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WELCOME JULY! HAPPY CANADA DAY!

On this special day, I am reminded of a quote by John Diefenbaker: "I am a Canadian, free to speak

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without fear, free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, free to choose those who shall govern my country." We are so fortunate to be residents of such a wonderful country, accepting of diversity and inclusive of all who seek to share our freedoms. I especially want to wish a happy Canada Day to all new Canadians – welcome home!



Keep reading for more information on regional and local matters such as the tiered commercial tax rate, free concert series, free transit service, silent auction fundraiser for a family in need, rural transit projects and much more!

NWCC UPDATE

The North West Community Council (NWCC) met on Monday, June 20th and held two public hearings:

<u>Case 23556: Amendments to the Sackville Drive</u> <u>Land Use By-law – Access to Multi-Unit</u> <u>Dwellings Across LS Zoned Properties</u>

NWCC held a public hearing and passed a motion to adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Sackville Drive to allow access to new multi-unit dwellings across lots within the LS (Large Scale Commercial) Zone.

<u>Case 22820: Amendments to Development</u> <u>Agreement, Hanwell Drive (Sunset Ridge</u> subdivision), Middle Sackville The proposed amended development agreement for the property at the corner of Hanwell Drive and Swindon Drive has been approved. This development agreement has converted the land use from commercial to a 4-storey residential building with ground flood commercial space.

Case 21826: Amending Development Agreement for 771-819 Bedford Highway and 12-32 Esquire Lane, Bedford

NWCC gave notice of motion to consider allowing additional commercial uses, construction of new motel buildings and accessory buildings, subdivision of the lands, and a reduction of the non-disturbance area for the former Esquire Motel and Travelers Motel site, and to schedule a public hearing.

To view the full agenda and watch the video of the meeting <u>click here</u>.

JULY MEETINGS

Advisory Committee on Accessibility July 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Environment & Sustainability

July 7th at 1:00 p.m. (if required)

Grants Committee

July 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Regional Council

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

Appeals Standing Committee

July 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

July 18th at 4:00 p.m. (if required)

North West Community Council

Monday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

Audit & Finance

July 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on the <u>municipal website</u> as they are subject to change.





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WAVERLEY ROAD CONSTRUCTION



My deepest and sincerest apologies for the confusion resulting from the notification concerning the <u>Waverley Road work</u> scheduled for July 4th to August 8th. Notification has been mailed to residents and flyers will be delivered in the area.

Approximately 180 meters of Waverley Road will be closed to all traffic for the 5-week period to support the replacement of deteriorating guiderails, a retaining wall, address drainage issues and apply road embankment erosion protection measures. Due to the complex nature of this work, it was deemed necessary to close the area to all traffic. Each week during this period, the road will be closed from 7:00 a.m. on Mondays until 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. The road will be opened to one lane of stop-and-go traffic on weekends between 7:00 p.m. on Fridays and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

The work is required to improve traffic barrier protection for the traveling public, repair road July 2022

shoulder washout areas, and protect against erosion along the shoreline. This project has been tendered and awarded to Dexter Construction Company Limited.

The work includes guiderail replacement and erosion protection at the following locations:

- Site 1) Just north of 831 Waverley Road Lake Charles
- Site 2) 1514 to 1572 Waverley Road Lake William
- Site 3) Across from 2342 Waverley Road
 Lake William
- Site 4) Just north of 2615 Trunk 2 Lake Thomas

View a map of the project areas here.



Motorists are asked to use alternative routes to avoid construction. **Local and emergency**



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access will be maintained on Waverley Road via the intersection with Montague Road up to civic 2300 and Maheux Lane. Addresses beyond (north of) civic 2350 will have access to Waverley Road via the intersection with Rocky Lake Drive. A signed detour route will be in place and Traffic Control Personnel will be available to help guide motorists.

Pedestrian access will be maintained during the street closure and cyclists will have the opportunity to dismount and walk their bike around the construction site using the temporary walkway provided.

For more information, or if you have questions, contact:

- <u>Phil Nickerson</u>, P.Eng, Project Manager, Project Planning & Design or <u>call 311</u>.
- <u>Darrell McCallum</u>, Construction Services or <u>call 311</u>.

CANADA DAY



You are invited to KANA'TA: Canada Day 2022 on Friday, July 1st!

This re-envisioned format for Canada Day will include plenty of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy. The program was developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities to honour the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrate pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home.

On Canada Day, enjoy...

- 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 – with co-headliners Neon Dreams and Crown Lands, Drives The Common Man, DeeDee Austin, and Eastern Eagle. Free passes available here.
- Three separate fireworks/pyrotechnics shows in Halifax, Dartmouth, and Bedford.
- Enjoy free admission at the <u>Canadian</u>
 <u>Museum of Immigration at Pier 21</u> and
 the <u>Halifax Citadel National Historic site</u>.
- Cross the Harbour for free Halifax
 Transit is offering free transit service on
 Friday, July 1, as part of the municipality's
 Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays
 program.

