

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

WELCOME NOVEMBER!



Thank you residents of District 9 for your support in the 2024 municipal election. I am honoured to be your representative on Halifax

Regional Council for the next four years. Together we can continue to make District 9 a sought-after family of communities. According to a <u>new study by RE/MAX</u>, which looked at affordability, access to green spaces, restaurants, entertainment, transit, walkability and other factors, the area around (just north and south) Quinpool Road made the list of top ten neighbourhoods in all of Canada - the only one from the Atlantic region on the list!!!

Reminder that the boundary has changed for District 9 - view the new boundary map <u>here</u>.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3 – don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour! Keep reading for more information on the District 9 electoral boundary changes, the Diwali 2024 Festival of Light, local planning applications, 2025 Youth Poet Laureate applications and much more!

To discuss a municipal program or service, please contact me at: <u>Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca</u> or 902.579.6746.

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NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. **Swearing-In Ceremony, Halifax Central Library** Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

• Audit & Finance Standing Committee

No scheduled meeting at this time

• Community Design Advisory Committee

To be Determined

• Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m.

• Transportation Advisory Committee

Please confirm dates and times on our <u>municipal website</u> as they are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW...

That November is Movember: a month-long campaign to raise awareness of men's health issues, including prostate cancer and mental health. Participants grow mustaches and engage in fundraising activities to support related charities.

November 1 – Diwali November 1 – Author's Day November 1 – World Vegan Day November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5 – Diwali November 8 – National Aboriginal Veterans Day November 11 – Remembrance Day November 13 – World Kindness Day November 14 – World Diabetes Day November 16 – International Day for Tolerance November 19 – National Mens Day November 19 – World Toilet Day November 20 – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day November 20 – Trans Day of Remembrance November 20 – Universal Childrens Day November 21 – World Philosophy Day November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women November 29 – Buy Nothing Day

DIWALI FEST 2024



Diwali – the Festival of Light – will be celebrated on November 2! Come celebrate

Diwali Fest in Halifax with music, dance , DJ & food - it's going to be lit! Whether you're



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familiar with Diwali or looking to learn more about this festive holiday, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the joy and beauty of Diwali right here in Halifax.

Saturday, November 2

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

111 Drysdale Road (Lions Multipurpose Room)

Vedanta Ashram Society Diwali event on November 1 at 6421 Cork Street, Hindu Temple from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, turn clocks back one hour.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Generations of Canadians have served our country and the world during times of war,

military conflict and peace. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering freedom and peace around the world.

Canada's involvement in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and Canada's efforts during military operations and peace efforts has always been fueled by a commitment to protect the rights of others and to foster peace and freedom. Many Canadians have died for these beliefs, and many others have dedicated their lives to these pursuits. This willingness to stand up to protect human rights, freedom and justice remains one of Canada's defining characteristics in the eyes of the world.

Veterans Affairs Canada encourages all Canadians to learn more about the sacrifices and achievements made by those who served our country, and to help preserve their legacy by passing the torch of Remembrance to future generations of Canadians.

...To you from failing hands we throw The torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

From "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

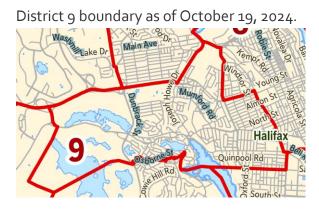


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Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 2.3 million Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 118,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS



The following are active planning applications in the District 9 area.

<u>Case 23472</u> - West End Mall Future Growth Node

As of June, 2024 the municipality continues to engage with landowners to receive the required technical studies to advance the planning process. In the fall of 2023, the lands were sold from the previous landowner to PRIMARIS REIT. The application continues to be active and the new landowner has indicated interest in advancing the process.

Given the size of the site, and the number of buildings that could be built, redevelopment is expected to take many years. The main aspects of the proposal include:

- Removing some mall buildings;
- Creating new public streets and new development blocks;
- A new municipal transit (bus) terminal, presently proposed by the applicant to be underground;
- 15 residential towers, up to 90 metres in height, on mid-rise podiums;
- A mix of residential and commercial uses; and
- About 5,560 new residential units.

