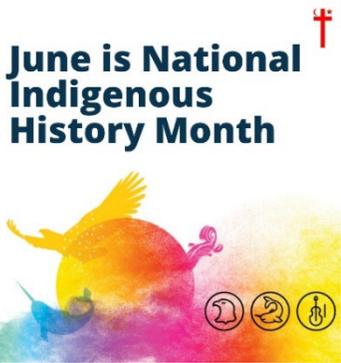




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 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS  
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**WELCOME JUNE!**

June is National Indigenous History Month in Nova Scotia and around Canada, and an invitation for us to educate ourselves on the lives, teachings, diversity, resilience and culture of the first people of Mi'kma'ki, and Indigenous communities across the country.



Happy Father's Day to all Fathers. Including step-fathers, adopted fathers, father figures and fathers who are no longer with us.



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### JUNE COMMEMORATIVE DATES

June 2022 is National Indigenous History Month. Here are some more important dates in the next month:

|         |                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 15 | World Elder Abuse Awareness Day                                |
| June 19 | Father's Day                                                   |
| June 20 | World Refugee Day                                              |
| June 21 | National Indigenous Peoples Day<br>Summer Solstice             |
| June 27 | Canadian Multiculturalism Day                                  |
| July 1  | Canada Day (Halifax's KANA'TA:<br>Canada Day 2022 Celebration) |



### 2023 HRP CADET RECRUITment

**2023 HRP CADET CLASS**  
Join Our Team!

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CONSIDER A CAREER IN POLICING

hrprecruiting@halifax.ca  
halifax.ca/HRP-Cadet-Recruit

@JoinHRP

Halifax Regional Police is currently accepting applications for its 2023 cadet class until June 19. In an effort to continually become more diverse, HRP is seeking applicants who are community-minded, service-oriented and reflective of our communities to consider a career in policing. The next class is an important part of preparing for ongoing attrition and develop capacity as the service evolves. HRP's training facility is recognized by Nova Scotia Government, and eligible candidates can apply for financial assistance.

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

For information sessions and for the latest updates on social media at, follow: @JoinHRP on Twitter and Instagram



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### FREE FARE FRIDAYS & FREE SAIL SATURDAYS



Halifax Transit will be offering free transit service (that's buses, ferry, and Access-A-Bus) on Fridays and free Alderney ferry service on Saturdays this summer from July 1-August 31!

This initiative was approved by Regional Council in April 2022 and aims to encourage former or new riders to take transit and familiarize residents with the transit service available in their communities.

Trying to figure out where you'd like to go for free? Visit our [website](#) and check out all the Transit routes and schedules.

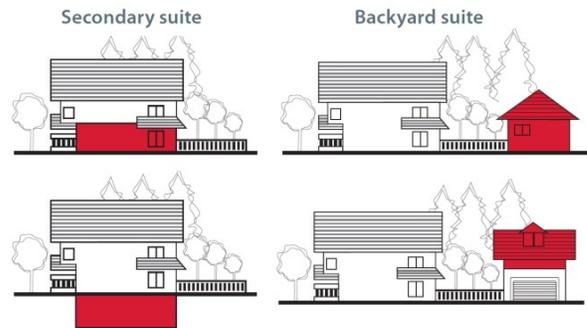
### PARKING TICKET FORGIVENESS PROGRAM



We are pleased to launch the [Parking Ticket Forgiveness Program](#). Regional Council approved this initiative as part of the COVID Business Recovery package considered during the Balance Adjustment debate. From June 1<sup>st</sup> – September 31<sup>st</sup> residents or visitors that receive a paid parking

violation can submit their ticket along with a \$35+ receipt from a local business and have the ticket reversed.

### READY TO BUILD A SECONDARY OR BACKYARD SUITE?



Are you considering adding a Secondary or Backyard suite to your property? These can be used by aging parents or adult children or as rental units for the general public.

Regional Council approved Backyard Suites in 2020. The new rules apply mostly everywhere in the Halifax Regional Municipality for single-detached houses, duplexes or semi-detached houses, and townhouses/rowhouses.

