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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME JANUARY

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you had a chance to connect with family and friends over the holiday season.

As we step into 2025, we will be closely reviewing each municipal business unit's budget over the next few months as we develop the 2025/26 operating and capital budgets. There is more information about this process, and how you can provide feedback, in this newsletter.

I hope this new year brings every opportunity to appreciate and improve our communities. Thank you for everything you do to make the Halifax Regional Municipality a great place to live, work and play!

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE JANVIER

Bonne année à tous! J'espère que vous avez eu l'occasion de vous retrouver en famille et entre amis pendant la période des fêtes.

En ce début de 2025, alors que nous élaborons les budgets de fonctionnement et d'immobilisations 2025-2026, nous examinerons de près le budget de chaque unité opérationnelle municipale pour les prochains mois. Vous trouverez dans ce bulletin de plus amples informations sur ce processus et sur la manière dont vous pouvez nous faire part de vos commentaires.

Je souhaite que cette nouvelle année nous apporte toutes les occasions d'apprécier et d'améliorer nos communautés. Merci pour votre contribution à faire de la municipalité régionale d'Halifax un endroit où il fait bon vivre, travailler et s'amuser!





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SHUBIE PARK WINTERFEST

Join us for Shubie Winterfest taking place on Saturday February 8 from 4 -6 p.m. at the Fairbanks Centre. There will be a bonfire, marshmallows, hot chocolate and live music. More details to come in my February E-Newsletter. I hope to see you there!



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.



City Hall New Years Levee with my Regional Council Colleagues and the esteemed Town Crier Will Brewer

SUPPORT THE SHUBENACADIE CANAL COMMISSION AND WIN!

The Canal Commission Win with the Waterway 50/50 Draw provides funding to help preserve and promote the rich history of the Shubenacadie Canal. Find out more [here](#).





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HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY IS HIRING

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency is hiring career firefighters. The 2025 Firefighter application period opened on January 2 and closes January 16. The recruitment and selection process includes aptitude testing, physical abilities testing, background screening and a panel interview. The skills, abilities and competencies measured through each of these phases are in alignment with the requirements for the position of firefighter. Candidates must demonstrate competence and proficiency at each stage to advance.

For more information, check out one of our in person or virtual information sessions beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp:

In Person:

January 14, 2025 – St. Andrews Rec Centre

Virtual:

January 15, 2025 - [Join the meeting now](#)

[You can find out more details about the process here.](#)



HALIFAX TRANSIT IS HIRING



We're hiring bus Operators

Looking for a career that moves you forward? Join us at Halifax Transit, where your journey to success begins behind the wheel. We provide a paid training program that includes both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction and great benefits. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

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Bangladesh Victory Day Celebrations



2025/26 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Halifax Regional Council has begun the process of reviewing the municipal budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

The municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing our growing municipality including day-to-day municipal operations, capital projects and more. Residents are encouraged to check out these meetings, you can even have the opportunity to speak directly to the Budget Committee during the public participation portion of each meeting:

2023/24 Strategic Performance Report and Snapshot - Tuesday, January 14

Outlining progress on strategic key performance indicators from the [Strategic Priorities Plan 2021-25](#).

Budget Introduction and Capital Plan Recommendation - Wednesday, February 5

High level discussion of the starting point for the 2025/26 municipal budget.

Business Unit and Budget Presentations - Wednesday, February 12 to Wednesday, February 26

Each municipal business unit, including police, public works, transit and much more will present their proposed budget and business plan for discussion. Full schedule can be found [here](#).

Budget Adjustment List (BAL) Review - Wednesday, March 19

Reviewing all additional items that business units have presented beyond their proposed budgets, including add-ons (“overs”) and subtractions (“unders”).

Final Budget Approval - Tuesday, April 8

Please note these dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit our [website](#).

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

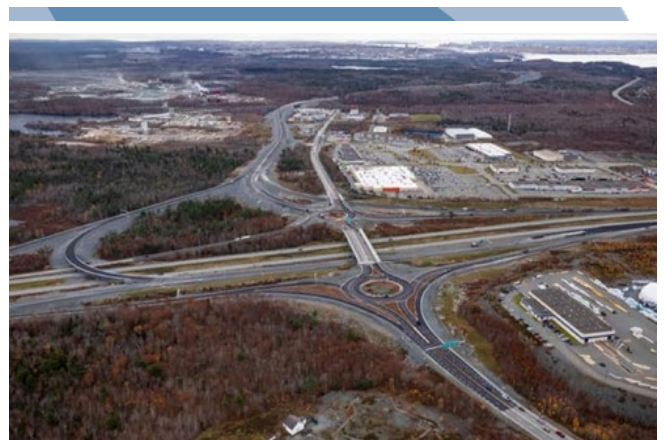
The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising eligible registered non-profit and charitable organizations that applications for the [Community Grants Program](#) have opened.

