



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

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

It's hard to believe it is November already! I hope you have all been enjoying this unseasonably warm weather. That said, I'm sure it won't be long now until the snow flies.

I want to thank everyone who came out to my town hall meetings in October and November. Great discussions were had, and I received a lot of great feedback. I am always happy to hear from you.

Remembrance Day is almost here, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our veterans and those who serve for their bravery and sacrifice for our country. A friendly reminder that there will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at Caen Legion in Eastern Passage on Remembrance Day starting at 11:00 a.m. I hope you to see you there!

Warmly,

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.

Remembrance Day • November 11th

Thank you to our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today.

Each November, we wear poppies to honour them.

Lest we forget.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to our veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a Cenotaph ceremony on November 11th and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

The poppy is a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Royal Canadian Legion has now launched the annual Poppy Campaign, so please keep an eye out for Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute Poppies to the community or Poppy boxes placed throughout our communities.

Remembrance Day Fly-Past and Ceremonies

On October 25th, Regional Council once again granted permission for the Canadian Forces to conduct a fly-past of a Cyclone helicopter over Grand Parade to mark this year's Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11th.

The Cyclone helicopter, flown by the Canadian Armed Forces, will fly from north to south, beginning its travels from 12 Wing Shearwater. It will fly-past at a height of 500 feet at Grand Parade after the 21 gun salute during the ceremony, at approximately 11:02 a.m. The Remembrance Day ceremony will consist of a military parade at Grand Parade, and the event will also include the participation of the 1st Field Regiment firing a 21 gun salute from Citadel Hill.

This annual occurrence is part of the municipality's activities honouring those who have served with valour and distinction – and gave the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, in United Nations Peacekeeping missions and in Afghanistan.

And of course, locally, there will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Caen Legion in Eastern Passage on Remembrance Day starting at 11:00 a.m.

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New banners for Remembrance Day - Thank you EPABA!



INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

November is Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (#IDAM), an opportunity to raise awareness and take action to support Indigenous communities and organizations that create culturally appropriate services and resources for Indigenous persons with disabilities.

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month was founded in 2015 to create awareness and understanding about the barriers Indigenous people with disabilities face each day.

1 in 5 Nova Scotians over the age of 15 identify as having a disability, while Indigenous people in Canada experience a significantly higher disability rate than that of the general population.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2017, 32 per cent of First Nations people living off reserve, 30 per cent of Metis, and 19 per cent of Inuit, have one or more disabilities.

These statistics further underscore the importance of recognition and action related to IDAM in our region.



HALIFAX IS HIRING!



Considering a career change or looking for work? With new opportunities posted each week, the Halifax Regional Municipality offers dynamic opportunities for a variety of skillsets. There are great jobs available right now – apply online [here](#).

- ✓ The municipality employs between 3,600-5,000 people annually. You could be one of them.
- ✓ A municipal public servant makes a difference in the lives of over 400,000 people in the region.
- ✓ Mechanics, accountants, bus operators, planners, police and fire services: municipal careers are diverse and hands-on and offer exciting and dynamic opportunities.

AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I am pleased to announce that Regional Council has passed the motion to adopt Administrative Order No. 2021-004-GOV, respecting the African Descent Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The new committee will advise the Municipality on the impact of municipal policies, programs, and services on people of African descent.



HRM'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

Register now for HRM's annual volunteer conference!

When: Friday, Nov. 18th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Rd

Learn more and register [here](#).

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.



Inspector Jeremie Landry, S/Sgt. Lynden Morrison and I at my Cow Bay Town Hall Meeting



Dartmouth South Town Hall



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL



There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.

The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- ✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- ✓ The participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2022/2023 application package [online](#) .

Completed applications may be faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal
Community YMCA
2269 Gottingen Street
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

COW BAY ROAD PAVING DELAYED UNTIL SPRING

In July 2022 a notice to property owners was issued describing proposed milling and paving work on Cow Bay Road. Unfortunately, we have received notice that the work will be delayed until the 2023 construction season. A construction advisory will be provided in the spring prior to the start of work.

