



**WELCOME DECEMBER!**

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Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

There are many celebrations this month, but

the most important event will be spending time with friends and family enjoying each other's company. I hope you get time to relax and recharge this holiday season.

This newsletter has some great winter safety tips for motorists, updates on important active transportation projects in District 9, free transit rides and information on the 2023/24 budget process. Yes, it's budget time again and we will have some tough decisions following extensive debate on the municipal programs and services we provide. Keep reading for more information and to learn how you can have your say on the 2023/24 budget! Contact me at [Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca](mailto:Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca) or call 902.579.6746.

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### DECEMBER MEETINGS

Regional Council, Budget Committee, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Regional Council:**

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Halifax & West Community Council:**

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

**Regional Centre Community Council:**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Please check our [website](#) to confirm dates and times as the meeting schedule is subject to change.

### DID YOU KNOW ...

December 1<sup>st</sup> is [World AIDS Day](#)

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the [TD Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting](#) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the [Halifax Explosion](#)

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#)

December 10<sup>th</sup> is [Human Rights Day](#)

December 11<sup>th</sup> is [UNICEF Foundation Day](#)

### HOLIDAY PROJECTION SHOW

The municipality will premiere the new [City Hall Holiday Projection Show](#), to be lit continuously each night until Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The show features a three-minute video, inspired by a holiday drawing from local Indigenous youth.

Further, the [Public Gardens Holiday Lights](#), presented by the municipality and the [Friends of the Public Gardens](#), will run nightly until Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The show will include a corridor of LED lights on the grounds and in the waterways, ending with a coordinated light-and-music display in the bandstand area of the gardens.

For more details on upcoming municipal events, visit [here](#).

### FREE HALIFAX TRANSIT DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Make a plan and get home safely! All Halifax Transit bus, Access-A-Bus and ferry rides will be **free on the evenings of Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 6:00 p.m. to end of service, courtesy of the [Nova Scotia Liquor Commission \(NSLC\)](#).

This is a busy weekend with holiday parties and events across HRM. This initiative is to help people get home safely. Plan your trip here: [halifax.ca/transit](http://halifax.ca/transit).



### WINTER 2023 RECREATION REGISTRATION



Get ready to register for HRM Rec programs happening this winter!

Winter recreation registration begins on December 7<sup>th</sup> for dryland programs and on December 8<sup>th</sup> for skating and aquatics. Program PDFs are expected to be available on December 2<sup>nd</sup> [here](#).

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION:

To improve security for users, the Halifax Rec online registration platform will be changing its password requirements. New and existing users with passwords less than 10 characters will be required to change their password before logging into their MyRec account: <https://fal.cn/3tEyX>.

Existing users with passwords of ten or more characters are unaffected. We urge all impacted users to change their password to 10 or more characters before the upcoming winter recreation programming registration dates. To change your password, visit the account login page and follow the password reset instructions. Questions can be directed to your local recreation centre or call (902) 490-6666.

### HRM'S 2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLANNING

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 into the spring of 2023. Over the winter, municipal business units present plans to Regional Council with their intentions for the upcoming fiscal year and 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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



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- To learn more about the current 2021-25 HRM Strategic Priorities Plan that helps inform the budget direction, [click here](#)

### 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](mailto: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](#) or on the municipal events calendar [here](#).

### MENORAH LIGHTING – DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>



The 2022 Menorah Lighting and celebration of the first day of Chanukah will take place at the Halifax

Grand Parade on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony along with the local Jewish community as they celebrate the Festival of Light.

A reception will be held following the Menorah Lighting ceremony inside Halifax City Hall.

For more information [contact Rabbi Feldman via email](#) or leave a detailed message at 902.422.4222.

Happy Chanukah!

