



WELCOME JULY!



Happy Canada Day!
Wishing you and yours a wonderful Canada Day. We have so much to celebrate as residents of a country that allows freedom for

all to express their beliefs and culture with respect for the diversity that makes this country truly a wonderful place to live, work and play. A heartfelt happy Canada Day to all new Canadians – we are happy to welcome you home!

Keep reading for updates on homelessness and encampments, a free summer concert series, new outdoor gym equipment at Saunders Park, free transit and much more!

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JULY MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

Regional Centre Community Council:

No meeting scheduled for July.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

July 1st – [Africville Reunion](#)

July 1st – [Public Skate](#) Emera Oval – Inline / Roller Skate, Bike & Scooter (11:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m.)

July 4th – [Bus Only Pilot Project](#) Commences - Spring Garden Road

July 11th – [World Population Day](#)

July 14th to 24th - [Halifax Pride Festival](#)

July 28th – [World Nature Conservation Day](#)

July 30th – [International Friendship Day](#)



KANA'TA



Join us for KANA'TA: Canada Day 2022 celebrations on Friday, July 1st. This new, re-envisioned format for Canada Day offers a variety of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy.

Developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities, KANA'TA: Canada Day 2022, offers programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home. Programming will include:

- Mawio'mi on the Commons
- Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo
- Canada Day Parade
- Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series free concerts
- KANA'TA x Grand Oasis Festival free concert – featuring co-headliners Neon Dreams and Crown Lands, supported by Drives The Common Man, DeeDee Austin, and Eastern Eagle.



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The KANA'TA x Grand Oasis Festival concert event free passes are available at: <http://www.halifax.ca/grandoasis>.

There will also be three separate, community-based fireworks and pyrotechnics shows in Halifax, Dartmouth, and Bedford.

The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and the Halifax Citadel National Historic site will be offering free admission on Friday, July 1st.

Halifax Transit will be offering free transit service on Friday, July 1st, as part of the municipality's Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays program.

FREE TRANSIT & FERRY SERVICES



[Halifax Transit](#) will be offering free transit service on Fridays and free ferry service on Saturdays throughout the summer.

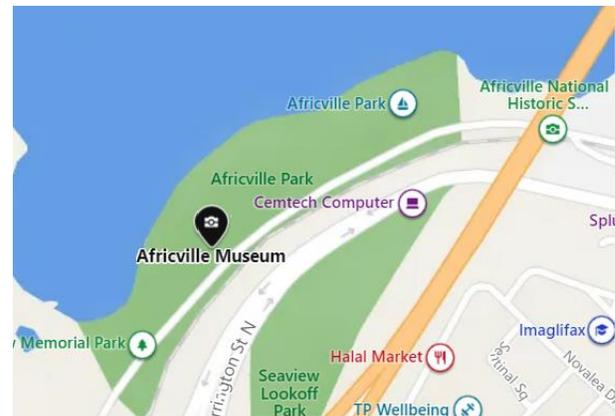
From Friday, July 1st to Wednesday August 31st transit service will be free of charge all day every Friday for conventional bus, Access-A-Bus, regional express service and the ferry.

The Alderney ferry will also be free all day, every Saturday during this period. More information available [here](#).

AFRICVILLE MUSEUM - SUMMER MOVEMENT PROGRAM



5795 Africville Road: (902) 455-6558





SPLASHPADS, OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES



The Bayers-Westwood, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Westmount, and Sackville splashpads are now open for the 2022 season.

The Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, the [Halifax Common splashpad](#), and all supervised municipal beaches will open for the 2022 season on Friday, July 1st.

Residents are advised that, due to [construction of the new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility](#), the Halifax Common outdoor pool will remain closed for the 2022 season. Beginning Friday, July 1st, the municipality is offering free swims at the [Needham Community Centre pool](#) to minimize disruptions for residents who regularly use the Halifax Common pool.

Check our website for more information: [our website](#).

HOMELESSNESS & ENCAMPMENTS

On May 3rd, Regional Council discussed the issue of homelessness including potential temporary outdoor shelters. The staff report addressed 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."*

On June 14th, Council approved a motion to endorse proposed criteria and locations in municipal parks for designated camping for those experiencing homelessness. Four areas in total were approved for overnight sheltering. This is in addition to modular units in Halifax and Dartmouth that are both complete (the province's service provider, Out of the Cold, has begun the process of gradually moving individuals into the Halifax modular, while the Dartmouth site is already occupied).

The four areas designated for camping sites for persons experiencing homelessness include Barrington Street Green Space between Cornwallis Street and North Street in Halifax, Lower Flinn Park in Halifax, along with Geary Street Green Space and Green Road Park in Dartmouth. These locations meet specific criteria that is outlined below and will allow 30+ people to sleep rough in the community.



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- A maximum of four tents per site will be permitted.
- For the 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.

Selecting these locations involved specific criteria, including that the sites cannot be:

- within 50 metres of a school, daycare, or adult care facility;
- on active sports fields, dugouts, or bleachers; within horticultural displays or gardens;
- within cemeteries;
- near environmentally or culturally sensitive areas;
- blocking a path or right of access;
- cannot be on bridges, docks, or piers;
- near playgrounds, pools, or splash pads;
- near skateboard parks or sports courts;
- near picnic shelters, gazebos;
- near recreation facilities; or in highly inaccessible spaces for individuals, services, and support providers.

What happens next?

- Signage needs to be posted, maps and information material will be prepared, washrooms and potable water will be provided where it is not already available, along with training for compliance/enforcement Officers and building connections with service providers and navigators.

A staff report has been requested to provide additional analysis and recommendations for actions, including a timeline and plan for supporting the transition and education of people, to be led and delivered by civilian staff.



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](#).



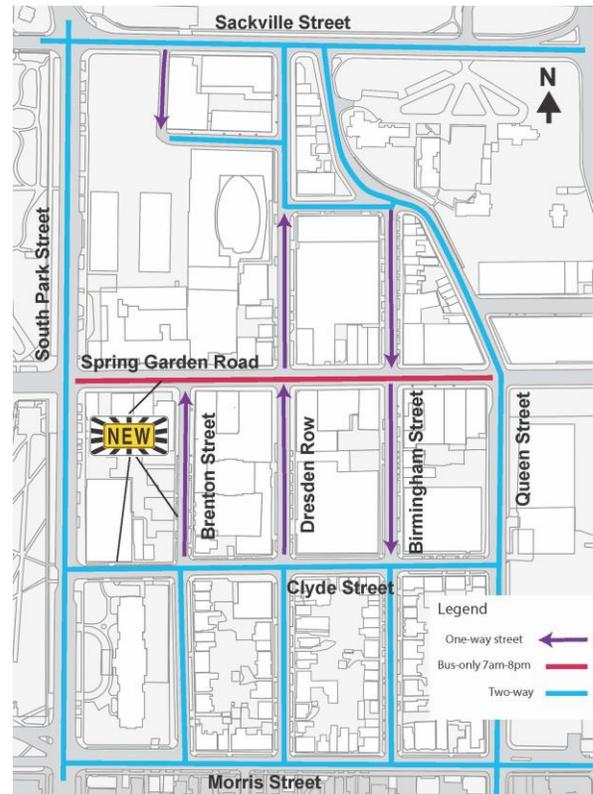
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More artists and events will be added to the website over the coming weeks.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD BUS-ONLY PILOT



The Spring Garden Road Bus-only Pilot will begin on Monday, July 4th and run until June 2023, with the following adjustments:

- Spring Garden Road, from Queen to South Park streets, will be bus-only from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day (including weekends).
- Vehicle access will be maintained on Spring Garden southbound on Birmingham Street, northbound on Dresden Row and northbound on Brenton Street (left turn required at Spring Garden) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day (see attached map).



- Clyde Street will be converted to two-way, between South Park and Brenton streets, to support area circulation.
- Spring Garden Road, from Queen to South Park streets, will reopen to vehicle traffic from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each night. Stopping is not permitted on the street outside of designated loading areas. On and off-street parking (including accessible parking), as well as on-street loading, are located on side streets.
- Cyclists and pedestrians will continue to have access to the street at all times.
- Access to all businesses will be maintained.

This is part of the [Imagine Spring Garden Road streetscaping project](#). Regional Council approved the bus-only pilot in December 2021. Learn more about the pilot [here](#).

Spring Garden Road is a busy and vibrant street, with thousands of people who commute through the area daily. Bus-only lanes help to make transit more reliable. Less traffic means less noise, cleaner air, and a better pedestrian experience.

For further information on the Imagine Spring Garden Road streetscaping project, visit the [project web page](#).

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.

