



COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI

DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME FEBRUARY

It's African Heritage Month – I'm so thankful for the diversity we have in this municipality, it is one of our greatest strengths. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to educate yourself and celebrate the many contributions of People of African Decent in HRM.

The cooler temperatures are hitting us hard, please make sure you are prepared for winter weather. Check out our website and sign-up for HfxALERT to get information about winter parking bans and other emergency notifications.

Wishing you all a Happy Valentines Day – let's use this as a reminder to show love to our family, friends and community.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
– Martin Luther King Jr.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE FEVRIER

C'est le Mois du patrimoine africain - Je suis tellement reconnaissante de la diversité que nous avons dans cette municipalité, c'est l'une de nos plus grandes forces. Le Mois du patrimoine africain est une excellente occasion de vous éduquer et de célébrer les nombreuses contributions des personnes de descendance africaine dans la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax.

Les températures plus fraîches nous touchent de plein fouet, assurez-vous d'être prêt à affronter le temps hivernal. Consultez notre site Web et inscrivez-vous aux notifications HfxALERT pour obtenir des informations sur les interdictions de stationnement en hiver et d'autres notifications d'urgence.

Je vous souhaite à tous une joyeuse Saint-Valentin– Utilisons ceci comme rappel pour montrer notre amour à notre famille, à nos amis et à notre communauté.
« L'obscurité ne peut pas chasser l'obscurité; seule la lumière peut le faire. La haine ne peut pas chasser la haine; seul l'amour peut le faire. » - Martin Luther King Jr.



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AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



February is African Heritage Month. This year’s theme, *Seas of Struggle – African Peoples from Shore to Shore*, underscores the hardships People of African Descent faced on their journey to Nova Scotia. It explores the adversity that was overcome and examines the effects of slavery and seafaring on African Nova Scotians.

The municipality is holding a variety of events to celebrate the legacy, achievements and contributions of people of African descent as part of our collective Nova Scotia heritage. For more information, visit the municipality’s African Heritage Month [website](#).

HARBOUR EAST MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ONLINE STREAMING

Thanks to technical upgrades, all Harbour East- Marine Drive Community Council (HEMDCC) meetings held in chambers at 60 Alderney Drive will now be live streamed.

Watch the meetings on HRM’s [YouTube channel](#) or by clicking the video link in the [agenda postings](#).

SHANNON PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

On February 3rd, the Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (HEMDCC) approved Canada Lands Company’s development agreement application for Shannon Park. This new development will include:

- Two new major parks; a waterfront park along the shoreline that will be approximately 1.5 hectares (3.7 acres) and another active play area near Shannon Park School of approximately 1.6 hectares (4 acres). Active trails will connect the two major parks via Main Street. New playing fields and accessible play equipment will be included in the development of the parks in cooperation with HRM.
- 3,000 units of housing with a minimum of 20% dedicated to affordable housing going beyond HRM policy.
- Commercial opportunities.

Canada Lands Corporation will now be working out the details of the plan, including urban design guidelines, detailed engineering as well as park space planning in cooperation with HRM. The anticipated start of phase one of development is spring 2024.

Canada Lands will be continuing to work alongside the Millbrook First Nation on shared infrastructure projects that will connect the two properties. You can view the full staff report [here](#).



Councillors Purdy, Deputy Mayor Austin, Hendsbee, Kent and myself presented a cheque to Scouts Canada for upgrades to Camp Harris.



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2023/24 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Regional Council have been busy reviewing each business unit’s proposed budget, hearing from residents about their priorities and making decisions about how we can continue to offer vital services while keeping tax rates low. We have already reviewed the budgets for Halifax Regional Police and RCMP, IT, Legal Services, the CAO business unit, libraries and more. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Business Unit
Tuesday, February 14th	Public Works
Friday, February 17th	Auditor General Planning & Development Parks & Recreation
Wednesday, March 1st	Halifax Transit Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency
Friday, March 3rd	Halifax Regional Police and RCMP Review Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts
Wednesday, March 29th	Budget Adjustment List Review

Agendas, including presentation times, will be uploaded on our [website](#) two days before each meeting. Regional Council will debate Budget changes and refer them for final decision on Wednesday, March 29th. Full approval of the 2023/24 Budget will occur on Tuesday, April 25th.

