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WELCOME SEPTEMBER!

Welcome back to all the students – I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday!

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SEPTEMBER COMMEMORATIVE DATES

September 20 – 26	Gender Equity Week
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 1	Treaty Day



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LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY!



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.

At the forefront of the speed and 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.

- Please be sure to reduce your speed when entering a school zone.
- It is also key for those who frequent school zones – particularly parents – to be informed on how to drop off kids safely, and legally. Please watch out for specific signage around schools regarding no parking, no stopping, and school bus-only zones.
- Keep a close eye on crosswalks: Please ensure five meters between your vehicle and any crosswalk marking to ensure children can be visible when crossing the street.
- Be a good neighbour, watch out not to block entrances to garages or driveways.

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

season! Visit www.halifax.ca/roadsafety for more information on HRM's ongoing road safety initiatives.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation



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Canada

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 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.:

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Flag raising for Treaty Day at Grand Parade:

October 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

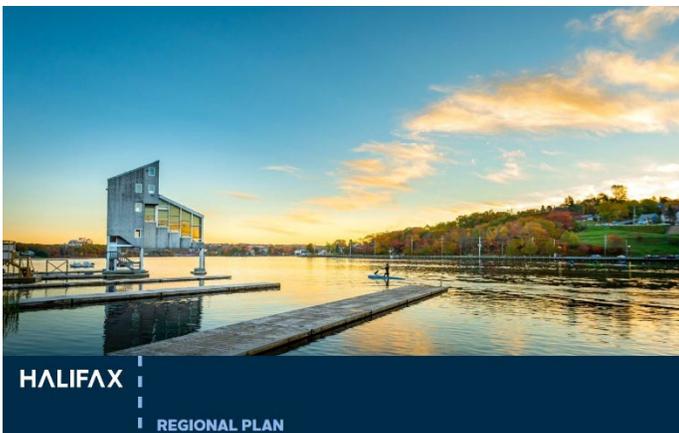
While Treaty Day is officially October 1st, this year's flag raising will be taking place on in Grand Parade Square on October 3rd. There will be a church service, readings, drumming/dancing and more on this day.

Stay tuned for more details, closer to the date.

Former residential school students can call 1-866-925-4419 for emotional crisis referral services and information on other health supports from the Government of Canada.

Indigenous peoples across Canada can also go to The Hope for Wellness Help Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for counselling and crisis intervention. Call the toll-free Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca

REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE – SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK



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 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 to hear feedback about the proposed amendments for Phase 3 will be held by Regional Council:

Tuesday, September 27th

6:00 p.m.

Regional Council Chambers (City Hall)

Learn how you can participate by visiting www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan or calling 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.
- Creating 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.
- Revising 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).



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I encourage you to visit the Regional Plan webpage to learn more about these specific items and how you can provide feedback regarding other elements of the plan: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan

SENIORS CARE GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN



The Provincial government has opened applications for the Seniors Care Grant! The Seniors Care Grant provides up to \$500 to help eligible seniors with the costs of household and healthcare services. Seniors applying for the Seniors Care Grant are also able to apply for a one-time home heating grant of \$250 to help with heating costs.

To qualify for the grant, you need to be 65 or older by March 31st, 2023 and meet all the following criteria:

- ✓ have a household net income of \$37,500 or less
- ✓ live in your own home or apartment
- ✓ have your name on the property title, Land Titles Initiative Certificate of Claim or residential lease agreement
- ✓ have paid (or that you will pay) for household and healthcare services and home heating between 1 June 2022 and 31 March 2023

For more information, visit

www.NovaScotia.ca/SeniorsCareGrant, call 1-800-670-4357, or reach out to your MLA.

GET PAID EXPERIENCE – INTRODUCING HRM’S YOUTH WORX PROGRAM



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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:

<http://www.halifax.ca/YouthWorx>

For more information or to apply:

Call 902.490.5589 or text 902.579.5446



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Send an e-mail to youthworx@halifax.ca

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING 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.



After receiving this direction, staff met with the citizen leading the crosswalk flag campaign to come up with an approach to be used when requests for the installation of crosswalk flags were received. These discussions led to an understanding of the general approach and guidelines to help facilitate the program.

Following that development, Regional Council chose to support the recommendation for staff to continue identifying and pilot testing products, but also chose to reinstate the crosswalk flag program and allow flags to be placed at basic marked crosswalks (those with pavement markings and signs only) until pilot testing could be undertaken on various products used to enhance the visibility of crosswalks.

Since 2017, as part of an ongoing commitment to identify alternative measures to effectively improve visibility and safety at crosswalks, staff implemented various treatments at both uncontrolled and controlled marked 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 in favour of the new administrative order to govern the use of crosswalk flags in the municipality.

With Council's recent approval of the adoption of Administrative Order 2022-006-OP, the Placement of Crosswalk Flags Administrative Order, a person may request permission from a municipal engineer to install crosswalk flags on or near a street, as long as they meet the criteria outlined in the administrative order. You can find more information here:

<https://cdn.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/2022-006-op.pdf>

IN THE COMMUNITY

Welcome RH Fitness & Wellness to District 12!
Located at 168 Hobsons Lake Drive, Suite 102.



Meeting at Keshen Goodman Library to hear all the upcoming renovations such as: glass walls and sound reduction ceilings,



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charging stations for EV's, new entrance way, study pods with dimmable lights, new green space and the finished library will be Rick Hansen Certified with an accessible ramp connecting to the sidewalk.

excellent and well attended celebration at the Halifax Hotel in Clayton Park.



Provincial U14 Boys Lacrosse Team



Bangladesh Festival '22 – August 6th – 7th at the Halifax Forum



Ribbon cutting at Nova Multi-fest 2022 – Alderney Landing



Jamaican Independence Celebration Flag Raising – August 6th at Grand Parade, City Hall



Pic of the Sudanese 1st year celebration with MP Lena Metledge-Diab, Huwaida Medani, main event organizer, Ann Divine, Founder and CEO of Ashanti Leadership and Professional Development Services and me. It was an



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Emancipation Day, August 1st, 2022 – City Hall



FEEL THE LOVE

Local Veggie Bundles at \$1 / lb!

The Salvation Army Halifax West Community Church
50 Gesner Street, Fairview
9:30am - 11:00am
September 10th, 24th
Cash or e-transfer

Links to register can be found at:

[facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp](https://www.facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp)

Registration is requested to ensure we have enough produce for everyone



Square Roots is a social enterprise which redirects surplus farm produce to community members at an affordable rate. Visit [squarerootsfood.ca](https://www.squarerootsfood.ca) for more information.

TUNE IN OR ATTEND A REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



There are five Regional Council meetings scheduled for September and October. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- September 13th
- September 27th
- October 4th (if required)
- October 18th
- October 25th



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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 -

<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee

Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 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 once it is posted.

HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Join us for the next Halifax & West Community Council meeting on Tuesday September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council: