



## **COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI**

### **DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS**

**HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST**

## **Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities**

### **WELCOME DECEMBER**

Happy Holidays Everyone! I'm looking forward to a short break to celebrate with family before getting back to budget season on Regional Council. We will be reviewing each HRM department's budget between January and March and final budget approval is scheduled for Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. More details about the process are below.

I was so pleased to see so many of you at the Shubie Park Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>! We had a great night roasting marshmallows, enjoying music and outdoor Christmas movies. Whatever you're celebrating this season, I hope that you are enjoying some special time with family and friends, taking a chance to relax and dream for a new year.

Merry Christmas, Buon Natale, Joyeux Noël

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### **BIENVENUE DÉCEMBRE**

Joyeuses Fêtes à tous! J'ai hâte de prendre une courte pause pour célébrer avec ma famille avant de revenir à la saison budgétaire au Conseil régional. Nous examinerons le budget de chaque service de la Municipalité régionale de Halifax entre janvier et mars et l'approbation du budget final est prévue pour le mardi 25 avril. Vous trouverez plus de détails sur le processus ci-dessous.

J'étais si heureux de voir tant d'entre vous à l'éclairage de l'arbre au parc Shubie le 3 décembre! Nous avons passé une bonne nuit à rôtir des guimauves, à apprécier la musique et les films de Noël en plein air. Quoi que vous fêtiez cette saison, j'espère que vous passerez un moment spécial en famille et entre amis, et que vous aurez l'occasion de vous détendre et de rêver à une nouvelle année.

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## 2023/24 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The municipality runs on an April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> fiscal year so we are starting the process of setting our 2023/2024 municipal budget. Regional Council have already reviewed the 2023/24 budget direction report, with recommendations for tax and non-tax revenues to accommodate changing operational costs, capital investments, as well as debt and reserve changes.

Next month, we will begin reviewing each departments proposed budgets at a series of Council meetings between January – March 2023:

Business Unit	Budget Committee Date/(Contingency Date)
CAO Auditor General Finance and Asset Management Legal and Legislative Services	Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Halifax Regional Police RCMP (Department of Justice)	Wednesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> (Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Information Technology Human Resources & Corporate Communications Property, Fleet & Environment	Wednesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> (Friday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Halifax Public Libraries	Friday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Public Works	Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Planning and Development Parks and Recreation	Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Halifax Transit Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency	Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Halifax Regional Police RCMP (Department of Justice) Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts	Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Budget Adjustment List	Wednesday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> (Friday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> )

The public are welcome to participate and provide feedback in these meetings by speaking to council during the public participation section of the meeting or [submitting correspondence](#) to the Clerk’s Office.

The municipality is currently facing many pressures that have been unprecedented in recent history. As directed by the CAO, business units have spent several months scrutinizing their budgets. Through that exercise, the municipality has identified \$20 million in savings through a number of efforts which include, but are not limited to, asking business units to find a collective \$7 million in cuts and removing the proposed sidewalk funding increase. During the Budget Direction Report meeting, I made a motion to aim for a 4.0 per cent increase to the average residential and commercial property tax bill rather than the originally proposed 9.0 per cent. As we review each department’s budget we will be looking for opportunities to save while maintaining the essential services that make our municipality a great place to live, work and play! For more information, on the budget process check out our [website](#).



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## NOMINATIONS FOR HRM 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to our community? You can give them the recognition they deserve!

Nominations open for the 2023 Volunteer Awards until January 6<sup>th</sup>! For detailed criteria and online applications, visit our [website](#).

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 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023).

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR).

The UDHR is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

The 2022 theme is Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All. You can find out more [here](#).

## DARTMOUTH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

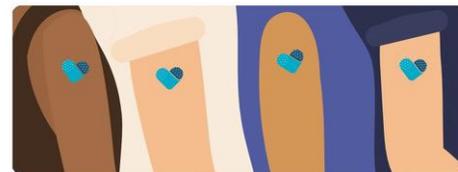
The Halifax Regional Municipality are collecting feedback on active transportation planning for streets in the east Dartmouth area.