Visit the <u>website</u> for more information. See you there!

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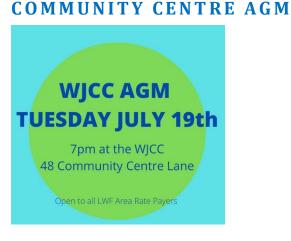
GRAND OASIS: FREE MUSIC/ART / CULTURE

Come on downtown to the Grand Oasis stage at Grand Parade (1841 Argyle Street) all summer long - HRM's Civic Events team is bringing you 15 weeks of FREE music, art, and culture! There will be 38 events, featuring 50+ artists.

Grand Oasis is in the heart of the city and has limited capacity - reserve your free pass now. Don't miss out! Reserve here and stay tuned for more details.



WINDSOR JUNCTION



SILENT AUCTION & DANCE

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Fundraiser for Terry and Brenda Fleming Who Lost their home In a house fire

July 23, 2022
At the Upper Musquodoboit

Auction: 6pm-8pm

Dance: 9pm-1am

For Auction:
Pay by cash or Cheque
All ages welcome

For dance: Donation at door Cash bar 19+

WAVERLEY VILLAGE GREEN

Join us for a great day of music on the Waverley Village Green with <u>Christina Martin</u> on July 24th.

Free concert series presented by The Waverley Community Association with the support of Heritage Canada and local sponsors.



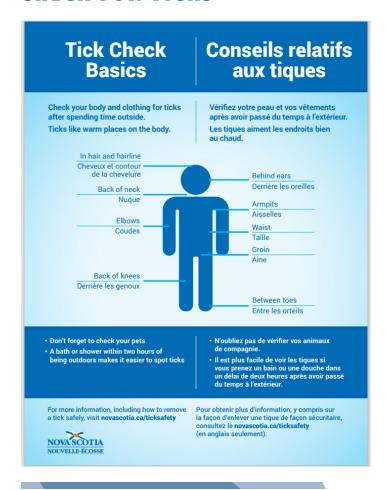
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LITTERATI - INTERACTIVE APP



Litterati has launched – it's an interactive app that allows you to photograph and tag common pieces of litter found within your neighbourhood/community. It's now available for you to download through the App Store or Google Play Store!

The data collected using the Litterati application will be used to see where litter clean ups are taking place and track trends in the types of litter we are seeing in the community. This data will be used to help inform and guide our waste education efforts around reducing litter.

Litterati has many unique features to make cleaning up litter in our communities both fun and impactful, including the ability to create challenges. Keep an eye on both the Litterati Application and the Halifax Recycles Facebook page to find out when challenges are taking place.

For more information on the Litterati app, visit our <u>website</u>.





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SUMMER SUNSHINE CONCERT SERIES



You're invited to the Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series – there will be 10 weeks of FREE live entertainment at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park on Saturdays and Sundays. Check out the details here.

There will be 28 free, family-friendly community concerts and events for all residents to enjoy. Entertainment will include urban, gospel, classic rock, folk, country and acoustic artists, and children and youth entertainment will include the Kiwanis Mother Goose Festival, the Halifax Busker Festival, and multicultural celebrations.

All events are free of charge, and tickets are not required for attendance.

And don't forget - Halifax Transit will be offering free transit service starting Friday, July 1st, as

part of the municipality's Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays program.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION



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

Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 a.m. To ensure collection, residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our website.

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 3rd.

DID YOU KNOW....

July 1st - Africville Reunion



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

July 4th – <u>Bus Only Pilot Project</u> 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

@hfxnextgen FOR YOUTH



@hfxnextgen is a new Instagram account for youth in the Halifax region! Get in the loop on everything the municipality offers for ages 13-24, including:

- free programs & events
- leadership opportunities
- job postings
- safe & inclusive youth spaces
- training and work experience

and lots more!

Give them a **follow** so you don't miss out!

SPLASHPADS / BEACHES / POOLS

Splashpads, beaches, and outdoor pools are now open for the season!

- Bayers-Westwood splashpad
- George Dixon splashpad

- Isleville Street splashpad
- Westmount & Sackville splashpads
- Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools
- Halifax Common splashpad
- Supervised municipal beaches

Plus, FREE indoor swims at the Needham pool all summer long!

A new Splashpad will open on the Dartmouth Commons (Shirley's Splashpad) this summer!

Due to <u>construction of the new Halifax Commons</u> <u>Aquatics Facility</u>, the Halifax Common outdoor pool is closed for the 2022 season.