### ROAD CLOSURES – JOSEPH HOWE DRIVE

The eastbound off-ramp, from Bedford Highway to Joseph Howe Drive, and Joseph Howe Drive from the Fairview Overpass to Dutch Village Road, will be closed from Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

This temporary closure is related to underground utility work. **Further questions can be directed to Eastward Energy at 902.466.2003.**

The eastbound off-ramp, from Bedford Highway to Joseph Howe Drive, will be closed while work is underway on weekdays. Traffic using the eastbound off-ramp, from Bedford Highway to Joseph Howe Drive, will be detoured down Main Avenue while work takes place on weekdays.

Lane drops will be in place on Joseph Howe Drive, from Fairview Overpass to Dutch Village Road, while work takes place on weekends.



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Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible.

### RECRUITMENT EXTENDED - YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is extending the application period for volunteers to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee. **Applications will remain open until Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. and are available at [halifax.ca/serve](https://halifax.ca/serve).**

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.

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](#).

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](mailto:serve@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210.

### ABBOTT AND ASHBURN BIKE LANE PILOT PROJECT

The Abbott and Ashburn Bike Lane pilot project has an estimated timeframe of 2-5 yrs. A letter was sent to local addresses informing of the installation of interim bikeway improvements on Ralston Avenue, Abbott Drive, Ashburn Avenue, and Elliott Street in Halifax as part of the Regional Centre [All-Ages-and-Abilities \(AAA\) Bikeway Network](#).

Quick-build materials like pre-cast concrete curbs, flexible bollards, wayfinding signage, and paint has been installed within the existing roadway to achieve safety and connectivity improvements in the near term. Permanent asphalt speed tables have already been installed on Abbott Street in connection with this bikeway implementation and HRM's traffic calming program.

Installation of the interim improvements was done in the fall and will be in place for the next 2-5 years until the bikeway connection is permanently upgraded. These improvements are being completed in addition to the ongoing construction at the Joseph Howe Drive intersection with Highway 102, Exit 0 which will make it safer for people walking and cycling to cross Joseph Howe Drive from the Chain of Lakes Trail (COLT).

There is also a short segment of multi-use pathway being constructed between Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street to improve walking and cycling connectivity of this route. For more information on this construction project, please [click here](#).



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An important stakeholder to consider before deciding to go permanent is Halifax Fire as their station is two blocks away and it needs to be favourable for the fire truck response routes.



### WHY INSTALL INTERIM BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON THESE FOUR STREETS?

In December 2017, Regional Council approved adoption of the [Integrated Mobility Plan](#), which includes policy direction for implementing a connected, [all-ages-and-abilities \(AAA\) cycling network](#) in peninsular Halifax and in Dartmouth within the Circumferential Highway. This AAA network includes a proposed multiuse pathway connection between the Chain of Lakes Trail (COLT) at Joseph Howe Drive and the new multi-use pathway on Bayers Road. This short segment is a critical link in the network to ensure access on and off the peninsula as well as to the Chain of Lakes trail network and surrounding communities of Fairview, Armdale, and beyond.

There are right-of-way challenges associated with connecting the COLT to the Bayers Road multi-use pathway which are currently being investigated. In the interim, the local street connections of Ralston Avenue, Abbott Drive, Ashburn Avenue, and Elliott

Street will be used as traffic calmed, residential streets with bike improvements to fill this important gap. A short 120m section of sidewalk between Pennington Street and Bayers Road will remain which will require people to dismount and walk their bicycles across the Highway 102 bridge which passes over the CN Rail line. Wayfinding signage will help communicate the interim cycling connection between these areas.

### WHAT TYPES OF TREATMENTS WILL BE INSTALLED?

Interim measures will be aimed at reducing vehicular travel speeds to facilitate safer and more comfortable single-file lane sharing between vehicles and bicycles without a designated bicycle lane. This includes:

- Curb extensions (pre-cast curbs + flexible bollards)
- Speed tables (asphalt + signage)
- Sharrow pavement markings (paint)
- Wayfinding signage
- Permanent speed tables (already installed in August 2022 as part of Traffic Calming project)

### WILL THIS IMPACT ON-STREET PARKING?

For most of the project area, these interim measures will not change how people are currently using on-street parking. However, approximately three parking spaces will be removed on the east side of Ashburn Avenue south of Abbott Drive for road safety purposes and to improve sightlines.