The program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the region. There are two grants available – a project grant of up to \$5,000 or a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

The program has seven funding categories, which include the following: community arts; diversity and accessibility; environment and climate change; emergency assistance and neighbourhood safety; community histories; leisure; and recreation. Applicants must indicate the category which best matches the funding category.

Applicants should review the [2025/26 Program Guidebook](#) prior to applying, and first-time applicants are encouraged to contact municipal staff prior to submitting an application.

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



The Burnside Connector is complete!



BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR POLICING

In recent years, police body-worn cameras (BWCs) have emerged as a tool for enhancing accountability, transparency, and public trust in law enforcement. While the initial investment in these devices may seem significant, the long-term benefits can far outweigh the costs. Cities throughout North America have embraced and supported the use of body-worn cameras to improve community safety and strengthen relationships between police departments and the public. THE RCMP is now making BWCs mandatory across the country for their members and HRP has included BWCs as part of their 2025/26 budget.

Promoting Transparency and Accountability

Body-worn cameras provide an objective record of police interactions with the public, creating an unbiased account of events. In situations where disputes arise, these recordings serve as impartial evidence, reducing reliance on conflicting testimonies. Officers and civilians alike are more likely to behave appropriately when they know their actions are being recorded, leading to a decrease in incidents of misconduct. This transparency can foster accountability within police departments, ensuring that officers adhere to established protocols and ethical standards.

Enhancing Public Trust

The use of body-worn cameras can demonstrate a commitment to openness and fairness, key elements in building trust between law enforcement and communities. In areas where trust has eroded due to high-profile incidents or allegations of misconduct, BWCs can play a crucial role in restoring confidence. By providing clear evidence of police conduct, these cameras reassure citizens that law enforcement operates in their best interest and is subject to scrutiny when necessary.

Improving Officer Safety and Performance

Body-worn cameras not only protect the public but also safeguard officers from false accusations and unwarranted complaints. Knowing their actions are documented, officers may feel more confident in their roles, leading to improved decision-making under pressure. Additionally, footage from BWCs can be used for training purposes, allowing departments to review and refine best practices for handling various situations.

Providing Evidence for Investigations

Body-worn camera footage can be invaluable in both criminal and civil investigations. It can corroborate witness statements, clarify the sequence of events, and provide prosecutors and defense attorneys with reliable evidence.

Reducing Complaints

Studies have shown that the use of body-worn cameras correlates with a significant decrease in complaints against officers. When interactions are recorded, frivolous or unfounded complaints are less likely to arise, as the footage provides a clear account of what transpired.

Addressing Privacy Concerns

While the implementation of body-worn cameras raises legitimate privacy concerns, these issues can be managed through well-crafted policies. Guidelines should dictate when and where cameras are used, how footage is stored, and who has access to it. By addressing these concerns proactively, we can balance the benefits of transparency with the need to protect individual privacy.

Conclusion

Regional Council will be reviewing the Police Budget on Wednesday February 12 and will be considering the adoption of police body-worn cameras. While challenges such as cost and privacy must be addressed, these devices can promote accountability, enhance public trust, improve officer performance, and provide valuable evidence for investigations.



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Congratulations Hubert Fougere for being inducted into the 80 Plus Hockey Hall of Fame!

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Municipality's Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program for registered non-profit and Canadian charitable organizations located within the region is open until January 31.

This program can help eligible non-profit and charitable organizations reduce the amount of property tax they pay each year.

This intake is for organizations requesting the addition of a property for the 2025 – 2026 tax year. You can find more information and the application form [here](#).

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the municipal overnight winter parking ban is now in effect during declared weather events to ensure effective snow clearing. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead when snow is in the forecast and secure off-street parking when the overnight winter parking ban is enforced.



The parking ban can be enforced throughout the entire municipality or just by zone. Zone 1 – Central refers to the Halifax peninsula and downtown Dartmouth within Highway 111 (the Circumferential Highway) and some surrounding areas. Zone 2 – Non-Central is any area outside of Zone 1. You can find out what zone you are in [here](#).

To get updates on when the parking ban is in effect, sign up for our [hfxALERT](#) system or check out our [public service announcements](#) or [@hfxgov](#) on X.

The municipality has enhanced enforcement for parking ban violations in areas around hospitals, schools, bus routes and challenging streets to ensure unobstructed access for snow equipment and emergency vehicles. Officers will also be ticketing vehicles obstructing sidewalk clearing.

Regardless of the status of the overnight winter parking ban, vehicles can be ticketed or towed at any time if their vehicle is interfering with snow clearing operations as outlined in Section 139 of the [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#). Learn more about the parking ban [here](#).



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CAMP COURAGE

Camp Courage is a free, award-winning program that inspires young women and gender-diverse youth to discover careers in emergency services. This life-changing experience builds confidence, leadership, and resilience while igniting a passion to make a difference.

This program has had a profound impact on youth who have participated in this program. Do you know someone in our community who could benefit from stepping into a world of inspiration, mentorship, and possibility?

Together, we can empower the next generation of first responders and leaders. Let's change a life today! For more information, visit their [website](#).

Do you want the experience of a lifetime?

If so, apply to **CAMP COURAGE HALIFAX** Before February 15th

Only 24 youth WILL BE SELECTED TO ATTEND THIS FREE CAMP

Date : Saturday June 28th to Sunday July 6th 2025.

An empowering program that introduces Nova Scotian young women and gender-diverse youth ages 15-19 years to emergency service careers.

Respecting Differences

Contact us at campcourage.ca or Call (902) 701-1405

Discover Camp Courage in Alberta, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick.

BANCROFT LANE SHELTER VILLAGE

The province has opened a shelter village located off Bancroft Lane near Burnside Industrial Park that includes 45 single-occupancy



units. The shelter village opened last week with resident intake ongoing. They are operated by the Atlantic Community Shelters Society, which manages the site and co-ordinates on-site wraparound services and supports. Each unit includes a bed, desk and storage space for personal items, with access to a shared building with washroom and shower facilities. Shared laundry facilities and a full kitchen will be available soon. Residents are selected through referrals from outreach teams in HRM and the HRM By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness, maintained by the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia.



Colleen's Pub New Years Celebration!



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PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) assesses every property in Nova Scotia and mails over 638,000 Property Assessment Notices to property owners every January. If you are a property owner, you should be receiving your latest Property Assessment Notice in the coming weeks.

There is an option to appeal/refute your assessment within 31 days of the date on your Assessment Notice. To learn more about your assessment, call PVSC assessors at 1-800-380-7775 or email them at inquiry@pvsc.ca.

Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

JANUARY IS CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

It's Crime Stoppers Month and Halifax Regional Police says that partnering with the public is key to the success of Crime Stoppers Nova Scotia. You can do your part – visit their [website](#) and see what you can do to help. Remember to always report your tips!



Army Navy Airforce Club with MLA Tim Halman, MLA Leah Martin and MP Darren Fisher

ICE SAFETY

ICE THICKNESS TO SAFELY ENJOY WINTER ACTIVITIES

15 CM WALKING OR SKATING ALONE	20 CM SKATING AS A GROUP OR PLAYING HOCKEY	25 CM SNOWMOBILING OR DRIVING AN ATV
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The municipality is no longer conducting ice thickness testing as changing climate patterns, including rapidly fluctuating temperatures, have made ice thickness testing no longer feasible or reliable.

Residents are asked to take safety precautions for themselves and their families by avoiding any further recreation activities on frozen lakes and ponds, including walking, snowmobiling, and skating. If you are going to engage in any activity on frozen lakes, make sure to take precautions. You can find a complete list of guidelines from the Canadian Red Cross regarding ice safety [here](#).

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

Healthy food. Good prices. Strong communities.

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



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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](#).

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- January 14
- January 28

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](#).

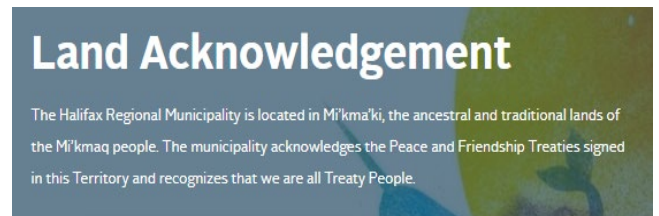
The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM’s [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 6.

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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Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission