



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy October District 4!

Fall is officially in the air bringing with it cooler days, earlier sunsets and leaves changing colour. October is also the month of Thanksgiving. I hope you can take time with your friends and loved ones this Thanksgiving to share a meal and give thanks for one another.

This month, I will be hosting my first District 4 Town Hall meeting at Cole Harbour Place on October 27 and a Senior’s Tea Social on November 1. More details can be found below in this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise that District 4 needs more crossing guards. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a crossing guard in the District 4 area, please call 902-490-5168 and leave a message and one of our Crossing Guard Supervisors will be in touch.

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,

FALL INTO FUN 

Pumpkin Decorating | Costume Swap | Crafts | Special Guests

- Face Painting
- Glitter Tattoos
- Dance Party
- Balloon Animals
- Free Swims & Skates

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Swim 10:00AM - 12:00PM
 Costume Swap 10:00AM - 2:00PM
 Thunderbirds 11:00AM - 1:00PM
 Kids FUN 11:00AM - 2:00PM
 Swim 2:00PM - 4:00PM
 Skate 2:30PM - 4:00PM

Free Entry

Bring in a non-perishable item for the food bank



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HONOURING CANADA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: TREATY DAY & MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

Every year on October 1, Nova Scotians mark Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture, and important contributions of the Mi'kmaq. 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.

October 1 also marks the beginning of the 29th anniversary of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture and heritage.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

SQUARE ROOTS: OCTOBER 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 October are the 14th and 28th. Please e-mail me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca to sign up and find out more.

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COUNCILLOR DROP IN

The following Community Drop-In sessions are planned for the month of October. Please feel free to drop by to discuss any municipal concerns or questions, I would love to see you!

Selby's Bunker, Cole Harbour Road
Saturday October 15, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway
Friday October 21, 9:00-10:00 a.m.



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PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON HRM'S FUTURE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Regional Council started the process of reviewing municipal polling district boundaries in [December 2021](#); the [Municipal Government Act](#) requires municipal councils to review the number of councillors and the boundaries for polling districts every eight years. These changes will be in effect for the 2024 Municipal Election.

This process consists of two phases. **Phase 1** required Council to consider the required number of polling districts in the municipality. The Phase 1 report – approved by Regional Council's Executive Committee earlier this year – recommended maintaining 16 municipal districts. Now, **Phase 2** considers how to draw boundaries of the districts, based on the recommendations from Phase 1.

The District Boundary Resident Review Panel, supported by municipal staff, have begun their work on Phase 2 and have offered recommendations on how to draw boundaries of municipal districts. View the newly proposed District Boundary Maps from the District Boundary Resident Review Panel [here](#).

Need a closer look at the proposed boundaries? This [online map](#) includes a swipe tool which can be moved left or right to view the current district boundaries and those that are being proposed.

These new boundaries seek to divide District 4 down the Cole Harbour Road, effectively splitting the current District 4 into two separate districts. For more information and to view the maps with the newly proposed boundaries, please visit our [website](#).

Public engagement is happening soon as part of Phase 2. HRM is looking for your feedback on proposed changes. There are multiple ways that you can participate and share your feedback on these proposed changes:

- Submit feedback in the online survey on our [website](#). The survey will open on October 11 and will close on close on **October 25**.
- Participate in one of the public engagement sessions. These sessions are all listed in the drop-down list on this [webpage](#). The session most relevant to District 4 will be held at the Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council meeting: **Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the HEMDCC meeting space at 60 Alderney Drive.**

Feedback received from public on Phase Two will be included in the final report from the District Boundary Review Panel recommendation, which will be provided to Regional Council in December 2022.





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COLE HARBOUR TOWN HALL MEETING

Join **Councillor Trish Purdy** to discuss community matters:

**Thursday, October 27th
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.
Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest
Hills Parkway**

To register, please contact Emily:
smithem@halifax.ca or 902-490-7177



TREE GIVEAWAY

Interested in planting a tree on your property? Join us for an upcoming tree giveaway. A selection of trees will be available in various sizes, including a limited number of edible fruit trees. You can walk, roll, cycle, or take Halifax Transit to pick up your tree at either of our two events:



 Saturday, October 8 at 26 Cherry Brook Road

The giveaway will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue while supplies last. For details, visit our [website](#).

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK PROGRAM

Applications are open for the outdoor community rink program and will be accepted until October 14. See details and apply [here](#).

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.





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CLEAN-UP AND ASSISTANCE AFTER 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](#).

The work to restore municipal services, clean-up and restoration is ongoing. For the latest update, visit our [website](#). 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.

Due to road clearing operations and impacts to solid waste facilities, curbside collection was cancelled on Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27 on the Halifax Peninsula as well as Wednesday, September 28 around the Prospect Road area. A supplemental green cart collection will occur in these areas on Tuesday, October 4 and Wednesday, October 12. For more information visit our [website](#).

-DEBRIS DROP OFF-

Until Wednesday, October 5 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



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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 click [here](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING



Want to connect with your neighbours and create a placemaking project in your community? Apply to host a Neighbourhood Placemaking project and receive training, guidance, and up to \$1,500 in support funding from the municipality.

-What is Neighborhood Placemaking?-

The purpose of Neighbourhood Placemaking is to celebrate and explore a neighbourhood's unique identity while connecting neighbours and creating a place people are drawn to. The result? Welcoming and livable communities where neighbours have more opportunities to get to know one another.

