



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS
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MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

I can't believe it is December already! I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. As this year draws to a close, I hope you can take some time to enjoy the best of the holiday season with your loved ones. Please also remember to check in on folks who may be alone this holiday season. This time of year can be difficult for some and a friendly gesture and kindness goes a long way.

There are lots of holiday festivities happening all around District 3 this month. Further details are provided below in this newsletter.

We have now begun our budget deliberations for the 2023/24 fiscal year. I encourage you to reach out to me should you have any questions about the budget process or concerns or inquiries about items being discussed. Further information regarding the budget process can be found below.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with your municipal concerns or questions. I'm always happy to hear from you.

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.





**DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW
ONGOING**



You can still provide feedback on the proposed district boundaries as part of the [2022 District Boundary Review process](#). The District Boundary Review process reviews the number of councillors and the boundaries for each polling district. Changes made from the review’s recommendations will be in place for the 2024 municipal election.

Where are we in this process?

Phase 1 of the process determined the size of Council and its governance structure. It was agreed the number of districts (and Councillors) would remain at 16. We are now well into Phase 2, which sets the actual district boundaries. Public engagement on Phase 2 took place earlier this fall. It included many opportunities for feedback including a survey, public meetings, and more. The District Boundary Resident Review Panel received and accepted a “What We Heard” report from those public engagement activities. Following this feedback, the proposed district boundary maps have been updated.

Look at what is currently proposed:

- ✓ View the What We Heard report and the newly updated proposed district boundaries maps [here](#).
- ✓ Access the interactive map that shows the new proposed boundaries [here](#).

You can still provide feedback:

- ✓ Attend meetings of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel and/or meetings of the Executive Standing Committee. Meeting schedule can be found [here](#).
- ✓ Send written submissions to the Municipal Clerks Office by email at clerks@halifax.ca, by mail at Municipal Clerks Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS, B3J 3A5, or by phone at 902-490-4210.

What happens next?

The Executive Standing Committee will advance the recommended map options to Regional Council in early December, and final recommendations will be submitted to the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#) for review.

More information on the District Boundary Review process can be found on our [website](#).





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UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Christmas at the Cove Craft Shows

December 3rd and 17th in the Heritage Centre at Fisherman's Cove. There will be live music and special visits from Santa himself!

EPABA Community Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3rd from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be festive music, hot chocolate, candy canes and a special visit from Santa! Hope to see you there. For more information visit the [EPABA Facebook page](#) or email epaba.info@gmail.com.

Cow Bay Hall Wreath Auction December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Holiday Parade

December 11th beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade will start at Fisherman's Cove and continue on to the Legion on Main Road.



Dwight Perkins of CHPTA with Councillor Purdy and I at the Salt Marsh Trail

RECRUITMENT EXTENDED FOR THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The application deadline has been extended for residents who wish to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee. Applications will remain open until Tuesday, December 6th at 11:59 p.m. and are available on our [website](#). You can learn more about the YAC [here](#).

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, community councils or standing committees – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

Questions? please contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210.





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DARTMOUTH EAST ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROJECT

The Dartmouth East Active Transportation Planning Project is part of a municipal plan to connect communities, and make neighbourhoods more comfortable places to bike, walk or roll.

The main goals of this project are to:

- Identify intersection and street improvements for people biking, walking and rolling along Woodlawn Road, Valleyfield Road, Mount Edward Road, Caledonia Road and Breeze Drive.
- Develop designs for these streets informed by public input, engineering guidelines, and traffic data.

Learn more and share your thoughts at an upcoming event:

Drop-In Public Consultation Session:
Date: December 6th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Woodlawn Public Library (31 Eisener Boulevard)

Open House Public Meeting:
Date: December 7th, 6:00– 8:00 p.m.
Location: Woodlawn United Church (54 Woodlawn Road)

Public Survey available until December 19.

Call or email Chloe Kennedy at 902-943-1746 or kennedchl@halifax.ca for more information.

OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

CASE #23958



A mixed-use/multi-unit building is proposed for **541 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth**. The development is now in the public consultation stage, and **you're invited to provide feedback**.

This is an opportunity to view materials and speak to the Planner and Applicant.

WHERE? South Woodside School, 5 Everett St.
WHEN? 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, 2022

You can also visit www.halifax.ca/planning and scroll to Case 23958 to view the application documents. View narrated presentations by the municipal Planner at shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/planning-applications.

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.



SNOW CLEARING: MUNICIPAL SERVICE STANDARDS

With each weather event, snow clearing crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometres of streets and about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks! We can't control Mother Nature or what this winter has in store, but if we work together, we can all be better prepared for whatever the season may bring.

For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, and tips to help you prepare for inclement weather, please visit our [website](#).

SERVICE STANDARDS:

HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops and the timing varies depending on the priority level. We prioritize commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools. When the snow stops, operators work as quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared by 24 hours and major roads and bus routes within 12 hours.

Before contacting 311 about snow clearing, please ensure the service timelines for your area have expired. You can find detailed information about snow clearing service timelines on the interactive map or in the "when should clearing be complete?" section on the [website](#).

If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time in each chart, please e-mail ContactUs@311.halifax.ca or call 311 so crews can be dispatched to address the issue.

If an emergency vehicle needs to access a street, staff dispatch a plow immediately to that street.

