



COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME NOVEMBER

I was so grateful to be able to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies at both Sullivan Pond and the Craig Blake memorial. Remembrance Day is a great reminder of how fortunate we are because of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and continue to fight for our country.

The weather is cooling off and we are gearing up for the holiday season. I hope to see you all at our Shubie Park Tree Lighting event December 3rd from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. where we can catch up around the bonfire, enjoy some treats and watch a Christmas movie!

BIENVENUE NOVEMBRE

Je suis très reconnaissant d'avoir pu assister aux cérémonies du jour du Souvenir à Sullivan Pond et au mémorial Craig Blake. Le jour du Souvenir est un excellent rappel du privilège que nous avons grâce au service et au sacrifice des hommes et des femmes qui se sont battus et qui continuent de se battre pour notre pays.

Le temps se refroidit et nous nous préparons à la période des Fêtes. J'espère vous voir tous à l'activité d'éclairage de sapin de Noël du parc Shubie, le 3 décembre de 16 h à 18 h, où nous pourrions nous retrouver autour du feu de joie, déguster des friandises et visionner un film de Noël!



A very special ceremony at Craig Blake Park in honour of PO2 Craig Blake.

A beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sullivan's Pond





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PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Residents are being invited to provide input on the new three-year Public Safety Strategy.

The draft Strategy outlines public safety priorities and activities for 2023-2026. It has been developed based on consultations and recommendations from several strategic reports provided to the municipality over recent years. The public safety strategy guides the development and implementation of preventative and evidence-informed strategic initiatives to improve conditions that contribute to safety and wellbeing.

You can view the presentation online and participate in the online survey between Monday, November 21st to Wednesday, December 7th. You can also provide feedback at virtual and in-person public engagement sessions:

Virtual session

Monday November 21st 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Zoom link will be available via on our [website](#).

In-person session:

Thursday November 24th 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Harbour East Marine-Drive Community Council Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Landing (Large Meeting Room), 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

For more information, or to take the survey, visit the Shape Your City [website](#).



SHUBIE CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Halifax Water are collecting feedback about the Shubie Canal Bridge Replacement Project.

The existing pedestrian bridge in Shubie Park that crosses the Shubenacadie Canal near Lake Charles and Shubie Beach needs to be replaced. The new bridge will provide an upgraded design and will facilitate required water distribution system resiliency, a wastewater collection connection and a natural gas system expansion to support the existing community and the Port Wallace future growth area.

They held a public engagement session on November 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairbanks Centre and you can find out more about the project [here](#).

CHARKE-CORMIER DUO CONCERT

The Dartmouth Community Concert Association (DCCA) is presenting the Charke-Cormier Duo of classical flute and guitar on Friday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Woodlawn United Church (54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth). For this concert they will perform works with a predominantly Latin flavour by Celso Machado, Granados and Zequinha de Abreu with some Debussy rounding out the program. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors 60+ and \$10 for students. Individual tickets are available at the door (cash or cheque only). For more information, please call (902) 433-1680, or visit their [website](#).

Don't worry, Fido's friendly!

But, other humans and dogs deserve space for many reasons. Some dogs may be nervous or reactive.

When visiting municipal parks, please:

- Obey signs for dogs
- Keep your dogs on-leash (where required)
- Remove dog waste immediately
- Respect the space of others



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DARTMOUTH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to provide feedback on active transportation planning on streets in the east Dartmouth area. This new Dartmouth active transportation connections plans to link Grahams Grove Park and related bikeways to Penhorn Drive through to Valleyfield Road and Braemar Drive. An online survey and interactive map is now available and will close on Wednesday, November 30. Paper copies are available upon request by emailing Megan.

There are also opportunities for residents to take part in several outdoor public engagement sessions on Saturday November 19th (Rain date November 20th)

- Lake Banook Multi-use Pathway near Paddler’s Cove Plaza, 300 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Fairbanks Centre at Shubie Park, 54 Locks Road, Dartmouth from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A second project, which will connect with Caldwell Road and other nearby streets, is scheduled several drop in public engagement sessions as well:

- November 30th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dartmouth East Community Centre (50 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth NS)
- December 6th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Woodlawn Public Library (31 Eisener Blvd, Dartmouth, NS)
- December 7th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Woodlawn United Church (54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth NS)

For more information on the municipal cycling routes, including maps and current projects, visit our [website](#). More details about these projects can be found on [Shape Your City Halifax](#).



