

WELCOME OCTOBER!



Happy [Treaty Day!](#) October is [Mi'kmaq History month](#). I am sharing the following message from the

Mi'kmaq History website:

*Kulaman apoqnmua'tita msit wenik Nopa
Sko'sia kinu'tmasin aqq nenmn ta'n L'nu'k
telo'ttjik aqq wjit aknutmaqnmuew, eltuekip
Mi'kmawey Aknutmaqney Mawio'mi ta'n
apoqntitaq tel-kina'muemk L'nuey kina'masuti
aqq ta'n teliaq koqoey Wikewiku's.*

In an effort to assist all Nova Scotians in increasing their knowledge and awareness of Mi'kmaw culture, history and heritage, a Mi'kmaq History Month Committee was established to promote and encourage educational and cultural activities during the month of October.

I hope you take part in [Treaty Day events](#) in your area to celebrate the rich cultural heritage we are learning more about each day.

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I would also like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

We have much to be thankful for this month considering the impact Hurricane Fiona had on the Atlantic region. I am thankful for the Nova Scotia Power crews and those that came from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Maine, and Vermont to help. I am thankful for the kindness and generosity of people who reached out to neighbours without power or to help clear storm drains and debris. I am thankful for our Emergency Measures employees for staying on top of the situation and keeping us informed pre and post storm. I am thankful and grateful to you all.

Please be prudent and attentive when traveling on October 31st as the little ones go Trick or Treating on Halloween!

If you wish to discuss a municipal program or service, contact me at: Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca - 902.579.6746.

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OCTOBER MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. (Special)

Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

That October is Mi'kmaq History Month.

October 1st is [Treaty Day \(Canada\)](#)

October 1st is [International Seniors Day](#)

October 1st is [International Coffee Day](#)

October 4th is [World Animal Day](#)

October 4th is [World Habitat Day](#)

October 5th is [International Teacher's Day](#)

October 8th is [World Egg Day](#)

October 9th is [World Postal Day](#)

October 10th is [World Mental Health Day](#)

October 10th is [Thanksgiving \(Canada\)](#)

October 11th is [International Girl Child Day](#)

October 12th is [International Arthritis Day](#)

October 15th is [World Hand Washing Day](#)

October 16th is [World Food Day](#)

October 18th is [Persons Day \(Canada\)](#)

October 24th [United Nations Day](#)

October 28th is [International Animation Day](#)

October 29th is [International Internet Day](#)

October 31st is [Halloween](#)

TREE GIVEAWAY 2022



Interested in planting a tree on your property?

Join our [Urban Forestry](#) team for an upcoming tree

giveaway.

A selection of tree varieties will be available including a limited number of edible fruit trees. All trees will be potted and available in various



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sizes. Urban Forestry staff will be on site to help load trees into vehicles. For those using alternative forms of transportation, bags will be provided to transport smaller trees. All trees are free of charge.

Upcoming tree giveaways:

Saturday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. - until supplies last

MacIntosh Depot, 6445 Bayne Street
(use MacIntosh Street entrance).

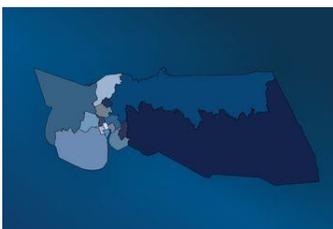
Saturday October 8th

9:00 a.m. – until supplies last

26 Cherry Brook Road, Cherrybrook

Planting trees on your property or community garden is a great way to enhance our [urban forest](#). Trees in urban spaces improve air quality, storm-water reduction, temperature management, and so much more. Check out our [tree planting guidelines](#) before getting started.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW



A district boundary review is required in 2022; changes coming from this review will not come into effect

until the 2024 Municipal Election.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires that all municipalities in Nova Scotia conduct a review of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality on a regular basis.

The final decision on municipal polling districts and boundaries is made by the [Nova Scotia](#)

[Utility and Review Board \(NSUARB\)](#) and is binding on the municipality. The most recent review was conducted in 2014 and [the resulting district boundaries](#) are currently in effect.

The 2022 review is divided in two Phases. Phase 1 - the number of districts - has been completed, and Phase 2 is now in progress. [Learn more about the process and what has happened so far.](#)

Public engagement is underway until **October 17th**. We are looking for your feedback on proposed changes to the existing electoral boundaries for the Halifax Regional Municipality, which will take effect after the 2024 Municipal election.

There are multiple ways that you can participate and share your feedback - see the options below. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902-490-4210 or clerks@halifax.ca.

View the newly proposed District Boundary Maps [here](#). Participate in the survey by:

- The link to the online survey by Narrative Research will be made available [here](#) on Monday, October 3rd. The survey will close on Monday, October 17th.
- In an in person or virtual engagement session. [Click here](#) for dates/times and locations.
- Send a written submission to the Municipal Clerks Office.



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Email - clerks@halifax.ca

Fax - 902.490.4208

Mail - Municipal Clerks Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS B3J3A5

- Attend meetings of the [District Boundary Resident Review Panel](#); you can speak during the Public Participation section of the meeting.
- Attend meetings of the [Executive Standing Committee](#); you can speak during the Public Participation section of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact **Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager** by phone - 902.233-5207 or Email: liam.macsween@halifax.ca.

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK GRANTS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications have opened for the [Outdoor Community](#)

[Rink Program](#).

Launched in 2021, this program allows community groups to operate a community rink on municipal-owned property. Applicants can also apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to cover insurance costs associated with operating the rink.

The Outdoor Community Rink Program was approved by Regional Council in [November 2021](#) with an intention to support community groups advancing community-based projects while also encouraging residents to explore outdoor winter activities in their own communities.

For more information on the Outdoor Community Rink Program, including this year's [application form](#) and eligibility criteria, please visit [our website](#).

The deadline for applications is **October 14th**.

SENIORS CARE GRANT



The [Seniors Care Grant](#) helps eligible Nova Scotia seniors with the cost of household and healthcare services. Grants are up to \$500 for each household. A one-time Home Heating Grant of \$250 is also available to eligible seniors to help with heating costs.

Applications for the two grants open on September 1st, 2022, and close on March 31st,



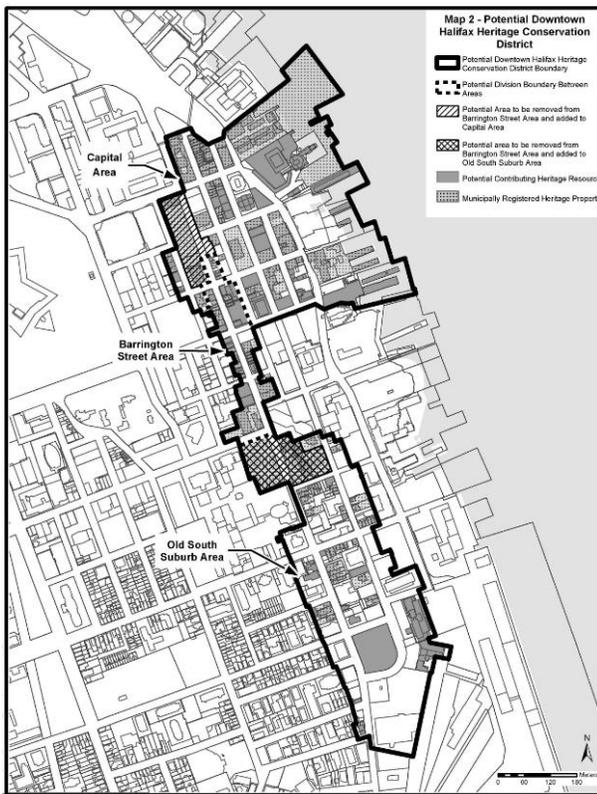
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2023. Only one person can apply for each household.

Applications can be submitted online, by mail, or by fax. The application is available [online](#) or you can get a paper application at [Access Nova Scotia Centres](#) and [MLA offices](#) or by calling 1-800-670-4357.

DOWNTOWN HALIFAX HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN



The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking feedback from residents across the municipality on the Draft Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan.

On May 4, 2021, [Halifax Regional Council](#) initiated a process to create a new Heritage

HCD in Downtown Halifax, integrating the two established HCDs (Barrington Street and Old South Suburb) with a new area (the Capital), which will include Province House square, Granville Mall and Historic Properties. A boundary map can be found [here](#).

The Draft HCD Plan can be found [here](#), and includes recommendations to promote the distinct heritage values and character of these three historic areas of Downtown Halifax. Residents are encouraged to review the [Plan](#) and provide feedback by sending comments and/ or questions via email to heritage@halifax.ca until Thursday, December 1st, 2022.

An open house was held on Monday, September 12th at Halifax City Hall with municipal staff present to answer questions and discuss the policy objectives proposed in the Plan. The final documents will be presented to various committees and Regional Council for consideration and approval in the spring of 2023.

