



COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD
DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MARCH!



Joyeux Mars/ Happy March!
March is Francophonie Month. Join me in celebrating the French language and diverse

Francophone cultures in District 12 and all of HRM. This month we also celebrate Ramadan which begins sundown on March 22, International Women's Day, and St. Patrick's Day. Remember to adjust the clocks and to welcome spring!

A special thank you to the event staff and talented artists who performed at the 'Laughability' DASC (Dartmouth Adult Services Centre) fund raising event held Thursday March 9th, 2023, in the Weston Hotel! It was my pleasure to attend with Mayor Mike Savage, Deputy Mayor Sam Austin (District 5), Councillors Cathy Deagle Gammon (District 1), and Councillor Katheryn Morris (District 10).

March is also the end of the municipality's budget season! Regional Council is scheduled to approve this 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning on April 25th, 2023. You can learn more about the budget process here: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/budget-finances/budget>

MARCH 2023



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE BUDGET:

During every Budget Committee meeting, members of the public have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. During these meetings, time is set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. If you wish to provide a written submission or make any presentations before HRM Council about the municipal budget, then please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at clerks@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210.

As your regional councillor, you can also speak directly to me about budget or other concerns! Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone (902.240.7926) or email (iona.stoddard@halifax.ca) to discuss municipal programs or services.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meetings of Halifax Regional Council and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, March 29th at 9:30a.m.
Friday, March 31st at 9:30a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Dates are subject to change, please confirm meeting dates and times here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/home/events-calendar>

ICE THICKNESS TESTING



Did you know that the municipality provides weekly reports on ice thickness testing on more than 70 lakes throughout the Halifax region? Ice thickness testing has begun for the season, and results will be posted on halifax.ca/icetesting as they become available.

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: halifax.ca/icetesting



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CLAYTON PARK AREA RECREATION SURVEY



Take our survey to share your thoughts on recreation services in the Clayton Park area. Your useful feedback will help us understand satisfaction rates and usage trends as well as identify potential gaps in recreation programming, facilities and parks.

The deadline to participate is March 28. Learn more and take the survey at <https://fal.cn/3wqce0>

FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

March is Francophonie Month, celebrating the French language and diverse Francophonie cultures through cultural activities held worldwide.

For more information including a list of local events, visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/diversity-inclusion/french-services/francophonie-month>

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

2023 Scholarships and Grants

Applications for the 2023 - 2024 school year are now available for:

- Community College/ Trade School Award
- Performing Arts Award
- Post-Secondary Award
- Science Profession Scholarship
- Teacher Education Scholarship
- University Entrance Scholarship
- Imhotep's Legacy Academy - STEM related

To Apply Today Visit:
www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/scholarships-grants

www.nurturingstrongansf.com



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FREE FERRY MARCH 13TH to 18TH



Downtown Dartmouth and Downtown Halifax have teamed up to offer kids of all ages the opportunity to have a [#MarchBreak](#) adventure!

From Monday, March 13th to Saturday, March 18th, the Alderney/Halifax ferry service will be FREE between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Folks of all ages are welcome to ride the ferry for FREE and explore both sides of the harbour. Make an adventure of it!

A special thanks to Halifax Transit for partnering on this initiative.

[#HalifaxFerry](#) [#DartmouthFerry](#)
[#DowntownDartmouth](#) [#DowntownHalifax](#)
[#HalifaxTransit](#)

YOUTH WORX OPPORTUNITIES



Get 24 weeks of paid work experience, training, and skill building with our Youth Worx program!

Learn more by joining us for an upcoming information session:

- Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. | Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council Meeting Space, 60 Alderney Landing (enter doors closest to library at Alderney Gate)
- Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. | Sackville Sports Stadium multi-purpose room
- Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. | Captain William Spry Community Centre multi-purpose room

The Youth Worx Program provides training and mentorship in a supportive environment for those having difficulty finding and keeping employment. Participants gain hands-on work experience and improve their skills through job readiness workshops while earning an income.

Apply by April 3 for our May program. Applicants must be between 16-24 years of age. Learn more at halifax.ca/YouthWorx



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INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR SUMMER CAMPS



Inclusion support for summer camps

Submit your request for one-to-one inclusion support between March 1 and April 12, 2023.

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Looking for inclusion support for summer camps? Submit your request at halifax.ca/myrec by using the barcode 00068313 between March 1 and April 12.

Please note that requests for inclusion support are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. We encourage you to submit your request early for the best chance of securing your preferred location and dates for inclusion support. If you submit a request through the barcode after April 12 you will be placed on a waitlist. If resources become available you will be contacted by the Inclusion team.

