

WELCOME AUGUST!



Happy Natal Day! Happy Emancipation Day! Happy Acadian Day!

August is a month filled with wonderful activities starting with a birthday celebration

for Halifax and Dartmouth, Emancipation Day and Acadian Day as well as the Halifax County Exhibition and Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition. The Grand Oasis and Dartmouth Summer Concert series continue for more options of summer fun! Keep reading for more information on Halifax's ISO 37120 Platinum Certification from the World Council on City Data, Canoe '22, Community Grant survey and much more!

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AUGUST MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 2nd at 1:00 p.m. (Special Virtual) Tuesday, August 9th at 10:00 a.m. (If required) Tuesday, August 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. (Special Meeting)

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

DID YOU KNOW...

August 1st is: <u>Emancipation Day</u> August 1st is: <u>Terry Fox Day</u> August 7th is <u>National Lighthouse Day</u> August 8th is <u>International Cat Day</u> August 9th is the <u>International Day of World's</u> <u>Indigenous People</u> August 13th is <u>International Left-handers Day</u> August 15th is <u>National Acadian Day</u> August 16th is <u>World Tell a Joke Day</u> August 19th is <u>World Humanitarian Day</u>

HAPPY NATAL DAY HALIFAX DARTMOUTH

Natal Day was first celebrated on June 21st, commemorating the founding of Halifax in 1749. Town historian, Dr. John P. Martin, wrote about how Natal Day celebrations shifted to August in his book "The Story Of Dartmouth." The shift was to celebrate the arrival of the first train on the new rail line expected to arrive in downtown Dartmouth on August 1st, 1895 - the date of the first annual Natal Day.

The 2022 Halifax – Dartmouth Natal Day will be celebrated on Monday, August 1st with the following events:



The 115th Annual Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The race will start and finish

by Christ Church,

corner of Dundas and Ochterloney Streets.



The Pepsi Natal Day Parade

begins at 10:00 a.m. This year's Pepsi Natal Day Parade will start in Halifax at the

Hydrostone, cross MacDonald bridge and ending at Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth.



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EMANCIPATION DAY – AUGUST 1st



In 2021, Nova Scotia officially designated August 1st as Emancipation Day, a time to reflect and acknowledge our shared history of the enslavement of people of African descent in Canada.

Recognizing Emancipation Day provides an opportunity to maintain ongoing meaningful dialogue around race relations and an inclusive society, and to celebrate the diverse heritage, culture and contributions of people of African descent across the region.

On August 1st, 1834, the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 became law across the British Empire, including upper and lower Canada. On this day, the practice of slavery officially ended for millions of African people and their descendants around the world. On March 24th, 2021, the House of Commons unanimously voted to designate August 1st as Emancipation Day in Canada. The Province of Nova Scotia officially designated the day on April 21st, 2021.

The institution of slavery was foundational in the systemic anti-Black racism that impacts present-day people of African descent. The municipality is committed to addressing anti-Black racism in our workplaces and communities and will continue to take steps to advance change.

Local Events to Recognize Emancipation Day: Monday, August 1st | 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Grand Oasis, Grand Parade, 1770 Barrington Street, Halifax Performance line-up: Nova Scotia Mass Choir Jah'mila tribute to Nina Simone Aquakultre Havilah Mighty

Learn more at: <u>Halifax.ca</u>.

LA FÊTE NATIONALE DE L'ACADIE



Le 15 août, est une occasion pour les Canadiens de s'informer sur les

festivités et les traditions culturelles du peuple

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acadien et d'y participer.

Le peuple acadien souligne la Fête de l'Acadie le 15 août depuis 1881, année durant laquelle a eu lieu la première Convention nationale acadienne à Memramcook, au Nouveau-Brunswick.

La municipalité a la communauté acadienne et francophone la plus importante de la Nouvelle-Écosse. Partout dans la région, nous avons eu la chance de bénéficier des contributions de communautés acadiennes dynamiques. Cette année marque la dixième année que la municipalité tient la cérémonie de lever du drapeau pour commémorer la Fête nationale de l'Acadie.

SOYEZ DE LA FÊTE!

Venez célébrer la fête de l'Acadie sur le Grand Parade Square à Halifax, le vendredi 12 août à partir de 19 :00 heure!

Le Festival Quinzou présente La Fête de L'Acadie à Halifax en partenariat avec le Conseil communautaire du Grand Havre et Halifax Civic Events, mettant en vedette Jacques Surette, Ashley MacIsaac, Ça Chante Encore (Nicole Deveau, Michelle Deveau, Elyse Delaney, Jude Pelley et Chris Babineau), Weldon et Josée Boudreau avec Ryan Boudreau, Serena Wu, Maxim Cormier et Gervais Cormier. Pour plus d'informations, visitez www.quinzou.com.

MUMFORD ROAD - HALIFAX TRANSIT TERMINAL



The Mumford Road Transit Terminal resurfacing project began on July 13th and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. Construction is limited to the Mumford Road Transit Terminal and intersection of Mumford Road and Romans Avenue. Temporary bus stops/bus bays will be installed on Mumford Road in the existing bus lane to accommodate transit passengers for the duration of construction.

The work generally consists of milling of existing asphalt and replacement with new asphalt within the terminal and parking lot exit at the Romans Avenue intersection, concrete curb spot repairs and replacement of pavement markings. This work will also include minor repairs to existing concrete panels. This work will take place in various steps over an approximate period of 5-6 weeks from start



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date and be completed during day and evening off peak hours.

The contractor is Cumberland Paving Ltd. with resident on-site Supervisor **Myles** MacNaughton - 902-223- 9257.

BUS STOP ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS – DISTRICT 9



The Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) approved 2022/23 Capital Budget provides for

bus stop accessibility improvements in the following locations throughout District 9 this construction season:

- **Stop #6514** on the north side of Cowie Hill Road before Margate Drive.
- **Stop #6916** south side of Highfield Street to the intersection of Punch Bowl Drive.
- **Stop #7397** on the northwest side of Osborne Street.
- **Stop #8373**. South side of Tamarack Drive to the intersection of Mountain Road.

These improvements are part of HRM's Accessibility Strategy which includes the goal to make all bus stops accessible by 2030. New sidewalk connections will be implemented from the existing sidewalk/walkway at the noted intersection to the nearby bus stops. The proposed work will involve tie-in to driveways and some lawn slopes, but it is expected that most work will be within HRM's right-of-way.

Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be moved or removed before construction by the property owner. Please note, HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Please advise us if you have a heated driveway, invisible dog fence or in-ground sprinkler system. Trees within the street right-of-way will be addressed by the Municipality and must not be removed by the property owner. All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to your property.

During construction, parking access may be impacted on street and in driveways to complete the work. Further notice of impacts for driveway access will be given at time of construction.

Please contact Erin.Allison@halifax.ca or call (902) 476-6161 if you have any questions, or if you are aware of any problems (i.e., drainage or sewer lateral issues).

For more information about bus stop construction in your district visit https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifaxtransit/bus-stop-construction.



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HALIFAX COMMON AQUATICS – REQUEST PUBLIC ART PROPOSALS



Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking public art proposals to be integrated in the new Halifax Common Aquatics Facility. This is a great opportunity for qualified artists to design, fabricate, and install public art. Successful artists will work in collaboration with the municipality's project team. **The deadline for public art proposal <u>submissions</u> is September 19th.**

The Halifax Common Aquatics Facility project will include a 13,500 square foot pool with capacity for 450 people, a new playground, and a year-round pavilion with a community room, kitchenette, modular stage for performers, and natural shade areas from tree groves and overhand features of the structure.

It is anticipated the new facility will be open to the public in summer 2023.