If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Hayne, Design Engineer at 902-718-7143 or hayned@halifax.ca.

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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

Questions?
nonprofittax@halifax.ca



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Halloween fun!

SAVE THE DATE: 541 PLEASANT STREET PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Mark your calendars! A public information meeting will be held for a proposed Development Agreement for 541 Pleasant Street, Case 23958 on Monday December 5th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South Woodside Community Centre.

For more information on the proposal, please visit our [website](#). Please note, this page will be updated to include information relative to the upcoming public information meeting as it becomes available.

RECRUITMENT UNDERWAY FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

HRM is now seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees, and commissions.

See the list of all committees, boards and commissions seeking new members, and apply online [here](#). The deadline to apply is November 22nd.

- ✓ Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives.
- ✓ These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, community council or standing committees, and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.
- ✓ The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- ✓ Meeting schedules and formats will vary between committees, please consult our [website](#) for details on each committee.

For questions about the Public Appointment Policy, application process, concerns about computer or internet access or to request another accommodation to the recruitment process, please contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210.



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL TOWN HALL

Residents are invited to the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall:

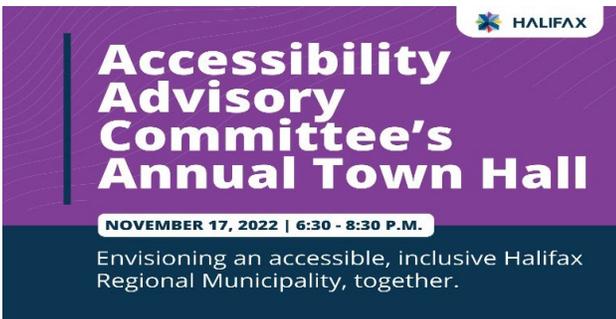
Thursday, Nov. 17th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m
Paul O'Regan Hall at the Halifax Central Library
OR join online.

Learn more and register for the virtual event [here](#).

You can also join (and share) the Facebook event page [here](#).

The Town Hall is an opportunity the Halifax Regional Municipality to provide updates to the community on current accessibility initiatives at the municipal level and receive questions, feedback, and input from residents. This year's Town Hall will be taking place in a hybrid fashion, with multiple ways for residents to participate:

- Attend the in-person event at Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library
- Join the virtual event in Zoom and submit questions live by registering in advance
- Watch the live stream on YouTube



GREEN CART TIPS FOR WINTER

When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers. To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, they suggest some of these helpful tips:

- Line the bottom of the green cart with newspaper or boxboard, like a cereal box or yard waste bag, and line your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day, then deposited in your green cart just before collection
- Place your green cart in an area where the sun can reach it, if possible to avoid freezing
- Wrap food scraps in newspaper, boxboard, or a paper bag
- Put out your green cart to the curb for every collection, even if the cart is not full

More information on green carts can be found on the [Halifax webpage](#).





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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- November 8th
- November 9th (if required)
- November 22nd
- November 29th

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.

RCMP Road Safety Stats

September 2022, District 3 Eastern Passage

- 235 Calls for Service in Sept. 2022 - Down 17.3% from Sept. 2021
- 12 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 35 issued in Sept. 2021)
5 speeding, 2 aggressive driving, 5 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 65 Proactive Assignments (vs. 111 in Sept. 2021)
- 14 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 36 Traffic Stops (vs. 54 in Sept. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in Sept. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 1 in Sept. 2021)
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 5 in Sept. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries.
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as Sept. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries.

Please Drive Safely!

Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police (Sept. 2022)

- In **September 2022**, 36 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences. 32 of these charges were alcohol-related, 4 were drug-related.
- 8 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.**
- 8 of the drivers **refused a breath sample** and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **21 calls in September** 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.



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.



CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at 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**.

To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

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 Thursday December 1st. Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, reports, and minutes [online](#).