



**COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT**  
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS  
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Another month gone and colder weather is here. We Nova Scotians know what to expect this in the fall and really, we have been lucky so far that the cold weather came this late. Campers are getting their last weekend in before putting equipment away, and kids are thinking about their Halloween costumes. And yes, even some folks are already counting down to Christmas.

We are finally out of Hurricane Fiona's wrath and sadly there are still folks without power and water. Tree debris was the biggest impact in District 3 and we can be very grateful that the storm came from a direction that equated to no storm surge in our areas that have commonly flooded in the past. I am sure that you would join me in sending strength to communities like Cape Breton and Port aux Basque as they recover from loss and work toward healing.

I would also like to remind folks that I am hosting some upcoming town hall meetings in mid-October and early November. Details can be found below in this newsletter.

Of course, I wish you and your family a wonderful thanksgiving weekend. May you make lasting memories of warmth and love in your lives.

Warmly,

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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 Mi'kmaq people. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**UPCOMING  
TOWN HALL  
MEETINGS**

**Join Councillor Kent  
to discuss community matters:**

**DARTMOUTH SOUTH**  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.  
Woodlawn Public Library  
31 Eisener Blvd.

**EASTERN PASSAGE**  
Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.  
Buffalo Club, 625 Cow Bay Rd.

**SOUTH WOODSIDE**  
Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.  
South Woodside Community Ctr.,  
5 Everette St.

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

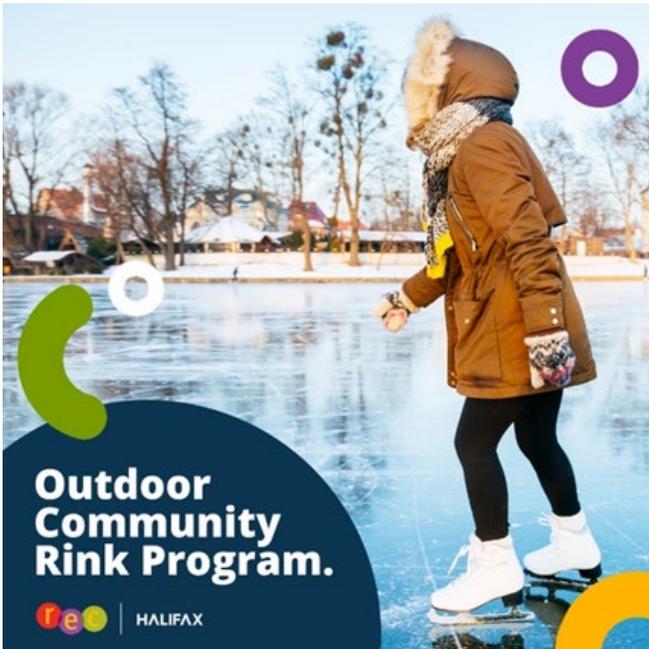


## OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK PROGRAM

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 in advancing community-based projects while also encouraging residents to explore outdoor winter activities in their own communities.



## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE



I was able to attend the Canadian Association of Police Governance annual conference in Saskatoon in early September at the time that significant and very emotional events happened. The loss of so many lives in James Smith Nation of Saskatchewan was tragic. Such senseless loss of life that affects so many. We are no strangers to this type of mass loss, and it struck me personally as events unfolded, reminding me of Portapiqué two short years ago. It will take time for healing to happen, as we know all too well.

During my visit I drove to Regina, where I saw a very special memorial for Constable Heidi Stevenson at the Regina RCMP Training Depot. The day before I arrived, Heidi's family and friends were there to see her name added to the lost members memorial and name placed in a special book in the RCMP Chapel. It was very moving to see it there.



## PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON HRM'S FUTURE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



Regional Council has 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 desired number of polling districts in the municipality. The Phase 1 report – approved by Regional Council's Executive Standing 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, began their work in Phase 2. The panel offered recommendations on how to draw boundaries of municipal districts. View the newly proposed District Boundary Maps [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.