Residents will be given an opportunity to speak directly to Regional Council during the Budget process. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. There are two participation options:

- Registered speakers (recommended):** Residents can register until 4:30 p.m. the business day prior to the meeting. Registered participants will be called upon to speak in the order in which they registered. Registration information will be included on the [Agenda web page](#) for each meeting. For any questions about registration, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 902.490.4210 or by email at clerks@halifax.ca.

- Non-registered speakers:** During each meeting, after all registered speakers have been called, the Chair will call three times to ask if there is anyone else present who would like to speak. At that time, anyone who has not registered will have the opportunity to speak to the Budget Committee.

You can also contact me directly to discuss your thoughts on the municipal budget. For further information, visit our [website](#).



Mayor Savage, Fire Chief Stuebing and I were pleased to present Leland Graves & Ryan Luddington with Certificates for their quick thinking and calm demeanour in rescuing an elderly neighbour in the fall. Thank you for your service to your community!

VILLAGE ON MAIN NETWORKING

The Village on Main businesses are invited to attend their monthly Networking event, Wednesday February 15th from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Iron Matrix, 3rd floor of 63 Tacoma Drive. There will be complimentary Tim Hortons coffee, good conversation and an opportunity to meet potential new customers. Visit their website for [details](#).



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HERITAGE DAY

Celebrated the third Monday in February each year, Nova Scotia Heritage Day is an opportunity to honour the remarkable people, places and events that have contributed to this province’s unique heritage and storied past. Heritage Day 2023 is on February 20th and is a holiday for many workplaces.

This year’s Heritage Day Honouree is Elder Rita (Bernard) Joe. Elder Rita, a member of the We’koqma’q Mi’kmaq Community and published author, was instrumental in paving the way for other Mi’kmaq authors. Rita Joe endured hardships from attending the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie that eventually led her to begin writing to share her experiences and celebrate Mi’kmaq culture with a focus on language.

Her words inspired the country, leading her to eventually receive the Order of Canada in 1989, become a member of the Queens Privy Council in 1992, and receive Honorary Doctorates from Mount Saint Vincent University and the University College of Cape Breton. She went on to receive an Aboriginal Achievement Award and was named Poet Laureate of the Mi’kmaq.

Learn more about Elder Rita Joe [here](#) and access resources in her honour [here](#).

AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality has extended recruitment for adult and youth volunteers to join the new African Descent Advisory Committee until February 28th.

The committee will advise Regional Council on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services for People of African Descent. The formation of this Committee aligns with the municipality’s [Anti-Black Racism Framework](#).

For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY OF DARTMOUTH EAST

NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMMING!

Check Out Programing for 2023!

SEE THE BACK FOR MORE INFO!

18 TOBERMORY RD. EMAIL TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
AsstDirectorFrc@bellaliant.com

February

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- 3 - Cookie Decorating
Community Health Team:
Valentines Day Cookies
Supper Provided
6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 8 - Coffee & Chat
Community Health Team:
"Making the Most of Your Food Dollar"
10:30am - 12:00pm
- 17 - Paint Night
African Heritage Paint Session
Supper Provided
6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 22 - Coffee & Chat
10:30am - 12:00pm
- 8 - Coffee & Chat
10:30am - 12:00pm
- 13 - March Break
Outing
- 17 - Paint Night
Clover Pretzel Making
6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 22 - Coffee & Chat
10:30am - 12:00pm
- 31 - Movie Night
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS FOR HIGHFIELD PARK



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that speed limits have been reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Joseph Young Street and True North Crescent in Highfield Park, Dartmouth.

Neighbourhood speed limit reductions are part of the municipality’s ongoing initiatives to improve [road safety](#).

Through the *Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)*, the province legislates speed limits on public roadways to a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The province allows municipalities to request posted speed limits below 50 km/h if accompanied by necessary documentation including current operating speeds and roadway characteristics.