FREE FARES 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 1st - August 31st!

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Approved by Regional Council in April 2022, this initiative aims to encourage former or new riders to take transit and familiarize residents with the transit service available in your communities.

Visit our <u>website</u> and check out all the Transit routes and schedules.

PARKING TICKET FORGIVENESS



Parking violations will be waived with proof of purchase at a local business!

If a resident or visitor makes a \$35+ purchase at a business and receives a parking ticket – the July 2022

ticket can be submitted along with a receipt from the local business to have the ticket reversed.

<u>Learn more</u> details + submit online for ticket reversal.

Receipts must be submitted online within five business days of ticket issuance, and only one ticket may be cancelled per person per week.

Regional Council approved this Parking Ticket Forgiveness initiative as part of the COVID Business Recovery package. This program is ongoing until September 30th.

HOMELESSNESS - DESIGNATED OUTDOOR SHELTERING LOCATIONS



Regional Council endorsed proposed criteria and locations in municipal parks for designated camping intended for those experiencing homelessness.

Designated locations will be authorized by the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, under <u>By-Law P-600 – Respecting Municipal</u>

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Parks, as locations where individuals experiencing homelessness can camp.
Collectively, these locations will allow over 30 individuals at these designated sites – surpassing the number of people currently identified as sleeping rough in municipal parks.

The locations are:

- **Barrington Street Green Way**, between Cornwallis Street and North Street, Halifax (4-5 sites).
- Lower Flynn Park, Halifax (1 site).
- **Geary Street Green Space**, Dartmouth (1 site).
- **Green Road Park**, Dartmouth (2 sites).

The municipality will continue the current practice of allowing individuals to sleep rough in areas where there is no disturbance to the community or conflict with other uses.

Locations were evaluated against the criteria outlined in the <u>staff report</u>.

Individuals using designated locations will be expected to follow the rules and regulations that apply to everyone, such as <u>By-Law P-600 – Respecting Municipal Parks</u>, <u>By-Law N-200 – Respecting Noise</u>, and <u>By-Law O-109 – Respecting Open Air Burning</u>. Additionally, individuals will be required to restrict the number of tents near each other to a maximum of four.

Monitoring and enforcement will be undertaken by existing bylaw officers. However, as much as possible, outreach workers, including Street Navigators, will be the first point of contact for individuals using designated locations. While the province is the lead on addressing homelessness and affordable housing in all regions of the province, the municipality has an important role and is committed to applying resources to <u>support</u> these efforts in the Halifax region.

Previous municipal support has included:

- Purchasing and installing modular units that will accommodate 64 people (26 in Dartmouth and 38 in Halifax).
- Providing the province access to select municipal facilities, including the Gray Arena, the George Dixon Centre, and the Pavilion, to be used as temporary emergency shelters.
- Approving \$70,000 to a coalition of 11 community service providers for use as crisis funding for hotel stays to support individuals experiencing homelessness – including directly covering the cost of hotel rooms for some individuals.
- Working with both levels of government to provide accommodations for up to 70 additional individuals through the Rapid Housing Initiative.
- Allocating funding for six affordable housing projects from community partners, with a total of 157 units – and contributing a further \$6 million annually for social and non-profit housing.
- Working with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth to approve 17 safe emergency shelters with heat, electricity, and access to washrooms.

For more information visit our website.



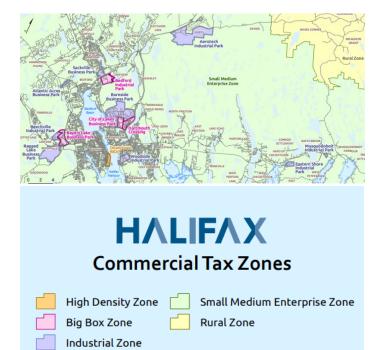
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COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON

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TIERED COMMERCIAL TAX RELIEF

Administrative Order (AO) 2022-003-ADM, the Tiered Commercial Taxation Areas Administrative Order, has been adopted. Beginning April 2023, a new tiered tax structure will be implemented across the municipality for commercial properties. The new tax structure will create five new tax areas within the municipality, with three tiers in each area based on increasing levels of assessed value.



This will allow Council to set different commercial tax rates for each tier of assessment in each of the taxation areas.

The three existing tax areas (urban, suburban, and rural) will be replaced with the five following tax areas:

- 1. Business Park Area
- 2. Industrial Park Area
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- 3. Downtown / Community Area
- 4. Community Area (outside the Commercial Development District)
- 5. Rural Area

The new rate structure targets small properties with assessed values under \$2 million. The highest taxed small commercial properties are often those with assessed values between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. Lowering taxes for this segment of the commercial assessment base will focus relief on small properties with the highest taxes. Properties with values under \$1 million will also receive tax relief. The new administrative order puts into policy the commercial tax structure decision made by Halifax Regional Council on February 15, 2022.