-What sort of projects could this include, and who leads them?-

Projects are resident-led and may include:

- painting on municipal street intersections
- building a neighbourhood bench
- creating stepping stones
- making a community film screen
- any other creative idea you can think of!

The deadline to apply for projects taking place in 2023 is October 31. [Apply](#) today!

You're Invited!



Councillor Trish Purdy's Seniors Tea Social

Tuesday, November 1st
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Cole Harbour Place
Westphal Room



Please register by contacting my coordinator, Emily:
smithem@halifax.ca
902-490-7177

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BI-WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION RESUMES

Weekly curbside green cart collection is provided to all residents during the summer months. Green cart collection service has now returned to bi-weekly collection. For areas where green cart collection was cancelled due to impacts from Hurricane Fiona, please refer to your area's supplemental green cart collection day. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

To get the most out of your green cart with the least amount of hassle, consider the following tips:

- Place wet food waste in boxboard, or wrap using one sheet of newspaper, before placing in your green cart;
- Store green cart in a ventilated, shady location; and
- Line both your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag.

Residents are reminded that collection services can begin as early as 7:00 a.m.; to ensure collection, residents are asked to place materials curbside prior to 7:00 a.m. on collection day, ensuring they are contained and secured from wildlife until pickup.



REGISTER FOR HRM'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 18



When: Friday, November 18, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Rd

Learn more and register on our [website](#).

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills to build stronger volunteer capacity throughout the municipality. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops and networking activities and enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal.

This year's workshops will cover topics like grant opportunities, diversity and inclusion in the volunteer sector, collaboration as power, connecting with youth, marketing your organization, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and retention, community event planning, engaging your community, healthy board practices, rural perspectives in volunteerism, and improving accessibility in the volunteer sector.



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What is a BID?

A Business Improvement District is a business led organization that uses its resources to deliver solutions to the businesses in a specific area.

What's in it for me?

Your Burnside BID is the voice of the business community. It has the power to take action and make changes to help your business. Improved transportation, better internet access, reduced crime, and more greenspace are some of the priorities in Burnside.

What will it cost?

BID's fund their enhanced services through a minimal tax levy. The BID area rate levy will be a few cents per square foot occupied by a business, and is capped. These funds will be used solely within the district for the direct benefit of Burnside businesses.

When is this happening?

BIDs are formed by majority vote among property and business owners in the district. The vote is organized and administered by the municipality.

VOTE YES
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FIND OUT
MORE!



TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

HRM's Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now open for application to be considered in next year's program (2023). Be sure to apply by the deadline of **Wednesday, November 30th, 2022**.

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.

Learn more about eligibility and find the application form online at the bottom of this [webpage](#).

Applications can be mailed (see the address on the webpage noted above), 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.

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This program is now open for applications to be considered in 2023. Visit halifax.ca to apply by Nov. 30th, 2022.

Questions?
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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There are three Regional Council meetings scheduled for October. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- October 11th Special Meeting of Regional Council. Begins at 6:00 p.m.
- October 18th
- October 25th

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.

Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police (August 2022)

- In **August 2022**, 37 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences. 35 of these charges were alcohol-related, 2 were drug-related.
- 10 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.**
- 9 of the drivers **refused a breath sample** and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **21 calls in August** 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.

RCMP Road Safety Stats

August 2022, District 4

Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

550 Calls for Service in Aug. 2022 - Down 2.5% from Aug. 2021

49 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 23 issued in August 2021)
6 cell phone, 11 aggressive driving, 11 speeding, 21 other MVA (e.g., no license, no insurance, unregistered vehicle, etc.)

124 Proactive Assignments (vs. 122 in August 2021)

19 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement

95 Traffic Stops (vs. 127 in August 2021)
2 Impaired Driving Charges (same as August 2021)
4 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 2 in August 2021)

16 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 18 in August 2021)
• 3 of these accidents resulted in injuries.

0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (vs. 2 in August 2021)

Please Drive Safely!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Trick-or-treaters, parents and guardians:

- Follow normal pedestrian safety rules. Look both ways before crossing the street and watch for vehicles (especially vehicles backing out of driveways).
- Trick-or-treat with people from your household or your close social group; don't trick-or-treat alone.
- Try to limit criss-crossing the street. Go down one side of the street, then up the other.
- Ensure Halloween costumes are bright, reflective and fit well. Confirm that costumes allow the wearer to see clearly. Consider using face paint or makeup instead of a mask. Wear a non-medical mask if you are trick-or-treating indoors (e.g. an apartment complex).
- Carry a flashlight and stay close to well-lit areas.
- Be sure an adult checks all Halloween candy before trick-or-treaters dig in.
- Trick-or-treaters should tell their parents and/or guardians their Halloween route and when they expect to be home.
- Dress warmly.
- Watch for open flames and be careful around jack-o-lanterns.
- Stay outside while trick-or-treating. Never enter someone's home.

Motorists:

- With the excitement of Halloween, trick-or-treaters may forget pedestrian safety rules.
- Drive slowly and be careful backing up.
- Drive with extra caution in residential areas.

Homeowners:

- Keep your doorway well-lit; clear of tripping hazards and open flames.
- Give out only commercially wrapped snacks.
- Wear a mask when you can't keep a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from others.
- Keep pets inside on Halloween. Costumes and loud noises may scare them.

I hope everyone has a spook-tacular Halloween filled with good times and laughs.





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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 Monday October 24th. 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](#).