

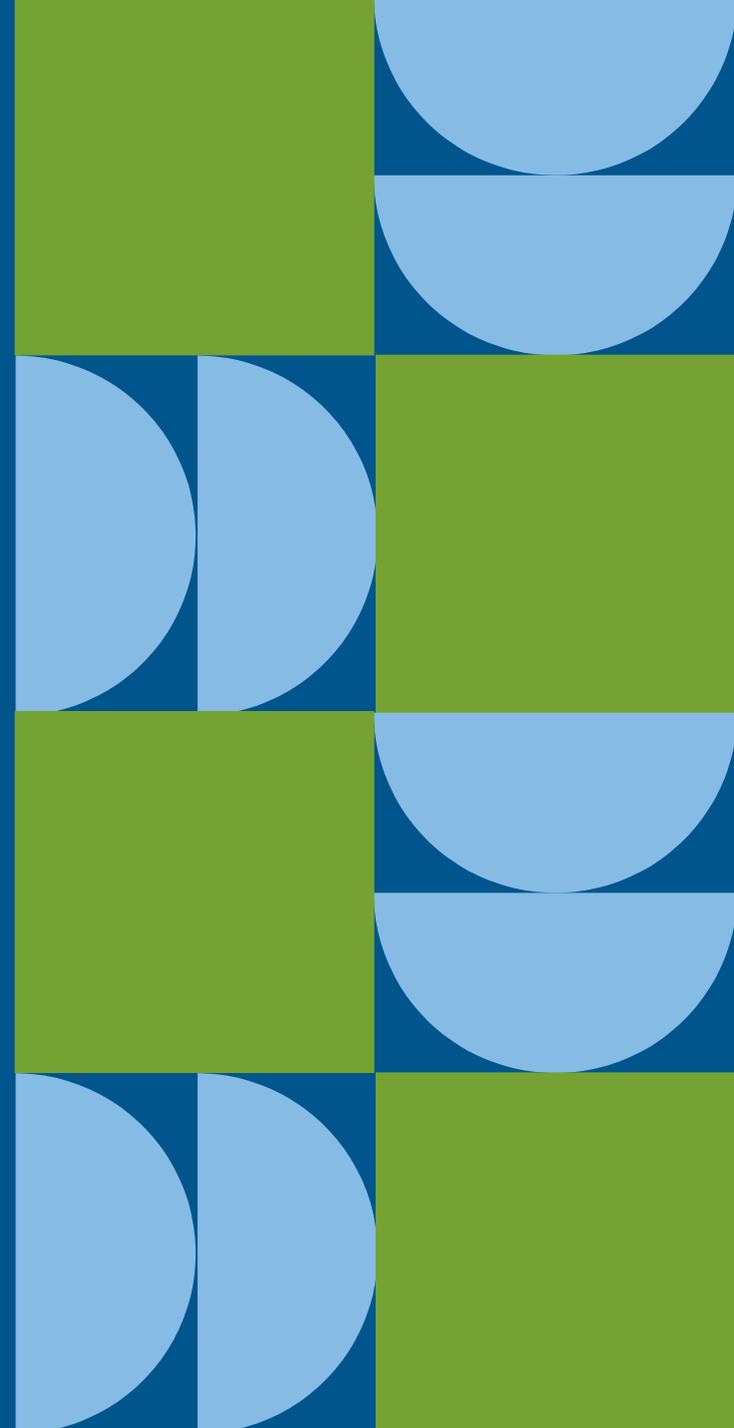
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ELECTION
2024

2024 Halifax Regional Municipality & CSAP Election

Election Office



Overview of topics



Role of municipal government and Regional Council



Overview of the 2024 Municipal Election



How to get involved

Order of government

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT



MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



Who does what?

FEDERAL	PROVINCIAL	MUNICIPAL
<p>National Defence Fisheries Shipping & Waterways Internet & Telecommunications Postal Services Foreign Affairs Immigration Banking International Trade Agriculture</p>	<p>Property Rights Human & Civil Rights Driver Licensing Marriage Education Healthcare</p>	<p>Snow Removal Fire Services Community & Recreation Centres Public Libraries Land Use Planning Sewers & Wastewater Public Transit Water Treatment Garbage & Recycling</p>
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<p>Parks Police Environment Transportation Correctional Facilities</p>		