Residents can [subscribe](#) for project updates, including when new documents are available for review (such as the draft Regional Centre Plan and Land Use By-law amendments package).

To learn more about heritage buildings, residents can visit the municipality's [Downtown Halifax Historic Districts app](#).



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications have opened for the [Neighbourhood Placemaking Program](#).

This annual program supports initiatives encouraging neighbours to connect with one another through a community project. Recipients receive training, guidance, and up to \$1,500 in funding for their neighbourhood project.

Projects may include street paintings, neighbourhood benches, community film screenings, and more. This work aligns with [the municipality's vision](#) of supporting welcoming and liveable communities.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Placemaking Program, including this year's [application form](#) and eligibility criteria, please visit [our website](#).

The deadline for applications is **November 1st**.

EXPLORE HRM BY BIKE

The Regional Centre AAA Pocket Bike Map is now available! Find it at select locations in and around the Regional Centre, including:

- Municipal recreation facilities and community centres
- Halifax Public Libraries branches
- Municipal citizen contact centres
- Bicycle sales + repair shops

For all locations, visit: www.halifax.ca/bikemap

WEEKLY GREEN BIN COLLECTION ENDS

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 3rd. Weekly green cart collection is provided for the month of July, August and September only. For a schedule of collection dates, [click here](#).

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS

HRM's [Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program](#) is now open for applications to be considered in next year's program (2023). Be sure to apply by the deadline of **Wednesday, November 30th**.

This program can help some non-profit organizations reduce their annual property tax under Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program.



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[Applications](#) can be mailed, e-mailed, or dropped off at any HRM Customer Service Centre. Questions? Please reach out to the program's designated email address at: nonprofittax@halifax.ca.

CLEAN-UP POST FIONA



I would like to sincerely thank all workers and volunteers who have helped prepare for, deal with, and clean up from the impacts of Hurricane Fiona.

If you have been severely impacted by hurricane Fiona, you can apply to receive financial support from the Province. You can learn more about accessing this funding here: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220926005>

The work to restore municipal services, clean-up and restoration is ongoing. For the latest: <http://halifax.ca/severeweather>. Residents are asked to continue to report downed municipal signs, crosswalk lights and streetlights to 311.

Municipally-owned trees that fall on private property are being removed by the

municipality. If a tree has fallen in the right of way and is blocking or impeding traffic, a sidewalk, or a bike lane – residents should call 311. For your own safety, residents are reminded to not remove trees in the right of way. Trees located on private property are the sole responsibility of the homeowner. The municipality is not responsible for removing tree waste and brush from private property. As Fiona has left many of us with fallen trees and other debris, here is some information regarding pick-up and drop-off of debris:

DEBRIS PICK-UP



The municipality is currently accepting twice the amount of tree waste bundles for organics collection. Residents may set out 10 tree waste bundles as part of their organics collection. Tree waste should be tied in

armload-sized bundles. No bundle can exceed 75 pounds and no individual piece can be more than four feet long or larger than eight inches in diameter. Up to 20 paper bags of yard waste will also be accepted.



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DEBRIS-DROP OFF



Until Wednesday, October 5th, there will be a total of eight short-term tree waste drop-offs at the following locations from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

- 2 Lyle Street, Dartmouth
- 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax (located in the gravel lot between the Canada Games Centre and Soccer Nova Scotia)
- 50 Cheviot Hill, Porters Lake
- Kinsac Ballfield (near 1703 Beaver Bank Road), Beaver Bank
- Sheet Harbour Community Centre, 183 Pool Rd, Sheet Harbour
- Lake Charlotte Boat Launch, 11475 Highway 7, Lake Charlotte
- Peace Park, 67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour
- Bayers Lake Industrial Park, 230 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Halifax

Please note that the drop-off location previously announced at 144 Thornhill Drive, Dartmouth is closed.

There is no charge for using this service for **tree waste**. Residents will be responsible for delivering and unloading all tree waste, brush and branches at these sites at their own risk.

Construction debris, bags or other waste **will not** be accepted at these locations.

Residents can dispose of construction debris at Halifax C&D Recycling Ltd. at 16 Mills Drive, Goodwood or 188 Ross Road, Dartmouth (cash-only payments at the Dartmouth location). This is a private business, and fees apply for disposal. For more information visit halifaxcdrecycling.ca.

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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:

"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."

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.