The speed limit reduction in these areas is being implemented following provincial approval based on available data and an assessment of roadway characteristics that meet their qualifications.

To learn more about the municipality’s commitment to road safety, including how streets are considered for neighbourhood street speed limit reduction visit our [website](#).

FEEDBACK ON CLIMATE ACTION

The Halifax Regional Municipality, in partnership with Halifax Public Libraries, is launching public engagement activities to gain feedback on preparing for and fighting against climate change.

Residents will have the opportunity to attend [pop-up engagement sessions](#) hosted by municipal staff at all 16 library locations across the municipality over the coming months. Additionally, residents can share their thoughts through a [Shape Your City Halifax](#) online idea board.

Through this engagement, residents will have an opportunity to engage in conversation about climate change and share their thoughts, questions, concerns or solutions to local climate impacts and actions.

Feedback collected from residents will be used to inform how we act on climate together, how we as move the [HalifACT](#) climate strategy forward and how we can all engage in climate action.

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

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 26th is Pink Shirt Day, where students worldwide stand up against bullying by wearing a pink shirt.

Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes and online. Over the month of February, and throughout the year, Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children’s healthy self-esteem. The movement began in 2007 and is now celebrated globally. You can find out more [here](#).

URBAN DESIGN AWARDS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is now calling for submissions to the Urban Design Awards – a celebration of urban design excellence in the Halifax region that occurs every two years. The submission deadline is Friday, March 10, 2023. Get more details [here](#).



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ICE THICKNESS TESTING PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality has begun the annual [ice thickness testing program](#) for this year's winter season.

Each year, the municipality provides reports on ice thickness testing undertaken on more than 70 lakes throughout the region.

The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of lakes. It is also important to note that ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.

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

DARTMOUTH NORTH LIBRARY SERVICE

The Dartmouth North Public Library has been affected by flooding after the most recent sub-zero temperatures caused pipes to burst. They are still offering curbside service and should have some areas open to the public again soon.

2023 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FROM PVSC

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) assesses every property in Nova Scotia and mails over 638,000 Property Assessment Notices to property owners every January. The Assessments have now been mailed for this year.

There is an option to appeal/refute your assessment, but keep in mind PVSC must receive your appeal within 31 days of the date on your Assessment Notice. Details about proceeding with this option and contact information to discuss your assessment with PVSC Assessors are provided within your Property Assessment Notice once you receive it in the mail. Visit their [website](#) to learn more. Please note the Property Assessment Notice is not a tax bill and is calculated or sent by the municipality. It is expected that most people will see an increase in their assessments done by PVSC. This does not mean the municipal tax rate is going up (municipal budget deliberations have started and will be ongoing until final approval of the budget in April). PVSC presented recently to Regional Council to provide updates and explain their assessment process in detail. You can view the presentation [here](#).

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East Dartmouth Prenatal Group Sessions

Coming to East Dartmouth Community Centre located on 50 Caledonia Rd. available at no cost, offers pregnancy and postnatal related information. Available transportation and childcare. Snacks/refreshments provided.

- February 27 - Welcome & Prenatal Jeopardy
- March 6 - Healthy Beginnings
- March 20 - Labour & Delivery 1
- March 27 - Labour & Delivery 2
- April 3 - Breastfeeding
- April 17 - Prenatal Nutrition
- April 24 - Gestational Diabetes
- May 1 - Mother's Mental Health Toolkit
- May 8 - Early Intervention
- May 15 - Infant Car Seat Safety



For registration and information please call 902-462-7266 or email asstdirector@frcc@bellaliant.com



DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Dartmouth North Community Centre is still under construction. I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product which promises to be an open, efficient and beautiful place for the community to gather. We are hoping to re-open in March.



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Do you want the experience of a lifetime?



If so, apply to
CAMP COURAGE 2023
before March 20th



An empowering program that introduces Nova Scotian young women and gender-diverse youth ages 15-19 years to emergency service careers.