Municipal/regional government

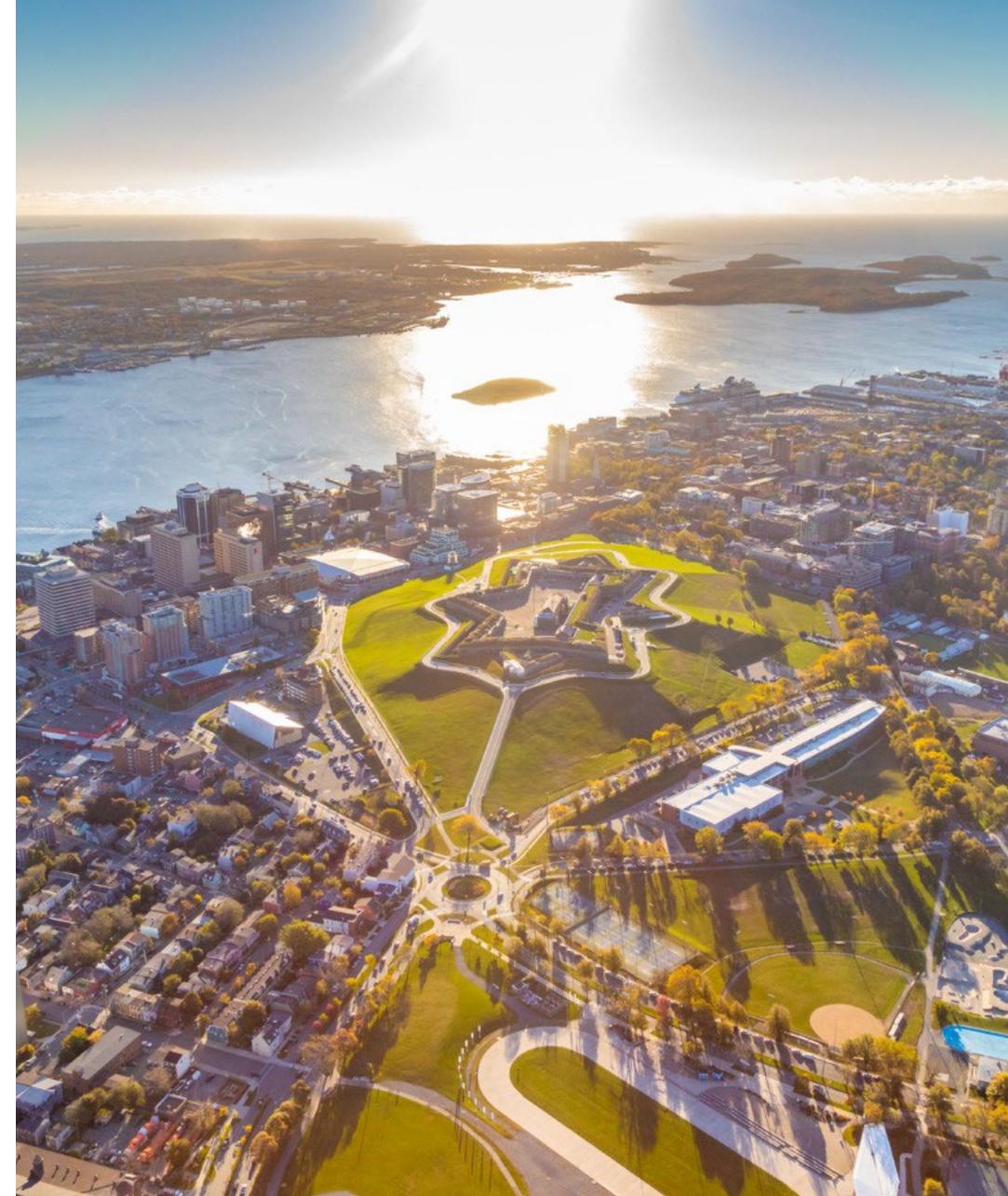
- **Halifax Regional Municipality**
 - Many municipalities across Canada.
 - Rather than the Constitution, municipalities are created and regulated by **provinces**, but they are granted their own powers.
 - Provides local services that we depend on **every day**.





How is HRM governed?

- **Halifax Regional Council** is the decision-making body for the municipality.
- Made of the **Mayor** and 16 **Councillors** (one from each district).
- No political party system.
- Meetings take place in Halifax City Hall/virtually.



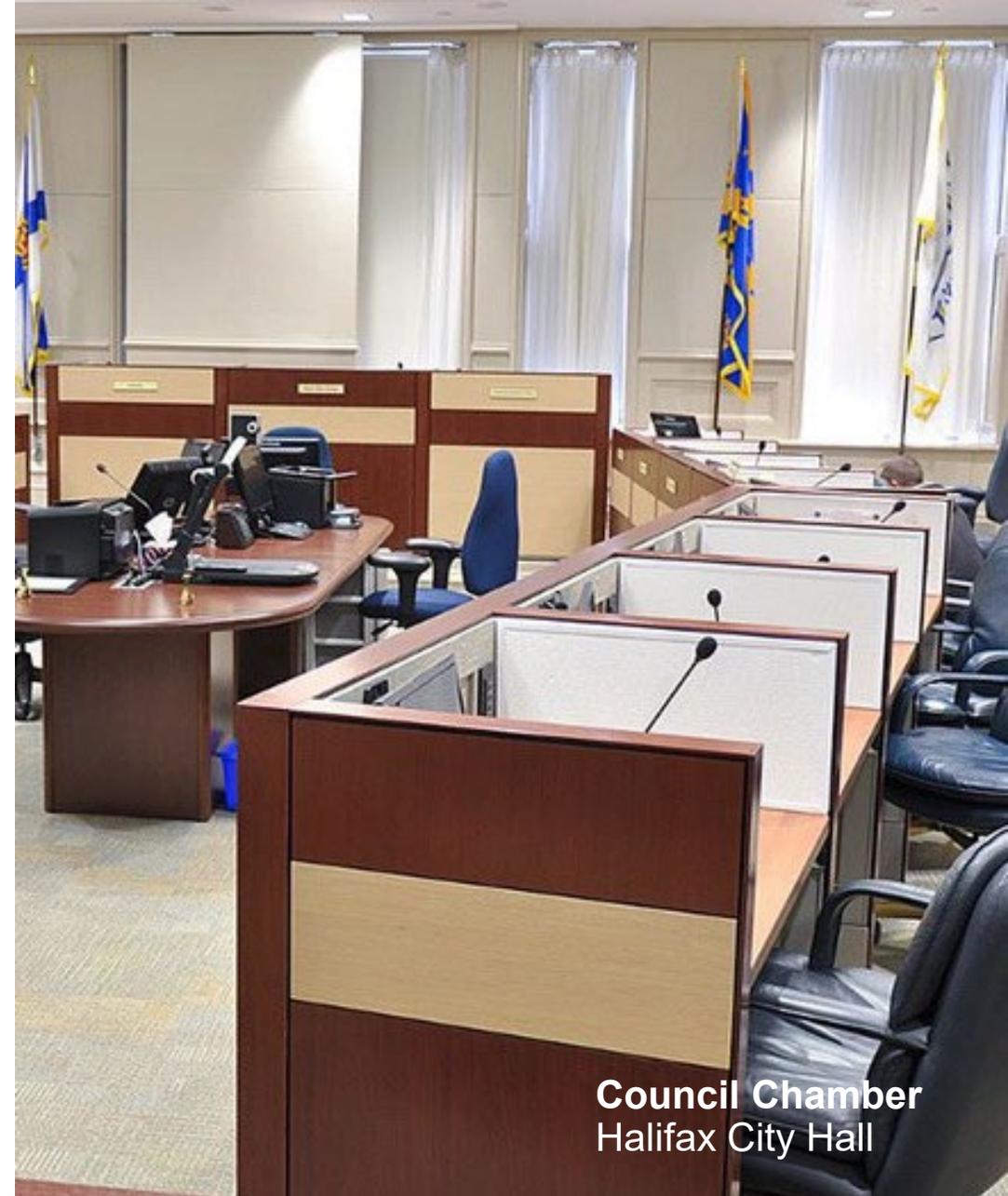
Mayor

- The Mayor is elected “at large,” or by all voters within the municipality.
- Represents and **leads the municipality.**
- First among elected equals.

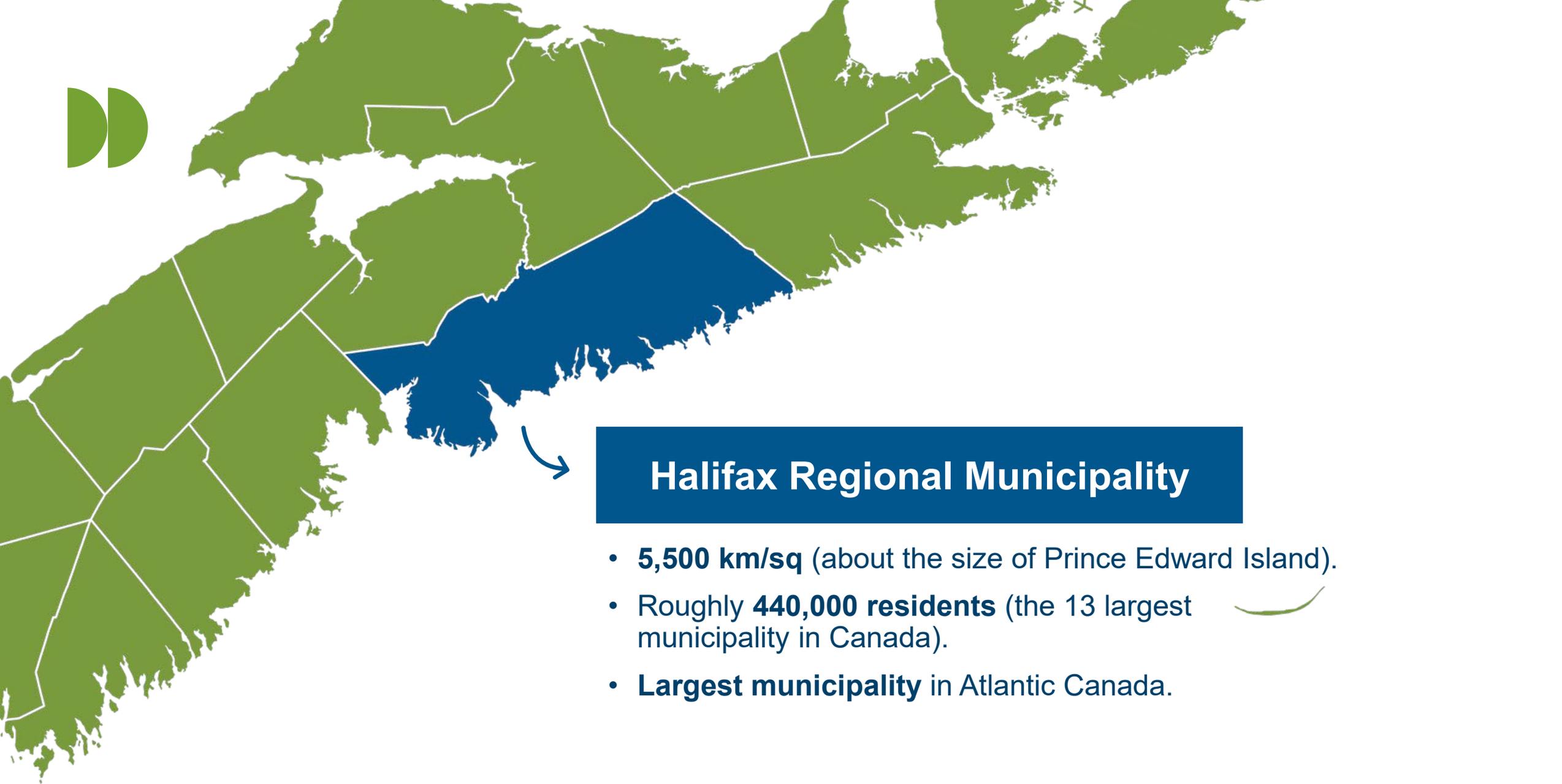


Councillors

- **16 councillors** – one for each district in the municipality.
- Elected only by **residents in their district**.
- Work on behalf of their districts and the **people who live there**.



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Halifax Regional Municipality

- **5,500 km/sq** (about the size of Prince Edward Island).
- Roughly **440,000 residents** (the 13 largest municipality in Canada).
- **Largest municipality** in Atlantic Canada.



Boards & committees



Civic administration

- The civic administration (public service/staff) is focused on **implementing the decisions** and policies of Regional Council.
- The **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** is the head of HRM's professional public service and communicates Council's direction to staff.
- The municipality employs **over 4,000 staff**.
- The organization is divided into departments known as “business units,” which carry out specific functions of the municipality.





