reach the Gun Violence Tip Line, call: 902-490-5151.

No piece of information is too small, and it is never too late to come forward with information on violent crime.

Citizens are reminded that they should call 911 anytime there is an immediate risk to someone’s safety or property and to report crimes in-progress to police.

GUN VIOLENCE TIP LINE

Halifax Regional Police is launching a new tip line to encourage people to come forward with information on violent crime in our community.

Gun Violence Tip Line

902-490-5151

Citizens can reach out to police with information on gun-related crime by calling the Gun Violence Tip Line, a confidential tip line monitored by an investigative team in the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division.



HRP STATISTICS FOR APRIL 2022

Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police

- In April 2022, 40 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences.
- 26 were alcohol-related, 4 were drug-related.
- 18 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - were at least twice the legal limit. 7 of the drivers refused a breath sample and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received 19 calls in April 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.

2022 STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The 2022 State of the Municipality event was held on April 28th. The annual event, hosted by the Halifax Partnership and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, provides an overview of where we are as a municipality.

At the event, Mayor Mike Savage addressed the challenges of today and opportunities for growth. As Mayor Savage said at the event, *"I believe that Halifax is a city for today and more and more a city for tomorrow. We are building a city for everybody, and the work continues."*

Here are some key points from the Mayor's address, shared by the Halifax Partnership:

→ The fastest-growing demographic in Halifax has been people ages 15- 34 years, with

Mayor Savage stating that *"Halifax is now becoming the destination for young people, not the departure point."*

→ Halifax was the first city in Canada to be recognized by the UN High Commission on Refugees to be named a welcoming city for refugees.

→ Halifax has the highest number of housing units under construction ever, with the mayor adding that while this is good, it's still not enough. *"We are in a housing crisis. It is time to put aside ego and jurisdiction to find solutions that address supply and affordability."*

→ Speaking about the new Cogswell District project, the mayor said it will be *"a neighbourhood where inclusiveness goes beyond symbols and words. Where people will live, work, and play. Where we can grow together and thrive."*

SURVEY – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

If you use active transportation routes to cycle  walk/run , or roll , help our municipality make them easier to navigate. HRM wants to hear your thoughts on proposed new wayfinding signage to better guide you to your destination.

Have your say by completing one of both survey options here: <https://bit.ly/37LVqCC>
By highlighting distances and directions to key locations, the Active Transportation Wayfinding Pilot Project aims to improve



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navigation along walking and cycling routes. The wayfinding signage developed for this pilot project is based on Bicycle Nova Scotia's Wayfinding Guide (<https://bit.ly/3ki9Cpw>).

👉 One survey will ask feedback regarding your satisfaction with newly-installed pedestrian and bicycle signage at the Chain of Lakes Trail, Mainland North Trail, Sackville Greenway, Alderney Landing, Vernon / Seymour Local Street Bikeway.

👉 The other will ask your feedback on where more signage can be installed to help residents navigate while cycling, walking or rolling.

TRANSIT-ONLY BUS LANE - BAYERS ROAD



A dedicated transit-only bus lane is now open on Bayers Road, between Windsor Street and Connolly Street. The new, transit-only lane will operate in the outbound direction (north side of Bayers Road) on weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This interim transit priority measure will improve transit operations along this corridor, as part of the [Bayers Road Transit Priority Corridor](#).

Parking on the north side of Bayers Road will not be permitted on weekdays from 3:00 p.m.

to 6:00 p.m., and left turns from Bayers Road to Oxford Street will be restricted during the same period. No new construction is required for this initiative, and on-street parking in the inbound direction (south side of Bayers Road) will not be impacted.

Halifax Transit routes 1, 330, and 194 will be rerouted to travel on this new lane. Visit halifax.ca/servicechanges for more information on bus route changes.

For more information on the Bayers Road Transit Priority Corridor Project, visit halifax.ca/bayersroad.

2023 INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF) WORLD JUNIORS



The excitement is real, and the countdown is on – Halifax is officially hosting the 2023 International Ice Hockey Federation

(IIHF) World Junior Championship in partnership with Moncton, New Brunswick!

The tournament will be played at both host cities between December 26, 2022-January 5, 2023 at the Scotiabank Centre and Avenir Centre.

As Mayor Savage said, "*Halifax is a hockey town and so is Moncton. Hosting the World Juniors*



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will help our region rebound from the pandemic, celebrate our passion for the game and inspire the next generation of hockey players in our region.”