BILL 225

Regional Council was grateful to receive Honourable John Lohr, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing at the November 8th meeting of Regional Council.

Minister Lohr made a presentation to Regional Council regarding Bill 225 that provides the provincial government additional control to by-pass existing municipal by-laws for housing development.

Many Councillors, myself included, expressed concerns about the impact of this bill, particularly regarding the lack of collaboration with municipal staff and elected officials and the disregard to public consultation on housing projects.

In recent years, our Planning and Development staff have implemented numerous improvements to its processes, improving efficiency and working to meet the growing demands for housing. In fact, we have approved more units than the industry are able to construct. Bill 225 has passed, however, we hope to still be able to work collaboratively with the province to address this important issue.



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

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. In order to qualify, you 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 program 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 by visiting their [website](#).



Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who come out to help bundle hundreds of bags of fresh produce that will be delivered to families in need every other Saturday morning.

RECRUITMENT FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions. Applications are available at on our [website](#) and will be accepted until Tuesday, November 22nd at midnight.

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, more information on each committee is available online.

The following committees, boards and commissions are seeking new members:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)
- [Active Transportation Advisory Committee](#)
- [Audit Committee](#)
- [Design Advisory Committee](#)
- [Design Review Committee](#)
- [Halifax International Airport Authority](#) (Board of Directors)
- [Investment Policy Advisory Committee](#)
- [Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee](#)
- [Regional Watersheds Advisory Board](#)
- [Special Events Advisory Committee](#)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee](#)
- [Youth Advisory Committee](#)

The municipality encourages applications from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).



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HALIFACT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT



Where we made good progress in 2021-22

30% of in-flight actions (11 out of 37)

- ✓ Completed the draft HRM Building Energy Roadmap;
- ✓ Conducted deep energy retrofits on municipal buildings including the Dartmouth North Community Centre, Woodside Terminal and Fire Station #2;
- ✓ Reached funding agreement to purchase 60 electric busses and do a deep-energy retrofit of the Ragged Lake Transit Centre;
- ✓ Passed the HRM Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy;
- ✓ Awarded study to analyze GHG emissions from solid waste;
- ✓ Continued implementation of the Integrated Mobility Plan;
- ✓ Continued implementation of the JustFOOD program;
- ✓ Increased staff capacity (six additional positions in 2021-22)

HalifACT is our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future in Atlantic Canada while preparing for current and future climate impacts. It contains 46 actions, all set to begin within the first six years of the plan. We are now two years into HalifACT. The priorities are to enable financing, governance, reporting and engagement, with a core focus to:

- Create retrofit and renewable energy programming
- Retrofit existing municipal buildings to be net-zero ready and climate resilient
- Catalyze decarbonation of transportation
- Require net-zero and climate resilient standards for new buildings
- Develop a framework for protecting critical infrastructure
- Work with nature to increase climate resilience
- Increase community capacity for climate adaptation and climate-related emergencies

HalifACT presented their second Annual Progress Report covering progress that was made by HRM during the 2021-22 fiscal year to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee this month. During this period, 35% of ongoing actions made sufficient progress to be considered “on track”. We are now down ~20% on corporate emissions compared to the 2016 baseline, and we are down ~7% on community emissions versus 2016. To learn more about HalifACT, including specific initiatives happening in our communities now, check out their [website](#).

LAST MINUTE FACILITY RENTALS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is opening the fourth and final phase of online rental booking services for recreational rental facilities.

Last minute online rentals increase residents’ access to indoor and outdoor facilities while also making community programming more convenient and accessible. Residents can now book last-minute rental program rooms, activity rooms, boardrooms, multipurpose rooms, dance studios, and more online.

Earlier in 2022, participating arenas, sport fields, ball diamonds, artificial turf fields, sport courts and recreation facility gymnasiums became available for booking online through the last-minute rental process.

For more information, including how to access the online booking system, visit our [website](#).

BEE CITY

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) approved a request a staff report to investigate HRM applying to become a [Bee City](#).

Bee City Canada is a program of Pollinator Partnership Canada to engage and inspire municipalities and other groups across Canada to take action to protect pollinators. Program participants must commit to creating, maintaining and/or improving pollinator habitat, educating the community about the importance of pollinators, and celebrating pollinators during National Pollinator Week.

For more information about the requirements and how we will be promoting this initiative, view the presentation [here](#).





