



**COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY**  
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS  
COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy July District 4!

Summer has officially arrived. I hope you take time this summer to rest, spend time with family and friends and do things that bring you joy.

This summer is shaping up to be much different from last year's as things continue to open. I encourage you to take part in all the wonderful activities and events taking place throughout the municipality, such as the Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series, Canoe '22, Halifax Pride Festival and much more! Further information on these events can be found in this newsletter.

A friendly reminder that HRM's splashpads, beaches and outdoor pools are now open for the summer season. I encourage you to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

Regional Council is now back in-person after being held virtually in recent months. The schedule for the upcoming meetings can be found below.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me anytime with any of your municipal concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,





# COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

## DARTMOUTH SUMMER SUNSHINE SERIES

You're invited to the Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series – 10 weeks of FREE live entertainment at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer until August 28<sup>th</sup>. Check out the details [here](#).

In total there are 28 free, family-friendly community concerts and events for all residents to enjoy. Entertainment includes 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 1, as part of the municipality's Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays program.

## SQUARE ROOTS: JULY DATES



Square Roots is a community interest company (not-for-profit) that aims to reduce food waste and food access challenges.

They provide fresh local produce that may get rejected by grocery stores for not being "pretty" enough to families in need for low or no cost. The dates for bundle pick up in July are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please e-mail me at [trish.purdy@halifax.ca](mailto:trish.purdy@halifax.ca) to sign up and find out about pick up information.

2

**DARTMOUTH CONCERT SERIES**  
**SUMMER SUNSHINE**  
 FERRY TERMINAL PARK: 94 ALDERNEY DRIVE  
**JUNE 25 - AUGUST 28**

Enjoy 10 weeks of free live entertainment at Ferry Terminal Park on Saturdays and Sundays.

Get ready for an exciting summer of live music and special events on the Dartmouth Waterfront with our partners:

**COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY**  
 DISTRICT 4  
 Cole Harbour - Westphal - Lake Loon - Cherry Brook

**Congratulations, 2022 Graduates!**

**CONTACT ME**  
 902.240.3067  
[trish.purdy@halifax.ca](mailto:trish.purdy@halifax.ca)

HALIFAX halifax.ca 311



# COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

## ENJOY HRM'S SPLASHPADS, BEACHES AND OUTDOOR POOLS

Bring on summer... some splashpads, beaches, and outdoor pools are now open for the season!

Open NOW:

- ~ 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!

Visit our [website](#) for full schedule and details!

Due to [construction of the new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility](#), the Halifax Common outdoor pool will remain closed for the 2022 season.

## WEEKLY GREEN CART SERVICE

Weekly green cart service has resumed for July, August, and September. More information can be found [here](#).



**Regimental Memorial for Constable Heidi Stevenson**

## @HFXNEXTGEN FOR YOUTH IN HRM

[@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!



**Community Grants Program**

The municipality's Community Grants Program is being reviewed and updated to better serve our community.

**Are you a registered non-profit organization or charity located within the Halifax Regional Municipality? We want to hear from you.**

Please share your feedback by completing our survey at [halifax.ca/surveys](https://halifax.ca/surveys).  
Paper copies can be supplied by request:

- [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca)
- 902-490-7191

[halifax.ca/surveys](https://halifax.ca/surveys)



## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

### RECONNECT 2022: HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL

The 35<sup>th</sup> Halifax Pride Festival is happening July 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There are many exciting, inclusive and accessible events for everyone to take part in, from the Canada's Drag Race Premiere Party, the TD Block Party, Proud Prana Yoga, live music, and so much more. Be sure not to miss the Halifax Pride Parade in Downtown Halifax on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Check out the full online calendar [here](#).

As you'll see in the calendar, this Pride Festival will be a full-scale event, with new activities, an expanded Festival Site (9 days!), and a major focus on reconnecting with friends, culture, and our past.

Access the full Pride Guide brochure for details on the Festival Site, Parade, and much more [here](#).

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

Learn more details + submit online for ticket reversal [here](#).

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 30<sup>th</sup>.





## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

### 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.

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.

### FREE FARES FRIDAYS AND 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 your 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.





## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

### LOT GRADING PERMITS: DO I NEED ONE FOR MY NEW POOL OR OUTBUILDING?



Installing a new pool or shed this summer? Before taking the plunge, it's important to first learn what plans or permits the municipality may be required for your new installation.

Halifax Regional Municipality's Lot Grading By-law (L-400) was updated in 2020 to require a Lot Grading Permit for some pools and accessory buildings. A Lot Grading Permit applies to residential properties in the **urban service area** only. This means if your home is **not** serviced by the municipal sewer system, you do not apply for a Lot Grading Permit.

If you need to apply for a Lot Grading Permit, you can do so when applying for the required permit to construct a swimming pool or accessory building. It's possible that multiple permits are required when constructing a swimming pool: a permit to construct the pool, a permit to construct a fence and/or deck, and a Lot Grading Permit, if applicable to you. To apply, and to learn more about permits, visit [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca) and click on "[Submit a Permit Application](#)."

The information below will help you determine if you need to apply for a Lot Grading Permit for your new addition:

#### Seasonal pools

**Lot Grading Permits = Not required.**

These are pools that are purchased at Walmart or Canadian Tire (for example) that are set up by property owners at the beginning of the pool season and then dismantled for winter.

#### Above ground/on-ground pools

**Lot Grading Permits = Required, but most do not require a Lot Grading Plan.**

If you believe lot grading and existing drainage patterns on your property will **not** be impacted by your pool installation, then a Lot Grading Plan is not required when you apply for your Lot Grading Permit. However, in this case you must still submit a Site Plan stating (a) there will be no changes to the lot grading, and (b) the size and location of the new structure to be installed.

Engineering staff will review this and confirm that lot grading and drainage patterns will not be impacted. This most likely requires a site visit by Engineering staff to confirm. If Engineering staff determine that a Lot Grading Plan prepared by a Professional Engineer is required, you will be contacted.

A Lot Grading Plan prepared by a Professional Engineer may be required if constructing your pool will involve altering surface grades or if the pool will block a drainage path on your property. However, basic levelling of an area on the yard to accommodate a pool does not usually require a Lot Grading Plan.



# COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

## In-ground pools

**Lot Grading Permit = Required, along with a Lot Grading Plan prepared by a Professional Engineer with your permit application.**

Most people planning an in-ground pool will have landscaping plans prepared that can be easily converted to a grading plan.

## Small sheds

**Lot Grading Permits = Not required.**

These are small sheds that can be purchased at department stores, under 215 sq. ft. These structures are typically quite basic and do not necessarily require a concrete pad.

## Larger sheds/garages

**Lot Grading Permits = Required, but not all require a Lot Grading Plan**

If you believe the lot grading and existing drainage patterns on the property will not be impacted, then a Lot Grading Plan is not required at the time of application. Similar to the process for above-ground/on-ground pools, as stated above, even you determine a Lot Grading Plan is not required, you must submit a Site Plan stating there will be no changes to the lot grading. This site plan must also identify the size and location of the new structure.

However, a Lot Grading Plan prepared by a Professional Engineer may be required for any accessory building which requires a Building Permit that will create a change to the lot grading and drainage patterns, either due to altering surface grades or if the structure blocks a drainage path.

*Halifax Regional Municipality has communicated the above information to the Pool association, and pool retailers in the area, so that they are also aware of these by-law changes.*

July 2022

## IMPAIRED DRIVING & SAFETY STATS

### Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police



- In **May 2022**, 20 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences.
- All of these were alcohol-related (vs. drug-related).
- 3 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.** 3 other drivers refused a breath sample and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **19 calls in May** 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.

7

## RCMP Road Safety Stats

District 4 - May 2022

Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook



**788 Calls for Service in May 2022**

Up 51.5% from May 2021



**135 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 88 issued in May 2021)**

2 cell phone, 11 aggressive driving, 84 speeding, 38 other MVA (e.g., no insurance, no license, unregistered vehicle, etc.)



**220 Proactive Assignments (vs. 47 in May 2021)**

**45 Cell phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints**



**239 Traffic Stops (vs. 145 in May 2021)**

**3 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in May 2021)**

**2 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 3 in May 2021)**

**17 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 22 in May 2021)**

- 1 of these accidents resulted in injuries

**Please Drive Safely!**



## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

### CANOE '22 – YOU'RE INVITED!

The world's best paddlers are coming to Dartmouth this summer, and you're invited! Cheer on the athletes or get directly involved in this event as a volunteer.

The 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships are taking place on Lake Banook August 3-7 with over 1000 athletes from over 70 countries, and Canoe22 organizers need volunteers to make it happen. The success of this event is dependent on volunteers, the heartbeat of any event!

Organizers are looking for volunteers across many functional areas of this event with no paddling experience required. You can join in on the competition sport-specific side, help create an exciting community experience within the Street Festival, marketplace, or concerts, or lend your skills to the logistics space helping with transportation, food services, technology, or accreditation!

Volunteers will get decked out with Canoe 22 clothing and swag, receive special perks such as a free SaltWire Media membership, and will be rewarded with an exciting post event celebration.

Click [here](#) for more information on the event, full volunteer roles, and how to register.

### UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



Regional Council is now back in-person after being held virtually in recent months.

There are four Halifax Regional Council meetings scheduled for the summer months. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays, though the start time may vary:**

- July 12
- August 9 (if required)
- August 23

I look forward to participating in these meetings, and I hope you can join us – in person or by tuning in on YouTube. Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees, [here](#).

Meeting agendas and a link to watch video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports are available for many meetings and are linked within the agendas.



July 2022



### COLE HARBOUR AND BISSETT ROAD INTERSECTION

Municipal staff have assessed the Cole Harbour Road/Bissett Road intersection for the possible installation of traffic signals. In doing so, they considered typical traffic and pedestrian volumes over the year (and during various times of day), as well as physical conditions at the intersection and potential area impacts.

With all these factors considered, staff found that overall, the conditions at the intersection do not warrant traffic signals.

#### ***Why are traffic signals not the best option for this intersection?***

- The close spacing of the Cole Harbour Rd/Bissett Rd and Cole Harbour Rd/John Stewart Dr intersections means that installing signals at Bissett Rd alone would create additional conflict and access issues for traffic on Cole Harbour Rd and vehicles entering or exiting John Stewart Dr.
- To consider signals at this location, Bissett Rd would need to be realigned to create a four-way intersection with John Stewart Dr, which would have multiple impacts at the location as well as the area neighbourhood.
- Creating a four-way, signalized intersection here has a high potential to impact traffic patterns within the immediate neighbourhood since a signalized intersection would make the John Stewart Dr/Auburn Dr route attractive for those travelling to or from

points north as it would cut time and distance from their commute. This would result in increased traffic travelling through the residential area and past Colonel John Stuart Elementary, impacting safety in the area of the school.

- Realignment of Bissett Rd would also be constrained by adjacent properties, so consideration would need to be given to these impacts as well.

#### ***What has already been done?***

- Previous changes were made to the Cole Harbour Rd / Bissett Rd intersection in 2012 to better define turning movements onto Bissett Rd, making it easier for drivers to identify turning gaps when exiting Bissett Rd.
- The posted speed limit along Cole Harbour Rd was also lowered in 2020 to help slow traffic and further improve the ability for drivers to exit from Bissett Rd.

#### ***What other options exist for this intersection?***

While major modification to the intersection does not appear to be the most appropriate approach at this time, there are other projects underway that could be leveraged to enable improvements at the site.

This includes the functional study for the Portland St / Cole Harbour Rd corridor that includes the Cole Harbour Rd / John Stewart Dr / Bissett Rd intersections.

*Continued, next page*



## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

Further, the area was prioritized by Regional Council as one of the top ten priority areas at risk of flooding, for which the proposed solution is a stormwater management project involving the area on Cole Harbour Rd at, and just west of John Stewart Dr, which may also result in changes to Cole Harbour Rd in this area.

Taking advantage of collaboration with these two projects results in the best opportunity to improve to the Cole Harbour Rd / Bissett Rd / John Stewart Dr area beyond steps that were taken in 2012.

### 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 on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, reports, and minutes [online](#).

### COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province.

If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.

### CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at [trish.purdy@halifax.ca](mailto:trish.purdy@halifax.ca) or **902-240-3067**.

For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**.

To reach my office, please call Emily Simonov at **902-490-7177**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

**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](http://halifax.ca/dogownership)

**311 HALIFAX**