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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS
HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME SEPTEMBER

Students and teachers are heading back to school and we are getting back into our regular routines. Make sure to share our roadways safely as traffic is bound to increase on our streets and sidewalks – slow down and be vigilant, and make sure to obey posted signage about parking particularly in school zones so children can get to and from school safely.

Regional Council will be back to our regular meeting schedule, you can find out about upcoming meetings, join us online or in person by checking out our [website](#).

I hope you all had a great summer, and will continue to enjoy the natural beauty of the district into the autumn season. Please feel free to reach out any time if you have questions or concerns about your municipal government or services.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE

Les élèves et les enseignants retournent à l'école et nous retournons à nos routines régulières. Assurez-vous de partager nos routes de façon sécuritaire, car la circulation ne peut qu'augmenter dans nos rues et sur nos trottoirs : ralentissez et soyez vigilants, et assurez-vous de respecter les panneaux affichés concernant le stationnement, particulièrement dans les zones scolaires, afin que les enfants puissent se rendre en classe en toute sécurité.

Le Conseil régional reviendra à son calendrier normal de réunions. Vous pouvez vous renseigner sur les prochaines réunions, vous joindre à nous en ligne ou en personne en consultant notre [site Web](#).

J'espère que vous avez tous passé un bel été et que vous continuerez à profiter de la beauté naturelle du district pendant l'automne. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec vous en tout temps si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations au sujet de votre administration municipale ou de vos services.



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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](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



It's back to school time again! I would like to wish all students a happy, healthy, and successful 2022-2023 school year. I would also 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. Parking rules in school zones are for the safety of our children and 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 as it 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 the street.



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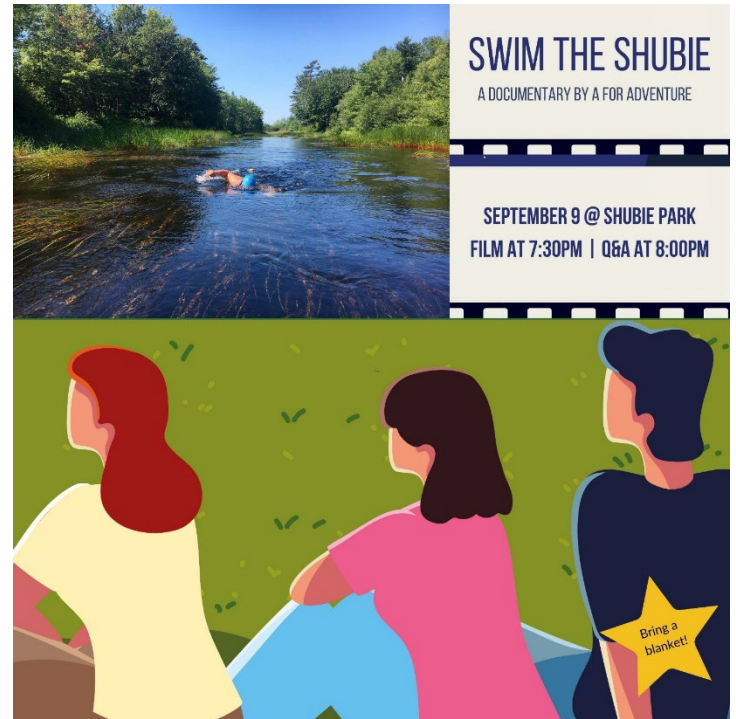
Blocking driveways: Be a good neighbour. Watch out not to block entrances to garages or driveways

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

Crosswalk: Please allow 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!

SWIM THE SHUBIE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING



Head to Shubie Park (54 Locks Road) on September 9th at 7:30 p.m. for a film screening for Swim the Shubie, a documentary by A for Adventure. [Swim the Shubie](#) follows Nick Russell's incredible journey of swimming the entire 114km Shubenacadie Canal Waterway. Lemon Dogs will be open for refreshments and don't forget your blanket! The filmmakers will be available after the screening for questions and answers. Check out the trailer [here](#).

ALDERNEY GATE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The Alderney Gate Revitalization Project is now complete. The final phase of this project (Phase 2) was completed in August 2022.

The revitalized lobby and new universal washroom are open to residents, offering a space that is more modern, fresh and people-focused. You can find more details about this renovation [here](#).