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### WHAT IS A CURB EXTENSION AND WHERE WILL THEY GO?

Curb extensions (aka bump-outs) narrow the road width by extending the curb into the roadway at intersections. They are applied to help improve safety for all users by decreasing vehicular speeds, reducing pedestrian crossing distances, and improving sightlines. Curb extensions are planned at the intersection of Abbott Drive at Ashburn Avenue.

### WHAT IS A SPEED TABLE AND WHERE WILL THEY GO?

Speed tables are similar to speed bumps or humps; however, they have an elongated flat top section before ramping back down. Speed tables encourage lower vehicular travel speeds while being easier to traverse for emergency vehicles and people riding bicycles. Speed tables have already been installed along Abbott Drive, where traffic calming was warranted due to higher vehicle speeds. These were installed in partnership between [HRM's Traffic Calming program](#) and this interim bikeway project.

### HOW LONG WILL THIS BE IN PLACE?

It is anticipated that these interim bikeway improvement measures will be in place for the next few years until a solution for permanent implementation is determined. HRM is currently exploring options in conjunction with the Province, with the first priority being upgrades to the CN Rail crossing to improve the cycling connection to the Bayers Road multi-use pathway.

Depending on the success of these interim bikeway elements, some measures (e.g. curb extensions)

may be installed permanently as part of a future project in the area.

### WILL THERE BE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK?

Please call 311 or email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca) with any thoughts or comments about the facility. More information on the project is available [here](#).

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact staff via email or phone as outlined below:

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## ROAD CONSTRUCTION ST. MARGARET'S BAY ROAD

**Location:** St. Margarets Bay Road, between civic addresses 1031 and 1075

**Date:** Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Work details:** This work is to facilitate the construction of an intersection for a new street.

**Traffic impact:** Two-way traffic will be maintained during peak hours, with potential periods of stop-and-go traffic outside of peak hours. Lane widths



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will be reduced, and a temporary protected multi-use pathway will be installed on the north side of St. Margarets Bay Road to facilitate this work.

Halifax Transit stop 6179 will be temporarily relocated to 1075 St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Rock breaking activities will take place on the north side of St. Margarets Bay Road as part of this work, as blasting operations are not permitted near overhead electrical and communication lines.

### COGSWELL DISTRICT MOBILE APP

The Halifax Regional Municipality is launching a mobile app in support of the Cogswell District project.

With multiple roadways, ramps and key access points, the construction of the new Cogswell District is changing the way we navigate through downtown. While construction is underway, detours, closures and traffic delays are expected.

Key features of the Cogswell District mobile app:

- optimizes your routing
- reflects current closures
- shares social media updates
- hosts images of construction progress
- includes an Open for Business section, which profiles businesses located in the Cogswell District and surrounding area
- provides access to the latest information about the project

This app provides users with the most effective directions to travel through the Cogswell District

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using various modes of travel (driving, cycling, walking, rolling and taking transit).

The app is integrated with Google Maps to reflect current road closures so users can plan their route in advance and is available for free download in the [App Store \(iOS\)](#) and the [Google Play Store \(Android\)](#).

For more information, visit our [website](#).

### ANNUAL LEAF CLEANUP PROGRAM

Residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality are encouraged to help keep the streets, sidewalks and public walkways clear of fallen leaves.

The annual fall leaf cleanup program began on November 21<sup>st</sup> and concludes on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Crews have begun collecting and removing leaves from streets in the heavily-treed areas of the Halifax peninsula first, and then in other areas of the urban core as required. Please note that this service is scheduled to happen only once on a street-by-street basis; however, crews may return to address areas that were not initially accessible as a result of parked vehicles or other barriers.

The municipality is asking for the cooperation of residents to efficiently complete this program. Ensuring streets are free of leaves not only ensures the good operation of stormwater systems but contributes to ensuring safe roads for all commuters.

Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be posted in neighbourhoods prior to cleanup in that area. In order to facilitate proper cleanup, residents are





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asked to abide by posted signage and not park on the street.

The potential for street flooding increases greatly when catch basins are clogged with debris. Residents are also asked to respect municipal by-laws which prohibit the sweeping or depositing of leaves along the gutter of the street or in the roadway.

Cleanup on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. Leaves and yard waste are collected on regular green cart (organics) collection weeks. This waste is permitted in the green cart and any excess must be placed in large paper bags. Roll the tops of the bags closed to keep out rain and moisture. Store bags in a cool, dry area until collection day.

Each household can place a maximum of 20 bags at the curb on the designated collection day. Each bag can weigh no more than 55 pounds. Residents are reminded that grass clippings are not accepted in the green bin or bags. For tips on grass cycling, visit [halifax.ca/grasscycling](http://halifax.ca/grasscycling).

For details on the scheduled cleanup for neighbourhoods on the Halifax peninsula, visit [halifax.ca/fallcleanup](http://halifax.ca/fallcleanup).

### ROAD CLOSURE – BARRINGTON / CORNWALLIS STREETS

**Location:** The primary travel lanes running north and south through the Cogswell Interchange, from Barrington Street south of Cornwallis Street, will be closed until the opening of Detour Road #1 in mid-December.

**Date:** Effective Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

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**Time:** 24/7

**Work details:** This work is in preparation of a [by-pass road](#) in support of the [Cogswell District project](#).

#### Traffic Impacts

**Motorists:** The primary lanes running north and south through the Cogswell interchange south of Cornwallis Street will be closed until a by-pass road opens in mid-December. For southbound travelers, the intersection of Barrington and Cornwallis streets will become a T-junction: motorists will detour via Upper Water or Cornwallis streets. For northbound travelers, motorists will detour via Upper Water Street. Upper Water Street between Barrington Street and Valour Way will be one way for eastbound traffic. Access to Department of Defense via Valour Way remains unchanged. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to use alternative routes.

**Transit:** Stop 6104 southbound will be relocated slightly to the north. Stop 6089 northbound will be closed. The following transit routes will be on detour:

- Inbound: 1,2,5,10,29,41,84,93, 158,159, 161,165,168A,168B,182,183,185,186,370
- Outbound: 84

Stop 8414 northbound on Upper Water Street before Valour Way will reopen. Stop 8413 southbound after Valour Way will remain closed.

For more information on transit impacts, visit [halifax.ca/transit](http://halifax.ca/transit).



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**Pedestrians:** Sidewalks will be closed in the impacted area. Pedestrians will follow the same detour as motorists via sidewalks on Cornwallis and Upper Water streets. Signage will be in place.

**Cyclists:** Cyclists will follow the same detour as motorists on Cornwallis and Upper Water streets. Signage will be in place.

**Transport trucks:** Transport trucks will use the centre lane at the Barrington and Cornwallis street intersection for turning movements onto Upper Water Street.

## PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The District Boundary Review process will review 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.

The process consists of two phases:

- **Phase 1**, which determined the size of Council and its governance structure; and,
- **Phase 2**, which set specific district boundaries.

The Phase 1 report was approved by Regional Council's Executive Committee on [May 30, 2022](#), and the Phase 2 *What We Heard* report and proposed district boundaries maps are now available on [halifax.ca/boundaryreview](http://halifax.ca/boundaryreview).

The distribution of polling districts must satisfy the objectives set in the [Municipal Government Act](#), including the minimum number of electors, relative parity of voting power, population density, communities of interest, and geographic size.