I know I can't wait to welcome the world's best under-20 hockey players, coaches, and hockey fans from far and wide (... and of course, cheer for Team Canada)!

GRAND OASIS FESTIVAL SERIES



The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to host the Grand Oasis Festival Series – a free festival to celebrate music, art, and culture at Grand Parade. **The festival takes place from Tuesday, June 21st to Saturday, October 1st.**

All events are free of charge. Residents are encouraged to visit the [website to reserve their pass](#).

Each week will include a new lineup of artists and events, from Canada's greatest musicians to chart-topping artists to Indigenous performers.

Confirmed headliners for the 15-week festival already include:

- Alan Doyle
- Aquakultre
- Bambii
- BBNO\$

- Classified
- Crown Lands
- DJ Shub - War Club Live
- Green Velvet
- Haviah Mighty
- Jazzy Jeff
- Joel Plaskett Emergency
- MINX
- Mz Worthy
- Neon Dreams
- NOBRO
- Ria Mae

Visit the [website](#) for the initial Grand Oasis Festival Series schedule, to sign up for the Grand Oasis newsletter and to reserve your free passes.

More artists and events will be added to the website over the coming weeks.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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



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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:

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth>

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

LAST MINUTE ONLINE RENTAL BOOKINGS

Game ON! Did you know HRM now offers last-minute online rental booking services for municipal recreational rental facilities?



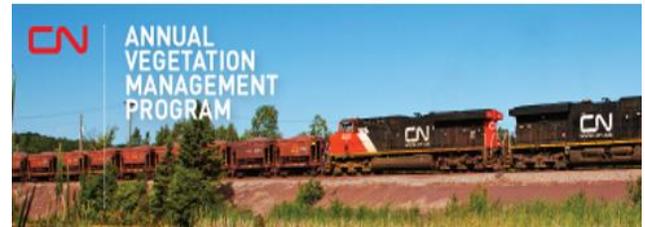
This includes all-weather sport fields, recreation centre gymnasiums, and outdoor sports courts (including basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts) and ice rentals for individual and group use.

For more information, including how to access the online booking system, visit

halifax.ca/lastminute.

This service increases residents' access to indoor and outdoor facilities while also making the process more convenient overall.

CN VEGETATION CONTROL



CN Rail's annual Vegetation Control Program (VCP) **will run from April to October 2022**. A regularly updated schedule is available at www.cn.ca/vegetation.

If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Moreover, unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee and citizens safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices.

CN's annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds and other undesirable vegetation.



URBAN FOREST WALKING TOURS



Flinn Park

Halifax Tree Project, led by Peter Duinker (Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie University), is collaborating with HRM Councillors to offer guided tours of the urban forests in various areas across the municipality. The aim of the tours is to give citizens a chance to learn more about the trees in the city and to discuss their views on urban-forest management. Dr. Duinker will lead each tour with the assistance of HRM Urban Forestry staff and the Councillor for the district.

The tours are about two hours in length and:

- designed for a short, easy walk from a central starting point.
- no driving between sites – just walking and discussing the streets and parks we visit.
- unless the weather is really inclement, the tours will proceed rain or shine.

- no need to register – just show up at the starting point on the date and time indicated.
- dress for the weather
- wear good walking shoes.

In the meantime, you might enjoy reading various articles about the HRM urban forest on the [Halifax Tree Project](#) website and the [HRM Urban Forestry](#) website.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to Peter Duinker at: pnduinker@gmail.com.

Below are the tour dates/locations for June and July.

- **District 01** – June 15th at 5:00 p.m. starting point is the Fire Station at 1359 Fall River Road.
- **District 05** – June 19th at 1:00 p.m. starting point is corner entrance to Leighton Dillman Park, Windmill Road.
- **District 10** – June 22nd at 5:00 p.m. starting point is Piercy Park, corner of Willett Street and Frederick Avenue.
- **District 04** – June 26th at 12 noon starting point is Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool, 609 Colby Drive.
- **District 09** – July 9th at 10:00 a.m. starting point is Flinn Park - corner of MacDonald & Flinn Streets.
- **District 06** – July 20th at 5:00 p.m. starting point is Tim Horton's, Waverley Road at Montebello Drive.



Additional tours are being scheduled for September and October.

RCMP REMINDER - DO NOT LEAVE PETS IN VEHICLES

With the summer weather finally here, the RCMP and SPCA are encouraging motorists to think twice before leaving your pets in your vehicle for any amount of time.

In the time it takes to run a quick errand, the interior of a vehicle can heat up fast - making it intolerable for pets. *"Every year, the RCMP in Nova Scotia responds to complaints of animals being left in vehicles during the summer months,"* says Cpl. Chris Marshall. *"When the weather is warm, it's best to leave your four-legged friends' home or visit pet friendly businesses to avoid a potentially tragic outcome."*

According to the SPCA, signs that an animal could be in distress include:

- Exaggerated panting
- Rapid or erratic pulse
- Anxious or staring expression
- Weakness and muscle tremors
- Lack of coordination
- Red or blue tongue and lips
- Convulsions or vomiting
- Collapse or coma

"Leaving your window cracked or parking in the shade makes little to no difference," says Jo-Anne Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector at the Nova Scotia SPCA. *"The only thing that will*

do is give you a false feeling that your pet is protected. Even on a mild day, it does not provide enough circulation to prevent the interior temperature from quickly becoming dangerous."

Remember, if the animal is alert, standing upright and barking, they are likely not in distress. Here are things to do if you come across an animal in a vehicle that appears to be in distress:

- Look for the owner of the car.
- Go to nearby stores and have the owner paged.
- If you cannot locate the owner, call your local police and stay at the vehicle until police arrive.
- Do not contact police unless the animal is obviously distressed.

If you are unsure if an animal is in distress, call the Nova Scotia SPCA at 1-888-703-7722

Follow up by filing a report with the Nova Scotia SPCA either online or by phone and ensure that you obtain a license plate of the vehicle.





THE OWL PROGRAM – OLDER WISER LABOURFORCE

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Workshops Career Exploration Work Readiness

The OWL Program is a 5-week employment readiness program designed specifically to assist the mature worker in their return to work.

You might be an ideal candidate if you are:

- A Mature Worker
- Ready to be employed
- Genuinely seeking employment
- Willing to work in a dynamic group setting
- Having difficulty finding work or obtaining interviews
- Returning to your career or transitioning to a new one

WORKSHOP CONTENT

Job Search:

- Tailor your Resume
- Career Planning
- Transferable skills inventory
- Exploring the Hidden Job Market
- Sharpening your Interview skills
- Cover Letter creation

Career Development Portfolio:

- Create your own portfolio
- Articulate your employment goals
- Recognize your body of work
- Support your competencies with stories and documentation

Life Skills:

- First Aid & CPR
- WHMIS
- Multigenerational workforce
- Personality Dimensions
- Predictive Index

Computer Skills:

- Using today's technology
- MS Office skills (Word, Excel)

For more information, contact:

902-407-3692 OR OWL@JobJunction.ca



impacts on quality of life, creating safe and healthy spaces for neighbours to come together, and helping the municipality reach its climate action goals.

For more information on Year of the Garden events, visit our [website](#).



2022 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2022 Citizen Award recipients for District 9:

- Alexis Campbell – St. Agnes Junior High School
- Parvathi Edicherry – Gorsebrook Junior High School
- Lily Rooney – JL Ilsley High School

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in HRM. Each school selects one award recipient. Recipients are chosen based on the following criteria:

- Qualities of leadership and service in the school and community
- Commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled

YEAR OF THE GARDEN

2022 has been officially [proclaimed](#) the Year of the Garden and Saturday, June 18th as Garden Day, part of the [Canadian Garden Council's national celebration](#).

The municipality celebrates the contribution of gardens and gardening in communities throughout the region, which include positive



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The school’s awards committee selects a recipient and forwards the information to City Hall.

I want to thank Councillor Lindell Smith who stepped in for me and presented the Citizenship Awards to the District 9 recipients shown below:



Councillor Lindell Smith, Alexis Campbell and Mayor Mike Savage.



Councillor Lindell Smith, Parvathi Edicherry and Mayor Mike Savage.



Councillor Lindell Smith, Lily Rooney and Mayor Mike Savage.

IN THE COMMUNITY

If you have a question regarding a municipal program or service, I look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, June 2nd** between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the community drop-in session to be held at the Chocolate Lake Community Centre, 14 Purcells Cove Road.

There will be no community drop-in sessions for July and August. I will recommence the sessions in September.

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

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In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.



MESSAGE TO 2022 GRADUATES