NET-ZERO PUBLIC WASHROOM -FORT NEEDHAM MEMORIAL PARK



The new public and universal washrooms are now open at Fort Needham

Memorial Park. This facility will be open yearround from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. The washroom is located near the Needham Street entrance.

This project was identified as a priority under both the *Fort Needham Memorial Park Master Plan* and the *HRM Parks Washrooms & Drinking Fountains Strategy*.

This is the first building that meets our new net-zero construction standard, which means that 100% of a building's energy need is generated on-site or off-site through a renewable source. This new facility meets the municipality's climate action commitments under <u>HalifACT: Acting on Climate Together</u> and the associated <u>Administrative Order 2021-002-</u> <u>OP – Respecting Net-Zero Construction of New</u> <u>Municipal Facilities within the Halifax Regional</u> <u>Municipality</u>. The washroom also has the latest standards for accessible washrooms, including an adult change table.

Visit <u>our website</u> for more information on the Fort Needham Memorial Park.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS - SURVEY

If you are a non-profit group, we would appreciate your input with this survey as we undergo a review of the municipality's Community Grants Program. The survey is part of the process to better serve our community.

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 Community Grants Program also supports the principles of diversity and inclusivity.

The survey will be available until August 15th.

TAKE SURVEY

HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOM



Algae are microscopic plants that naturally live in both freshwater and saltwater environments

and can grow quickly during the summer to form a larger growth called a bloom. Some types of blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, form toxin-producing blooms. When toxin-producing blooms die and decay, the toxins may be released into the water and could pose health concerns.

It is very difficult to predict if blooms will form. It is even more difficult to predict if blooms will release toxins. The presence of blooms triggers monitoring since toxins are only formed if there are blooms.

A risk advisory is issued when an algae bloom is observed. Initial testing is done to confirm if there are toxin-producing cyanobacteria present in the algae bloom. Due to the difficulty of quickly identifying the presence of toxin-producing algae in a bloom, and the changing nature of water quality, risk advisories are issued using an abundance of caution for public health and safety.

Municipal staff monitor and report on the status of 18 beaches across the municipality. Watch for advisories by visiting our website and following <u>@hfxgov</u> on Twitter. Updates can also be found at <u>www.NovaScotia.ca/Blue-</u> <u>Green-Algae</u>.

If a beach is closed, do not swim or engage in any other recreational activity that may involve contact with water (e.g., paddling). Keep children and pets away from the water.



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Do not drink the lake water and please note that boiling water will not remove toxins.

We encourage everyone to follow beach rules and restrictions to be safe when visiting the beaches.

SUMMER BREAKFAST PROGRAM – CALVIN FOR KIDS

Register for breakfast and snack by Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at: <u>calvinforkids@calvinhalifax.ca</u>, then pick up on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 3311 Ashburn Avenue. Call 902-455-3728 for more information.



Registrations due by Thursday at 5pm.

Breakfast food and snack pick up Saturdays between 9am-10am @ Calvin Presbyterian Church. 3311 Ashburn Ave Halifax

Register by emailing calvinforkids@calvinhalifax.ca and a registration link will be sent to you. Go straight to the link: https://forms.gle/DrSuBXHapqYoz4D57 or call 1-902-455-3728

DISTRICT 9 DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS



Are you a non profit group in need of funds for a project you have planned? Each district in HRM has a <u>District Capital fund</u> that you may apply to for funding a project that would benefit the greater community such as a community garden, playground equipment, picnic tables/benches, BBQs for community events etc.

Recently, District 9 District Capital funds have been used to instal outdoor gym equipment (2 Everest Climbers) in Saunders Park off Chebucto Road.



To apply for funding, please submit the completed <u>District Capital Fund Request Form</u>



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along with a letter explaining the project and its benefit to the greater community, confirmation of non profit status and complete contact information (name, mailing address – including postal code – email address and phone number) to my Coordinator, Chris Newson at <u>Chris.Newson@halifax.ca</u>.

There is no deadline to apply as funds are available year round and are awarded first come first served for as long as the funds last. District Capital Funds are renewed anually as part of the municipal budget discussions. The 2022/23 District Capital Fund opened with \$94,000.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DEVICES ON HALIFAX TRANSIT



Good news! Halifax Regional Municipality has made the following policy adjustments concerning the use of active transportation devices on Halifax Transit conventional buses and ferries:

> • E-bikes can now be transported on bike racks located at the front of Halifax Transit conventional buses. E-bikes are

already permitted to be transported on Halifax Transit ferries if they are secured in the provided bike racks. Users must follow the size and weight capacity limits, which can be found <u>online</u>.

- Skateboards, foldable manual scooters, and other manual transportation devices can now be transported on Halifax Transit conventional buses if they are folded and stored on a passenger's lap.
- Fat tire conventional bikes and ebikes can now be transported using new bike racks on Halifax Transit ferries. Users must follow the size and weight capacity limits, which can be found <u>online</u>.

At this time, gas-powered bikes and motorized transportation devices, such as segways, escooters, and hoverboards, are not permitted on Halifax Transit conventional buses or ferries; however, a storage solution to safely store and transport escooters on ferries is currently underway. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

These changes demonstrate a commitment to user feedback, supporting integrated mobility and active transportation use, and align with the municipality's commitments to climate action.

Remember - Halifax Transit is offering free transit service for the months of July and



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August, as part of the municipality's <u>Free Fares</u> <u>Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays</u> program.

For more information, visit our website.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM



We vour trails across HRM and are excited to announce that applications are now open for HRM's <u>Recreational Trails Capital Grants</u> <u>Program</u> with a deadline of September 1st for the 2023/24 season.

Community associations in the municipality play a significant role in operating and maintaining recreational trails to support healthy living and recreation. Three grant programs are available to support the work of these associations:

- Recreational trails capital grants
- Recreational trails re-capitalization grants
- Recreational trails maintenance and operations grant program

The Recreational Trails Grants Program is available to eligible applicants and was established to support the municipality's recreational trails objectives that are implemented in conjunction with community associations.

For details or to apply, visit <u>here</u>.

REC VAN LOCATIONS



HRM's Parks & Recreation's REC Van is stacked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports and.... they may be headed to a <u>location near you</u>!

Check out their <u>daily stops</u> scheduled every Monday-Thursday until August 26th. For schedule and weather updates click <u>here</u>. Questions? Contact: <u>recvan@halifax.ca</u>.

CANOE '22



The world's best paddlers are coming to Dartmouth this summer, and you're invited! Cheer on the athletes or get



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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 to 7th 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 <u>here</u> for more information on the event, full volunteer roles, and how to register.



2ND CORNWALLIS STREET RENAMING SURVEY



Halifax Regional Municipality invites you to participate in a second survey regarding the renaming of Cornwallis Street in Halifax. **The survey closes on September 6**th.

Through the second survey, residents are invited to select their three preferred street names out of 15 shortlisted names (including five commemorative names and 10 noncommemorative names). The survey can be found at halifax.ca/surveys.

The municipality received over 3,300 new street name suggestions for Cornwallis Street from the first survey, conducted during the fall of 2021. All name suggestions were reviewed by an Advisory Group (consisting of municipal Civic Addressing staff, Diversity & Inclusion staff, as well as local councillors) in accordance with <u>Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM</u>



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<u>Civic Addressing Policies</u>, and <u>Administrative</u> <u>Order 46</u>, <u>Respecting HRM Asset Naming</u>

Policies. The name suggestions were divided into two categories, including commemorative names and non-commemorative names. All commemorative name submissions went through the <u>commemorative naming</u> <u>application and review process</u>. On June 28, 2022, <u>Regional Council approved</u> the addition of five commemorative names for consideration to replace the street name.