Public engagement is happening soon as part of Phase 2. 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 sessions taking place closest to District 3 are as follows:  
**Tuesday October 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre and Library, 7900 Highway 7**  
  
**Thursday October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**North Preston Community Centre, 44 Simonds Road**  
  
**Monday October 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council Meeting space, 60 Alderney Drive**

Feedback received from public on Phase 2 will be included in the final report from the District Boundary Review Panel recommendation, which will be provided to Regional Council in December 2022.

For more information and to view the maps with the newly proposed boundaries, please visit our [website](#).



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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.

#### -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, 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 Wednesday, October 12. For more information visit our [website](#).

#### -DEBRIS DROP-OFF-

Until Wednesday October 12, there will be a total of eight short-term tree waste drop-offs at the following locations from 8:00am to 8:00pm:

- 2 Lyle Street, Dartmouth
- 26 Thomas Raddall Drive (the gravel lot between the Canada Games Centre and Nova Scotia Soccer League), Halifax
- 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
- Bayer's Lake Industrial Park, 230 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Halifax

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](#).



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District 3 Resident Doris Naugle celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

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.

## 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.

The deadline to apply for projects taking place in 2023 is October 31, 2022. [Apply](#) today!

-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!





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### PASSING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

I was in a conference meeting when there was suddenly a chatter that came across the room about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. That's the day the world all took a gasp at the same time. I have been a royalist my entire life and make no apologies for it. The Queen was iconic in so many ways. For me, the strongest example of commitment, resilience, dedication, leadership, and kindness. She has always inspired me and always will. We will miss seeing her smiling face in the media, but she has an enduring place in our hearts. May she Rest in Peace with her beloved Phillip. I have great faith in His Majesty King Charles. I wish him great success.



### REGISTER FOR HRM'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 18



When: Friday, Nov. 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.



## 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.





## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TO CONNECT WOODSIDE & SHEARWATER

HRM staff and WSP Consultants have been presenting Active Transportation (AT) planning options to connect the Shearwater Flyer and the Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail addressing what is currently a 3km gap along Pleasant Street between Corsair Drive in Shearwater and the Woodside Ferry Terminal area. Also included in this planning exercise is connecting the area from Atlantic Street to Acadia Street to improve walking and cycling opportunities to reach hospitals and the NS Community College.

The Shearwater Flyer is an 8km provincially owned rail trail between Bissett Road and Corsair Drive, leased to the Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association to develop and maintain.

The Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail is a 3km asphalt multi use pathway from Alderney Ferry Terminal to the Woodside Ferry Terminal and was developed and maintained by Develop Nova Scotia and HRM.

Options for AT infrastructure may include greenway trails (multi-use pathways), sidewalks, paved road shoulders, cycle tracks, bi-directional bikeways, local street bikeways with traffic calming measures, and well-designed intersections and crossings to making public transit stops easier to access. These elements are all part of improving walkability and cycling for all ages and abilities.

HRM staff would like to thank those who took the time to attend the public meetings, review options and provide input throughout this initial planning process. Please visit the Shape Your City page for the Woodside-Shearwater Active Transportation options currently being considered, and to view community input so far [here](#). For more information contact David MacIsaac, Manager Active Transportation, Public Works: [macisad@halifax.ca](mailto:macisad@halifax.ca) or 902-490-1665.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:nonprofittax@halifax.ca).



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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.



### RCMP Road Safety Stats

August 2022, District 3 Eastern Passage

- 230 Calls for Service in Aug. 2022 - Up 1.8% from Aug. 2021
- 11 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 22 issued in August 2021)  
1 cell phone, 1 aggressive driving, 3 speeding, 6 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 34 Proactive Assignments (vs. 41 in August 2021)
- 8 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 30 Traffic Stops (vs. 42 in August 2021)
- 3 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in August 2021)
- 1 Impaired Suspension (vs. 0 in August 2021)
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 2 in August 2021)
  - None of these accidents resulted in injuries.
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as August 2021)

**Please Drive Safely!**

### 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.



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### PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn



stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3 "Please Drive Slowly" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, reports, and minutes [online](#).

### CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at [becky.kent@halifax.ca](mailto:becky.kent@halifax.ca) or **902-478-5368**. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at **311**. To reach my office, please call Emily Simonov at **902-490-7177**.

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