For further information, please contact: **Ross Grant** Planner III Planned Growth Projects Telephone: <u>902.717.5524</u> Email: <u>Ross.Grant@halifax.ca</u>

PLANAPP 2023-00396 173-175 St. Margarets Bay Road

A public hearing on this application will be held by Halifax and West Community Council on November 25,2024.

Application by ZZAP Consulting Inc.on behalf of the property owner, requesting to enter into a heritage development agreement on lands at 173-175 St Margarets Bay Road, Halifax, to



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allow for up to 8 units including three townhouse units, one duplex, and one backyard suite (6 new units overall) in addition to the existing two-unit dwelling.

For further information, please contact: **Carter Beaupre-McPhee** Heritage Planning Researcher Strategic Projects Telephone: <u>902.719.9604</u> Email: <u>carter.beaupre-mcphee@halifax.ca</u>

PLANAPP 2023-02018 -6100 Almon St/ 2717& 2719 Gladstone St, Halifax

Application by Westwood Construction Ltd. to discharge the development agreement off 2717 & 2719 Gladstone St. (PID 41215385) and a nonsubstantive amendment and partial discharge of the development agreement at 6100 Almon St. (PID 41503343).

The applicant wishes to discharge the development agreement on the Gladstone Ridge lands (2717 & 2719 Gladstone St.) and amend the development agreement on the Richmond Yards lands (PID 41503343) in order to alter the property boundary between the two properties to enable the construction of a new townhouse building on the Gladstone Ridge Lands in the future. The major aspects of the proposal are as follows:

 Discharge of development agreement on Gladstone Ridge Lands (PID 41215385). The lot will revert to the underlying zoning (HR-2 under the Halifax Regional Centre Land Use Bylaw).

- Non-substantive amendment to the Richmond Yards development agreement on PID 41503343 in order to make changes to the landscaping plan.
- Subdivision/ boundary alteration to property lines between PID 41503343 and 41215385.
- Discharge of Richmond Yards development agreement from parcel of land included within the boundaries of PID 41215385.

For further information, please contact: **Matt Conlin** Planner III Current Planning Telephone: <u>902.719.9457</u> Email: <u>conlinm@halifax.ca</u>

PLANAPP 2024-00371 - 6319 Chebucto Road, Halifax

Application by Peter Henry Architect requesting to enter into a Development Agreement to permit a three-storey mixed-use building containing a café and multiple residential units at 6319 Chebucto Road, Halifax.

For further information, please contact:

Taylor MacIntosh Planner II Current Planning Telephone: <u>902.219.0836</u>Email: <u>macintta@hali</u> <u>fax.ca</u>



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HRM DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES



Changes to the Halifax Regional Municipality's electoral district boundaries, took effect as of the 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election.

You can easily explore current and updated electoral district boundaries using the <u>municipality's interactive map</u> and selecting the map layers button in the navigation menu.

The new boundary for District 9 is as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Windsor Street and the Bedford Highway, District 9 proceeds southeasterly along Windsor Street to Connaught Avenue and along Connaught Avenue to Bayers Road before traveling northeasterly to Windsor Street. The boundary then proceeds southeasterly along Windsor Street to Quinpool Road and Robie Street before proceeding southeasterly along Robie Street to Jubilee Road. It then travels southwesterly along Jubilee Road to the Northwest Arm and through the Northwest Arm to Purcells Cove Road near Rosborough Loop. It then proceeds northerly along Purcells Cove Road to Herring Cove Road before proceeding southwesterly along Herring Cove

Road to Osborne Street. The boundary encompasses properties along Bermuda Avenue and Alton Drive as well as Herbert Road. It intersects Walter Havill Drive and then continues southwesterly to Dunbrack Street near Osborne Street. It follows the Halifax community boundary into Long Lake Provincial Park and then travels westerly through Long Lake Provincial Park before traveling northerly until intersecting St Margarets Bay Road. It travels northwesterly along St Margarets Bay Road to Highway 103 and northeasterly along Highway 103 to Highway 102. It then proceeds northeasterly along Highway 102 to Joseph Howe Drive, where it proceeds northerly to the Bedford Highway before proceeding easterly to the intersection of the Bedford Highway and Windsor Street.





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APPLY NOW FOR 2025 YOUTH POET LAUREATE



The municipality's Poet Laureate & Youth Poet Laureate Program aims to celebrate and elevate the literary arts through the written and spoken word. Poet Laureates are nominated and selected to advocate for poetry, language and the arts by attending events across the municipality, and beyond to promote and attract people to the literary world, and as an ambassador for Halifax and its residents.