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NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Dartmouth North is full of amazing volunteers – you are what make our community great! Do you know an outstanding volunteer who deserves some recognition? Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer in our communities by presenting them with volunteer awards.

Residents can now nominate volunteers in three different categories: adult, youth (ages 13-19) and community group. Successful nominees will be notified in March 2023. An awards ceremony and banquet with Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council will coincide with National Volunteer Week (April 16th – 22nd, 2023). Nomination forms and detailed nomination criteria are available now on our [website](#).

The deadline for nominations for the 2023 awards is Friday, January 6th.

DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATION

We are still on schedule for the Dartmouth North Community Centre renovations. We expect to open and unveil the renovated space on December 15th!

Renovations include moving the main entryway to Pinecrest with a new reception area, universal washrooms, larger programming rooms, and installing energy efficient technology like an HVAC system and converting the heat source to natural gas.



Visiting Army Navy Airforce Veterans on Remembrance Day with MP Darren Fisher

SNOW STANDARDS

Be prepared by checking out our website for details about the service standards for streets and sidewalks in your area. During a snowfall event, the municipality has 3,844 lane kilometers of roads and 1,000 kilometers of sidewalks to clear. We do our best to clear these areas as quickly and safely as possible, however there is a prioritization system based on the traffic volumes, infrastructure like hospitals and schools and major transportation routes that must be applied.

You can assist the municipality in clearing operations and ensure your property is protected by:

1. Removing planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk before the winter.
2. When bad weather is in the forecast, safely store items that may still be used during the winter (e.g. sports equipment).
3. Marking any permanent structures or objects with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. This helps crews identify obstacles.
4. Trimming any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property. These can obstruct access and visibility for snow-clearing equipment.
5. Never park on the sidewalk and when parked in a driveway, make sure your vehicle isn't hanging over into the right-of-way. These vehicles are dangerous obstacles for crews and prevent proper clearing of sidewalks.

Call or email 311 for assistance if the standard for your street hasn't been met. For more information, check out our [website](#).

GBBA BID APPLICATION

The ballots for the Greater Burnside Business Association's Business Improvement District application have been mailed to all Burnside businesses. The deadline to return them is December 2nd. Please reach out to the association if you have any questions about this initiative.



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PORT WALLACE SPECIAL PLANNING AREA

Port Wallace has been identified as a future growth area. Growth areas are defined as locations where the municipality envisions service development.

A comprehensive planning process for the area has been underway [since 2014](#) to design the community.

The Port Wallace lands have been designated as “Urban Settlement” under the [Regional Municipal Planning Strategy](#). This means that urban development (development serviced by municipal sewer and water systems, rather than individual on-site well and septic systems) is envisioned for this area.

The property owners of the lands have worked with municipal Planning & Development staff to prepare concept plans for the subdivision and development of the lands.

As proposed by the [Port Wallace Secondary Planning Strategy](#), the area will be developed with up to 4,900 new residential units enabled through the expansion of the municipal water and sewer systems. Additionally, new roads will be constructed and parkland will be provided. [View the concept plan.](#)

You may have noticed several Waverley Road closures and other construction traffic in this area. White Street is the haul route for the development in the interim until the entrance from Waverley Road has been established.

Waverley Road will be closed Friday, November 25th from 6:00 p.m. – Saturday November 26th at 8:00 a.m. with a detour in place to allow for service connections for the development.

Detailed planning documents that include policies and regulations to guide land uses, community layout, densities, open space and other community amenities have been drafted and are ready for public review. We recently completed the last round of community engagement for the project, as a provincial Special Planning Area, there will not be a public hearing at Regional Council.

MORASH PARK SAFETY AUDIT

On Wednesday, November 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., HRM’s Public Safety Office will be hosting a Women’s Safety Assessment (WSA) at Morash Park, Dartmouth. The WSA is a participatory, community-focused tool where we will move through the park and discuss its social, natural and built elements through a gendered safety lens. Insights shared in this process are compiled by the facilitation team and can be used by participants, community and municipal staff to make public spaces safer, enjoyable and equitable for all. If you would like to join us for the WSA, please email [Amy Brierley](#), Public Safety Office at to register.

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.

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Regional Centre Community Council

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

Transportation Standing Committee

Halifax Regional Library Board

Special Events Advisory Committee

Shubenacadie Canal Commission

NS Solid Waste Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee