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DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy November District 4!

Thank you so much for your support in the 2024 election, I am honoured to be given the opportunity of another term to serve our community! I also want to congratulate all my council colleagues who were sworn in for the 2024 – 2028 council term on November 5, and thank the amazing staff and volunteers for their work coordinating this election.

November is an important time to remember those who have served our country at home and abroad, past and present. I hope you will attend one of the many Remembrance Day services occurring on Monday November 11 to honour those who serve.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with your municipal questions or concerns. I love to hear from you.

Trish Purdy

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COLE HARBOUR RECREATION CENTRE MOVING

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre will be moving to an independent space in Cole Harbour Place in early 2025.

The Centre is currently located on private land, which has been sold without the possibility of a lease renewal.

The new Cole Harbour Recreation Centre location will continue to offer community-driven recreation programs and services that operate separate from the Cole Harbour Place.

Residents can still access programming through their [MyRec account](#), and do not require a membership to the Cole Harbour Place.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or email myrec@halifax.ca.



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VETERANS WEEK



November 5 – 11 is [Veterans' Week](#), where we have the opportunity to commemorate and show our gratitude towards the courageous people who serve at home, around the world and across generations.

[On November 8, we celebrate Indigenous Veterans Day.](#) First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada have a long and proud tradition of military service to our country. These determined volunteers were often forced to overcome many challenges to serve in uniform, from learning a new language and adapting to cultural differences, to having to travel great distances from their remote communities just to enlist. The challenges they faced often extended to their post-service life. Many Indigenous war Veterans would not receive equal treatment compared to other Canadian Veterans.

On November 11, we will observe Remembrance Day. Whether it's contemplating during a moment of silence, wearing a poppy or attending a Remembrance Day Service – please take a moment on November 11 to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who have fought, lost, and died serving in the Canadian military in times of war, conflict and peace. Check out the Canadian Government [website](#) to learn more about Remembrance Day.

EVENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Event grant applications are open for the Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants Program (MLSERG)! The MLSERG program supports non-profit groups who host large scale events that promote business development and tourism. Applications are due November 30. Learn more about the available grants and the applications [here](#).





**INDIGENOUS DISABILITY
AWARENESS MONTH**

November is Indigenous Disability Awareness Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the strength, resilience, and unique challenges faced by Indigenous people living with disabilities.

Indigenous communities in Canada have a rich and diverse history, and they are composed of various nations, each with its own distinct culture and traditions. Many Indigenous people are living with disabilities, which may result from a variety of factors, including historical trauma, limited access to healthcare, and systemic barriers. It's essential to understand the intersection of Indigenous and disability identities to provide culturally sensitive support and advocacy.

This month serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of inclusivity, awareness, and support for a community that often faces disparities in healthcare, education, and social services. Indigenous Disability Awareness Month encourages all Canadians to reflect on the challenges faced by Indigenous individuals with disabilities and to work toward creating a more inclusive society. By fostering cultural sensitivity, we can ensure that services and support systems are tailored to the unique needs of Indigenous communities. This approach promotes a more equitable and just society, respecting the principles of reconciliation and self-determination. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

COMMUNITY CORNER

Caldwell Road – Phase 2:

There has been a delay in the construction of the second phase of the Caldwell Road recapitalization project. HRM is waiting on NS Power for the relocation of the power poles. We do not yet have an ETA on this.

Astral Drive:

Astral has been slated for the next recapitalization project in District 4 as it is in poor condition. There is discussion with TPW staff as to the timing of this project along with phase 2 of Caldwell Road (which is waiting on the relocation of the power poles by NS Power). The discussion is regarding which project to move forward in 2025 -More information to come on this.

Ross Road Intersection:

We are still waiting for the negotiations to conclude to move ahead with the realignment plans of Ross Road with the Lake Major intersection. The long-term capital budget has \$3 million slated for the 27/28 fiscal year – however, this is subject to change. I will update community as more information becomes available to share.

