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receive a notice, everyone is welcome to attend and speak to council.

The building planned for Westerwald is a Fares project that will have 90 units with 3 storeys on the Westerwald side and six storeys on the Joseph Howe side. The building planned for Titus is a United Gulf project with 119 units and ground floor commercial space. It will be six storeys. Both buildings will have underground parking.

These projects were proposed a few years ago. In the meantime, I requested zoning changes to require setbacks from the street for all new buildings in the Dutch Village Road area. I did this to avoid a repeat of the buildings at the bottom of Rosedale, which are legal under zoning introduced in 2016, but it's zoning many residents were unhappy about. At the Rosedale intersection there were sightline issues and safety concerns.

Now developments in and around Dutch Village Road are no longer permitted to occupy 100% of their lots and must be set back from the right of way. The goal with future developments is to have more room for pedestrians and better visibility for



**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FAIRVIEW DEVELOPMENTS – APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Two housing developments planned for Fairview will be coming to council for a public hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Both developments are in the Dutch Village Road area: one on Westerwald and the other on Titus at Main (across from the KFC). If you live near these developments, you will be receiving a notice in the mail about the public hearing. Even if you did not

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drivers. The revised rules will require both the Westerwald building and the Titus building to have setbacks.

## SUBURBAN DENSITY BONUSING APPROVED

The Westerwald and Titus/Main projects will be the first two projects in our district to generate funds for affordable housing after new rules passed at council on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Until now, there weren't any legal tools in play that would allow HRM to compel suburban developments to contribute to affordable housing. In the fall of 2021, I requested that planning staff develop options for suburban density bonusing (through a motion approved by Regional Council). I also asked for a delay for the Westerwald and Titus/Main developments until HRM planning staff could finish working on the new bonus zoning rules that would apply to these projects. The proposed suburban bonus zoning rules came to Regional Council on March 21<sup>st</sup> and passed unanimously.

It's a complex change that HRM planning staff have been working on for a year and a half. This is an important change because now new suburban developments will be required to contribute to a reserve fund for affordable housing.

This HRM reserve fund is available to help non-profit organizations build new affordable, below market rent housing (or renovate old buildings for affordable housing). Many residents have told me how concerned they are about losing affordable housing in our district. Now that the suburban bonus zoning has passed, it's the beginning of more funding for affordable housing projects across HRM.

You can find out more about the Westerwald project [here](#) and the Titus/Main development [here](#).

## RECREATION SURVEY



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The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking for an up-to-date picture of how residents living in the Clayton Park area are participating in recreation, sport, and leisure activities. Your feedback will help us understand satisfaction rates and usage trends as well as identify potential gaps in recreation programming, facilities, and parks.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and for your participation, you will be eligible to win one of 10 VISA or Mastercard gift cards valued at \$10.

**The deadline for completing this survey is March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

[Click here](#) to take the survey!



### LITTER CLEAN UP RESOURCES



Residents and groups looking to clean up litter in their communities can access programs supported by HRM Solid Waste Resources.

Between the months of April to November, residents of Halifax can register with the Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up (GNSPMU) by visiting their [website](#). GNSPMU is coordinated by Divert Nova Scotia and is supported in part by HRM. Upon registration, residents can pick up their free litter cleanup kit, which consists of litter bags and nitrile gloves, at their local Halifax Public Library or at one of the three Customer Service Centers located throughout HRM.

In addition to providing litter kits, HRM also provides three different disposal options for residents participating in the GNSPMU program. These disposal options include:

1. Placing the materials curbside to be collected on your next garbage collection day if it does not exceed curbside bag limits
2. Taking the materials directly to the Otter Lake landfill for disposal. HRM will waive tipping fees for any groups or residents who are registered with the GNSPMU.
3. Residents can also get the materials picked by HRM road operations. Residents who choose this disposal option must contact 311 two weeks prior to their litter clean up date

to help ensure that the materials are collected.

Email [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca) or visit our [website](#) for more information.

### CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION FEEDBACK



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

You 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, you can share your thoughts through a [Shape Your City Halifax](#) online idea board.

Through this engagement, you will have an opportunity to engage in conversation about climate change and share your thoughts, questions, concerns or solutions to local climate impacts and actions. Feedback collected will be used to inform how we act on climate together, how we as a municipality move [HalifACT](#) forward and how we can all engage in climate action.



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For more information, including the dates and locations for future pop-ups that will be held throughout the summer, visit our [website](#).

## JUSTFOOD: AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE HALIFAX REGION



On March 7, 2023, Regional Council approved Part A of the JustFOOD Action Plan for the Halifax Region, the first food strategy for the municipality. View the staff [report](#) here.

The Action Plan is a long-range strategy to guide actions to improve food security and strengthen our local food system, with clear roles for all and the resources needed for positive change. The municipality [and the Halifax Food Policy Alliance](#) (HFPA) are co-leading the development of the action plan, recognizing that we need to work together towards a healthy, just and sustainable food system. [View the Report](#) that formalized the relationship with HFPA and kicked off the JustFOOD Action Plan.

To become involved and learn more, visit the emerging JustFOOD virtual food hub [here](#).

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## POTHOLES: REPORTING AND REPAIRING



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Road operations crews identify, log, and address potholes all year. They also rely heavily on residents to report any problematic potholes they see, so they can be logged into the system for repair. HRM's crews monitor and repair more than 1,700 km of roadways. More than 5,200 potholes are repaired throughout the municipality each year. The time to fix a pothole can range anywhere from 7 business days to 30 business days depending on the pothole and if it is considered a priority. Crews aim to repair priority potholes on main arterial and major collector roads within 7 business days.

### ***How do I report potholes?***

On municipal roads, please call 311 or email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca). You can also fill out this [online form](#).

### ***What if my vehicle is damaged by a pothole?***

First, call 311 to determine who is responsible for the stretch of road the pothole is located on. If the damage occurred due to a pothole on a municipal road, begin a claim process with a 311 agent. If you determine it occurred on a provincial road, please contact 2-1-1 to find information.

***Are potholes repaired at this time of year?*** During the winter months, road operations crews have access to a mobile hot asphalt unit that can repair



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potholes. Crews also use a cold patch product that can be applied year-round for areas that require immediate attention. Larger hot asphalt plants typically open in late April or early May.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

## HALIFAX TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES



Halifax Transit temporarily made schedule route adjustments to three routes and removed trips from 30 routes. These service reductions are new and replace several of the trips impacted by the service reductions introduced in November 2022. More details are available on [Service Adjustments | 2023 | Halifax Transit | Halifax](#)

The service reductions have been developed with consideration for passenger impact with no community completely losing service during these changes. The service reductions will be in place until late summer 2023. If recruitment continues at the current pace, Halifax Transit is planning to return to regular service levels in the summer.

Halifax Transit has continued to work to improve staffing levels. From September to December 2022, 35 new Bus Operators have been hired and trained. Hiring is ongoing this year with new training courses hosted every three weeks.

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

## SUMMER RECREATION JOBS



### Fun work culture

Are you a student or young adult looking for a summer job that offers more than minimum wage? Check out the variety of opportunities available with Parks & Recreation.

- Wage ranges from \$16.50-\$19.50 per hour
- Free evenings and weekends (for specific jobs)
- Interesting jobs in aquatics, inclusion, and recreation
- Limited travel with jobs available in urban, suburban, and rural communities.
- Opportunity to work outdoors and in an environment that promotes health, wellness, and physical activity.

See our [website](#) for details.

### LET'S CONNECT

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