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**DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS**  
**HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE**

**WELCOME NOVEMBER!**



November is the time to turn back our clocks 1 hour (Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>) to end Daylight Saving Time. It is also a time for us to turn our thoughts back

to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we may have the freedom to celebrate our culture, heritage, religion, gender identity as we choose. Consider attending a local Remembrance Day event in appreciation of this freedom and the sacrifices given by so many service personnel.

It is also time for us to start the municipal budget discussions – see more information on the 2022/23 budget process in this newsletter.

If you wish to discuss a municipal program or service, contact me at:

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### NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

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

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (if Required)

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (if required)

#### Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

### DID YOU KNOW...

That November is [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#)

November 1<sup>st</sup> is [World Vegan Day](#)

November 11<sup>th</sup> is [Remembrance Day](#)

November 13<sup>th</sup> is [World Kindness Day](#)

November 14<sup>th</sup> is [World Diabetes Day](#)

November 20<sup>th</sup> is [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

November 25<sup>th</sup> is [Buy Nothing Day](#)

November 25<sup>th</sup> is the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#)

November 28<sup>th</sup> is [Cyber Monday](#)

### TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m., turn your clocks back to 1:00 a.m. as Daylight Saving Time ends.

Why do we turn back the clocks each winter? The idea behind Daylight Saving Time is simple: by transferring an hour of daylight from the crack of dawn to the evening, more people will be able to enjoy it. This practice also benefits the environment by saving energy, and it reduces traffic accidents by providing more light for times of high traffic.

### ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 18TH

[Register now](#) for HRM's annual volunteer conference! Registration closes November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**When:** Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Rd

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills to build stronger volunteer capacity



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throughout the municipality. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops, 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.

### MUNICIPALITY OPENS JUMPSTART INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality, with the support and funding from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and local Canadian Tire Dealers, has opened the new Jumpstart Inclusive Playground at the George Dixon Centre Park.

Over 11,000 square feet, this facility, located on Gottingen and Brunswick streets, was thoughtfully designed to accommodate physical, cognitive and sensory considerations and will provide a space for children of all ages and abilities.

Specifically, the new playground offers double-wide ramps, barrier-free and transfer-free equipment and pour-in-place rubber surfacing

allowing for an accessible transition from the pathways to the play area. Further, the playground hosts accessible play structures, such as a We-Saw and We-Go-Round™ and musical instruments for auditory stimulation.

For more information on the municipality's parks and recreation facilities, click here [our website](#).

### BUDGET 2022/23

The [Strategic Multi-Year Business Planning and Budget Process and 2023/24 Budget Outlook](#) report, presented to Halifax Regional Council on October 25<sup>th</sup>, marks the start of the 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process. This [report](#) provides a high-level overview of the background, changes and updates, key dates and milestones, financial challenges and budget implications.

The commencement of the strategic planning process begins with the adoption of, or changes to, the multi-year strategic business planning and budget process, as well as the approval of the business planning and budget schedule.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Regional Council's Budget Committee approved the [2021-2025 Strategic Planning Framework](#) and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop plans (Council and Administrative) in accordance with this Framework.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Regional Council's



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Budget Committee approved the 2021-2025 Strategic Priorities Plan. This plan remains in place over the duration of the mandate of Regional Council but is reaffirmed annually.

In October 2021, Regional Council's Budget Committee approved the creation of an annual report that provides an update on progress toward the commitments in the Strategic Priorities Plan. This report, named the *Strategic Performance Report*, will be provided to Council each year in October or November, and will include highlights, accomplishments, and performance results associated with the previous year.

A 2021/22 *Strategic Performance Report* will be presented on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

[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](mailto:nonprofittax@halifax.ca).

### HALIFAX REGIONAL ARTS - VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



[Halifax Regional Arts](#) is very excited to announce Fall 2022 Fine Arts HRCE-

Wide Virtual Programming for Students starting November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>! Programs include Voice Acting (Gr 5-8), Comic Book Workshop (Gr 5-8), Africentric Arts Experience (Gr 9-12) and Poetry and Spoken Word (Gr 7-9).

All programs can be accessed [here](#).

### NOVA SCOTIA HOUSING NEEDS

## Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment



The Province of Nova Scotia has created a [survey](#) to ask residents to provide feedback on housing needs.

- What are the housing needs of Nova Scotians?



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- What housing challenges have communities been facing?
- Where does housing need to be built across the province?

The [online survey](#), open from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>, is part of a provincewide housing needs assessment that will help identify gaps in current and projected housing requirements and guide future housing policy and initiatives.

[Take the online survey now](#) to share about the needs of your household and how your current housing is or isn't meeting your needs.

For more information about the Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment Online Survey click [here](#).

## PARADE OF LIGHTS - NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

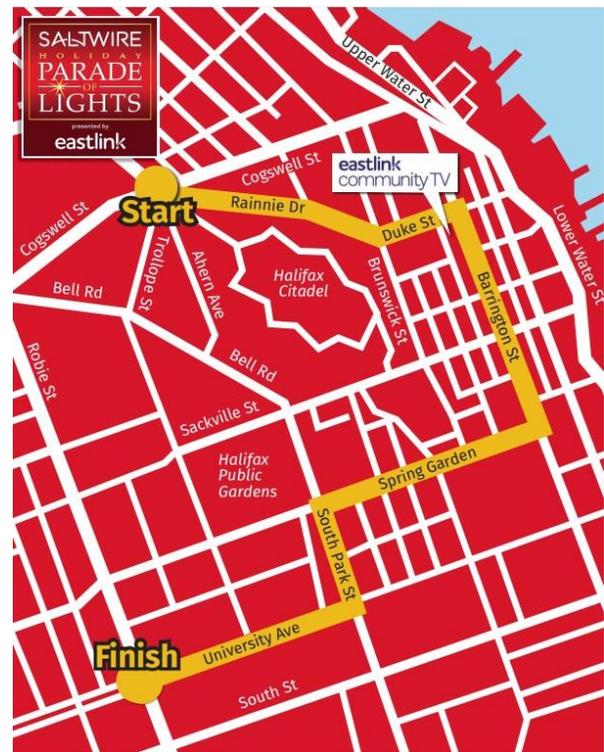


[Feed Nova Scotia](#) is thrilled to kick off the holiday season with the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SaltWire Holiday Parade of Lights. As with previous years, Feed Nova Scotia will be out in full force, collecting monetary and food donations along

the parade route. Volunteers can't wait to see your smiling faces and kind hearts as the streets of downtown Halifax come to life with holiday cheer!

Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

See map below for this year's new parade route.





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### HalifACT WINS 3 NATIONAL AWARDS



In October, the municipality received not one, but three national

awards for its leadership in sustainability related to [HalifACT, our ambitious Climate Action Plan](#). The awards were announced publicly at the Clean50 Summit in Toronto on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

[HalifACT](#) was among 26 winning projects in the category of Canada's 2023 Clean50 Top Projects, a group selected annually based on their innovation and ability to inform and inspire other Canadians.

Following the awards ceremony, both incoming and alumni members of the Clean50 voted on their favourite project. This vote resulted in [HalifACT](#) winning Canada's 2023 Clean50 Top Project of the Year.

The third honour belongs to the municipality's own Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change, who has been recognized in [Canada's Clean50 list of 2023 honourees](#) as winner of a Clean16 Award, Leader for the Cities Category. This well-deserved achievement recognizes Shannon's stewardship and work as a sustainability professional and top contributor in the fight against climate change.

"Canada's Clean50 Top Project Awards are amongst the awards announced annually by Delta Management Group and the Canada's

Clean50 organization, to recognize the best sustainability-oriented projects completed in Canada over the prior two years," said Gavin Pitchford, CEO, Delta Management Group. "Projects are chosen based on a five "I"s criteria: Impactful, Innovative, Inspiring, Informative and can readily be Imitated."

Through these awards, the municipality reaffirms that [HalifACT](#) is more than a plan – it's a commitment to reducing emissions, switching to clean and reliable energy sources, and demonstrating leadership from local government.

Congrats to the entire Environment & Climate Change team on being recognized nationally for these exceptional honours.

Visit [halifax.ca/climate](http://halifax.ca/climate) to keep up with latest happenings in the municipality's response to the climate crisis.

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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:



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- 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.

