



## COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI

DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

### Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

#### WELCOME DECEMBER

Winter weather has arrived, just in time for the holiday season! I'm looking forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

I've included some information about our snow clearing service standards, annual volunteer awards, firefighter recruitment and much more below. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about municipal services.

Merry Christmas, Buon Natale, Joyeux Noël



#### BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE DÉCEMBRE

L'hiver est arrivé, juste à temps pour la période des fêtes! J'ai hâte de célébrer les fêtes avec ma famille et mes amis. Je profite de cette occasion pour souhaiter à tous une joyeuse période des fêtes et une nouvelle année heureuse et en bonne santé.

J'ai inclus ci-dessous des informations sur nos normes de service pour le déneigement, les Prix pour le bénévolat annuels, le recrutement des pompiers et bien plus encore. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations concernant les services municipaux.

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## SHUBIE PARK TREE LIGHTING CANCELLED

I would like to advise that unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances and logistical challenges, the Shubie Tree Lighting has been cancelled for this year. In light of this, I will be hosting a community event at Shubie Park in February. Stay tuned for more details on this in my January E-Newsletter and on my [Facebook page](#).



I am truly excited about the work ahead and am committed to ensuring that Halifax Regional Municipality remains a thriving, vibrant community for all. Please know that I will continue to work hard on your behalf, advocating for your needs, and ensuring that our municipality is moving in the right direction.

As always, I welcome your input and encourage you to reach out with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

## WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Program registration for our winter recreation programs has begun! There's something for all ages and abilities – so check out the list of programs on our [website](#).



## ACCEPTING THE ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

I am excited to share that I have accepted the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2024-2025 term. This is an honour, and I am deeply committed to supporting our community in this new capacity. A special thank you to Councillor Cathy Deagle-Gammon for her outstanding work as Deputy Mayor over the last year.

My first priority will be to support our new Mayor, Andy Fillmore during his first year in office. As many of you know, I have had the privilege of serving as your Councillor for over eight years. During this time, I've gained invaluable experience in municipal governance, navigating both the opportunities and complexities of local government.

In addition, I bring previous experience as Deputy Mayor in support of former Mayor Mike Savage, which allowed me to deepen my understanding of the responsibilities and dynamics of this position. I'm confident that this background will allow me to be an effective and supportive partner to Mayor Fillmore as we move forward together.

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION RECRUITMENT

We're looking for people to serve on the boards, committees and commissions that help to advise Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees and municipal staff on important issues.

There are 39 positions currently available including on boards such as the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Active Transportation Advisory Committee, Board of Police Commissioners, Grants Committee, Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee and many more. We encourage people from all backgrounds reflective and inclusive of residents from across the municipality to apply.

Applications are available on our [website](#) and will be accepted until Monday, December 16 at 11:59 p.m.



## SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

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.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2024/2025 application package online. Completed applications may be emailed to [ssr@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:ssr@halifax.ymca.ca) faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal  
Community YMCA  
2269 Gottingen Street  
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

## AUTOMATED CART COLLECTION SURVEY

As part of the ongoing efforts to improve waste management and enhance community services, the Halifax Regional Municipality is exploring a cart-based collection system for garbage, similar to the green cart program for the collection of residential organics.

If implemented, each household would receive a wheeled cart specifically designed for garbage disposal. On collection days, residents would place their carts at the curb, where trucks equipped with hydraulic arms will lift, empty, and return the carts.

Cart-based collection for recycling (i.e., blue carts) is not part of this current evaluation. Under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), the delivery of curbside recycling collection will shift from the municipality to the producers of blue bag material, commencing in December 2025.

A survey to gauge public interest and support will be available until December 20. The results of the survey will be used to inform a 'Garbage/Organics Automated Cart Based Collection Implementation Plan' which staff will present to Halifax Regional Council in Spring 2025.

[Take the survey here.](#)





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## HALIFACT COMMUNITY UPDATE

HalifACT Acting on Climate Together



The Halifax Regional Municipalities climate action plan, HalifACT is well underway.

In our sixth HalifACT community update, we offer a look at some of the recent work the municipality and its partners have been doing to accelerate action on climate and commit to environmental protection. In this issue, we highlight the winners of the Youth Climate Action Fund, the approval of our new watershed management framework and the decision to source renewable wind energy from a local company.

You can find the full issue [here](#).



