



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Summer is upon us and thankfully we are enjoying wonderful weather. There is lots going on in District 3 and HRM, so I am hoping you have a chance to participate in local activities with your family.

I would also like to extend congratulations to all graduates and students who successfully completed another year. I wish you all many successes in your future endeavors.

I will be taking some time with my family this summer, so if you are looking for me and don't reach me, be sure to contact my Councillor Support Coordinator Emily (contact at bottom of newsletter). In the role of Councillor, it is often hard to get time off because issues and projects continue to arise. I will do my best to stay connected for critical issues when I am on vacation. Stay well and enjoy your summer. I hope I get to see you at some of our summertime community events.

If you are a senior, or know a senior in District 3, don't forget to come to my Seniors Tea on July 27th at 1:00pm at Regal Heights Church.

Warmly,

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.





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You're Invited!



Councillor Becky Kent's Seniors Tea Social

Wednesday, July 27th
Regal Heights Church
1pm - 2:30pm



Please register by
contacting my
coordinator, Emily:

smithem@halifax.ca
902-490-7177

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WEEKLY GREEN CART SERVICE

Weekly green cart service has resumed for July, August, and September.

More information can be found [here](#).



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EASTERN PASSAGE-COW BAY SUMMER CARNIVAL 2022

It's back! The EPCB Summer Carnival will take place from July 31st to August 7th.

There will be tons of family friendly events including the Teddy Bear Picnic, sand castle contest, parade, fireworks and much more! Check the event [website](#) for full schedule of events and details. Hope to see you there!

STANLEY CUP WIN

Congratulations to Nathan McKinnon for the Colorado Stanley Cup win! You may not know this, but Nathan grew up on in the Woodlawn area. I worked with his mom Cathy when I was on Council the first time.

We can all be proud of another Dartmouth hockey star doing us proud. Can't wait to be at the Stanley Cup Parade!





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DISTRICT 3
Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage

**Congratulations,
2022 Graduates!**

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RECONNECT 2022: HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL

The 35th Halifax Pride Festival is on now until July 24th, 2022. There are many exciting, inclusive and accessible events for everyone to take part in.

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 [here](#) for details on the Festival Site, Parade and much more.

Let's celebrate together this year, and reconnect with Pride!

SILVER SANDS ACCESS

I am happy to share that HRM's court application to open the legal easement access to the Silver Sands beach has been granted by the provincial courts. The judge ruled in favor of HRM – this is a huge win for our community.

It has been brought to my attention that the access is still not consistently available, HRM are aware and are making plans for full restoration of the access. If you notice the access is not available, please feel free to send me an email and I will pass it along to the appropriate staff so that they are aware.

It is my hope that we can resolve this ongoing dispute with the property owner, and I am continuing to work with staff to find an alternative access and parkland acquisition as well. Thank you for your support on this very important space in Cow Bay, District 3 and HRM.





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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.

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 28th. 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 as part of the municipality's Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays program.





Blast from the past! 2012 Seniors Tea

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 1st - August 31st!

✓ 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.

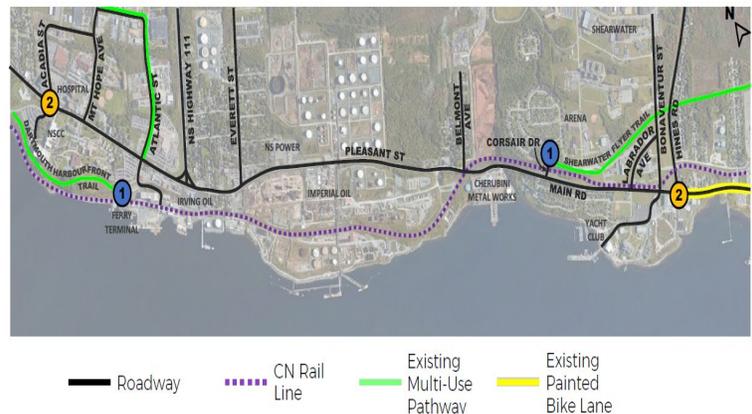
SHEARWATER FLYER/DARTMOUTH HARBOURFRONT AT TRAIL CORRIDOR

Active Transportation staff held community engagement sessions in District 3 related to the proposed AT corridor to connect Shearwater Flyer trail to the Dartmouth Harbourfront trail in Woodside. They were well attended and accompanied by an online survey about the project as well.

If you missed the engagement sessions, you can see some of the details and options that have been presented to the community on the Shape Your City [website](#). No options have been finalized and approved yet. This is the first stage of gauging what the public are open to.

The survey is closed now, but if you take a look at what is being shared and have an opinion, please send me an email and I will be sure to share with staff.

- 1 Determine the preferred 'AAA' options to fill the gap between Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail and Shearwater Flyer Trail.
- 2 Evaluate active transportation options for Pleasant Street between Acadia Street and Hines Road.





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QUIGLEY'S CORNER REVITALIZATION

If you haven't seen it yet, there is a new art piece on the top of the community sign at the corner of Cow Bay Road, Shore Road and Main Road (known as Quigley's Corner).

In partnership with the Eastern Passage Firefighters Association, we engaged local Cow Bay artist Jeff Domm, to create a new piece. Jeff did the original artwork when I was Councillor the first time, so I was thrilled he would take it on again. This time we have taken a few extra steps to protect it and hopefully it will last longer.

I am also pleased to share that the next element of installation to brighten up Quigley's Corner will be large boulders, that reflect the beautiful coastline that plays a huge role in this community. Artwork will be coming later.

As soon as we have a date for an official unveiling ceremony, I will share it on my social media pages and in the Beacon. Stay tuned!



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM SURVEY



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.
Paper copies can be supplied by request:

- nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca
- 902-490-7191

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This survey is particularly intended to seek feedback non-profit organizations or charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality, but is open for all residents to provide feedback.

 The link to the survey can be found [here](#).

The Community Grants Program supports the contribution of volunteers in providing a range of leisure, learning, and recreational opportunities for residents and the provision of programs, services, and amenities to enhance public safety and the well-being of individuals and families with special needs. The program also supports the principles of diversity and inclusivity.

The survey will be available until Aug 15th, 2022.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that speed limits have been, or are about to be, reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on the residential streets off Cow Bay Road.

Neighbourhood speed limit reductions are part of the municipality's ongoing initiatives to improve road safety. All streets with reduced speed limits can be found in the lists below:

Changed:

- Ashwood Court
- Samuel Daniel Drive
- Atikian Drive
- Jeep Crescent
- Melrose Crescent
- Serop Crescent
- Heritage Hills Drive
- Vicky Crescent
- Kohar Court
- Delcraft Court
- Midyat Court

To be changed in July:

- Briarwood Drive
- Rosewood Lane
- Sandlewood Terrace
- Kerri Lea Lane
- Castlebridge Lane
- Kaleigh Drive
- Boyne Court
- Aubrey Terrace
- Deyoung Drive
- Kenyatta Drive

The speed limit reduction in these areas are being implemented following provincial approval based on available data and an assessment of roadway characteristics that meet their qualifications.

RCMP Road Safety Stats
JUNE 2022, District 3 Eastern Passage

- 231 Calls for Service in June 2022 - Down 7.9% from June 2021
- 25 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 20 issued in June 2021)
 1 cell phone, 6 speeding, 4 aggressive driving, 14 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 60 Proactive Assignments (vs. 58 in June 2021)
- 24 Cell phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 51 Traffic Stops (vs. 44 in June 2021)
- No Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in June 2021)
- 2 Impaired Suspensions (vs. none in June 2021)
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 7 in June 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries
- No Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident (same as June 2021)

Please Drive Safely!

Impaired Driving Statistics
From Halifax Regional Police

- In **June 2022**, 36 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences. 34 of these were alcohol-related, 2 were drug-related.
- 7 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.**
- 1 of the drivers **refused a breath sample** and was charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **17 calls in June** 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.



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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 and 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 30th.



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 3rd – 7th with over 1,000 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.



BE AWARE: BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are naturally found in freshwater environments like lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. They thrive in warm water and can be harmful to people and fatal for pets.

Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface. Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

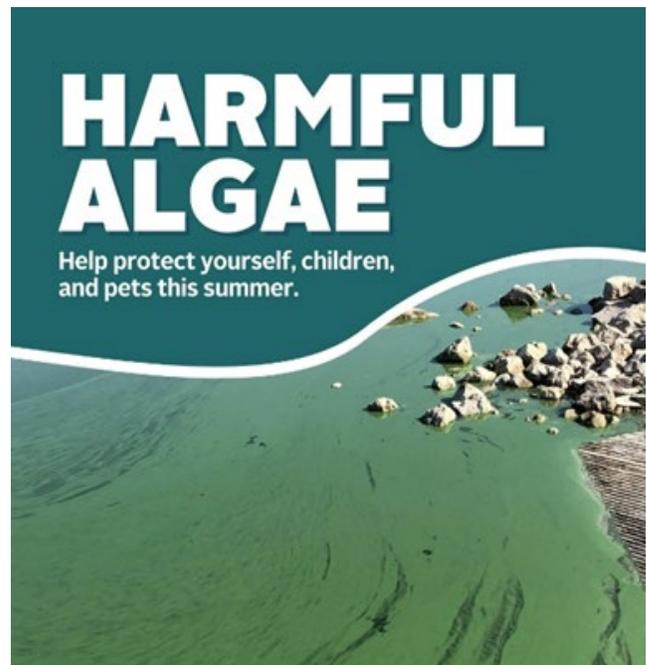
Here are some tips for staying safe this summer:

- When visiting a lake, river, stream, or pond, always scan the water and shoreline before entering the water or letting children or pets play in it.
- Pets may be attracted to the smell of algae mats.
- Do not allow pets to play with or eat algae mats, as it could be fatal.
- If a beach is closed, do not swim or play near the water.
- Swimming in contaminated water may cause itchy and irritated eyes and skin, including hives, rashes, or blisters.
- People or animals that consume contaminated water are at risk of headaches, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, cramps, muscle, joint pain, and liver damage.

- Do not drink or cook with water where blue-green algae are present. Boiling water will not remove toxins. 

Watch for advisories by visiting our [website](#) and following @hfxgov on Twitter. Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.

More information can be found [here](#).



EASTERN PASSAGE COMMONS SKATE PARK PROJECT

HRM staff and the Eastern Passage Skatepark Committee are working together to create a design for the new park. Staff hope to have this project on the 2023 Capital Plan for approval and installation next year. This is all going in a great direction.



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PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation.



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Please be informed that the District 3 "Please Drive Slowly" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.

SCOTIAN SHORES CLEAN UP

Scotian Shores is a group originating from District 3 who commit themselves to cleaning up Nova Scotia's shorelines and creating awareness of the plastic pollution crisis. They have released their spring-cleaning data and they are now up to almost 80,000lbs of debris removed from our beautiful shorelines in just 2022!

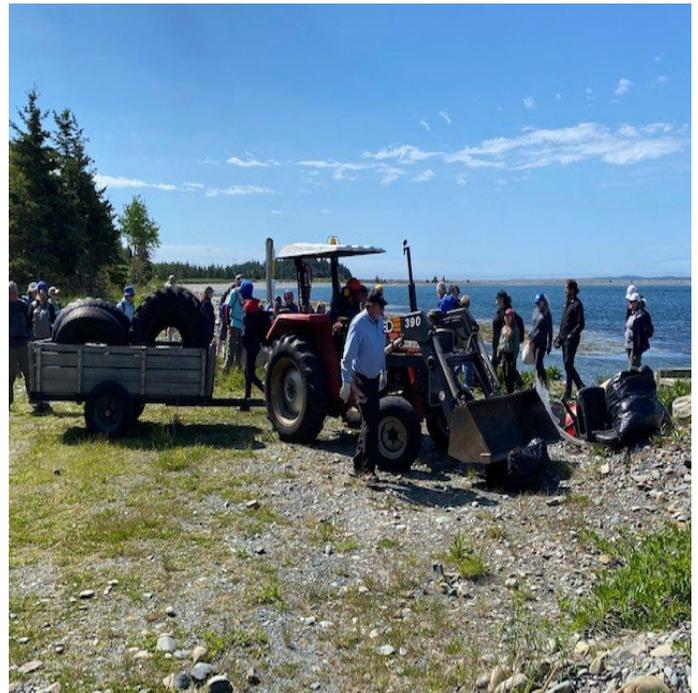
I was recently able to participate in the clean up on McNabs Island with many other wonderful volunteers.

If you would like to participate in their large scale, organized clean ups and hear about other clean ups in Nova Scotia, email scotianshores@gmail.com to join. For more information, please visit [website](#).

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In Council Chambers with some of my fellow council colleageaes





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:**

- 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.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meet 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 Thursday September 1st. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at becky.kent@halifax.ca or **902-478-5368**. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at **311**. To reach my office, please call Emily Simonov at **902-490-7177**.

To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca

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

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