



**DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI**  
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER  
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

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

### WELCOME MARCH

We are almost there, folks! Spring is just around the corner, and with the arrival of spring comes longer days and warmer weather.



This month we celebrate Mois de la Francophonie, a time to commemorate the French language and diverse Francophone cultures in our region and across the world! We are so fortunate in District 6 to include a large portion of HRM's francophonie community and three of our CSAP French language schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to our Winter Operations team and operators for their incredible dedication and work this season. As the snow begins to melt please make sure to notify 311 as soon as possible if you notice any property damage due to snow clearing so we can add it to the list for repair. Please also phone 311 to report any potholes you see on the street.

### BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE MARS

Nous y sommes presque, les amis! Le printemps est à nos portes et avec l'arrivée du printemps viennent les journées plus longues et le temps plus chaud.

Ce mois-ci, nous célébrons le Mois de la Francophonie, une occasion de commémorer la langue française et les diverses cultures francophones dans notre région et dans le monde entier! Nous avons la chance au sein du district 6 d'intégrer une grande partie de la communauté francophone de la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax, ainsi que trois de nos écoles de langue française du Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).

Je tiens à profiter de cette occasion pour remercier tout particulièrement l'équipe des opérations hivernales et les opérateurs pour leur dévouement et leur travail remarquables au cours de cette saison. Alors que la neige commence à fondre, veuillez à avertir le 311 dès que possible si vous constatez des dégâts matériels attribuables au déneigement, afin que nous puissions les ajouter à la liste des réparations à effectuer. Veuillez également composer le 311 pour signaler les nids-de-poule que vous voyez dans la rue.



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## MARCH IS FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

March is Francophonie Month, celebrating the French language and diverse Francophone cultures through cultural activities held worldwide.

March 20 has been observed worldwide as International Francophonie Day since 1988. The date commemorates the establishment of the Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique, the precursor to the [International Organization of La Francophonie](#), the organization representing countries and regions where French is the first or customary language.

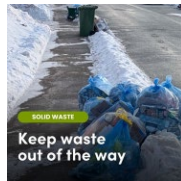


Today, with 300 million speakers worldwide, French is the fifth most spoken language in the world; La Francophonie has 88 member states and governments.

You can learn more about the valuable role the Acadian and Francophone population plays in contributing to the cultural, social and economic development in our region by joining celebrations throughout the month! Visit our [website](#) for more information as event details are finalized.

## WINTER GARBAGE COLLECTION

As snow season continues, please remember to place waste for curbside collection in a spot that won't interfere with sidewalk or road clearing. To help our crews keep pathways safe and accessible, place waste at the edge of your driveway, not on the sidewalk or road.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD). It's a global day to recognize and celebrate women's and girls' social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. It's also a time to highlight the progress made in advancing women's rights and the ongoing efforts needed to ensure their full participation in all aspects of society.

### International Women's Day 2025 theme

The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2025 is Strength in every story.

This year's theme highlights the importance of amplifying the voices of all women, particularly those who continue to face barriers to success. Creating opportunities for women and girls unlocks their potential and drives innovation, supports Canada's economy, and helps ensure a sustainable future for all.

Every woman's story is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of opportunity. This International Women's Day, celebrate the women and girls in your life and share their stories.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind folks that daylight savings time is quickly approaching. Don't forget to set your clocks forward at 2:00 a.m. on March 9.





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## RAMADAN 2025: A HOLY MONTH OF GRATITUDE



The holy month of Ramadan has begun.

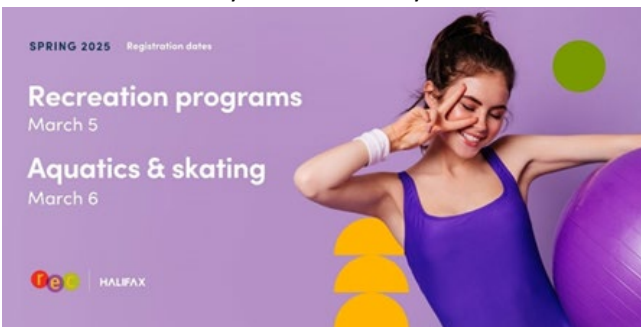
In practicing the self-restraint and gratitude that Ramadan involves, adult Muslims fast from dawn until dusk at this time and exhibit goodwill through acts of kindness and charity.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. Ramadan is expected to last until March 29 in 2025. However, dates can vary slightly depending on the crescent moon's appearance.

*Ramadan Mubarak – Blessed Ramadan!*

## RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Spring 2025 recreation program registration is now open. To view the program PDFs, visit our [website](#) to see what's available in your community.



## SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

We want to make sure you're getting municipal updates where you're most active online. Take this short [survey](#) (less than 10 minutes) and help us understand your experience with social media and how you choose to get information about municipal services in HRM.



The survey closes at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 10.



West Jet announces direct flights to Amsterdam

## LANDRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Landrace Community Garden, in Landrace Crescent Park in Woodlawn, is now accepting plot applications for the 2025 growing season. For more information email [landracecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:landracecommunitygarden@gmail.com).





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## WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE

At the Feb. 25 meeting, Regional Council voted 15-2 in favour of proceeding with the Windsor Street Exchange project under its current design and funding agreement.

The proposed project aims 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.

The previous design was rejected at the Jan. 28 meeting, when Council raised concerns about the lack of a firm commitment to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and active transportation in the design. On Feb. 25, staff presented a supplementary report with a revised recommendation based on Council input. This includes design and construction of new structures within the project area to accommodate additional dedicated transit lanes and separated pedestrian and cycling facilities.

Municipal staff will also now start planning a second phase of the project, which will include road-widening to provide additional right-of-way for dedicated transit lanes in both the inbound and outbound directions. It will also include separated sidewalks and cycling facilities for active transportation connections from Joseph Howe Drive to Kempt Road.

For background on the Windsor Street Exchange project, please visit our [website](#).



African Heritage Month Gala with Mayor Fillmore and my council colleagues

## GRANTS TO PROFESSIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

HRM is accepting applications for the 2025/26 Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program.

The Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program supports the operating and artistic capacity of Halifax-based professional arts organizations to develop and present artistic work as well as strengthen their capacity.

We have two streams of funding, Operating Assistance and Project Assistance.

Learn more and apply online until March 31 [here](#)

## BATTERIES

Did you know – batteries are banned from landfills in Nova Scotia. Improperly disposed batteries can cause fires.

- Store lithium batteries safely
- Check devices for battery swelling
- Dropping off used batteries is FREE

Find a recycling location [here](#).





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## UPDATE ON BREAK-INS IN DARTMOUTH EAST

As I reported before, there have been three arrests for breaking into cars, sheds and auto thefts.

### Here are some stats from Jan. 1 to 31:

Main St - Portland St area

Theft from vehicles - 15

Theft of vehicles - 5 (mainly during early morning hours)

B&E into sheds/ garages: (including mischief related B&E)- 5

Montebello, Port Wallace area

Theft from vehicles - 21

Theft of vehicles - 3

B&E into sheds/garages: (including mischief related B&E)  
- 2

It is **critical that any unusual activity** is reported by calling the non-emergency number 902-490-5020. There can at times be a delay in getting through. You can also report online [here](#).

### Reports that can be filed online are as follows:

Damage/Mischief to property

Damage/Mischief to vehicle

Lost or found property

Theft (under \$5000)

Theft from Vehicle (under \$5000)

**Traffic accidents** can NOT be reported through online reporting. To report Motor Vehicle Accidents, please send an email to [hrpsot@halifax.ca](mailto:hrpsot@halifax.ca).

In your email you must provide the following information:

- A phone number you can be reached
- Driver’s licence information of the person who was driving at the time of the accident
- Your permit with your VIN – Vehicle Identification Number
- Your insurance information
- A date and time as well as a location and a brief description of what occurred

Traffic Support Services will create a GO report for you and will call you with a General Occurrence Number required by your insurance company.

If you have any questions, please email

[hrpsot@halifax.ca](mailto:hrpsot@halifax.ca)

## HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

Halifax Transit implemented service changes affecting Halifax, Bedford and Dartmouth which began on Feb. 24, 2025.

These service changes include the latest installment of [Moving Forward Together Plan](#) (MFTP) changes, the reinstatement of 25 trips across eleven routes, a minor schedule adjustment for Route 10C on Saturdays, and the publication of updated route maps and schedules to reflect the reopening of Scotia Square terminal.

**Transit Changes**  
These routes stop here until February 23, 2025  
8 90 91 93  
196  
These routes stop here starting February 24, 2025  
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See what's changing: [halifax.ca/transitchanges](#) Call 311

HALIFAX TRANSIT

Moving Forward Together

To learn more, visit our [website](#).



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## RECREATION FUNDING ACCESS APPLICATION

The Funding Access Program provides recreation opportunities to children, youth and adults in financial need. Depending on the need, the cost of recreation programs could be 50% or 100% covered by the program.

To qualify, you must:

- Live in HRM
- Show proof of financial need
- Apply before registering for a program

All Halifax Recreation programs are eligible except private swim lessons, birthday parties, third-party programs, and rentals.

Proof of financial need must accompany [your application](#). You must include the following as applicable to your application request.

- [Canada Child Benefit Statement](#) for children and youth under 18 years of age
- [Notice of Assessment](#) for individuals 18 years of age and over
  - [Sample Notice of Assessment](#)
- Letter from the [Department of Community Services](#)

If you are applying to the Affordable Access Program and would like to provide feedback, please fill out and submit our [Feedback Survey](#).



I had the pleasure of attending the retirement party for The North Grove’s Executive Director Wendy Fraser. Thank you, Wendy, for your dedicated service to the Dartmouth North Community.

## TRANSIT FEDERAL FUNDING

Minister Darren Fisher has announced the federal government is delivering over \$55 million in long-term funding for public transit across HRM! Stable and predictable funding for transit is essential to keeping our communities connected. Predictable funding means that HRM can plan and do the work needed to upgrade and modernize the transit system. That planning means we will be able to support housing growth near transit making it easier to live here without a vehicle.



Ice fishing at Red Bridge Pond



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## ACCESSABILITY STRATEGY

Halifax Regional Council has approved the 2025/28 Accessibility Strategy, representing an important step in our continued commitment to a more accessible region.



The 2025/28 Accessibility

Strategy focuses on how we can improve accessibility throughout the municipality by identifying, removing and preventing barriers for persons with disabilities.

In line with the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act, the 2025/28 Accessibility Strategy has 30 recommendations with five key focus areas:

- Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure
- Built Environment
- Information and Communications
- Goods and Services
- Employment

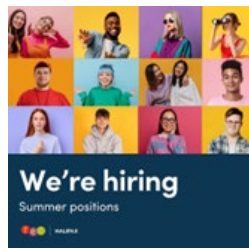
Through deliberate and conscious planning and with this strategy as our guide, the municipality will work diligently to make our municipality a more inclusive place.

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

## PARKS AND REC SUMMER JOBS

Looking for a great summer job? Earn \$17.20–\$23.20 per hour in recreation programming, aquatics, or inclusion support.

Visit our [website](#) for a full list of job postings and apply by April 6!



Supporting the Dartmouth Whalers U13 Orcas!

## NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CATALOGUE

Starting this spring, Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services (NVS) will offer a wide selection of FREE 101-level workshops for residents.

Check out the new training catalogue and the spring 2025 workshop schedule [here](#).



## COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS OPEN

Interested in starting a community garden? Applications for 2025 are now open and will close on March 30. To review the program handbook and fill out the fillable online forms, visit our [website](#).





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## COMMUNITY MEDIATION

Regional Council has approved funding for a Community Mediation Project, to promote public safety, improve community wellbeing and further the civilian delivery of non-core policing functions.