For more information about inclusion support for recreation programs, visit halifax.ca/recinclusion.

53RD ANNUAL JUNO AWARDS



Get excited, Halifax! The 2024 JUNO Awards are coming back to the East Coast! Canada's port city is primed to welcome Canada's largest celebration of music. @TheJunoAwards festivities begin March 21 ending with the 53rd Annual JUNO Awards broadcast live from Scotiabank Centre on March 24.

#JUNOS #Halifax #ComingSoon #2024

PARKS & RECREATION SPRING PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION

Parks & Recreation offers a variety of innovative, cost-effective programming lead by local, passionate instructors in a judgement-free zone. Programming is offered in a variety of fields and is available for residents of all ages and abilities.

Many programs are available at residents' [local community centres](#), limiting travel time, and the [Recreation Affordable Access Program](#) provides discounted recreation opportunities for children, youth and adults in financial need.

Registration for **recreation programs** opens today, **Wednesday, March 8** and **aquatics programs** will open on **Wednesday, March 22**.



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CAMP COURAGE 2023

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

website at

halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/news/renovations-coming-keshen-goodman to find out more!

At the February 7th meeting of Regional Council, Council approved the sale of Park West School Park to the Province of Nova Scotia for a new school. The Province indicated that a new school is required in Clayton Park West. They reviewed 9 different locations and requested these four parkland parcels as they are directly adjacent to the current P-9 Park West School. I know many of you expressed concerns about selling this land, though please be aware that all money from this sale will be allocated to future greenspace. HRM staff have reviewed the area and provided the opinion that the surrounding community contains many parks that include a variety of recreation amenities and natural areas. Population growth has exceeded projections since 2019, the proposed school will be 125,000 square feet and would accommodate approximately 800-1,000 students. You can find the full staff report with details on our website halifax.ca/city-hall/regional-council.

IN THE COMMUNITY DISTRICT 12 UPDATE

With many thanks to HRM staff, the busy crosswalk on Washmill Lake Drive at Grandhaven Boulevard has received new RA-5 signage with overhead flashing lights to improve safety. Road safety is all of our responsibility. Please stay focused and watch for pedestrians at this location and all of our crosswalks.

The Keshen Goodman Public Library is still undergoing renovations but full service is still available. The renovations will include new meeting spaces, kid and adult pods, outdoor enhancements and much more! See their

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RCMP HALIFAX DISTRICT TOWN HALL



Halifax District RCMP will be hosting a number of town hall meetings during March 2023. The closest meeting to District 12 will be held at 6:30pm on March 15th at the Tantallon Library, 3646 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, N.S.

The public is invited to attend. There will be opportunities for discussion on policing and priorities.



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FIVE BRIDGES WILDERNESS HERITAGE TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Join Trust volunteers to hear news & future plans for continued public enjoyment of the **Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area.**

\$10 Memberships for sale. Cash only.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 26
From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Estabrooks Community Hall,
4408 St. Margaret's Bay Rd.

fivebridgestrust.ca



Come hear the news from the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust and a special presentation about the International COP15 Conference and Agreement from attendee and Canadian negotiator, Ken Donnelly.

New Board Members will be welcomed and you'll learn the plans for projects in 2023.

Sunday, March 26 from 2 - 4 pm at the Estabrooks Hall. Memberships will be for sale. This community event is open to everyone!

NEIGHBOURHOOD SEED KITS



The Halifax Regional Municipality has opened applications for Neighbourhood Seed Kits. Neighbourhood Seed Kits encourage residents to build relationships with their neighbours through vegetable gardening. Residents can apply to receive a free community seed kit to share with their whole neighbourhood. Each kit contains enough seeds for approximately 30 households.

Applications for the Neighbourhood Seed Kits are open from Wednesday, March 1 to Friday, March 31, 2023. More information can be found here: <https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/arts-culture-heritage/community-arts/neighbourhood-placemaking>



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International Women's Day!



Metro Transit Electric Bus Demo

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Western Common Community Council
- Halifax & West Community Council
- CMC (Community Monitoring Committee) re Otter Lake Landfill
- African Descent Advisory Committee



Halifax District RCMP Check-in with S/Sgt Lynden Morrison and Councillors Patty Cuttell (District 11) and Pam Lovelace (District 13)

MAILING LIST

If you would like to have e-newsletters sent directly to you inbox, please contact Eric Bowdridge at eric.bowdridge@halifax.ca