#### Determine your desired type of installation:

- **Backyard Suites** are separate free-standing buildings, either built overtop an accessory structure like a garage, or simply on their own (i.e., granny suites, carriage flats or tiny homes). A Backyard Suite must satisfy all Building and Plumbing Code requirements as they apply to a residential dwelling. There will also be a lot coverage restriction that will determine how large the structure can be, applied by the local Land Use By-law (determined through the permit application process or by submitting a request for information through 311).



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- **Secondary Suites** are separate dwelling units that are completely contained within a home (i.e., in-law suites or basement apartments). The total floor area of all storeys of a Secondary Suite cannot be more than 80% of the total floor area of all storeys of the Main Suite, excluding the garage and any common spaces that serve both suites, or 80 m<sup>2</sup> (861 ft<sup>2</sup>), whichever is the lesser.

### Apply for a Permit:

You can get permission to install or construct a secondary or backyard suite by applying for and obtaining a permit through HRM. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about applying for either a Secondary Suite or a Backyard Suite (and the various requirements for each), and to start your permit application process online.

You can also call 311 and submit a service request if you would like to have a Planner contact you directly to help you get started. This [website](#) provides step-by-step information on the permit application process.

### Other considerations:

It is important to review and follow other requirements that may be involved in addition to obtaining a permit as applicable:

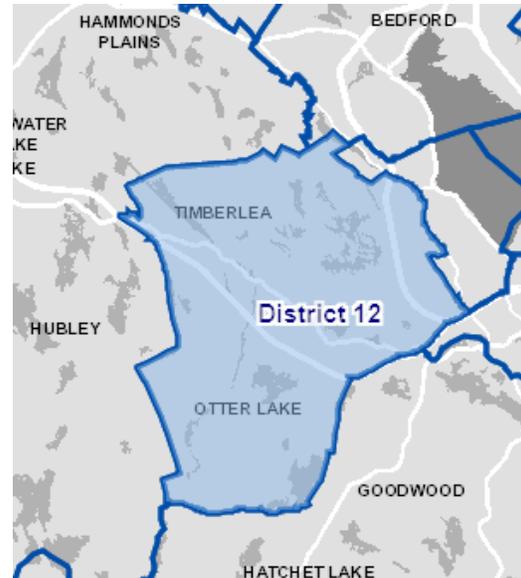
#### Building Code and Regulatory Information:

Here are other important steps involved in completing your new construction (as applicable to your property):

- **Well/Septic tie-in or construction (NS Environment):** Contact 902-424-7773  
The National Building Code will require confirmation that either tie-in to an existing septic, or a new septic system has been reviewed and accepted by NS Environment.
- **Municipal Water Connection (Halifax Water):** Contact 902-420-9287 or [customer-care@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:customer-care@halifaxwater.ca)
- **Power Connection (NS Power):** Contact 1-800-428-6230

You may also find HRM's [Renos: Additions & Renovations FAQ document](#) helpful for more information on getting started.

## 2022 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW UPDATES



This year HRM is required to review population changes and the size of its 16 districts. Depending on the outcome of this District Boundary Review, our district could possibly look different by the next municipal election in 2024. The number of districts (and therefore number of HRM councillors) could also change.

District Boundary Reviews happen every 8 years in Nova Scotia and are a time for municipalities to confirm that their governance structure and polling districts are providing the necessary services to the community. The review happens in several phases.

Phase 1 of the boundary review was to examine the Council governance structure and provide rationale for the number of councillors and polling districts. The report found that 16 councillors/polling districts was suitable for the needs of the municipality. Regional Council will consider this report and recommendation from Executive Standing Committee on June 14th.



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Recommendations for the new boundaries will be made later this year by the District Boundary Resident Review Panel, an independent volunteer advisory group of citizens. The Resident Review Panel members are now leading Phase 2 of the review on behalf of Regional Council and will examine the distribution of polling districts within the HRM and considering the number of electors, relative parity of voting power, population density, communities of interest and geographic size.

