



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy September District 4!

September brings about the start of a new school year and with that, new beginnings. I wish everyone heading back to school this fall a great year filled with lots of learning and memories.

Starting this month, I will be hosting Councillor 'Drop In' at coffee shops around the district. The purpose of the drop ins is for you to see me in-person, say hello, ask me questions or share your municipal concerns. Dates, times, and locations are listed below in this newsletter.

I am also excited to share that the Volunteer Award Nominations for 2023 are now open. Do you know an outstanding volunteer? You can help give them the recognition they deserve. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

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,





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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: SEPTEMBER 30

September 30th is now a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Formerly known as Orange Shirt Day, this day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the ongoing legacy of residential schools, ensuring that this tragic part of Canada’s history - that continues to have lasting impacts - is never forgotten.

Every year on October 1st, Nova Scotians also mark Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture, and important contributions of Mi’kmaq. These centuries-old treaties honour the enduring bond of friendship and respect between Nova Scotia’s Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and reaffirm the historic presence of the Mi’kmaq who have occupied the land for thousands of years. I encourage you to wear an orange shirt on September 30th and attend these commemorative events, as I plan to do:

Ceremony for National Truth & Reconciliation Day on Grand Parade Square:
September 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Flag raising for Treaty Day at Grand Parade:
October 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.
While Treaty Day is officially October 1st, this year’s flag raising will be taking place in Grand Parade Square on October 3rd. There will be a church service, readings, drumming/dancing and more on this day.

Stay tuned for more details, closer to the date.

SQUARE ROOTS: SEPTEMBER 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 September are the 9th and 23rd. Please e-mail me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca to sign up and find out more.



Provincial U14 Boys Lacrosse Team



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COUNCILLOR DROP IN

I am pleased to announce that I will now be hosting Councillor 'Drop In' sessions. This is an opportunity for you to see me in-person to say hello or share your municipal questions or concerns. I will post the dates, times and locations in my monthly e-newsletters so stay tuned! The dates for September are as follows:

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway

Friday September 9th, 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Friday September 23rd, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Selby's Bunker

Saturday September 17th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

I hope to see you there!

MOBILE SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

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bring their materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening this fall across HRM.

The next mobile special waste depot event taking place in District 4 will be held on **Saturday September 3rd at Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway.**

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.

For more information on the municipality's solid waste program, including updates on future depot events and a complete list of accepted materials, please [visit the website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.



Congratulations to District 4 Residents Jim and Judie Edgar on receiving the Platinum Jubilee Medal for their creative and beautiful contribution of the Cancer Survivor Daffodil Garden!

HRM REC FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for fall recreation programming is open!

Please Note: Registration for programs at Canada Games Centre, Cole Harbour Place, Zatzman Sportsplex and St Margaret's Centre are managed by the facility. Please visit their websites directly for their registration information.

For a complete list of available programs and to register, visit our [website](#).



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LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL...SAFELY!

It's back to school time again! I would like to remind all motorists to be extra vigilant with students walking, cycling, commuting, or travelling by school bus.

Each year, challenges arise with parking by-law compliance in school zones.

At the forefront of the parking rules in school zones is the safety of our children – and the safety of others, including parents dropping off their children, school bus drivers, teachers, and others who may happen to be walking or driving through the area. The rules are also in place so that buses and others can maneuver in the area as they need to.

It is key for those who frequent school zones – particularly parents – to be informed on how to drop off kids safely, and legally. Here are some **Park Safe** tips shared with me from HRM's Parking Enforcement and Compliance:



No Parking signs: This means a vehicle CAN stop in these areas to drop off and pick up school children. It does not, however, mean that the driver can arrive 15 minutes before school is dismissed and wait for their child. In many cases, the No Parking areas around schools are for specific periods of time such as from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No Parking areas are normally located where it is safest to momentarily stop a vehicle to drop off and pick up children.

No Stopping signs: These areas are likely to be found at intersections, school crossing guard locations or crosswalks where there is a high concentration of students crossing the street. Drivers who park in these areas are jeopardizing the safety of students walking to and from school. Your vehicle cannot park OR stop within this signage.



Stop signs: Parking within 10 meters of a stop sign is not permitted. Parking there can obstruct the view of people crossing and driving.

School Bus Zone: School bus signage must be kept clear so that children can step off the bus and onto a curb instead of exiting on to the street.

Blocking driveways: Be a good neighbour. Watch out not to block entrances to garages or driveways

Double parking: Do not double park when dropping off and picking up students from school

Crosswalk: Please make sure there are five meters between your vehicle and any crosswalk marking to ensure children can be visible when crossing the street.

Let's all work together to ensure our children and youth have a safe transition back to the school season!





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INTRODUCING HRM'S YOUTH WORX PROGRAM

Calling all youth aged 16-24 who are struggling to find meaningful employment or simply looking for work experience!

You can get 24 weeks of paid work experience, training, and skill building with Youth Worx. The Youth Worx Program (formally called Youth Live) provides youth who face barriers to employment with training and mentorship in a supportive environment.

Participants will gain hands-on 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 ...while earning an income!

Apply by September 26th for the October 2022 program. Learn more [here](#).

For more information or to apply:

-  Call 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446
-  Send an e-mail to youthworx@halifax.ca
-  DM on [Instagram](#)



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GRASS CUTTING AND 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 and contractors cut the grass at 2,500 individual 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](#).



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SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING – HRCE

Regional Council has unanimously accepted the Supplementary Education Funding Agreement Annual Report for 2021-2022 from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE).

HRCE Supplementary Education Funding from the municipality helps students across HRM to support fine arts programming, library support specialists, social workers, and other program and service enhancements for students.

HRM provides funding to local schools (Grades Primary-12) to directly help students in two ways: through Mandatory Education contributions (all NS municipalities are required to do this) and through Supplementary Education funding, which is unique to our municipality. Both contributions are set up as area tax rates, separate from general tax rates. Many people are not aware of why we pay this tax, and importantly, the great impact it has on our youth!

Thanks to Supplementary Education funding:

- ✓ All students in the HRCE from Grades Primary-12 had fine arts enhancements available to them throughout the 2021-2022 school year. This included the ability to have regular ensembles and rehearsals, fine arts specialists who worked with students (including a focus on African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal cultures), music clinicians, access to three fine arts labs, special guest performers throughout the year, funding for fine arts resources for schools, free musical instruments, drama and visual arts workshops, a music therapy program, virtual lessons and much more!
- ✓ All schools in the HRM received the benefit of library support staff during the 2021-2022 school year.
- ✓ Social workers were available to meet the emotional, social, and family needs of students in crisis in many HRM communities.
- ✓ Eight teaching positions were funded to increase programming options for students.
- ✓ Financial and logistical support was provided for special projects and initiatives that would otherwise be unattainable for many school communities.

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I am so pleased to be a part of Halifax Regional Council's stewardship efforts to continue this important financial support to enhance our students' learning and diverse experiences.

This [report](#) explains more about the program, and outlines exactly where this funding goes at each school.



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RCMP Road Safety Stats

July 2022, District 4
Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

- 597 Calls for Service in July 2022 - Up 9.9% from July 2021
- 67 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 49 issued in June 2021)
3 cell phone, 24 speeding, 9 aggressive driving, 31 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, no insurance, no license, etc.)
- 107 Proactive Assignments (vs. 52 in July 2021)
- 21 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 113 Traffic Stops (vs. 128 in July 2021)
3 Impaired Driving Charges (same as July 2021)
9 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 5 in July 2021)
- 21 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 14 in July 2021)
• 2 of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident (same as June 2021)

Please Drive Safely!

2023 HRM VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to your community? You can help give them the recognition they deserve! Nominate an adult, youth, or group for the 2023 HRM Volunteer Awards.

[Nomination forms](#) and detailed nomination criteria are available now. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 6th, 2023.

The HRM Volunteer Awards is annual event that puts a spotlight on residents who have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services.

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.

Let's show appreciation for the work that volunteers do to help build stronger, healthier, and more supportive communities. Thank you, volunteers!

Nominate an **outstanding volunteer**
for the 2023 Volunteer Awards

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Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police (July, 2022)

- In **July 2022**, 25 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences. These charges were all alcohol-related.
- 10 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.**
- 3 of the drivers **refused a breath sample** and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **7 calls in July** 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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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for September. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- September 13th
- September 27th

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 (including the specific start time of 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

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 Thursday October 6th. 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 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](#).