Regional Council swearing-in ceremony on November 5, 2024

## IMPROVED BRANCHED ROUTE 10A/B/C DALHOUSIE

In November, Halifax Transit introduced improved branched **Route 10 A/B/C Dalhousie** providing better and higher frequency service to destinations in Dartmouth. This modified route has replaced Route 10 Dalhousie.

Route 10 A/B/C provides service between:

- 10A Dalhousie – Bridge Terminal
- 10B Dalhousie – Micmac Terminal
- 10C Dalhousie – Westphal

Service has been removed from a section of South St., from Beaufort Ave., and from a section of Inglis St. This routing change provides more direct service between high ridership locations, particularly in the areas near Dalhousie and Saint Mary’s University. Links to the new schedule and route map can be found below:

- [Route 10A/B/C Dalhousie Schedule](#)
- [Route 10A/B/C Dalhousie Individual Route Map](#)

A new [Route Map](#) and [Riders’ Guide](#) (containing full route schedules) is now available on our [website](#). Print versions are also available at transit retailers, terminals, libraries, community centres, municipal customer service centres and on buses.

## SOLID WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW

In order to align our solid waste system with our climate change action goals, and update outdated strategies, HRM is conducting a Solid Waste Strategy Review. The review began in February 2023, and the final report will be presented to Halifax Regional Council in Spring 2025. We all need to do our part to reduce waste. You can find out more [here](#).



## PORT WALLACE DEVELOPMENT

An application by Clayton Developments Limited has been submitted to amend the phasing and subdivision requirements of the development agreement for the Port Wallace Special Planning Area at 220 Avenue Du Portage.

The key aspects of the proposal are as follows:

- Allow for concept subdivision to occur through three separate applications, rather than one, and allow these to correspond with property ownership;
- Revise the phasing plan to reflect ownership and the preferred sequence of development, based on construction and development logistics (see below the proposed phasing plan);
- Allow for greater flexibility in the development agreement regarding the parkland dedication security provisions. (No changes to the amount, location, or type of parkland are proposed).

No changes are proposed regarding the land uses, road layout, parkland dedication, or environmental protection provided for in the original development agreement.

The application is currently in the public consultation stage. We are inviting questions and comments on the proposal. Please provide your feedback by December 18, 2024 by emailing [dean.macdougall@halifax.ca](mailto:dean.macdougall@halifax.ca). Since Port Wallace area was designated a “Special Planning Area” (SPA) by the Executive Panel on Housing of the Province of Nova Scotia to address housing challenges in the capital region, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has the authority to approve planning matters in the designated SPA, a formal public hearing process at Council will not be held for this application.

Following public consultation, HRM staff will prepare the planning documents for review by the Executive Panel on Housing. Further details about this proposal can be found on our [website](#).

## SALTWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW



Regional Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a review of the municipality’s current Saltwater Management Plan and to explore policy options for setbacks for new stormwater discharge locations.

These recommendations came from the LakeWatchers Water Quality Monitoring Program Report. The LakeWatchers Program, launched in 2022, conducts water quality monitoring in 73 lakes. Water quality monitoring is a critical component of effective water resource management. This responsibility is shared across all levels of government, the private sector and the general community.

Given that many municipal programs, services and responsibilities directly affect lake health and water quality, the municipality is uniquely positioned to monitor water quality and address emerging issues, as well as ongoing concerns.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).



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## CYCLICAL TREE PRUNING PROGRAM 2024/25

Cyclical Street Tree Pruning program began on December 1, 2024 and will continue until March 21, 2025.

Proactive street tree pruning activities, as outlined in the [Urban Forest Master Plan](#), improve the health of the urban canopy, ensuring longer lived trees and greater return on investment. Proactive pruning also ensures the safety of our residents, by reducing damage caused by street trees during severe weather events.

In District 6, locations in Burnside and Woodlawn will receive pruning. These areas are as follows: Ilsley Ave, MacDonald Ave, Ronald Smith Ave, Thornhill Drive, Raddall Ave, Akerley Blvd, Isnor Drive, Mt. Edward Rd, Brookhouse Rd, Anderson St, Digby Cres, Dorothea Dr, Spar Cres, Woodlawn Rd and Ellenvale Ave.

Please note that our reactive pruning program is ongoing, and residents are encouraged to report any tree maintenance requests through 311.

Contractors will complete the Cyclical Street Tree Pruning program according to best practices regarding tree health and infrastructure clearances (e.g. roads, sidewalks, power lines and signs). Trees are assessed for removal on an individual basis. If removal is deemed necessary, a new tree will eventually be planted in its place.

For more information about the cyclical tree pruning program, please visit our [webpage](#).

## VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS



Nominate an outstanding volunteer for  
**the 2025 Volunteer Awards**

Submit your nomination by Wednesday, January 8, 2025.  
Learn more at [halifax.ca/volunteerawards](http://halifax.ca/volunteerawards)

HALIFAX

Do you know an outstanding volunteer? Nominations are now open for HRM's 2025 Volunteer Awards! You can nominate deserving volunteers in the youth, adult or group categories to be recognized at a ceremony in the Spring for their contributions to their community!

Fillable nomination forms can be found on the program [web page](#) and will remain open until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.



**MOBILE FOOD MARKET**  
NORTH DARTMOUTH  
COMMUNITY MARKET

Home of Mobile Food Market  
26 Courtney Rd  
4:30 PM-7:30 PM  
Every Tuesday

[mobilefoodmarket.ca](http://mobilefoodmarket.ca)

**Healthy food. Good prices.  
Strong communities.**

Please bring your reusable bags - Accept Cash, Debit, Credit



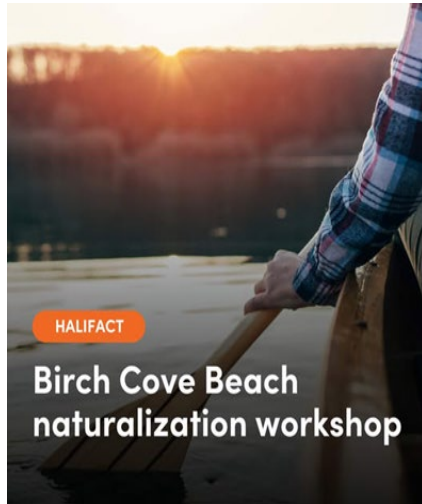


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## NATURALIZING BIRCH COVE PARK

This past summer, residents had the opportunity to take part in a naturalization workshop at Birch Cove Beach, hosted by the municipality and Helping Nature Heal, a landscape design company focused on sustainability and environmental stewardship. The workshop gave folks hands-on experience with the company's Shore Up program's techniques for restoring healthy freshwater shorelines. The project is expected to limit erosion, improve water quality, enhance local biodiversity and reduce the build-up of geese droppings on the beach, which can be toxic in large amounts.



## 2025/26 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

This month, Regional Council will begin setting our strategic priorities for the next four years and start the municipal budget review process. Over the next few months, we will be reviewing each department's budget in preparation for a final budget approval in April.

You can find the full schedule as it becomes available on our [website](#). We welcome public feedback throughout this process. You can have your say by taking part in the Public Participation portion included in each meeting or by submitting correspondence to the [Clerk's Office](#).

## SNOW CLEARING

As we gear up for the winter season, it's important to ensure we're all prepared for whatever Mother Nature has in store for us. Our snow clearing crews are poised and ready, responsible for over 3,844 lane kilometers of streets and about 1,000 kilometers of sidewalks. While we can't control the weather, by working together, we can certainly be better prepared.

While the snow hasn't started to fly yet, I would encourage you to begin preparing your property for snow clearing season by removing planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk and trimming any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property that may obstruct access and visibility for snow-clearing equipment. You can mark any permanent structures or objects with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. This helps crews identify obstacles.

Effective December 15 to March 31, the municipal overnight winter parking ban will be enforced from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. during weather events and snow removal operations. You can sign up for [hfxALERT](#) to receive crucial updates, including Winter Parking Ban [notifications](#).

Let's work together to ensure a safe and smooth winter season for everyone in our community. Stay warm and stay safe!





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## NEW YEAR'S EVE – CELEBRATE 2025 TOGETHER



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to its annual live New Year's Eve celebrations, taking place on Tuesday, December 31 in the Grand Parade from 11:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

This free event will include a live TV broadcast on Eastlink Community TV, fireworks, music and tons of fun! Visit [here](#) closer to the event date for all the details.

## SENIORS CARE GRANT

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service, healthcare services like physiotherapy and mental health support and home heating. Grants are \$750 for each household. You can find out more information and the application form [here](#).

## 211 NOVA SCOTIA

[211 Nova Scotia](#) is your 24/7 connection to the programs and services in your community that matter most to you. Through information and referrals, 211 helps connect you to local community groups, non-profit and government organizations.

The 211 service is free and confidential. So, whether you want to talk, text, email or use our online search tool, they are there to help.

Shine On **Y**

### This Summer Travel, Work and Improve your French!

Join the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) Program

June 28 to August 9, 2025

#### Will you be 16 or 17 this summer?

- Sign up for SWSE and for six weeks you can:
- Travel to Québec and get a chance to expand and practice your French skills
  - Meet youth on exchange and make new friends
  - Get paid work experience during your exchange
  - Stay with a local host
  - Enjoy fun group activities exploring your surroundings
  - Build on your skills for the future!

Your family must also receive a youth participant at home while you are away. If this is a challenge, please get in touch.



Qualified staff will support you through the entire experience. The program will cover the cost of travel between provinces and program activities. There is a modest fee to participate.

Become a host family. When you share your home with a youth participant, you are providing a cross-cultural experience, making a meaningful contribution in participants lives and helping to forge new connections.

Any adult can apply to host a youth on exchange from another part of the country for six weeks.

Your support will include:

- Meals and a comfortable place to stay
- Inclusion in family structure and activities
- Guidance to the youth in new surroundings

Youth will work full-time during weekdays and attend group activities during weekends, so they'll be busy!

Program coordinators will be there to support you. If you need financial assistance to qualify as a host or have any other questions please contact us.

#### Employ a youth participant. As a non-profit organization, you can provide employment to youth this summer at minimal cost.

The SWSE program will subsidize your new employee's salary at the minimum wage in your province, up to 35 hours/week.

- You will provide:
- Six weeks of professional exposure
  - Opportunities for skills development
  - Supportive supervision

You can play an invaluable role in young people's career growth! Apply online to get started.



Register online at: [ymcagta.org/swse](http://ymcagta.org/swse)

Follow us @ymcaexchanges

Ask us questions at: [info-SWSE@ymcagta.org](mailto:info-SWSE@ymcagta.org)







## HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY RECRUITMENT

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is accepting applications for career firefighters from January 2 to January 16, 2025. Career firefighters serve their communities by protecting and preserving life, property and the environment through appropriate emergency management.



The recruitment process is multi-phased and will include an application, aptitude testing, physical abilities testing, a background screening and panel interview. The skills, abilities and competencies measured through each of these phases are in alignment with the requirements for firefighters. Becoming a firefighter is a serious commitment that requires unwavering dedication and extensive preparation at every stage of the recruitment process. Candidates will face rigorous evaluations designed to ensure they are physically and mentally prepared to tackle the challenges of this demanding profession.

HRFE is hosting several community sessions to help potential candidates learn more about the firefighting recruitment process. The community sessions will run from Dec. 10, 2024 to Jan. 15, 2025. For information about an information session near you, visit our [website](#).

Firefighting is a rewarding and challenging career. Firefighters work long hours and often under highly physically demanding work. Careers with HRFE offer flexible work-life balance and competitive salaries.

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

## RCMP BODY-WORN CAMERAS

Starting this month, as part of the RCMP's national deployment, the Nova Scotia RCMP will begin issuing body-worn cameras (BWCs) to officers across the province.



BWCs can help to improve police outcomes, accountability, and relationships with the public. The cameras will be issued to 600 Nova Scotia RCMP officers in a phased approach over the next six to eight months with a digital evidence management system that will be used to store and manage video captured by the cameras.

RCMP officers will typically wear their BWCs on their chests; members of the public will know they're recording when a red light is visible and flashing below the lens of the camera. You can find out more about this RCMP initiative [here](#).

Halifax Regional Police are also reviewing the potential use of BWCs. A [presentation](#) came to the Board of Police in June and Police will likely bring this forward for approval during budget.

## NEW YEAR'S LEVEE AT HALIFAX CITY HALL

The New Year's Levee will take place on Wednesday, January 1 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Halifax City Hall in Halifax Hall. I hope to see you there!





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## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is one remaining Regional Council meeting scheduled for December. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- December 10

Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings – including committees [here](#). Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 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.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6:00 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, December 11.

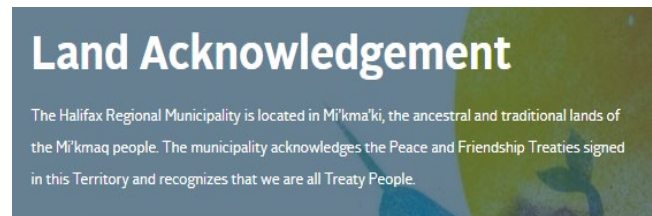


## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

We also acknowledge the histories and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities that have been here for more than 400 years.

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



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**Currently serving on:**  
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**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee**  
**Halifax Regional Library Board**  
**Shubenacadie Canal Commission**