Special Planning Areas:

This past summer the province announced two Special Planning Areas (SPAs) in District 4 –

1226 Cole Harbour Road - Approximately 511 residential units & 144 bedrooms (long-term care facility).

Westphal Urban Reserve Lands - Approximately 12,000 to 18,000 units.



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These two areas are part of 15 total SPAs in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The intention is to speed up the housing supply process. Along with the SPA designations, the province has appointed an [Executive Panel on Housing](#) which is also intended to speed up the development process by, in essence, taking the place of Community and/or Regional Council processes.

To read more about these SPA's and in particular the two in District 4, please click on the following link:

[Provincial Special Planning Areas \(SPAs\) | Halifax](#)

Hwy 7 Road Closure:

Two large culverts are being placed under the Hwy 7 road in East Preston necessitating the full road closure for approximately two weeks, including the closure of transit stops. Thank you to everyone for your patience for being inconvenienced by the extensive detour. Work is being done faster than anticipated and we are hoping for an earlier than expected reopening of the road!

Cole Harbour Road:

Thank you everyone for your continued patience as Cole Harbour Road continued to present traffic and business frustrations for many months. There were a few unexpected delays due to work that had not been previously planned for. Since the asphalt was removed, they decided to take advantage of that fact. It caused a few weeks of extra delay.

This contractor also has several major projects on the go, so we have been sharing crews with those other big projects. The municipality has a lot of major projects on the go with a limited

number of contractors who can do the work, so there are staffing challenges that can arise.

Broom Road Development (Provincial Land for Housing Initiative):

There has been a lot of concern from residents regarding the capacity of Halifax Water wastewater treatment and sewer management and the impact that a large development may have on existing capacity. I shared all of your concerns with Halifax Water and requested a response. Halifax water has given permission for me to share with you the response from their Manager of Engineering Approvals:

“There is no formal application for Broom Road that has been submitted to Halifax Water at the moment so it would be too premature to comment. However, as per our Regulations, Section 61. Wastewater and/or Stormwater Service Connections state that:

- (2) *No person shall make a physical pipe connection to the Wastewater System or the Stormwater System without the prior written approval of the Commission.*
- (6) *In the event of a change of the use of premises, by way of rezoning, re-subdivision, condominium conversion or otherwise, where such use would result in an increased occupancy of the premises, the owner of such premises shall apply to the Commission for a determination as to whether the existing Wastewater or Stormwater Service Connection or Connections is or are, as the case may be, of a suitable size to provide the increased demand required on such Service Connection or Connections and, in respect of such application:*
 - (a) *the applicant may be required to provide a hydraulic analysis of the proposed Wastewater and/or Stormwater generation and existing downstream system capacity to determine the*



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suitability of the Service Connection for a proposed new use.

Section 40. Capacity of Wastewater and/or Stormwater Systems

In the event the Commission deems that the Wastewater and/or Stormwater Systems, or any portion thereof, have insufficient capacity to accept existing or proposed Wastewater and/or Stormwater flows, the Commission may require that the amount of flow which can be Discharged into the Wastewater and/or Stormwater Systems be limited according to such terms and conditions as the Commission may approve.

A capacity analysis on the wastewater infrastructure and hydraulic analysis of the water capacity will be required. The sites overall stormwater management is managed by HRM and NSE requires proposed publicly owned development submissions to balance pre-development and post-development stormwater runoff.”

Sherwood Street Development (Provincial Land for Housing Initiative):

Still waiting on an update from planning staff to let us know the stage this development is at in the process. Each month I will give an update to keep residents informed to the best of my knowledge. In speaking with the developer, Mr. Wilkins has assured me that he will do his best to keep as much natural buffer as possible between his development and the existing properties. Only what is needed to be cut down will be cut down.

HALIFAX RCMP IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

As Nova Scotia's provincial police, road safety is a top priority for the Nova Scotia RCMP.

For the months of July, August, and September, 274 drivers in the province were charged with impaired-related offences by the RCMP. 234 of those were charged with impaired operation due to alcohol, 12 with a conveyance by drug and 28 for refusal of a demand made by a Peace Officer.