Only 24 youth
WILL BE SELECTED
TO ATTEND THIS
FREE CAMP

The camp occurs July 2nd to July 9th



Samantha 2011

Savannah 2006

Haley 2013



Contact us at campcourage.ca or Call (902) 701-1405

HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM

The Province of Nova Scotia's Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Nova Scotians can receive \$1,000 in rebates if you qualify for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own residential heat and have a household income of \$85,000 or less. You can apply until March 31st and you don't need to apply for the rebate again if you already applied.

How do I apply?

- ✓ Visit the [Nova Scotia website](#) to learn more about eligibility and apply online!
- ✓ If you cannot apply online, there is also a printable application available on the website above.
- ✓ Or, contact the Heating Assistance Rebate Program directly to request an application by mail:

Phone: 902-424-5200

Toll-free: 1-800-670-4357

Fax: 902-428-2164

Mailing address: PO Box 641, CRO, Halifax NS B3J 2T3

WEAR RED FOR WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

Heart disease is the number one killer of women worldwide and the leading cause of premature death in Canadian women. Wear Red Canada Day (WRCD) is celebrated annually on February 13th to raise awareness about women's cardiovascular health – the greatest health risk to women in our communities.

The first Wear Red Day in Canada occurred here in Halifax in 2018, sponsored by our Women's Heart Health Clinic. It is now a national movement in its third year! WRCD is organized by the Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance (CWHHA), a volunteer group of clinicians, scientists, allied health care providers, and women with lived experience with heart disease from across Canada.

Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

Halifax and Portsmouth, England are now sister cities! The "sister city" agreement was signed on January 19th with the intent to expand on both cities' work to develop opportunities for business.

Mayor Savage signed the agreement in Portsmouth with Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Hugh Mason. Specifically, the signing of this formal agreement opens the potential to expand on both cities' work to develop opportunities for businesses in shipbuilding, oceanology, satellite applications and for maritime small businesses.

You can learn more [here](#).



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TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS

On February 27th, Halifax Transit are reducing service on several lower ridership routes/trips do more effectively handle the staffing situation. These reductions have been developed with consideration to both employee and passenger impact. Reducing service will not only enable transit service to be more consistent and allow passengers to better plan their trips, but it will also reduce workloads and stress for employees to improve retention. The impacted routes and trips that will be removed starting February 27th are as follows:

- Routes 41, 178 and 179 will have no service
- Routes 6, 21 and 54 will have schedule adjustments
- One trip removed from Route 123
- Two trips removed from each of the following routes: 29, 93, 68, 83, 86, 93, 137, 158, 183, 186, 194
- Four trips removed from each of the following routes: 55, 57, 65, 84, 127, 135, 136, 138, 165, 168A, 168B, 370
- Six trips removed from each of the following routes: 59, 85, 159, 182, 185
- 10 trips removed from Route 330 (all remaining trips will be adjusted to service both Tantallon Park & Ride and Sheldrake Lake Park & Ride)

We understand this is a frustrating situation. We continue to hire and train new operators, but this is not a quick solution and takes time to be done correctly and safely. Transit users should still be able to complete their trips despite these ongoing disruptions. If recruitment continues at the current pace, staff hope to return to regular service levels by late summer 2023. More information on current position openings can be found [on our website](#).

This is not the level of service that we are committed to providing for residents and visitors, and we will continue to support our staff, and recruit new Operators to return service levels to normal operations.

HRM SUMMER RECREATION JOBS

Are you a student or young adult looking for a summer job that offers more than minimum wage? Check out exciting opportunities with HRM’s recreation team this summer! There are a variety of positions available in recreation programming, aquatics and inclusion support. These fun summer jobs pay \$16.30 to \$19.30 per hour. Visit our [website](#) for a full list of postings until April 16th.



Check out my assistant Lochlan who was helping me load fresh produce into volunteer drivers’ vehicles for our Square Roots program

COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS

Interested in creating a community garden? Many community gardens are operated by residents on land owned by the municipal government.

These are small-scale sites operated by non-profit societies for growing produce, production of a floral or landscape display and instructional programming.

You can find program information and application forms [here](#). Submit your application by March 30.th to quality.



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ROAD SAFETY FOCUS FEBRUARY 2023



This month the road safety team will be focusing on Distracted Driving. Distracted driving related collisions include all collisions involving driver inattention.

Distracted driving puts you and everyone on the road at risk. It's one of the main causes of fatal and serious injury collisions in HRM.

Phones, music and passengers are all distractions that compete for attention and affect your ability to drive safely. Stay alert, arrive alive.

Here are some tips to help avoid distracted driving:

- Keep your cellphone out of reach. Reduce the temptation to use it by keeping it out of sight (for example, in a bag in the backseat) and turn the ringer off.
- Plan your route ahead of time. Before you get in the car, know where you're going and how you're getting there. If you use a GPS system, program your route prior to starting the car.
- Avoid eating and drinking while driving. If you need to take a drink, wait until you are stopped at a red light.
- Keep music or radio at a reasonable volume and don't use headphones. Music should never be so loud that you would not be able to hear a siren, or the screech of brakes from another vehicle.
- Keep pets away from the front seats, especially on a driver's lap.

- Offer help. If you're a passenger and notice the driver trying to use the phone, offer to send a text or make a call for them. You can also offer to help navigate the GPS.
- Talk to new drivers. Remind them of the importance of staying focused behind the wheel and the serious risks when driving distracted.
- Model good behaviour. Kids are always watching.

Central to the Council-approved [Strategic Road Safety Framework](#) is the municipality's commitment to a "Towards Zero" approach – with the goal of a 20 per cent reduction in fatal and injury collisions by the end of 2023.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility whether you're walking, rolling, cycling or driving.

SNOW CLEARING PROPERTY DAMAGE

Some amount of damage during snow clearing is to be expected, especially when there is a lot of snow on the ground, visibility is poor or the sidewalk is narrower than normal, such as in older neighbourhoods.

Damage to private property that has been reported and confirmed to be caused by snow-clearing equipment will be repaired by the responsible contractor or the municipality.

Residents who sustain damage to their property or know of damage to municipal property as a result of snow clearing should file a report as soon as they become aware by emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca or calling 311 so it can be added to the list for repair when the weather improves.

NORTH GROVE FEBRUARY CALENDAR

There's a lot to love this month at the North Grove!

They are hosting some great new workshops, and some program favorites are returning and expanding.

Check out their full February calendar [here](#).



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POLICE ADVISING RESIDENTS OF SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

Police are advising citizens to be cautious of a scam targeting seniors that is continuing to occur throughout our region.

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP have received a number of reports in relation to a scam intended to defraud seniors of their money. In each incident, the victim received a call from someone pretending to be a family member who indicated that they have been arrested and are in jail. Another person representing themselves to be from the legal system becomes involved in the call and informs the victim that they need to pay money to have their loved one released from custody.

In some of the cases, the suspects then made arrangement to pick up the money in person. The suspect is described as a Black man in his 20s to 30s, approximately 6' tall with short dark hair and glasses.

In two instances, the suspect(s) have identified themselves as a police officer. We are advising citizens that police will never make this type of call. If you receive a call from someone representing themselves as a police officer and they request money for bail, this is a scam. Do not provide or confirm any personal or financial information and hang up the phone.

Police remind people to be suspicious of any emails or calls asking for money and to make sure the caller is legitimate before providing any money. You should not give personal information to anyone, whether solicitation occurs by email, telephone or in person, unless you have initiated the contact or you are certain of the identity of the individual and/or the legitimacy of the organization they claim to represent.

Call police at [902-490-5016](tel:902-490-5016) if you've 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](https://www.cafc.ca/), or call 1-888-495-8501. Check out the [Halifax Regional Police fraud prevention](https://www.halifax.ca/police/fraud-prevention) website for more tips on avoiding scams and fraud.

EMERA OVAL CLOSURE

The Emera Oval will be closed for an event from February 18th – 25th while we host the Prince Edward Island (PEI) Canada Winter Games long track speed skating events. All are welcome to attend these events and cheer on the world-class athletes performing in our region. Details are available on our [website](#).



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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Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
Solid Waste Regional Chairs Committee
Regional Centre Community Council
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Special Events Advisory Committee