



WELCOME SEPTEMBER!



Happy Labour Day!
 Welcome back students! This is the time of year when we all should be more attentive when travelling on our

streets/roads/bike lanes due to the number of pedestrians and cyclists that will be heading out to school as of September 7th. Please obey the rules of the road especially the speed limits in school zones.

Important updates this month include left-turn traffic calming, the District Boundary Review, 2023 Volunteer of the Year award nominations, Youth Worx fall program applications and much more!

If you have a municipal program/service question or concern, contact me at: Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca or call 902.579.6746.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

September 1st is [World Letter Writing Day](#)

September 5th is [Labour Day](#)

September 7th is the [First Day of School](#)

September 8th is [International Literacy Day](#)

September 10th is [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

September 17th is the [Halifax Colour Festival](#)

September 21st is the [International Day of Peace](#)

September 22nd is the [First day of Fall](#)

September 23rd is the [International Day of Sign Languages](#)

September 25th is [World Rivers Day](#)

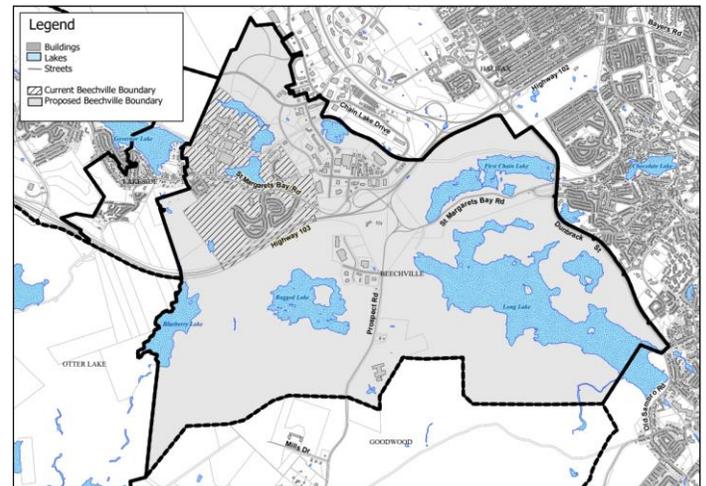
September 26th is [Rosh Hashana](#)

September 29th is [World Maritime Day](#)

September 30th is [National Day for Truth & Reconciliation](#)

September 30th is [Orange Shirt Day](#)

PROPOSED BEECHVILLE BOUNDARY



Proposed Beechville Map July 28, 2022

This map was compiled by the staff of the Civic Addressing Program. HPM Civic Addressing takes responsibility only for civic address information portrayed in the map. Other information is the responsibility of the province of Nova Scotia and HPM takes no responsibility for its accuracy or currency.

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In 2004 municipal staff conducted a community boundary verification project for the community of Beechville and on October 30th, 2007, Regional Council approved the boundaries that are in place today. Since then, staff and local Councillors have received feedback that the current Beechville boundary does not accurately reflect the history of the community.

Therefore, at their July 16th, 2019, meeting Regional Council requested staff consider modification to the community boundaries of Beechville with the aim of being more representative of the history of the community.

The community of Beechville, originally called Beech Hill, was first settled by refugees who had escaped from slavery during the War of 1812. Many had fought for the British in the war and for their service were granted 5000 acres near the North West Arm, an area that



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includes present-day Beechville, Chain of Lakes, and Nine Mile River. The community is one of the oldest African Nova Scotian communities in Nova Scotia.

Over the years, outside pressures, particularly the annexation of the former Halifax County by the City of Halifax in 1969, have decreased the size of the community. Throughout the 1970's and 80's the Provincial government and City of Halifax targeted large areas of Beechville for industrial development, which further eroded traditional community boundaries.

In order to determine a more accurate boundary, preliminary consultation has been undertaken with a community group in Beechville, as well as research on the history of the area and its boundaries. Based on that information we are proposing a change to the currently community boundaries of Beechville.

It is the policy of the Municipality that any adjustment to, or confirmation of, a community boundary is done in consultation with the members of that community. **The goal of this project is to determine the boundary location between the communities of Beechville and the surrounding communities of Goodwood, Halifax, Otter Lake, and Timberlea, and we invite you to participate in this project.**

The map (shown at the beginning of this article) illustrates the current extents of the community of Beechville (area identified by diagonal lines), and an alternative proposal

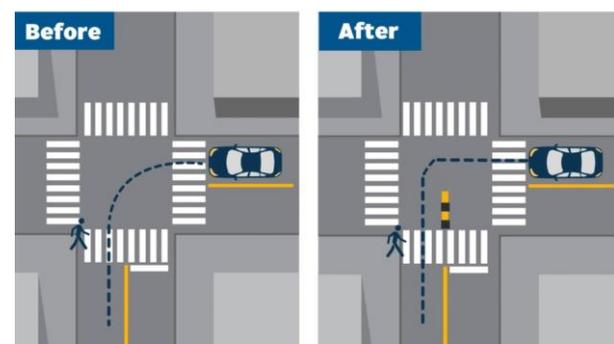
(grey shaded area) based on research and consultation with community groups.

You can assist the Municipality in determining the community boundaries of Beechville by reviewing the map **and providing your feedback before September 6th**. Your feedback is an important part of the process in determining the community boundary locations.

Please note: any change to your community's name or boundaries will not affect your school district, electoral district, or your property taxes.

Please provide your feedback either by email to macleag@halifax.ca, by phone 902-719-9102 or by regular mail at Civic Addressing PO Box 1749 Halifax NS B3J 3A5. Once all the feedback has been received staff will review all the comments and write a recommendation report to Halifax Regional Council for their approval.

LEFT-TURN TRAFFIC CALMING



Some intersections will be receiving temporary rubber bump out extensions to the centre lines to help provide traffic calming measures by



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slowing speed of drivers when turning and to make the approach to crosswalks in a more perpendicular manner rather than diagonally. The following intersections will receive the temporary bump outs:

- South Park Street and Spring Garden Road
- Lacewood Drive and Dunbrack Street
- Lacewood Drive and Parkland Drive
- Cobequid Road and Glendale Drive
- Joseph Howe Drive and Dutch Village Road
- Main Street and Major Street

The rubber bump out extensions will be removed in time for winter snow removal services.

2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking nominations for the [2023 Volunteer Awards](#). The annual event puts a spotlight on residents who have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services.

Nominating an individual or volunteer group is a great opportunity to show appreciation for the work that volunteers do to help build stronger, healthier, and more supportive communities. Nominations must be submitted in one of three award categories, including:

adult, youth (ages 13 to 19) and community group. For detailed nomination criteria and online applications, visit our [website](#).

The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 6th, 2023.

Successful nominees will be notified in March and will be invited to attend an awards ceremony during National Volunteer Week, taking place from April 16th to April 22nd, 2023.

APPLY NOW FOR YOUTH WORX FALL PROGRAM



Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment? If you're between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the Youth Worx Program. The fall program begins in October 2022.

The Youth Worx Program (formally called Youth Live) offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. While in our supportive environment the program participants will gain hands-on



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work experience operating the Youth Worx Café in the Sackville Sports Stadium and delivering and repairing green carts on behalf of the municipality. You will participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. At Youth Worx you will work to learn and learn to work!

For more information or to apply please contact us at:

Call: 902.490.5589

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DM us on Instagram: [@hfxnextgen](https://www.instagram.com/hfxnextgen)



GRASS CUTTING & FIELD MAINTENANCE



HRM's Parks staff has created brand new webpages to outline service standards and information on grass cutting and sports field maintenance across the municipality. You can check out either webpage to learn about these items and access frequently asked questions!

GRASS CUTTING: HRM staff cut the grass at 2,500 sites across the region and maintain over

75 million cumulative square meters of grass each year from May to October. Find information on our grass cutting program [here](#).

SPORTS FIELDS: Did you know that the municipality maintains over 300 sports fields and ball diamonds every year? Find information on maintenance standards for a sports field or ball diamond in your community [here](#).

HALIFAX TRANSIT BUS OPERATOR RECRUITMENT



Halifax Transit is looking for more drivers! Do you enjoy interacting with the public, work that's always changing, and making a difference? Are you looking for meaningful work with full-time hours, pension and benefits? Consider becoming an operator with Halifax Transit.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more and apply today.



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TRAFFIC CALMING ASSESSMENT



A new [Traffic Calming Administrative Order](#) (AO) was approved by Regional Council to better balance emphasis on all road users when considering which streets should receive traffic calming features.

In the past, vehicle speed was the primacy factor for ranking streets in order of implementation. The new policy provides increased emphasis on mode share, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and collision history.

All streets have been re-ranked under the new policy. Check out the [new ranking list here](#).



PUBLIC ART PROPOSALS - HALIFAX COMMON AQUATICS FACILITY



The 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 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 overhead features of the structure.

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

The deadline for public art proposal submissions is September 19th. Click [here](#) for more details.



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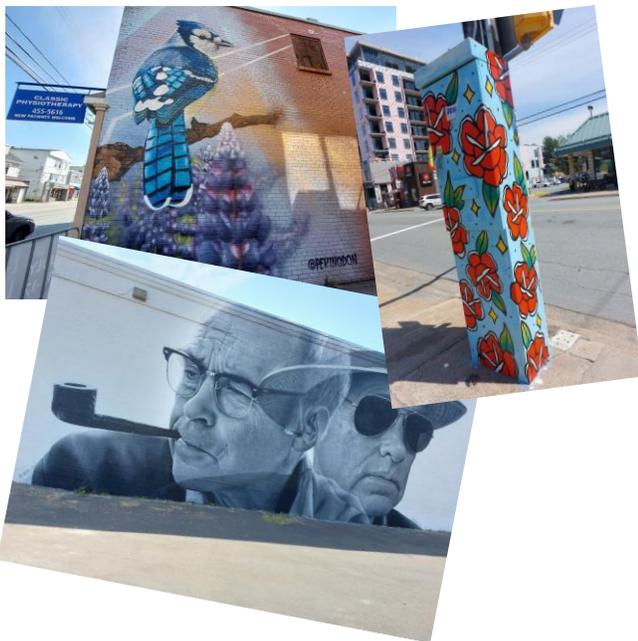
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IN THE COMMUNITY



I was pleased to provide funding support to the U14 Girls Provincial Lacrosse Team on behalf of District 9. Good luck to all teams/players!

Halifax Mural Festival – thank you to all participants for the highly successful Quinpool Road Mural Festival held July 11th to 17th. The finished murals provide a pleasing aesthetic to the Quinpool Road business district.



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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:



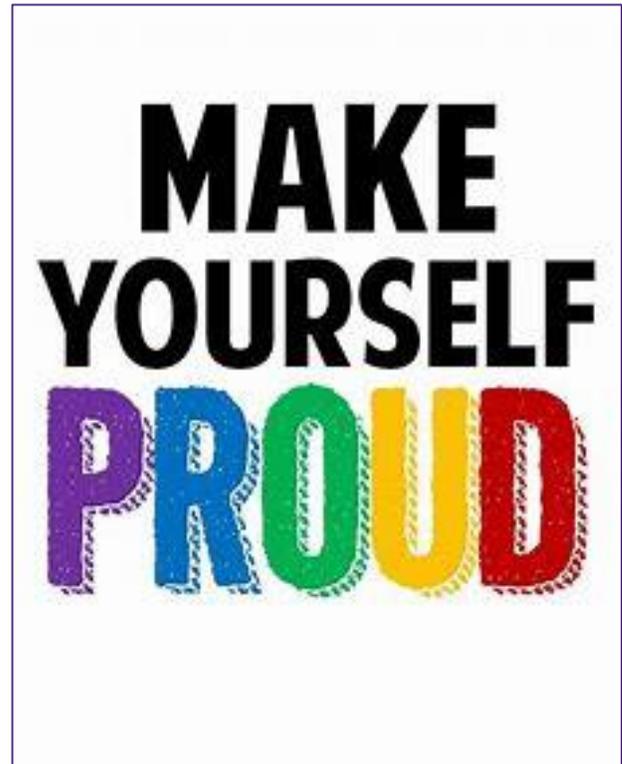
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Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Making a respectful Land Acknowledgement now, remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

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



Have a wonderful school year!

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