A new playground to be installed in September at Ian Forsyth Elementary School.

NORTH GROVE ANNUAL REPORT MEETING

Come celebrate all the North Grove has accomplished in the past year and the people who've made it happen. There will be some entertainment, light snacks, and some wonderful speakers! Space is limited so please R.S.V.P. [here](#). You can also check out the North Grove's full September calendar of events and services [here](#).



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MAYORS BIKE RIDE

The Halifax Regional Municipality and CAA Atlantic invite you to join Mayor Mike Savage and Councillors for the ninth annual Mayor's Ride on Saturday, September 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.).

The Mayor's Ride aims to promote cycling and to celebrate active transportation in the municipality. The ride also highlights the role that supporters of healthy & active communities (like you!) are playing in the region. This popular event routinely attracts 50+ riders and broad media coverage.

This year's ride begins at the Halifax Central Library. The route will celebrate new cycling infrastructure installed on the Halifax Peninsula in recent years. A reception will follow afterwards at the Central Library. The Rain date is Sunday, September 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Dartmouth's Grace Whebby!



New playground at Shubie Park Trailhead on Lakeshore Park Drive

GRASS 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. HRM staff and contractors perform [grass cutting](#) at 2,500 individual sites across the region and maintain over 75 million cumulative square meters of grass each year from May to October. The municipality also maintains over 300 [Sports fields](#) and ball diamonds every year.

TRANSIT SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

The municipality is advising residents that, due to current staff availability, there will be temporary service disruptions for Halifax Transit and ferry service. The cancellation of some bus trips, as well as the reduced ferry service is done to provide more certainty to passengers and allow them to plan in light of the current staffing issues.

Beginning Monday, August 29 and effective for a minimum of two weeks, Alderney Ferry service will be reduced to 30-minute service beginning at 2:00 p.m. On weekdays, Alderney Ferry will have regular 30-minute service from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., 15-minute service from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will be reduced to 30-minute service from 2:00 to 11:30 p.m. Woodside Ferry service is not expected to be impacted at this time, and it will run on its regular weekday schedule.

A detailed ferry schedule and the full list of cancelled conventional bus trips can be found on [our website](#).

For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, residents can follow [@hfxtransit](#) and [@hfxtransitalert](#) on Twitter.



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MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening this fall. The next mobile special waste depot event near you will be held at the following location from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.:

When: Saturday, October 8

Where: Mic Mac Mall, 21 Micmac Boulevard, Dartmouth
The mobile drop-off depot will be rain or shine.

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- used motor oil (visit the [UOMA Atlantic website](#) for more disposal options)
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit the [Call2Recycle website](#) for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries and cell phones)
- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit the [Divert NS website](#) for locations and hours of operation)

For more information on the municipality's Solid Waste program, including updates on future depot events, please [visit the website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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.

And every year on October 1st, Nova Scotians 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 people 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:

- **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.



Natal Day!



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2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is currently 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.

INNOVATION REBATE PROGRAM

Supporting Nova Scotia companies as they work to become more competitive, innovative, and sustainable, the Innovation Rebate Program provides financial incentives for projects that help companies to innovate, drive productivity, increase production capacity, and adopt cleaner and more sustainable approaches to growth across Nova Scotia. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more details and to apply, see their [website](#).

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

On Friday August 19th, the Halifax Regional Municipality advised residents that due to the presence of a possible blue-green algae bloom, a risk advisory is in effect for the Shubenacadie Canal. Residents are encouraged to avoid swimming until further notice.

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is naturally occurring in freshwater environments and may become visible when weather conditions are calm. These organisms can multiply rapidly during the summer, leading to extensive growth called a bloom. Some types of blue-green algae produce toxins during blooms and when these blooms decay, the toxins may be released into the water, posing a risk to people and pets.

Lake users are encouraged to take the following precautions:

- Avoid water contact. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- Do not swim or wade (or allow your pets to swim or wade) in any areas where blue-green algae is visible, or where a risk advisory has been issued.
- Avoid consuming water from this lake.
- Avoid consuming fish that has come from this lake.

People who come in contact with blue-green algae or who ingest water containing blue-green algae may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/ or diarrhea. Children and immune-compromised individuals are at a higher risk. If you have these symptoms, you are advised to seek medical assistance.