Now accepting <u>applications</u> to be the next Youth Poet Laureate of HRM. **Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on November 5.**

RAPID TRANSIT PLAN

Halifax Council has approved the <u>Rapid Transit</u> <u>Plan</u>, which will build a network of dedicated bus lanes and have more frequent, fast, and reliable service. This not only helps us meet our climate action goals and make transit more appealing to more riders, it means less congestion on our streets. Did you know that one 40-foot bus can get 60 cars off the road?!



ALL AGES AND ABILITIES BIKE NETWORK



Building an <u>all ages and abilities (AAA) bicycle</u> <u>network</u> within the Regional Centre offers the highest potential to attract new bicyclists. We've been adding more residential density to this well-serviced area, which increases the number of active transportation users.

Completing the AAA network in the urban core, as well as developing appropriate facilities in suburban and rural areas, is a priority for me. We have a mode shift target to get 30% of all Halifax residents using more

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sustainable forms of transportation by 2031. In addition to helping meet our climate action goals, this will help us become more active, healthy, and happy.

COGSWELL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Following the work to tie in Barrington Street with the roundabout, vehicle traffic will be directed through the roundabout. Drivers will enter and exit the roundabout via Barrington Street. There will be three lanes, with two lanes alternating during peak traffic times. Traffic personnel will be directing movement through this area so it is important for drivers to follow all signage and travel at a safe speed.

From October 28 to early November, Nora Bernard Street will be open to local traffic only. Nora Bernard Street may be accessed from Brunswick Street during that time.

Effective October 28, access to businesses on Barrington Street, south of Nora Bernard Street, will be open to local traffic only to allow for reconstruction in this area over the coming months.

In early November, all four lanes in the roundabout will open. The roundabout will

enhance traffic calming, improve safety and better accommodate all road users in the area.

Roundabout safety reminders:

- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout
- Signal your exit to let other drivers know where you're going
- Look for those in crosswalks

In Phase 3, beginning November 20, three lanes will open on Barrington Street between Cogswell and Duke streets. At that time, the temporary detour road on Cogswell Street, from Albemarle to Barrington streets, will close. Cogswell Street from Albemarle to Brunswick streets will remain open.

Halifax Transit routes 5 and 84 will be moved to a temporary stop in front of Scotia Square. Access to Hotel Halifax will be via Barrington Street.

The roundabout will fully open mid-December with a dedicated transit lane, marking a major milestone in the project.

In mid-December, Barrington Street, from Nora Bernard Street to Duke Street, will be fully open and one lane in each direction will be a dedicated transit lane.

The Halifax Transit Hub at Scotia Square will re-open mid-December.

Cogswell Street from Brunswick Street to Upper Water Street will also re-open mid-December.



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Access to Valour Way is also expected to reopen mid-December.

The multi-use path will remain open during all phases of construction; however, there may be some temporary re-routing. Please follow all signage.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to make significant progress with the Cogswell District project. Substantial completion of the project is expected by December 2025.

For more information, <u>click here</u>.

WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The Windsor Street Exchange redevelopment project involves the redesign of the intersection of Bedford Highway, Windsor Street and Lady Hammond Road.

As one of five roadway access points to the Halifax Peninsula and the downtown core, approximately 48,000 vehicles per day travel through the Windsor Street intersection, with 92,000 to 110,000 vehicles per day through the project area. The Windsor Street Exchange is currently operating above its available capacity during peak travel periods. The goals of the project are to add active transportation connections and transit priority measures through the intersection, improve the movement of vehicles and goods through the area, and improve the safety for all road users.

This map below shows the study area which extends from Bedford Highway at the Fairview Overpass, up Windsor Street to Strawberry Hill Street, up Lady Hammond Road to Mackintosh Street, and includes Bayne and Mackintosh Streets.



The primary objective of this project is to improve the functionality of the Windsor Street Exchange, recognizing there are many demands on the intersection and surrounding area, including the movement of people and goods in cars, trucks, buses, and on bikes, on foot, and using mobility devices.

Construction is expected to take two to three years and is expected to begin in 2025.



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory
 Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trails Association

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields.

John McRae