Citizens are asked to call 911 immediately if they see a driver who's driving erratically or unsafely. The Nova Scotia RCMP asks motorists to plan ahead and drive sober.

VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year, Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer in our communities by presenting them with volunteer awards.

Residents can nominate volunteers in three different categories: adult, youth (ages 13-19) and community group starting Wednesday November 13. Nomination forms and detailed nomination criteria are available now on our [website](#).

The deadline for nominations for the 2025 awards is Wednesday January 8. For more information, reach out to volunteerhelp@halifax.ca.



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Waste Collection Notice Garbage/Organics/Recyclables

Remembrance Day, Monday November 11, 2024

DATES TO NOTE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No Collection Remembrance Day - Monday, November 11. Collection Will Occur on Saturday, November 9, 2024	
OTTER LAKE FACILITY:	
✓	Open Saturday, November 9, from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.
✗	Closed Monday, November 11
MUNICIPAL RECYCLING FACILITY:	
✓	Open Saturday, November 9, from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
✗	Closed Monday, November 11
HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE (HSW) DEPOT:	
✓	Open Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
✗	Closed Saturday, November 9



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AFRICVILLE ON UNESCO DESIGNATION

The Halifax Regional Municipality congratulates the Africville Heritage Trust on the [recent UNESCO designation](#) of Africville as a Place of History and Memory linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade. Africville is the first location in Canada to receive this designation.

The municipality remains committed to continue supporting the Africville Heritage Trust, the Africville Genealogy Society and the descendants of Africville. This work includes the Africville Visioning Project – where community members will have a voice in the development of a long-term vision for Africville. Community input will be key in shaping the areas of focus and informing the accompanying phases, priorities and actions.

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

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STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM SURVEY



Are you a student or a guardian of a student who uses the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program? Share your thoughts about the program by completing the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program Survey 2024-25 before November 15 [here](#).

TAX RELIEF FOR NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The municipality is pleased to announce that the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now accepting applications for 2024-2025. Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Friday January 31, 2025.

The municipality's Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program can help eligible non-profit and charitable organizations reduce the amount of property tax they pay each year. You can find the application form online on the Program's [website](#) at or by emailing non-profittax@halifax.ca.

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FALL YARD WASTE TIPS

It's time to clean up the yard and get ready for colder days ahead. Remember leaves and brush, house and garden plant waste, sawdust and wood shavings and any leaves that you do not [mulch](#) or backyard compost can go in your green cart or large paper leaf and yard waste bags for collection. Up to 20 bags, 55 lb maximum weight each, are allowed each green cart collection day.

Branches should be tied in armload-sized bundles to a maximum of 5 bundles each collection day. No bundle can exceed 75 lb and no individual piece can be more than 4 feet long or larger than 8 inches in diameter.

[Grass clippings](#) will not be collected curbside. [Backyard composting](#) is an easy way to return nutrients to your gardens and doesn't require a special container to start.

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT

Construction of the Cogswell District Project is continuing on schedule.

It is anticipated the new Barrington Street between the roundabout and Duke and the new on-street transit hub with 11 new shelters, seating areas and landscaping will open before the end of December.

You can find out more about the Cogswell District Project [here](#).

WARM UP TO WINTER EVENT



It's a busy season at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. Don't forget to check out the Warm Up to Winter Market, Saturday November 16 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. where you can enjoy delicious treats from the Rose and Kettle, curated local craft vendors and a farmyard fire.

DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

The Dartmouth Community Concert Association (DCCA) are pleased to present the Obsidiana Duo, mezzo-soprano and piano, as their next concert on November 23. DCCA is a non-profit, civic organization dedicated to presenting quality entertainment for the entire family at affordable prices. For more information, please call (902) 433-1680, or visit their [website](#).



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WINTER GREEN CART TIPS



When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers. To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, our Solid Waste Resources team has some helpful tips:

- Put your green cart out for each collection, even if it's not full. This will give material less time to freeze
- Line the bottom of your green cart with a yard waste bag, boxboard or newspaper
- Place your green cart in a place where the sun can reach it
- Wrap food in paper scraps

More information on green carts can be found on our [webpage](#).