Trained community mediators can help neighbours, relatives, and others resolve conflicts peacefully. Mediation can prevent the escalation of community disputes, reduce harm, and avoid time and cost of resolving conflicts through the legal system.

Staff propose a one-year community mediation pilot (with the possibility of year-by-year renewals).

Once approved in the 2025/26 Operating Budget, Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a contribution of \$100,000 to the United Way of Halifax to create and implement this pilot program.

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

## HRP HEADQUARTERS



The hours at police headquarters, located at 1975 Gottingen Street in Halifax, are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The following services are available at the front window Monday to Friday, after 4 p.m., and 24/7 Saturday and Sunday:

- Ticket withdraws
- Reporting non-dispatchable incidents (filing a report that doesn't require an officer to come to the scene)
- Reporting motor vehicle collisions
- Releasing seized vehicles

For more ways to connect with Halifax Regional Police, visit our [website](#).



At the Feb. 25 session of Regional Council, we received a presentation on the Public Safety Strategy. This team does amazing work. [Click here](#) to view the presentation and report.



On Feb. 28, Minister Darren Fisher announced the Banook Canoe Club will be upgraded to more accessible and energy efficient after an investment of over \$2.3 million from the federal government.





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## WHEN TO CALL AN ARBORIST

Halifax Regional Municipality is fortunate to have a dedicated team of tree care professionals responsible for maintaining and managing our large inventory of public trees.

In HRM, a public tree is defined as any tree where the majority of the trunk is on municipal land, including parkland and the space between the curb and private property (right-of-way).

Ownership of the tree in front of most properties in HRM typically depends on how close the tree is to the roadway, but it's not always that simple. The width of the right-of-way space varies across the municipality, from street to street.

If you are unsure if a tree is public or private, you can call 311 and we can assist with a measurement.

### Why does this matter?

HRM maintains and manages public trees, ensuring their health and safety.

If you have concerns about a public street tree (or park tree), you can call 311, and a Certified Arborist can assess it and determine if action is required.

### When to call an Arborist for Private Trees

For trees on private property (e.g. side-yards, backyards, private portion of the front yard), hiring an arborist is advisable if you notice dead or dying branches, cracks in the trunk, leaning or unstable trees, fungal growth, visible signs of stress, damaged roots, pest infestation, cavity or hollow sections, storm damage, tree trimming, safe tree removal and tree assessments.

### Why Hire an Arborist?

Arborists have put in hundreds of hours toward through schooling, exams, certification, and apprenticeship, all to know the right decisions for the right scenarios.

Arborists provide an expert assessment and ensure the job is done right.

HRM has a robust arboriculture industry equipped to understand the local conditions and species. Check online for reputable firms.

For public tree concerns, call 311. For private trees, a professional arborist can help keep your trees healthy and your property safe.



GOOD FOOD  
ORGANIZATION

## MOBILE FOOD MARKET

NORTH DARTMOUTH  
EVERY TUESDAY

Home of the Mobile Food Market  
26 Courtney Rd  
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Cash, Debit & Credit

Closed during cases of extreme weather

Stay updated with us on social media:  
@mobilefoodmarket



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## HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE CRIME UPDATE: JULY – DECEMBER 2024

Halifax Regional Police provides semi-annual crime data for Central (downtown Halifax), East (Dartmouth), and West (Bedford to Sambro Loop) divisions.

Below is a summary comparing July–December 2024 to the same period in 2023.

### Crime Trends

- Crimes against persons have decreased by 4.77%
- Homicides down from 4 to 1
- Assaults down 5% (67 fewer cases)
- Attempted murders increased from 3 to 6
- West Division saw a 3% increase in these crimes

### Crimes Against Property

- 20% increase (1,143 more incidents reported)
- Central Division saw the highest increase in property crimes (55% rise)
- Theft over \$5,000 up 39% (29 more cases)
- Theft under \$5,000 up 29% (1,190 more cases)
- Break & enter down 11% (49 fewer cases)
- Motor vehicle theft down 10% (15 fewer cases)

### Federal Crimes

- 9.6% decrease
- General Federal Crimes (Firearms Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act, etc.) up by 6 cases

### Traffic & Enforcement

- Traffic collisions up 8% (169 more incidents)
- Summary Offence Tickets up 15% (463 more tickets)
- Central Division had the largest increase in tickets (27% rise)

## 2025-26 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION GRANT PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to launch the **2025/26 Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grant Program.**

- Submissions deadline for Spring - Summer Intake is March 30, 2025 for projects starting after May 15, 2025 and ending before March 31, 2026.
- Submissions deadline for Fall - Winter Intake is Sept. 15, 2025 for projects starting after Oct. 15, 2025 and ending before March 31, 2026.

[Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grants Terms](#) outline projects' eligibility, evaluation criteria, terms and timelines.

To submit a proposal, please download and save on your computer the [Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grant Application](#). Complete the info requested and sent it along with required supporting documents by email: [ATGrants@halifax.ca](mailto:ATGrants@halifax.ca).

**To arrange other methods to submit the proposal and supporting documents, please contact:**

Emma Martin, AT Community Projects Coordinator  
Transportation and Public Works - Active Transportation  
[martinem@halifax.ca](mailto:martinem@halifax.ca); C: 902-499-6742

## YOUTH WORX PROGRAM

Are you 16-24 and struggling to find work? Get 24 weeks of paid work experience, training and skill building with the Youth Worx Program!

Join us at an upcoming information session and apply by April 11 for our spring program. Learn more [here](#).



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## HALIFAX POLICE RELEASE IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS FOR JANUARY



Halifax Regional Police charged 45 drivers with impaired-related last month:

- 32 for impaired driving by alcohol
- 6 for impaired driving by drugs
- 7 issued suspensions for consuming alcohol before driving

Fifteen drivers were at least twice the legal limit, and seven refused a breath test, which is also a chargeable offence.

Police received 15 calls from people reporting suspected impaired drivers. If you suspect someone is driving impaired, call 911 immediately with details, including the vehicle’s description and direction of travel.

## REC FEES CHANGING

Parks and Recreation fees are changing on April 1, 2025.

In 2022, changes to the Parks & Recreation fee structure for recreation programs, services, rentals, drop-ins and membership fees were announced. In accordance with the five-year fee structure changes, Parks & Recreation fees, including membership fees, will be increasing effective April 1, 2025.

### The fee changes will also provide more clarity and predictability for residents:

- New user categories will be based on the age group and type of organization.
- Consistent subsidization for fee categories. For example, the fee structure will ensure all youth programs across the municipality receive the same subsidy.
- Reduced risk of unexpected fee increases. The new fee structure accounts for inflation, helping to reduce unexpected and potentially significant fee increases.
- Predictable five-year review cycle. New requirement to review fee structure every five years.
- No user charge for Parks that are rented for public events that are open to the public, non-exclusive and free of charge.
- Overall standardization, consistency and transparency of fees across the municipality.

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Team Canada wins the 4 Nations Face Off!

If you have any questions regarding how the Parks and Recreation fee changes will affect you, please email [myREC@halifax.ca](mailto:myREC@halifax.ca).





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## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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

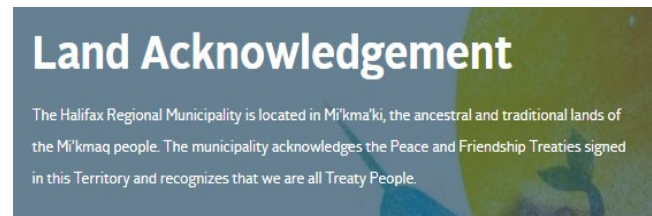
- March 18
- March 25

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.

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.



## 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, April 3.

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Regional Centre Community Council  
Board of Police Commissioners  
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee  
Executive Standing Committee  
Halifax Regional Library Board  
Shubenacadie Canal Commission