Public engagement for Phase 2 is planned for September 2022.

The District Boundary Resident Review Panel will submit its final report and recommendation on Phase 2 of the District Boundary Review study to the Executive Standing Committee in November. In December, Regional Council will review the report and recommendation on Phase 2 from Executive Standing Committee and the final Boundary Review application will be submitted by Regional Council to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board by December 31st, 2022.

### KEEP RODENTS AT BAY WITH THESE TIPS



Rats, mice, and other pests... oh my! I have heard from some residents this year about rodent sightings. Staff with HRM's Property, Fleet & Environment business unit plan to submit a report for Council's consideration in the coming weeks on an [Integrated Pest Management Plan](#) that focuses on more public education on rodent control.

While the municipality has not specifically received an increase in rat complaints this year, it is important

to be aware of how to prevent rodent infestations and what to do if you spot one.

Residents can call 311 to report a live or deceased rat in a municipal park, or a deceased rat in the right-of-way. However, if spotted within your property or residence, it is advisable to tackle the problem of occasional invaders right away to avoid a severe infestation, [according to Health Canada](#).

Prevention is key. This involves rodent-proofing your home, starting with taking a thorough look around the outside – and inside – of your home to look for potential entry points.

It is important to ask yourself: "is there anything they can eat here? Is there anywhere they can live?" Start with removing food sources (such as pet food left outside, or garbage) and reducing habitat, including moving woodpiles away from the home, cutting long grass, and sealing any holes or cracks you may observe on the outside of your home.

Proper waste disposal plays a significant role in attracting – or ideally, deterring – rodents. Improperly placed solid waste that may create a food source for rodents. Households and businesses can play a role in mitigating rodent infestations by reducing nuisance relating to green bins:

- Place wet food waste in box-board (like a cereal box), or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Line your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Empty your mini-bin daily and place the green cart for collection even if isn't full
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day
- Store the green cart in a ventilated, shady location
- Ensure that your green bin lid stays closed. If you choose to use a bungee cord, be sure to remove it at the curb on collection day



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- Report broken carts or missing pieces (for example grate/vent) by calling 311
- In the kitchen, catch fruit flies with a bowl of vinegar covered with plastic wrap with several small holes in it

More information about proper green bin maintenance and reducing nuisances can be found [here](#). Halifax Recycles has also shared a [helpful video on this topic](#) via Facebook.

If you've already discovered the presence of rodents in your home or on your property, traps or bait can be effective. [Learn more](#) about Health Canada's suggestions for implementing these physical control options.



Jeff Shupe – Park West School



Danika Ash – Ridgecliff Middle School

## 2022 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality honours a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen.

On behalf of my colleagues on Halifax Regional Council, I would like to congratulate you on being chosen as a 2022 Citizenship Award recipient.



Gia Samuel – Halifax Christian Academy

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Bus tickets/passes at the Guardian

The Guardian Timberlea Pharmacy (1800 St. Margaret's Road) is now a bus ticket retailer. Transit tickets and passes are now available for sale at this location.

### Public Service Announcement Tree Trimming – Linear Park Trail

**Location:** Linear Park Trail, between Washmill Lake Drive and Radcliff Drive



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**Date:** Monday, June 13 to Monday, June 27, 2022

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Work details:** This work is to remove trees and branches posing a danger or threat to Nova Scotia Power's electrical system. This work will be facilitated by Nova Scotia Power's vegetation management contractor, Tree Works.

**Traffic impact:** The trail may be closed at times to facilitate this work. Users are asked to exercise caution and be aware of barriers, staff, and equipment on site.

**Regional Council:**

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**Halifax & West Community Council:**

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

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

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee



Myself with Councillors Patty Cuttell, Cathy Deagle-Gammon, Tony Mancini, Sam Austin, Trish Purdy, Kathryn Morse and Becky Kent in Dartmouth

## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of Halifax Regional Council, and Halifax & West Community Council will take place in person on the following dates:

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