Risk advisories are issued based on a number of factors, including the visual observation of algae blooms, test results and information regarding the current life-cycle phase of algae blooms. As algae blooms die and decay, toxins are released. Unsafe toxin levels can remain in the water even after the bloom is gone.

When an algae bloom is observed, a risk advisory is issued, and initial testing is done to determine whether the algae bloom is toxin producing. If the algae bloom



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is **not** toxin producing, the risk advisory will be lifted, and no further testing is required.

If the algae bloom **is** toxin producing, further testing will be carried out and the risk advisory will remain in effect until blooms have disappeared and post-bloom test results indicate water is within safe limits.

Learn more about algae blooms [here](#).

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.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL DARTMOUTH LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

TOAST N' ROAST OF

MAYOR MIKE SAVAGE

Friday, October 21st
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:
www.bit.ly/3COQIAZ

- **St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth**
- **5 p.m.** Meet & greet, live music, silent auction begins
- **6 p.m.** Meal service (roast beef dinner), followed by the Toast n' Roast, emceed by Paul Brothers, Global News
- **\$100** per person / 6 per table
- No tax receipts will be issued. Silent auction items can be paid by e-transfer: lionsroast22@gmail.com

All proceeds support the Dartmouth Lions Club Community Projects & Activities

BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that interim bikeway improvement measures will soon be installed along several corridors in the Regional Centre. Quick-build materials like flexible bollards, concrete curbs, paint, speed tables, and signage will be added to improve cycling safety and connectivity in the near-term until permanent measures can be installed along these routes in the next 1-5 years.

These improvements align with the municipality's All Ages and Abilities Bikeway Network and ensure a safer, more connected transportation network as outlined in the [Integrated Mobility Plan](#). [This investment is also an example of the municipality's commitment to its "Towards Zero" approach](#), which is focused on moving closer towards zero fatalities and injuries for people using any mode of transportation, [as outlined in our Strategic Road Safety Framework](#). For more information including specific locations and projects, visit our [website](#).

TRADE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Registration for the Trade Accelerator Program are now open. Explore new markets and grow your business with the help of access to top industry experts, coaching and a wide range of resources, tools, and training to prepare them to successfully expand into international markets. For more details and to apply visit their [website](#). The deadline to apply is September 23rd.



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JASON MACCULLOUGH INVESTIGATION

Last week marked the 23rd anniversary of the murder of Jason MacCullough and the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division continues to investigate the case.

Jason, 19, was found deceased on a paved path between 100 and 104 Pinecrest Drive in Dartmouth. on Saturday, August 28th, 1999.

Investigators believe Jason was passing through the area while walking home and used the well-known short-cut between the buildings. There is no indication that Jason was involved in any type of criminal activity, leading investigators to believe his death was a random act.

Investigators believe there were several people in the area at the time of the homicide and strongly believe there were witnesses to the crime. Police continue to urge these people to come forward and share anything that they remember about this day, no matter how small the detail.

It is never too late to come forward and the smallest piece of information may be just what is needed to progress the investigation. Anyone with information about Jason's murder is asked to call police at 902-490-5020.

Jason's case is part of the [Nova Scotia Department of Justice Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program](#) which offers cash rewards of up to \$150,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for specified major unsolved crimes.

Callers must contact the Rewards Program at 1-888-710-9090, must provide their name and contact information, and may be called to testify in court. All calls will be recorded. The amount of the award will be based on the investigative value of the information provided

ARTS FUNDING FOR THE 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 with funding 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 more 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 like specialists, equipment, workshops and guest performances available to them throughout the 2021-2022 school year.
- ✓ 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.

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. You can find more information, including the full budget breakdown, [here](#).



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PUT YOURSELF IN THE DRIVER SEAT

Halifax Transit is growing and hiring **Bus Operators**

Join our team!
Learn more at halifax.ca/transit

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Halifax Transit is still 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](http://halifax.ca/transit) to learn more and apply today.

CROSSWALK FLAG PROGRAM


In 2014, Regional Council directed staff to begin working with community groups wishing to carry out a crosswalk flag program at municipal crosswalks. Since then, we have been working with the citizen leading the crosswalk flag campaign to come up with an approach and guidelines to help facilitate the program while also piloting alternative measures to effectively improve visibility and safety at crosswalks.


This June, a staff report was presented to Council on staff findings of the program's successes and identified areas of improvement, and Council recommended a new administrative order to govern the use of crosswalk flags in the municipality. Under the new order, a person may request permission from a municipal engineer to install crosswalk flags on or near a street based on the criteria outlined. You can find the new administrative order [here](#).

FREE WEBINAR

Tuesday, Sept 6, 2022 at 10:00AM AT

MASTERING THE EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE: INCLUDED AND ENGAGED



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DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW



2022 District Boundary Review:
We want to hear from you!

The District Boundary Review for HRM is a multi-phase process that is happening this year.

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. Any changes coming from this review will not come into effect until the 2024 Municipal Election.

The District Boundary Resident Review Panel is currently leading Phase 2 of the review on behalf of Regional Council and will examine the distribution of polling districts within the municipality, considering the number of electors, relative parity of voting power, population density, communities of interest and geographic size. Learn more about the District Boundary Review process and what has been done already, [here](#).

REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE

HRM's Regional Plan sets out a common vision, principles and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development



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should take place between now and 2031. We are now in Phase 3 of 5 of the Regional Plan. Certain adjustments can still be made to the plan as it currently stands, and we are still collecting feedback from residents.

An in-person public hearing about the proposed amendments for Phase 3 will be held by Regional Council on **Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

Learn how you can participate by visiting our [website](#) or call the Municipal Clerk's office at 902.490.4210.

Here are the proposed Regional Plan amendments - part of Phase 3 of the Plan - that you can provide feedback on:

- Requiring Council to consider the policies and objectives of the priority plans (the Integrated Mobility Plan, Halifax Green Network Plan, HalifACT) as part of discretionary planning applications.
- Requiring Council to consider environmental and cultural values, relationship to wilderness areas, mobility planning, and climate action as part of secondary planning.
- Policy and regulations to support housing diversity, that remove regulatory barriers in land use by-laws for tiny homes and converted shipping container dwellings.
- Allowing the adaptive reuse of municipally registered heritage properties by development agreement.
- Supporting ongoing work on community action plans for historical African Nova Scotian communities.
- Revised Conservation Design Development policy to improve its interpretation and implementation.
- Amendments to support site specific requests for development and minor housekeeping amendments (i.e., corrections to the Service Requirements Map to ensure that lands currently serviced with water and/or wastewater are accurately represented).

I encourage you to visit the Regional Plan webpage to learn more about these specific items and how you can provide feedback.



DROP-IN ID CLINIC

Wednesday, September 21st

10:00am - 2:00pm

Helen Creighton Room (2nd Floor)
Alderney Gate Library, Dartmouth

For adults 18+ who are:

- Experiencing OR At-risk of experiencing homelessness
- OR recently housed (up to 6 months).
- Have been in Nova Scotia for over 90 days.
- Legally entitled to remain in Canada.

For more info, please contact:

HFXIDProject@hotmail.com
jamiess@halifax.ca
902-478-9927

For clinic eligibility, the HFX ID Project uses the definition of Homelessness as determined by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, which means those who are:

1. Unsheltered homeless (living on the streets/in places not intended for human habitation.)
2. Emergency sheltered (staying in shelters).
3. Provisionally accommodated (accommodation is temporary/lacks security of tenure).
4. At-risk of homelessness (not homeless but current economic/housing situation is precarious/does not meet public health and safety standards).

UKRANIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

Nova Scotians want people arriving from Ukraine to be welcomed in our communities and have access to resources for families to succeed. When they arrive, many will look for a job. Are you an employer who wants to support Ukrainian nationals in Canada with a job? Job Bank has set up a simple process to help you. For more details visit their [website](#).

Labour, Skills and Immigration has been working with key stakeholders, such as Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), Nova Scotia branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), Canadian Red Cross, YREACH and Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) to coordinate information and make new and existing resources accessible for newcomers and Nova Scotians. For more information, please visit this [resource sheet](#).



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The new covered picnic area in Cyril Smith Park is coming along nicely.

We hope to get the roof on soon and the picnic tables installed.

SNOW AND ICE CLEARING DAMAGE LIABILITY

Last month, Regional Council voted in favour of requesting a staff report regarding taking on additional responsibility for damage done to private property during snow and ice removal by contractors.

HRM contracts out snow and ice removal in large portions of the municipality. Currently, damage done in snow clearing is handled by the contractor and HRM takes no part in assessing or managing claims. This, at times, has unsatisfactory results for residents who expect HRM to take responsibility for damages given that damage was done by an HRM contractor clearing an HRM street/sidewalk.

This report would consider HRM taking over responsibility for damages, HRM taking responsibility for assessing and approving claims but cost for repairs are still born by the relevant contractor, and options where HRM could function as a sort of ombudsman/appeal route for resolving claims disputes.

For more details, see [here](#).

STREET TREES

HRM's Urban Forestry team recently shared some information about the municipality's planting program, including the warranty that's in effect for newly planted trees. I often get questions about trees recently planted along our streets.

In 2021, there were 3,100 trees planted throughout the municipality. The Urban Forestry team is on track to plant the same number this year through the contractor, Elmsdale Landscaping. Of the 3,100 trees, there was a mortality rate of just over 4%. While this doesn't include trees that were vandalized (which will also be replaced), compared against industry standards, this is a great success!

Each tree is under warranty for two years after the time of planting. All trees planted in 2021 were inspected at the beginning of June, and the contractor is currently working their way through replacing any trees that have died.

Our Urban Forestry team appreciates when citizens take the time to call in any issues they observe with trees planted along our streets so they can address them as soon as possible.

Some trees are currently flagged as a "maybe", meaning that staff will be paying closer attention to them over the remaining year of the warranty period. Many trees experience "transplant shock", so they will be another year to establish before they could be considered for removal.

At the same time next year, staff will inspect all 3,100 trees again. The same cycle will take place for the trees currently being planted in the 2022 season, and all seasons moving forward. During the warranty period, the contractor continues to keep a close eye on the trees, removing the stakes when ready, and acting as necessary to foster tree health and survival.

Urban conditions present certain challenges for planting trees, and the dry spell we've been experiencing this summer has not helped. However, recognizing the immense value that trees add to our streetscape, HRM



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staff and the contractor work very hard to overcome these challenges. They are continuously learning and adapting to new industry research and sharing locally collected data with Dalhousie researchers and industry professionals.

Once the warranty period is over, HRM staff aim to visit each tree every seven years which lends to maintaining both the structural and biological health of the tree. At any time, citizens can call 311 to report any issues with trees, and it will be dealt with as part of the routine reactive maintenance program.



The sidewalk construction on Spikenard Street provided some great entertainment!



On Wednesday, August 24th my pal Emily Kellegrew was Mayor for the Day. Emily received this honour for participating in the Halifax Public Libraries Summer Reading Program. Way to go Emily!

FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Don't forget - Fall program registration is ongoing.

Check out the programs and services available on our [website](#).

GRANTS FOR SENIORS

Older Nova Scotians can now apply for grants to help with the cost of household chores, healthcare services and home heating. The Seniors Care Grant program provides up to \$500 to help support eligible seniors to live well at home. People applying for the grant are also able to apply for a new, one-time grant of \$250 to help with heating costs.

The Seniors Care Grant helps cover the costs of services such as snow removal, small repairs, lawn care, transportation, and grocery and medication delivery. The list of eligible expenses has been expanded this year to include phone and internet costs, and health services like eye exams, dental work, mental health supports, physical therapy and foot care. The new \$250 home heating grant is available to eligible Nova Scotians 65 and older, including people who have already received money through the Seniors Care Grant or Heating Assistance Rebate Program in the past year. The grant is available for the cost of furnace oil, natural gas, propane, firewood, wood pellets and electricity.

More information about the grants, including how to apply, who is eligible and eligible services is available see the provinces' [website](#) or by [email](#) or phone at 1-800-670-4357. Applications close on March 31st, 2023.



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Thank you, Environment and Climate Change Minister Steven Guilbeault for your interest in the municipality's work on Climate Change

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Transportation Standing Committee, Halifax
Regional Library Board, Special Events Advisory
Committee, Shubenacadie Canal Commission, NS
Solid Waste Resource Management Regional Chairs
Committee