RURAL TRANSIT PROJECTS



Regional Council has awarded four grants to rural transit projects through the <u>Rural Transit</u> <u>Funding Program</u>.

The Rural Transit Funding Program is a grants program through which rural transit operators

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can apply for funding to subsidize the cost of operating their service in the municipality. These transit service providers offer an efficient, cost-effective form of public transportation outside of Halifax Transit's service area.

The four projects receiving support are:

- BayRides
- East Hants Community Transit
- MusGo Musquodoboit
- MusGo Valley-Sheet Harbour

Funding through the Rural Transit Funding Program comprises of two parts:

- An annual lump sum payment of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 – depending on the level of service provided; and
- 2. A flat rate of up to \$0.50 per kilometer travelled providing transit service.

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT UNDERWAY



Want to know what's happening in the #CogswellDistrict? Read the latest update, which

summarizes the work that's already taken place in Spring 2022 <u>here</u>.

On <u>September 14, 2021</u> Regional Council awarded the tender to Dexter Construction Ltd. for construction of the Cogswell District Project. Fully mobilized construction began in the winter and crews have made much progress to date. Notably:

- Significant excavation has been undertaken near HMCS Scotian to install underground infrastructure; and
- Ramps and roads within the existing interchange have been dismantled to make way for by-pass roads, which will allow traffic to flow through the area during the different phases of construction.

As part of the social benefits program outlined in the tender, Dexter has engaged two community liaisons from the African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaw communities to help with the development and implementation of the Workforce and Supplier Diversity Plan. Additionally, a Social Benefits Advisory Committee, representing five equity seeking groups, has been established to aid Dexter and the Cogswell team in the development and implementation of the plans. Work also continues towards the designation of Rick Hansen Gold Certification for the Cogswell District.

The Cogswell District project is expected to be completed in 2025, with a budget of \$122.6 million.

SAFE BOATING

It's that time of year when we head to the water



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for fun times with family and friends and, a good time to remind everyone to practice safe boating.

For tips on being safe on and around the water, please read <u>Transport Canada's Safe Boating</u> <u>Guide</u>. For more information, or if you have questions, contact <u>Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety</u> or call 1-800-267-6687.



wjcc.camp@gmail.com

Windsor Junction Community Centre 48 Community Centre Lane Windsor Junction NS B2T 1W6

(902)861-4976

LAKEVIEW WINDSOR JUNCTION FALL RIVER (LWF) COMMUNITY HALL

Check out what's happening at the LWF Community Hall this month!

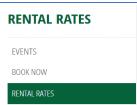
Also, check the <u>website</u> for information on room rentals for your special event - birthday party or wedding anniversary celebration.

WINDSOR JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lifeguard Services - Third Lake

The WJCC is pleased to offer hours of lifeguarding on Third Lake. All lifeguards are fully certified as National Lifeguard Service. Lifeguard service runs:

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekdays 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. the rest of the summer days.



- HALL RENTAL \$100.00 PER DAY
- KITCHEN RENTAL* \$50.00 PER DAY
- BARTENDER/100 GUESTS \$50.00 EACH
- REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE UPON RESERVATION DATE** \$50.00
- $\boldsymbol{*}$ Additional surcharge of \$12/hour to use the propane stove.
- ** Deposit to be deducted from final amount due.

Deposit will be refunded only if event is cancelled one week before.

GORDON R. SNOW COMMUNITY CENTRE & FIRE HALL

Gordon R. Snow Community Centre 1359 Fall River Road Phone: 902.860.4570

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A local facility for your recreation needs, the Gordon R. Snow Community Centre has:

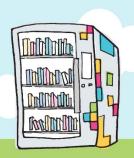
- two meeting rooms
- multipurpose room
- canteen
- gymnasium
- preschool room
- arts and crafts room
- fitness centre
- youth room
- washrooms
- change rooms with showers

Fitness Centre:

- treadmills and exercise bikes
- elliptical machines
- seven-station multi-gym
- ropes and mats
- Jones machine
- dumbbells and barbells
- exercise balls
- floor-length mirrors
- lockers
- TRX
- benches
- rowing machine

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SUPPORTING SWEPS



District Capital Funds for Blue Green Algae study presented to President Tom Mills

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COUNCILLOR DEAGLE GAMMON



I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Committee (new)
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee Community Committees:
 - Halifax International Airport Authority
 - Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

I send monthly e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email:

Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.



Beautiful view of Lake Thomas from the deck of <u>The Fourth</u> <u>Lock</u>. *Support Local!*