The scope of this planning project includes identifying intersection and street improvements for people biking, walking and rolling along Woodlawn Road, Valleyfield Road, Mount Edward Road, Caledonia Road and Breeze Drive. Further details are available on [Shape Your City Halifax](#).

An online survey is now available and will close on Monday, December 19. Paper copies are available at the Dartmouth East Community Centre & Woodlawn Public Library.

This work will connect with the [Grahams Grove area active transportation project](#) which is also seeking public feedback.

Projects such as these Dartmouth active transportation connections are part of ongoing investment in our Regional Centre AAA Cycling Network and active transportation development as outlined in the Regional Council-approved Integrated Mobility Plan. For more information on the municipal cycling routes, including maps and current projects, visit our [website](#).



### CENTRAL ZONE Drop-in Fall Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

**The North Grove**  
6 Primrose St., Dartmouth  
Wednesday, December 21 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Pfizer Bivalent to those who are eligible  
Pfizer (Primary Series only, 12+),  
available on request  
Pfizer Primary Series and Booster 5-11

Eligibility criteria is available at  
[nshealth.ca/coronavirusvaccine](#).  
Please bring your health card  
number and ID if you have it.

Nervous about needles? Let us know. We are ready to help.

Vaccine outreach clinics are healthcare environments. Masks are required.



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### STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PILOT PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Student Transit Pass Pilot Program has been extended to December 31<sup>st</sup> and expanded to include six junior high schools for 2023.

The following schools will be included in the program as of January 1, 2023:

- Dartmouth High School
- Bicentennial School
- Dartmouth South Academy
- John Martin Junior High
- Woodlawn High School
- Caledonia Junior High
- Ellenvale Junior High
- Eric Graves Memorial Junior High
- École secondaire du Sommet
- École secondaire Mosaïque

This pilot program, offered in collaboration with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) gives free annual transit passes to students, providing access to conventional buses, Access-A-Bus, and ferries.

Halifax Transit will review the extended program in fall 2023 and provide recommendations to Regional Council on next steps for the program.

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

### DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to review the proposed district boundaries as part of the [2022 District Boundary Review process](#).

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 our [website](#).

You can see the new proposed District 6 boundaries [here](#). The Executive Standing Committee will advance recommended map options to Regional Council this month, and final recommendations will be submitted to the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#) for review.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to its annual live New Year's Eve celebrations, taking place on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Grand Parade. This free event, with Eastlink Community TV as a provider, will include a live TV broadcast with artist performances including JJ Wilde and Devon Cole – as well the annual fireworks show and DJ set. This year, the municipality has been selected as one of four cities participating in CBC's national New Year's Eve broadcast. Residents are encouraged to come to Grand Parade between 9:45 to 10:15 p.m. for the chance to participate in the broadcast. For more information, visit [our website](#).

### NEW YEARS LEVEE

Ring in the New Year with a special reception with the Mayor and Councillors. On New Years Day, join us for the New Year's Levee from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Halifax Hall in City Hall. Hope to see you there!





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### SOBERING CENTRE PILOT PROJECT

Funding for a three-year sobering centre pilot has been approved.

Over the past two years, research and consultation was completed to assess the municipality's current approach to public intoxication within the region, with evidence consistently demonstrating the benefits of a harm reduction approach to substance misuse, especially for those who are experiencing addictions, mental health, or homelessness.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, an information report was presented to Regional Council to establish a sobering centre, a place in which intoxicated individuals, whose intoxication poses a potential risk to themselves or others, can become sober in a monitored environment. The sobering centre has three main goals: connecting intoxicated individuals to appropriate services, reducing pressures on emergency response services, and avoiding criminalization for behaviours related to substance abuse, mental health and addictions. A cost-sharing agreement with the provincial government and other stakeholders to develop a viable, co-funded model was identified as a next step.

Provincial partners at the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and the Office of Addictions and Mental Health have indicated willingness to move forward with the municipality to implement a three-year sobering centre pilot commencing in 2023/24. To advance this work, Regional Council has approved the implementation of the three-year pilot, as well as funding until 2024/25 for a shared cost approach for the pilot, pending both municipal and provincial budget approvals. As a next step, pending funding approvals, staff, in consultation with provincial partners, will commence the process to select a service provider to develop and operate the centre, identify wrap around supports, and determine a location for the centre. You can find the full report [here](#).

### SHUBIE PARK TREE LIGHTING

Thank you to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission and everyone who donated funds, in kind services or their time to make this event another huge success! See you all next year!





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### CONGRATULATIONS SAM

Congratulations to my friend and colleague Sam Austin on his recent election to serve for the next year as Deputy Mayor!

A longtime resident of Downtown Dartmouth, Deputy Mayor Austin is passionate about investing in a safe and mobile community, fostering smart growth, protecting Dartmouth's natural assets and recreation opportunities, and supporting arts and culture.

### HALIFAX WATER DITCH MAINTENANCE

Please note, Halifax Water is not responsible for the cosmetic grooming of ditches. Their mandate is to keep our pipes and drainage systems operating as they were intended. As a result, Halifax Water is solely focused on ensuring the flow of storm water by clearing blockages caused by soil and vegetation.

The municipality is responsible for vegetation in a ditch if it obstructs the right of way, or if it causes a visibility issue within the right of way.

Please call 311 if you have a question about Ditch Maintenance.



The new paving and sidewalks are completed on Anderson Street!

### SNOW CLEARING

With each weather event, snow clearing crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometres of streets and about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks!

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 following the storm 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](#) 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.

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.

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect from December 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The ban is enforced from 1:00 a.m. 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.

For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, and tips to help you prepare for inclement weather, please visit [www.halifax.ca/snow](http://www.halifax.ca/snow).



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## STRATEGIC ROAD SAFETY PLAN

In 2021, there were 5,031 collisions within the Right-of-Way. While there were 739 fatal/injury collisions, there has been a 13.2% reduction in fatal/injury collisions from the 2018/2019 baseline data. Our short-term target is a 20% reduction in fatal/injury collisions from the baseline numbers by 2023.

In the past year, HRM has been involved with road safety projects including intersection safety reviews and video analytics studies, speed display signs, new RA-5 crosswalks and a review of pedestrian crossing gaps, a photo enforcement feasibility report, updated municipal design guidelines, engineering countermeasures (e.g., protected bike lanes, curb extensions, traffic calming, etc.), more enforcement and enhanced public communications.

New projects are coming next year, including a high-visibility (zebra) crosswalks pilot project, left-turn calming pilot project, speed cushions, action plans for intersections with the highest number of collisions, and more. Visit [our website](#) for more.



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Water Hero: (Logos for various organizations)

## WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS

Winter Recreation, Swimming and Skating program registration has begun. Check out our website for details about programs available in our area and to [register](#).

To improve security for users, the Halifax Rec online registration platform has changed 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](#).



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### HALIFAX TRANSIT SCHEDULE/ROUTE CHANGES

A Halifax Transit service change took place last month as part of the [Moving Forward Together Plan](#) – Halifax Transit’s long-term plan to better align the transit network with the needs of Halifax residents now and into the future.

The following new route has been implemented:

- **Route 50 Dockyard-Shipyard** – [This route](#) will follow similar routing and levels of service as the former Route 11 Dockyard, traveling from the Bridge Terminal in Dartmouth to HMC Dockyard in Halifax, but will extend to provide a new connection to Halifax Shipyard.

As [previously announced](#) due to current staffing shortages, several bus trips are cancelled until further notice. Please note that starting Monday, November 21, some previously cancelled bus trips have returned to service while other routes have newly cancelled trips. These cancellations are done to provide more certainty to passengers and allow them to plan their trip. A full list of cancelled trips can be found on our [website](#).

Halifax Transit is currently running a Bus Operator recruitment campaign to increase staffing resources and resume regular operations as soon as possible. For more information, [visit our website](#).

For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, residents can follow [@hfxtransit](#) and [@hfxtransitalert](#) on Twitter.

### CONSTRUCTION NOISE EXEMPTION PROCESS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is launching a construction noise exemption process to better regulate developers who need to extend construction noise beyond the standard [By-law N-200 Respecting Noise](#) timeframe (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays), to finish construction and shorten project timelines.

This new exemption process follows the August 2022 Regional Council updates of section six of [By-law N-200 Respecting Noise](#).

The construction noise exemption process establishes criteria that a developer must meet, as well as a submission process to be reviewed by municipal staff. Further information can be found [online](#).

### 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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## OPEN DATA SETS

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released five new datasets on Open Data, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases occur several times throughout the year. For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the data sets, [click here](#).

## HRM AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND TRANSPARENCY

Congratulations to our Energy and Environment team! The municipality was recently recognized as one of 122 cities worldwide that received an "A" for environmental action and transparency by [CDP](#). The annual cities "A List" recognizes cities that have received the highest score for their transparency and bold climate action, and celebrates their achievements, vision and commitment in the fight against climate change. We're proud to be one of them! You can learn more about HalifACT, our climate action plan [here](#).

## SCAM TARGETING SENIORS

The RCMP/HRP Integrated Criminal Investigation Division is warning the public about numerous scams targeting seniors. With these scams, victims are contacted by fraudsters pretending to be a relative in need of money; often, the story is that the family member has been arrested and requires bail. The call is then usually taken over by another person pretending to be in a position of authority, such as a police officer or a lawyer, instructing the victim to provide this bail. The fraudsters then send a 'bail bondsman' to the victim's address to collect the cash.

Police want to highlight that authorities in Canada do not solicit release of someone for money. Authorities in Canada do not come to your door for cash. Police are reminding the public these fraudsters are very good at what they do and are believable and to protect themselves against these frauds in the following ways:

- Fraudsters create a sense of urgency – slow things down reach out to other relatives and review the situation together, contact authorities if need be.
- If you still believe the caller then contact the authority represented through their legitimate contact source eg. website or phonebook that you have located and not provided to you by the contactor.
- Attempt to contact the family member in question.
- Do not send money, gift cards, Bitcoin or anything else of value in "urgent situations".
- Don't drop your guard because the number on your caller ID looks familiar or legitimate. Scammers can spoof telephone numbers and make it appear they are calling from a trusted source.

Anyone who thinks they could be a victim, knows someone who could be a victim, or has information on these incidents, is asked to contact police at 902-490-5020. The scams can also be reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

**East Dartmouth Community Centre**

**Holiday FOOD DRIVE**

Accepting non-perishable food items

**Drop off by December 14th**

50 Caledonia Rd Drop off box Main Lobby  
Monday -Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

*Helping those in need during our Holiday Season*



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**EDCC**  
PRESENTS  
*share the warmth*  
**WINTER COAT DRIVE**  
Nov.16th-Dec.15th

We're accepting donations of new or gently used (washed) winter items for adults and children in all sizes who are in need in our community.  
Please bring all donations to the front desk.





Join Us for...  
*Our Annual Holiday Party*  
Wednesday, December 14th  
5pm to 7pm  
DIY Studio Dartmouth  
100 Main Street

RSVP to [sandra@villageonmain.ca](mailto:sandra@villageonmain.ca)  
before Monday, December 12



## East Dartmouth Community Centre



**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Drop off new, unwrapped toys at the EDCC Admin desk between 9am-6pm.

Toys will be distributed to children/youth in need in our area this holiday season.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

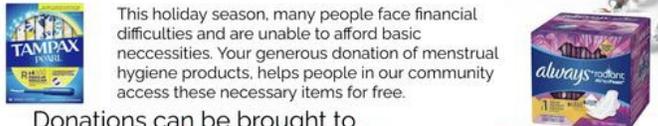
For more information please call 902-435-6211



**GIVE THE GIFT OF  
MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SECURITY**

This holiday season, many people face financial difficulties and are unable to afford basic necessities. Your generous donation of menstrual hygiene products, helps people in our community access these necessary items for free.

Donations can be brought to  
**Highfield Park Pharmachoice**



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