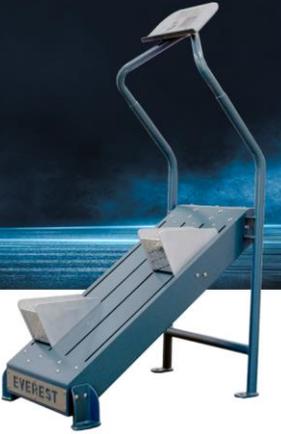


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NEW OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT – SAUNDERS PARK

Two new pieces of outdoor gym equipment – Everest Cardio Climbers - have been installed in Saunders Park off Chebucto Road.



EVEREST
CARDIO CLIMBER

The Everest Cardio Climber is a tamperproof and weatherproof indoor/outdoor cardio fitness machine that provides a biomechanically correct cardio fitness workout.

The Quality of Commercial Gym Fitness Equipment

The EVEREST Cardio Climber takes the basics of indoor fitness equipment and delivers it to the outside world in a tamperproof, durable and weatherproof package.

The Cardio Climbers join the existing APPOLO that was installed in 2021.

The APOLLO is built to maximize indoor or outdoor exercise areas, with over 16 exercises available:



- CHIN UP BAR** with assist function
- HIGH PULLEY STATION**
 - Tricep Press Down
 - Upper Back Pull Down
 - & more
- DIP STATION** with assist function
- LOW PULLEY STATION**
 - Bicep Curl
 - Upright Shoulder Row
 - Back Seated Row
 - & more
- ABDOMINAL VERTICAL KNEE RAISE** station
- CALF RAISE** station
- BACK EXTENSION BENCH** adjustable
- PLYO BOX**
 - Step Ups
 - Elevated Knee Touches
 - Seated Crunches
 - Box Jumps
 - Bulgarian Squat
 - Incline Push Ups
 - & many more

LOCAL BEACHES

District 9 is fortunate to have access to some great beaches and shoreline for summer fun.

Cunard Beach – Williams Lake (adjacent to 121 Williams Lake Road)



Chocolate Lake Beach (3 Melwood Avenue off Herring Cove Road)

This beach will have extended supervision and remain open until September 4th.





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Sir Sandford Flemming Park (The Dingle): 260 Dingle Road



Horseshoe Island Park – North West Arm (7001 Quinpool Road)



Although not a supervised beach, there is a shoreline that is accessible for wading.

Check our [website](#) for more information on beaches, splashpads and pools across HRM.

HALIFAX MURAL FESTIVAL

The Halifax Mural Festival (July 11th – July 17th) is a community-based weeklong event that will bring several artists to add some much-needed colour and flair to Quinpool Road. Over the course of a week, both well-established and emerging artists, local and national, will bring colour to iconic public spaces. Street art rejuvenates structures and beautifies surroundings. Murals inspire connection and help to express a community's values, which in turn improves local business viability. Murals create an opportunity for residents and tourists alike to interact with the city.

The goal is to have 5 to 8 murals of various sizes situated in various locations along Quinpool Road completed by the end of the week. The event will be capped off with a day of programming including: the grand opening of Cogswell Park, live music, outside markets, barbecues, sidewalk sales, art activities, back-door takeout and more.





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SAFE BOATING



It's that time of year when we take to the water for fun and recreation with friends and family. To ensure you stay safe, please read

[Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide.](#)

Remember to watch for swimmers and take caution around popular swimming areas and smaller vessels, personal water crafts (paddle boards etc.).

Remember to respect the environment by not littering or dropping anything into the water or surrounding area. Take out what you take in.

Be respectful of residential areas and others enjoying the waterways by operating at proper speed limits and limiting noise.



WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION



Starting Monday, July 4th, weekly green cart service resumes for July, August, and September. Check the municipal

website for more information:

halifax.ca/recycle.

PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WORK WITH US!

Work with the Halifax Regional Municipality as part of the Internship Program. Paid 18-month jobs for recent graduates are available.

Apply today

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Calling all new grads! Paid positions for recent grads who have graduated in the last 24 months are now available as part of the municipality's Internship Program.

These 18-month positions include roles with HRM in accessibility, business analysis, communications, design technology, GIS, IT, planning, and records management. Learn more and apply here: <https://t.co/p5TPLJlmFg>

The application period closes Sunday, July 3rd.



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TIPS FOR DOG OWNERS

Don't worry, Fido's friendly!

But, other humans and dogs deserve space for **many reasons**. Some dogs may be nervous or reactive.

When visiting municipal parks, please:

- Obey signs for dogs
- Keep your dogs on-leash (where required)
- Remove dog waste immediately
- Respect the space of others

halifax.ca/dogownership

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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.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