DARTMOUTH PIPE BAND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Dartmouth and District Pipe Band who came home with 2nd place from the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow in August!

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CANADA HISTORY WEEK

November 20 – 26 is [Canada History Week](#), created to provide people throughout Canada with opportunities to learn more about the people and events that have shaped the country we know today.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Don't forget – if a school bus has its stop sign out it means STOP. Keep our children safe this school year by driving safely near school bus routes and school zones. It is illegal, and very dangerous, to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing.

Failing to stop for a school bus can result in a first offence fine of \$410 and six points on your license, and most importantly, it could severely impact a person's life.



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YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the winners of the Youth Climate Action Fund grant program! Earlier this year, the Halifax Regional Municipality was selected as one of 100 cities internationally to participate in the Youth Climate Action Fund program by Bloomberg Philanthropies and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), a youth micro-granting program with values from \$1,000 to \$5,000 USD for youth-led climate projects and initiatives, distributed by the municipality.

A total of \$50,000 USD will be granted to the following organizations:

- Caring for the Barrens, Caring for the Barrens Kjipuktuk - Community Capacity Building
- DaISol (Dalhousie University), Solar-Powered Electric Race Vehicle Open House
- Girl Child Art Foundation - Banye Art, My Climate and Art: A Climate Justice Art Exhibition
- Hope Blooms, Community Climate Action Mural
- Level. Changing Lives Through Law, Environmental Justice Program
- Oakhill Outdoor, Oakhill Biomass Project
- ONE North End, Low Carbon African Nova Scotian Community Ideas Mobilization
- Preston Area Food Network, Growing Resilience: Youth Empowerment Through Sustainable Gardening
- Rotaract Club of Halifax, Seeds of Tomorrow

- Shambhala School, Turning the (Green) Tide: Investigating the Applications of Algal Climate Relief
- Woodlawn High School's Oceans Club in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, From Land to Sea

You can find more details on the Youth Climate Action Fund program [here](#).

WINDMILL ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLAN



The Halifax Regional Municipality is completing a functional planning and design project for Windmill Road to better serve the current issues, needs, priorities and future opportunities for Windmill Road. The goal is to transform Windmill Road, between Wyse Road and just north of Akerley Boulevard, into a safe, comfortable and enjoyable street for people of all ages and abilities.

We just completed an online survey to collect feedback and staff are now working on the development of conceptual design and options. Round two of public engagement is expected to begin this month, keep an eye on the [project webpage](#) for details.



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL



There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.

The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- ✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- ✓ The participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

You can download the 2024/2025 application package online. Completed applications may be emailed to ssr@halifax.ymca.ca faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person the YMCA on Gottingen St.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to treating people experiencing homelessness in our public spaces with dignity while working to find ways to best support them within our capacity and scope as a municipality. Two additional shelter villages will be opening on Thomas Raddall Drive and Bancroft Lane. These shelter villages will have 24/7 support from trained professionals, on-site and surveillance security and the municipal services such as garbage collection. These initiatives, along with the tiny home project, will provide 150 new spaces for people experiencing homelessness. We will continue to work with the Province to transition people sleeping rough outdoors to appropriate sheltering options.

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URBAN DESIGN AWARD SUBMISSIONS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is calling for submissions to the 2025 Urban Design Awards – a celebration of urban design excellence that occurs every two years. To qualify for an award, projects must have been completed after January 1, 2020, and meet the criteria for one of the nine categories. The submission deadline is February 10, 2025 and the award ceremony will take place on Monday, May 26, 2025.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit [the website](#) or contact urbandesign@halifax.ca.



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for November. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- November 12
- November 19

I look forward to participating in these meetings, and I hope you can join us – in person or by tuning in on YouTube! Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees [here](#).

Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province.

If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM's [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Wednesday August 1 (if required).

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca or **902-240-3067**.

For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**.

To reach my office, please call Quentin Hill at **902-490-6355**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).