Municipal elections

- Regular elections for mayor and members of Regional Council **every four years** (last election held in Oct. 2020).
- Special elections are held as needed to fill vacancies.
- Who's able to vote?
 - You are at least 18 years old;
 - A Canadian citizen;
 - Have resided in Nova Scotia for six months.
- The next election will take place on **Oct. 19, 2024.**



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- Must meet basic voter qualifications and be an “**entitled parent**” or “**entitled person**”:
 - Your first language learned and still understood is French;
 - You received your primary school instruction in Canada in a French-first-language program;
 - Any of your children have received or are receiving primary or secondary-school instruction in Canada in a French-first-language program (excludes French immersion).





Student eligibility

- Students must meet the eligibility criteria to vote in the election.
- A student must also be an “ordinarily resident” either where their family home is located **or** where they are attending school, but not both.
- It’s likely that most first-year students in Nova Scotia will meet the residency requirement in order to **vote either where they attend school or where their family home is located.**
- Students can only vote in one municipal election.



Candidates

- To be able to run in a municipal or CSAP election:
 - You must be at least 18 years old;
 - Are a Canadian citizen;
 - Have resided in the Halifax Regional Municipality for six months before the first advance polling day.
- You don't have to live in the district you run in.
- You must appoint an official agent and comply with campaign financing rules (By-law C1102).





Voting methods



Online: The municipality has used online voting since 2008. It's often referred to in legislation as “alternative” or electronic voting.



By phone: Electors can also vote over the phone. This is another method of alternative voting, providing an option for electors who do not have access to a computer, smartphone or reliable internet connection.



In-person: Electors can vote remotely or in person on advanced polling days. In each election since 2008, HRM has used a combination of electronic (online and telephone voting) and paper ballots for in-person voting on advanced polling days. Paper ballots have been the only voting method for election day (except for the 2019 District 15 special election which was fully electronic).



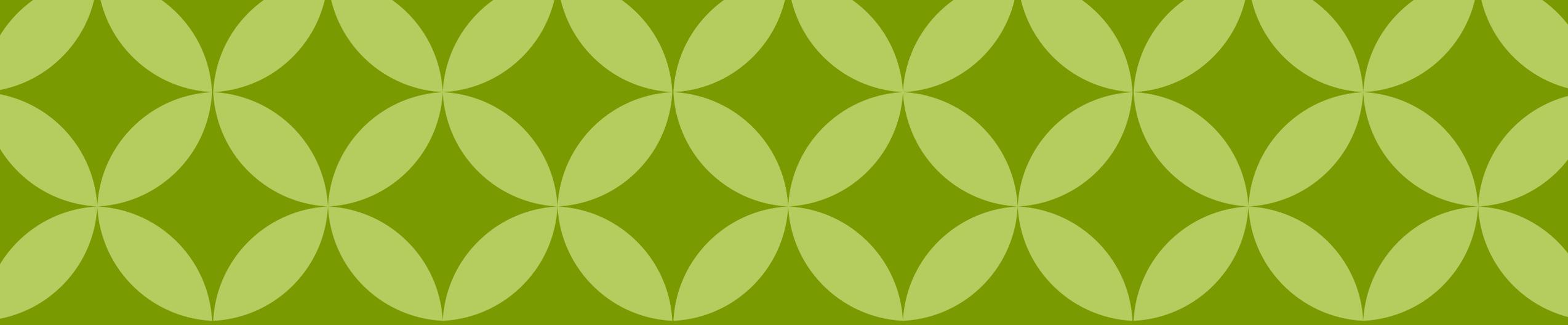
2024 Election dates

- **Nov. 2023:** Integrated voting vendor contract awarded.
- **Dec. 2023:** Returning Officer appointed and given permission from Council to administer the election.
- **Dec. 2023:** NSUARB decision confirms new electoral districts for HRM.
- **Jan. 2024:** Amended campaign finance by-law approved.
- **March 1, 2024:** Contribution period begins (candidates can collect donations + set up offices).
- **March/April 2024:** Council makes decision on voting methods and confirms alternative voting dates.
- **Aug. 2024:** Revision period begins (confirming the list of electors).
- **Aug. 29 – Sept. 10, 2024:** Nomination period (candidates become official/name is added to ballots).
- **Oct. 19, 2024:** Election day

How to get involved

- **Vote** in the upcoming election.
 - If you're eligible, make sure you're on the list of electors.
- Consider **running** as a candidate.
 - If you're eligible, serve your community as an elected member of Halifax Regional Council.
- **Work** in the 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election.
 - Apply to work in the election; term positions, advanced poll and election day positions will be available. Opportunities will be posted to halifax.ca/election.





Thank you! Questions?

For more information, visit halifax.ca/election