Residents should note that in snowfalls greater than 30 centimeters or in blizzard conditions, more time may be needed to complete clearing. The same exception may apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe. Some roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. Provincial road information is [here](#).

WINTER PARKING:

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect annually from December 15th to March 31st. The ban is enforced from 1:00 to 6:00 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations only. Sign up for hfxALERT notifications to receive important updates from the municipality, including Winter Parking Ban notifications [here](#).

For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit our [website](#) or keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates via [@hfxgov on Twitter](#).





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Camp Courage event with some of my colleagues

LAND-BASED TESTING FACILITY AT HARTLEN POINT

You may have noticed that there has been some preliminary geotechnical drilling work taking place at Hartlen Point. Please note, this work does not mark the beginning of construction or contractors mobilizing to the site, rather it is part of a standard study undertaken during the preliminary phases of infrastructure projects to better understand the soil conditions on site.

The next community engagement session for the land-based testing facility at Hartlen Point will take place on January 31st, 2023. For more information including a Q & A page and project schedule, click [here](#). If you have any questions about this project, please contact CFBHalifaxPublicAffairs@forces.gc.ca

NOMINATIONS FOR HRM'S 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS: JANUARY 6 DEADLINE

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to our community? You can give them the recognition they deserve! Each year, 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](#).





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Waynewood Drive to Lansing Court trail upgrades

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS FROM HRP

Online shopping

- It is best to shop from your personal device at home on a trusted network.
- Consider using different user ID and passwords for different accounts and updating your passwords frequently.
- Verify secure connections and make sure you are on a secure website. Look for the padlock icon in the address bar and check for the valid certificate by clicking on the padlock icon.
- Unlike secure order forms on a websites, email and text messages are not private. Don't send confidential personal or financial information by email or text.
- Be cautious, if an online deal looks too good to be true then it probably is.

- Watch out for email scams. Be wary of clicking on links in an email message, even if the deal seems great.
- After making purchases it can be helpful to keep the receipt, confirmation number and postal tracking numbers in a safe accessible place.
- If you are at an online store that you are unfamiliar with, read and understand the online shop's policies. It's always a good idea to check a site's reviews before making a purchase.

In-store shopping

- We encourage you to lock your vehicle and park in well-lit and busy areas if they are available.
- Would-be thieves will look for shoppers storing valuables in their vehicles. If you're going to drop off your purchases and return to the stores, consider locking your packages in the trunk and move your vehicle to another location in the parking lot.
- Thieves sometimes watch shoppers exiting a store. You may want to shop strategically and wait until the end of your shopping trip to make high-end purchases or make a special trip to take high-end items home and then return to continue shopping.
- Protect your PIN when using bank and debit machines. Cover the keypad to prevent someone from observing your keystrokes or from recording your PIN. It's a good idea to change your PIN frequently.
- After a day of shopping, we recommend removing parcels and valuables and locking the vehicle upon returning home. Even an empty shopping bag can create the appearance that there's something in your car worth stealing.



2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLANNING FOR HRM



The annual budget is a very important thing for the operation of our municipality; it funds all costs associated with servicing our municipality each year - ensuring we can have our roads plowed during a snowstorm, that we have recreational facilities to enjoy, regular garbage pickup and so much more!

The municipality's 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process has now started and will continue until into the spring of 2023. Over the winter, municipal business units present plans to Regional Council with their intentions for the upcoming fiscal year, outlining the required budgets to achieve their goals. During this process, Regional Council will ask questions, discuss, debate, and consider each department's proposed priorities and budget. This can result in revisions to budget plans along the way.

The 2023/24 Budget and Business Plan approval date is scheduled for April 25th, 2023, where Regional Council will finalize next year's budget.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS?

- You can review the proposed schedule of budget presentations, learn about the budget process, and keep up to date on upcoming milestones [here](#).
- [Here](#) are some common questions and answers regarding the municipal budget, and how it is determined each year.
- To learn more about the current 2021-25 HRM Strategic Priorities Plan that helps inform the budget direction, visit our [website](#).

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE BUDGET:

- During every budget meeting, members of the public also have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. You can speak directly to me as your Regional Councillor about budget priorities. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. If you wish to make any presentations before HRM Council about the municipal budget, then please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210. Written submissions are also welcomed.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FOR 2023/24:

Dates could change, so the most up to date information and more background on the budget process can be found [here](#).



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There is one Regional Council meeting scheduled for December. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- December 13th

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

October 2022, District 3
Eastern Passage

- 230 Calls for Service in Oct. 2022 - Down 39.2% from Oct. 2021
- 3 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 16 issued in Oct. 2021)
1 aggressive driving, 1 speeding, 1 other MVA
- 46 Proactive Assignments (vs. 155 in Oct. 2021)
- 14 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/
Radar Enforcement
- 40 Traffic Stops (vs. 65 in Oct. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charge (vs. 3 in Oct. 2021)
- 1 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 0 in Oct. 2021)
- 10 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 6 in Oct. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries.
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as Oct. 2021)

Please Drive Safely!

Impaired Driving Statistics

From Halifax Regional Police (Oct. 2022)

- In **October 2022**, 33 drivers were charged with impaired-related offences. 27 of these charges were alcohol-related, 6 were drug-related.
- 4 of these drivers - who provided breath samples - **were at least twice the legal limit.**
- 7 of the drivers **refused a breath sample** and were charged with the offence of refusal.
- Police received **15 calls in October** 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](#).