Once the second survey period has concluded, the Advisory Group will review the results and a final recommendation report will be made to Regional Council on the proposed new street name (including one recommended name, as well as three alternative street names), for Regional Council's consideration and decision.

This renaming project is one of the recommendations of the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History, and a step towards reconciliation.

For further information on the recommendations of the Task Force, <u>visit halifax.ca/task-force</u>. To take the survey, visit <u>halifax.ca/surveys</u>.

SUMMER GREEN BIN TIPS





Fruit flies are more common during warm weather. Capture fruit flies with a bowl of vinegar covered with plastic wrap with several small holes in it

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HRM RECEIVES ISO 37120 PLATINUM CERTIFICATION

On July 12th, Halifax Regional Municipality received ISO 37120 Platinum Certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD). This certification recognizes the high caliber of the Halifax Regional Municipality's data, which is reflected in its reporting of 90 indicators in accordance with ISO 37120 for the 2020/21 fiscal year.

The WCCD is a non-profit organization that administers <u>ISO 37120 – Sustainable Cities</u> – the first globally comparative international standard on city indicators. There are over 100 cities currently certified, representing 40 countries with 30 Canadian cities having achieved Platinum Certification.

The globally standardized WCCD indicators allow for globally comparative benchmarking, enabling administration to continue making evidence-based decisions, while tracking progress against our peers.

"On behalf of the World Council on City Data, I am pleased to award Mayor Savage and the Halifax Regional Municipality with WCCD's ISO 37120 Certification, at the highest, Platinum level. As is clear from the municipality's exceptional performance across a wide array of indicators – and its dedicated, data-driven staff – Halifax is a leader in Canada and on the global stage. The WCCD looks forward to its continued work with the municipality as an important member of the WCCD Canadian and Global Network of data-driven cities." – WCCD President and CEO, Dr. Patricia McCarney

Of the WCCD indicators for the 2020/21 fiscal year, the municipality excelled in the following:

- <u>Public outdoor recreation space</u>: With its extensive range of outdoor recreation facilities and assets, the municipality ranks in the top tier of Canadian cities in the WCCD Network for the amount of outdoor recreation space per capita.
- <u>Public street lighting electricity</u> <u>consumption</u>: Due to its significant commitment to energy efficiency and greening government operations, Halifax ranks among the top three of all cities in the WCCD Network for electricity consumption of public street lighting; and
- <u>Higher education degrees</u>: Within the WCCD Network, the municipality demonstrates a highly educated workforce, ranking in the top 15 per cent of cities for higher education degrees.

To learn more, read the <u>World Council on City</u> <u>Data (WCCD) information report.</u>



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IN THE COMMUNITY

The following events are not being held in District 9 but may be of interest to you:

Halifax County Exhibition



Head on out to Middle Musquodoboit for the annual Halifax County Exhibition being held from August 15th to 20th at Exhibition Grounds Road off Highway 224.

The Halifax County Exhibition is a family exhibition proudly run by the community and many dedicated volunteers since 1884. Offering 4 days of family fun entertainment including: Livestock Displays and Competitions, 4-H Competitions, Children's Games and Activities, Tasty Treats, Local Entertainment and much more.



Head out to the Eastern Shore to enjoy this summer tradition. The Clam Harbour Beach

Sandcastle Competition is back on August 21st! This beloved event is now in its 42nd year. The sandcastle and sand sculpturing contest attracts over 10,000 people every year to the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia.

The parking lot fills early! Parking is available



along the road leading up to the beach. There is an on-site bus shuttle service to transport you to and from the beach once the park opens at 9:00 a.m. Only registered "Service Dogs" are permitted on the buses.

This event is rain or shine. Bring sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, water, snacks, and appropriate beach attire. Various food vendors will be on-site.

For full details, visit here.

See you at the beach!



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COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY



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:

"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."

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

"I LOVE BORDERS. August is the Border Between Summer and Autumn; It is the Most Beautiful Month I Know."