The [Executive Standing Committee](#) will advance 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 at [halifax.ca/boundaryreview](http://halifax.ca/boundaryreview).





## WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Before the snow falls and winter sets in, Halifax Regional Police is sharing some winter safety tips to help road users be winter ready.

### Vehicle Maintenance

- Keep a snowbrush or ice scraper in your vehicle and always clear your vehicle of ice and snow before driving.
- Be sure your tires are properly inflated with plenty of tread. You may also want to consider installing snow tires to improve traction in snow and ice.
- Consider topping up your vehicle with winterized fluids and make sure you have extra windshield washer fluid.
- Check your wiper blades to ensure they are in good condition.
- Keep a shovel and/or a bag of salt or sand in your vehicle in case you get stuck.
- If snow has fallen, make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of ice and snow before starting your vehicle.

### Driving safely for the road conditions

- Stay up to date with the weather conditions.
- Visibility is key. Before you hit the road, clear all snow from the roof, hood, license plate, windows, mirrors, lights, turn signals and cameras of your vehicle. Scrape/defrost your windshield if necessary.
- Be mindful that winter conditions can create challenges for pedestrians who may need to

walk in the roadway to avoid snow-covered or icy sidewalks.

- Never drive distracted. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Watch for other road users, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- Adjust your speed to the conditions. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you so that you can safely slow down and/or stop. Remember not to accelerate or brake too quickly when the roads are slippery.

### Parking

- Think before you park on the street. When and where you park in the winter can have a big impact on clearing streets and sidewalks, which, in turn, can affect road safety.
- In Nova Scotia, vehicles can be towed at anytime during the day or night on any day of the year if they are interfering with snow clearing operations, as per Section 139 of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.
- In addition, the municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from December 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be enforced only during declared weather events and ongoing clearing operations. When enforced, the parking ban is in effect from 1:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. throughout the Regional Centre of the municipality.

Let's all do our part to be winter ready and help yourself and others stay safer on the road!



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### ONLINE MARKETPLACE SHOPPING TIPS

Halifax Regional Police is sharing some tips to protect against online marketplace scams.

The Integrated Financial Crime Unit is continuing to receive reports of online marketplace scams. Police remind online shoppers that exercising a little caution can pay off overall:

- Browse the site for information on its policies, tips for safe transactions and reporting suspicious/fraudulent activity.
- Be cautious of anyone who asks for payment in advance of being able to verify that the item exists, and that the seller is the legitimate owner.
- Do not give out personal or banking information over the phone, text message, email or the internet.
- When buying or selling, meet in person to see the product and exchange funds.
- Meet in well-lit and populated public places, like a coffee shop or grocery store parking lot during business hours.
- Agree to meet in a place that you are comfortable with; do not be forced to accept a last-minute change in location.
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you will be back or take them along with you.
- If you own a cell phone, take it with you.

Call police at 902-490-5016 if you have lost money or your identity has been compromised as the result of a scam. You can report a scam where you haven't

been a victim to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#), or through the [RCMP's online reporting system](#) or call 1.888.495.8501.

More information and scam prevention tips are available at:

- [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#)
- [Halifax Regional Police fraud prevention](#)

### NOVA SCOTIA HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

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

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The [online survey](#) closes on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The survey 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 is not meeting your needs.

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

### NEW YEAR'S EVE 2022/23



Exciting plans are in the works for this New Year's Eve!

Keep checking the [municipal website](#) for important updates on celebrations planned for December 31<sup>st</sup>!

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE 2023



All are welcome to attend the New Year's Day 2023 levee to be held in Halifax Hall, 1841 Argyle Street the morning of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### IN THE COMMUNITY



Kicking off the holiday season at the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade with Councillor Patty Cuttell, Danny the Elf, me and Michelle Cleary.

Warmest Christmas parade ever!



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee, Co-Chair
- Transportation Standing 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

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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 a crucial step in reconciliation.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

