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DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME APRIL!



Spring has finally sprung! We can now turn our attention from snow shoveling to garden prep and seed planting.

In this season of renewal and new beginnings, I am wishing you happiness, new adventures, and continued success. Happy Spring!

My council colleagues and I are continuing [budget discussions](#) and doing our best to ensure the municipal programs and services you value are maintained. The budget will be finalized at the April 8 Regional Council session.

Keep reading for information on Wildfires, Shoreline Naturalization Training, Second Unit Incentive Program, Living Lakeshores Free Shoreline Naturalization Training, and much more!

Contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phone at 902-717-2718 or by email at deaglec@halifax.ca.

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. **(If Required)**

Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

NorthWest Community Council:

Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

- Thursday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, April 16 at 10 a.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

- Thursday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Standing Committee

- Monday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW....

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open (bud),” because during April, plants really begin to bud and grow.

April 1 is April Fool’s Day

April 2 is World Autism Day

April 2 is Reconciliation Day

April 4 is Refugee Rights Day

April 7 is World Health Day

April 9 is Vimy Ridge Day

April 13 is Palm Sunday

April 13 is the First Day of Passover

April 17 is Maundy Thursday

April 18 is Good Friday

April 20 is Last Day of Passover

April 20 is Easter Sunday

April 21 is Easter Monday

April 22 is Earth Day

April 23 is Yom HaShoah

April 23 is Administrative Professionals Day

April 28 is National Day of Mourning



This morning when I awoke, I heard the robins sing; I listened very carefully, it was the song of spring. I walked among the flowers, they nodded to and fro; and whispered to each other, it’s time for us to grow!



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BUDGET 2025/26



Regional Council is scheduled to approve [the 2025/26 municipal budget](#) on Tuesday, April 8.

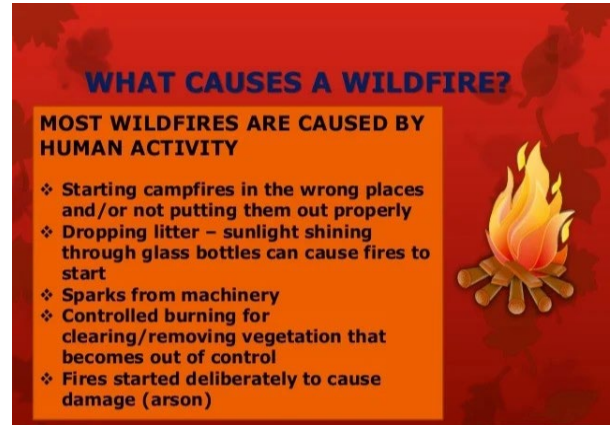
Following the Monday, March 25 Budget Committee meeting, the approved items from the Budget Adjustment List (BAL) result in the residential tax implications detailed below:

- 0.772 tax rate (an increase of 0.002 from 2024/25) – two thousandths of a cent higher than last year.

The municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing a growing municipality. This includes day-to-day municipal operations, capital priority initiatives approved by Regional Council, and capital projects and investments to purchase, construct, rehabilitate and replace municipal assets. For more information on the 2025/26 municipal budget, visit halifax.ca/budget.



WILDFIRE SEASON



Wildfire season runs from March 15 to October 15. While [burning restrictions](#) are in effect year-round, additional restrictions are in effect during wildfire season.

[Fire safety](#) is key to protecting your home and community. Follow these tips every time you make an outdoor fire:

- Always check the [daily burn restrictions](#) before starting a fire to ensure it's safe and allowed.
- Never leave your fire unattended - unattended fires can spread quickly and become dangerous.
- Completely extinguish your fire - douse it with water, stir the ashes and repeat until everything is cool to the touch.

Through a voluntary process, residents may register to receive a wildfire risk assessment for their property using the [FireSmart](#) standard. The FireSmart program is a national initiative designed to help communities and property owners reduce the risk of wildfires.



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It provides education, guidelines and practical actions to minimize fire hazards in homes, businesses and public spaces.

To learn more about a FireSmart assessment, and more information about wildfire safety, visit our [website](#).

BEFORE YOU BURN: A NEW ONLINE TOOL TO CHECK FOR DAILY BURN RESTRICTIONS IN THE HALIFAX REGION

The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched **Before You Burn**, a new online tool that provides residents and visitors with up-to-date information on whether burning is allowed in the Halifax region.

Before starting an open-air fire, check [Before You Burn](#) to stay informed and ensure compliance with municipal and provincial regulations.

WHY BYB?

- No more guesswork – this tool is specific to your civic address.
- Quick visual access to the burn status for the municipality (open, restricted, ban, etc.).
- More detail including the Halifax-specific fire risk index.
- Detailed descriptions of all burning types (campfires, brush burning, etc.).

Both the Province of Nova Scotia and the municipality have burning restrictions in effect.

The new [Before You Burn](#) tool displays the burning restrictions in effect across the municipality by comparing municipal by-laws

and provincial legislation with live data from the [provincial fire restrictions webpage](#). Visit [beforeyouburn.halifax.ca](#) to see if burning is allowed.

APRIL 14 – NEW SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION PLATFORM



A new online recreation software was launched on **April 1**. Beginning April 14, Summer camp registration will use the new registration platform. The [/MyREC webpage](#) will remain the same but will link to the new system.

If you have an active facility membership at one of our municipal recreation centres, the Canada Games Centre, Cole Harbour Place, the St. Margaret's Centre or Zatzman Sportsplex, your client information will be transitioned to the new system. However, you will need to set up a **new password** and **link your payment information** to your new account if you wish to complete online transactions.

Members will be prompted to create their new password in an email coming from **communication@xplorrecreation.com**. It will look like this:

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[External Email] Your Password

HR Halifax Regional Municipality <communication@xplorerecreation.com>
To: RecOpsSupport
Follow up. Start by Thursday, February 13, 2025. Due by Thursday, February 13, 2025.

[This email has been received from an external person or system]

Dear Lars Nielsen,

Welcome to Halifax Regional Municipality.

Your Login Information is:

User Name: RecOpsSupport@Halifax.ca
Password: uockdg7

Visit us now at: <https://halifaxregionalmunicipalitytest.perfectmind.com/>

You can change your profile information on the following page: <https://halifaxregionalmunicipalitytest.perfectmind.com/MyProfile/Contact>

Regards,
Halifax Regional Municipality

If you do not have an active facility membership at one of our municipal recreation centres, the Canada Games Centre, Cole Harbour Place, the St. Margaret's Centre or Zatzman Sportsplex, you will need [to create a new user profile](#).

REPORT A POTHOLE

See a pothole? Report it by calling 311 or using our online form at halifax.ca/potholes.

You can also find answers to common questions, priorities and timelines on our website.

RECREATION FUNDING ACCESS PROGRAM

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](#).

PARKS & REC SUMMER JOBS



Parks and Recreations summer job applications open until April 6.

Looking for a great summer job? Earn \$17.20-\$23.20 per hour in recreation

programming, aquatics, or inclusion support. Visit <http://halifax.ca/recsummerjobs> for a full list of job postings and apply by April 6!

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REFUGEE RIGHTS DAY

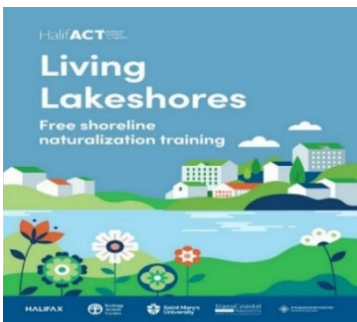


April 4 marks Refugee Rights Day, which is an opportunity to bring attention to the advances made in the protection of refugee rights in Canada as a result of the 1985 Singh Decision.

In this decision, the Supreme Court found that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of refugees.

The Court decided that ‘everyone’ includes refugee claimants in the sentence: ‘Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.’

FREE SHORELINE NATURALIZATION TRAINING



This spring, the municipality's Environment and Climate Change team, in partnership with TransCoastal Adaptations (TCA) at Saint Mary's

University and the Ecology Action Centre, will launch a new project called Living Lakeshores.

This project aims to increase the resilience of freshwater shorelines in the Halifax region and build community understanding of natural restoration approaches in sensitive ecosystems.

The municipality will be offering free shoreline naturalization training to residents, delivered by TCA.

This training is based on the [Green Shores initiative](#) and will give residents the skills and knowledge to contribute to climate adaptation and help municipal staff implement green infrastructure projects.

Please note that each training has a maximum capacity of 20 people.

Head over to the Living Lakeshores [project page](#) to find out how to register for free naturalization training.

MUSQUODOBOIT RIVER WATERSHED DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM



Help create a flood line map for the Musquodoboit River Watershed!

<https://dillonconsulting.mysocialpinpoint.com/musquodoboit-mflm...>

As part of the Department of Municipal Affairs Municipal Flood Line Mapping (MFLM) program, Dillon Consulting is coordinating, on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), data

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collection for the development of a flood line map for the Musquodoboit River Watershed.

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage consistency in flood line mapping across the province so that municipalities can develop appropriate standards and regulations for flood hazard areas. This map will not only help municipalities guide development away from flood hazards; they will also inform emergency management efforts and empower residents with information that will help them make informed decisions.

You can participate by sharing your experiences of flooding in your community.

Use the interactive map to upload pictures and descriptions of flood water or flood damage you have witnessed. Please note uploads will be visible to the public.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD



The Built Environment Accessibility Standard focuses on rules for outdoor and recreational spaces that will be required in the design and planning of new infrastructure starting April 1, 2026.

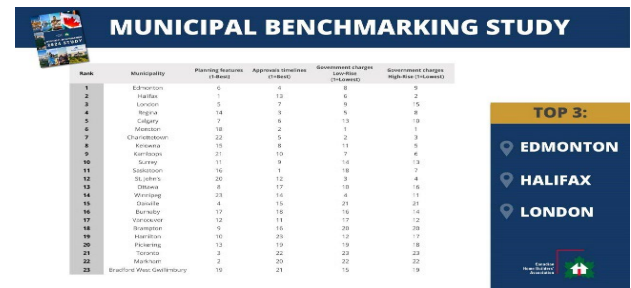
You can read about the announcement in the news release here:

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<https://news.novascotia.ca/.../nova-scotias-first...>

The new Built Environment Accessibility Standard will improve accessibility of indoor and outdoor spaces where people live, work, learn and play across Nova Scotia. To learn more about how Nova Scotia is improving accessibility visit: <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/built-environment/>

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING STUDY



Of the 23 cities studied, the latest CHBA [#MunicipalBenchmarkingStudy](#), delivered by [Altus Group](#), finds that the cities of Edmonton, Halifax, and London rank highest overall for having only moderately high municipal fees, faster timelines, and planning features.

Whether at the top or the bottom of the list, each city can learn from the best practices of others and continue to improve to support housing construction and affordability in their communities.

Learn more by downloading the complete CHBA [#MunicipalBenchmarking](#) Study at chba.ca/municipal-benchmarking.

YOUTH WORX PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS



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Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment? If you're between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the Youth WORX Program.

The Youth WORX Program (formerly called Youth Live) offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for those having difficulty finding employment. While in our supportive environment, you'll gain hands-on work experience operating the [Youth WORX Café](#) in the Sackville Sports Stadium and delivering and repairing green carts on behalf of the municipality. You'll also participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. At Youth Worx you will work to learn and learn to work!

Spring 2025 Information Sessions:

- **March 18 at 6 p.m.:** Dartmouth North Community Centre
- **March 25 at 6 p.m.:** Sackville Sports Stadium
- **March 26 at 6 p.m.:** North Preston Community Centre
- **April 10 at 4 p.m.:** Power House Youth Centre

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CATALOGUE

The [community development team](#) offers a range of training workshops designed to support community leaders, volunteers and grassroots organizations.

Whether you're looking to develop new skills, strengthen your board or enhance your community programs, our team is here to help.

Explore [our training catalogue](#) for upcoming sessions and submit your requests for personalized workshops. We offer a selection of 101-level workshops that are available to residents on a regular basis. These FREE workshops are offered regularly across the municipality and are suitable for learners of all levels.

Check out [our training catalogue](#) and register for upcoming workshops at halifax.ca/myREC.

SENIOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING SURVEY



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to provide feedback on recreation programming for seniors 60 years and older.

Residents are encouraged to complete the survey or attend one of the upcoming public engagement sessions listed on halifax.ca/seniors.

The survey will remain open until **Wednesday, June 4**. Parks & Recreation is in the process of developing a Seniors Recreation Services plan. This project is aimed at shaping the municipality's recreation programs and services for seniors over the next five years.

Seniors' groups and individuals will be actively involved in creating this plan – and a Seniors' Recreation Advisory Group has been established

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to provide leadership and support to staff during the planning process. For more information, visit [our website](#). You can complete the [survey online](#) or obtain a paper copy. Paper copies will be available at [local recreation centres](#). You can also go to one of the [Halifax Public Library's](#) 14 locations to access the online survey on a library computer. By completing the survey, you can be entered in a contest to win!

Drop-in and provide feedback on recreation programs, social connection, accessibility and inclusion, transportation, affordability and safety.

- **Friday, April 11** | 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Gordon R. Snow Community Centre,
Multi-purpose room (1359 Fall River Rd)
- **Saturday, April 26** | 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Carrolls Corner Community Centre,
Multi-purpose room (9 Milford Rd)

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING



On April 28, Nova Scotians will join with Canadians across the nation, and over 100 countries around the world, to recognize the National Day of Mourning.

This day has been designated as a time when workers, families, employers and others come together to remember those who have died or been injured at work.

According to recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of

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Canada (AWCBC), there were just over 270,000 accepted claims for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease in Canada in 2019, and sadly, 925 workplace fatalities.

On this important day, we pause to remember those who have died or been injured on the job and take time to collectively renew our commitment to making safety a top priority in our individual workplaces.

Learn more about the National Day of Mourning [here](#).

HALIFAX NAMED A 2024 TREE CITY OF THE WORLD



Halifax has once again been recognized as a Tree City of the World by the Arbor Day Foundation!

This designation highlights our commitment to planting and maintaining trees that make our communities greener, healthier, and more sustainable.

Since first earning this recognition in 2019, we've continued investing in urban forestry—planting 1,200 trees in 2024 alone.

To receive this recognition, Halifax meets five key standards, including responsible tree management and public education efforts. This



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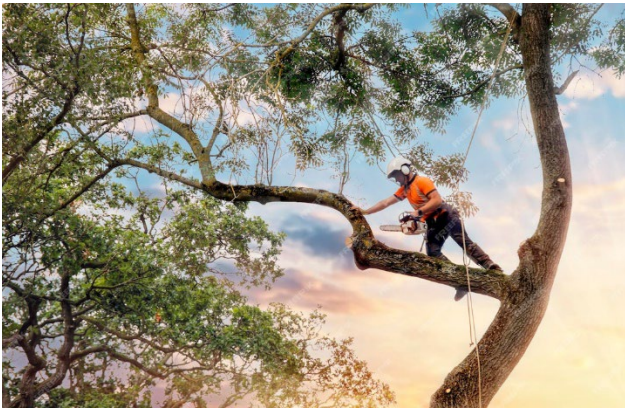
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work is part of our broader goal to build a more livable and resilient municipality.

Thank you to everyone who supports urban forestry in our region!

Learn more about this initiative through the Arbor Day Foundation's [website](#).

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.



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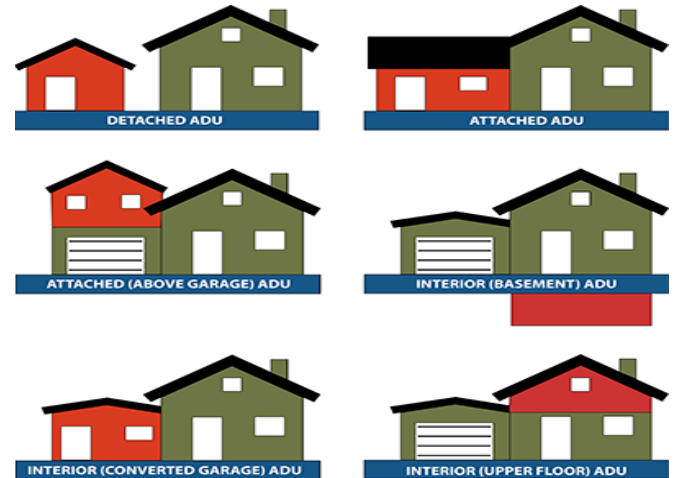
The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to review the draft *2026-2030 Strategic Plan* content and provide feedback.

The Strategic Plan reflects the municipality's vision, mission and values – and establishes key areas of focus now and into the future. The four-year plan outlines priorities and goals, which guide how the municipality tracks progress and aligns business plans and budgets. The plan also helps municipal employees understand how their work fits into the long-term goals of the organization, and how they can work together to make a difference in the region. The draft Plan content has been informed by the results of the [2024 Resident Survey](#) and workshops with Regional Council and the administration's senior leadership. While reviewing the draft Plan content, residents can provide feedback on if it reflects the most pressing issues facing the municipality; prioritizes what is most important for Regional Council and the municipal administration; and includes perspectives for the entire region.

Results from this engagement will support Regional Council in determining final priorities and goals for the *2026-2030 Strategic Plan*.

The Shape Your City survey can be found [here](#) and will remain open until **April 23, 2025**.

THE SECOND UNIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality has introduced a new program to help property owners create more housing options across the region through non-repayable funding. The Second Unit Incentive Program offers financial grants to help offset costs associated with building new second units. Eligible residents can receive up to \$12,000 to help reduce building expenses related to water and wastewater. Funded through the [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) (HAF), this program is part of the municipality's commitment to increasing housing availability and supporting sustainable community development.

The program is available to owner-occupants of a one-unit dwelling who are up-to-date on property tax payments, where land use by-laws allow. A building permit is also needed to apply.

Applications will be open until **June 1, 2026**, or until funding is fully allocated. More information on how to apply can be found [here](#).



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HALIFAX REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION BOARD - OPPORTUNITY

Halifax Regional Municipality is recruiting one resident of the municipality to sit on the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board.

The Municipal Clerk's Office is currently recruiting for one (1) volunteer to serve on the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners. **Applications will be accepted until Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** To learn more and apply, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/halifax-regional-water-commission-board-opportunity>.

The municipality values community participation and service as fundamental to the success of the community. We strive to have appointments made by Council that reflect the diversity of the communities that it serves, and we seek to appoint members of the community who bring skills, expertise, and perspectives that contribute to good governance. For more detail, you can review the [Public Appointments Policy](#).

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT

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The Halifax Regional Municipality is announcing that Vincent Beswick-Escanlar will be appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners, effective April 1, 2025.

Mr. Beswick-Escanlar is a family physician, with expertise in public health and preventive medicine.

With experience in both the military and policing, Mr. Beswick-Escanlar brings an understanding of the complex, interconnected factors that shape community policing and safety.

The municipality would also like to thank Gavin Giles, the current Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners, for his service. Mr. Giles' term as Chair concludes on March 31, 2025.

An election for the new Chair will be held during the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on April 2, 2025.

For more information about the Board of Police Commissioners, visit the [webpage](#).

MOBILE FOOD MARKET



Regional Council has approved an increase in funding from \$75,000 to \$175,700 to the Mobile Food Market.

Rising costs, soaring rates of food insecurity and growing interest in community-based, welcoming and dignified ways of accessing food has resulted in an unprecedented demand for the services of the Mobile Food Market. Since 2019, there has been a dramatic increase in food distribution and has challenged the ability of the Mobile Food Market to respond to communities.



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Additional funding will be used to continue supporting a senior leadership role, an additional full-time employee, and for program funding. Regional Council has also approved the continued support for two years until 2029 and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Mobile Food Market and other partners for the purchase of a new hybrid or electric vehicle.

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

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS SPRING JOB FAIR



I'm excited to share that the Nova Scotia Works Spring Job Fair is coming up on Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday April 16 at the Mumford Road Annex (7071 Chebucto Road, Halifax).

The goal of the job fair

is to connect job seekers with employers who are ready to hire.

This event is one of the largest job fairs in our region, bringing together over 120 employers offering thousands of job opportunities across a wide range of industries.

Whether you're looking for your first job, a career change, or a fresh start, this job fair is a great place to explore new opportunities.

Dates: April 15 and April 16

Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: 7071 Chebucto Road, Halifax, NS

More Info: www.HRMJobFair.ca

A Welcoming and Accessible Event

Ensuring everyone can participate is a priority. The job fair venue is fully accessible with door openers, level entrances, and a quiet/sensory room with professional staff. ASL, French, and Ukrainian interpreters will also be available on-site. Plus, free resume printing and easy access to public transit make attending even easier.

Whether you're actively job searching or just exploring options, this job fair is a fantastic way to connect with employers and take the next step in your career!

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT UPCOMING TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of a series of traffic disruptions along Upper Water Street during the upcoming construction season. This work is needed to facilitate the final year of construction for the Cogswell District project.

Work details: These disruptions are necessary for the installation of final underground infrastructure and the reconstruction of Upper Water Street, which will include:

- realignment of the intersection at Barrington Street;
- increase in street grade; and
- construction of a new roadway with bike lanes, sidewalks, trees and widening to four lanes.

Traffic impacts: To complete this work, the following traffic impacts are expected:



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- April 14 to May 5 – Upper Water Street will be closed at Barrington Street.
- April 19 to 22 – The intersection of Upper Water and Cogswell streets will be closed.
- Early May (exact dates TBC) – Traffic will be moved onto the newly constructed west side lanes of Upper Water Street and the existing east side lanes will close.
- Mid-June to early July (exact dates TBC) – Traffic along Upper Water Street will be reduced to a single lane with stop-and-go traffic control for a period of time.

Additional information and specific details about each of these impacts will be shared closer to the dates of the work outlined above.

For more information about this project, visit:

halifax.ca/cogswell.

more than happy to help with the application process.

The Youth Climate Action Fund gives financial support to young innovators who have creative ideas about how to tackle climate change. This funding is aimed at recognizing and rewarding the incredible resourcefulness of our young residents in the face of the climate crisis. If you're part of an organization that is led by young people aged 15-24 and you're working on climate action and environmental initiatives, we hope you'll join the movement for local, community-based climate action and apply today at halifax.ca/ycaf.

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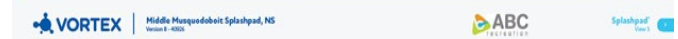


As part of the Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF), Halifax received \$140,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies and United Cities and Local

Governments to accelerate climate action and mobilize youth-driven innovation in the municipality.

Alongside our partner HCl3, we're giving out small grants of up to \$7,000 to youth-led and youth-serving groups working on climate-related projects in the region.

We are extending the deadline for applications to **Monday, April 7**. No previous experience with grant writing is required, and our YCAF team is



HRM Parks Capital are working on the development of Middle Musquodoboit Park; two tenders have been awarded, and construction started in 2024 and will commence again when weather permits this spring. It is anticipated the water feature will be completed by late June.

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IN THE COMMUNITY...

Work happening in your community.

We are getting ready to ramp up construction on the grid-scale battery facility located in your community. Over the next few weeks you may notice some construction vehicles and equipment headed to the future location of the battery site, located next to our substation off of Waverley Road.

Construction on the site will continue through to the fall of 2025. We expect minimal disruption to the community during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at engage@nspower.ca.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of the grid-scale battery project?
The facility will help store clean and reliable energy that can be distributed to the grid when needed.

When will construction start and end?
Site clearing and road access started on the site in late 2024. Construction will ramp up this Spring and continue until November 2025.

Will there be any disruptions to the community?
We expect minimal disruption. The site cannot be seen from the main roads or homes surrounding the area. There may be some construction vehicles and equipment in the area, but we will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience.

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?
Please contact us at engage@nspower.ca.



You can find more FAQs and information about the project at



Grid-scale battery project located in Waverley Update.

Over the next few weeks, crews and equipment will be arriving on site as we ramp up construction activities. This work will continue through to November 2025, when the site will become operational. They anticipate minimal disruption to the community during this period. This community outreach piece will be distributed to approximately 1,000 residents and businesses in the Waverley area to inform them about the upcoming construction.



What a thrilling experience, going up on the aerial. Congratulations to the [Enfield Fire Department](#) and [Wellington - Grand Lake and District Firefighters Association](#) for hosting such a wonderful community event.



Organize an Easter egg hunt in your community; or attend one – so much fun!

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Congratulations and welcome [My Own Path, Health and Wellness Inc.](#) it's Grand Opening Day. Come try out a smoothie, check out the gym space and workout room. This a beautiful addition to our business community.



Halifax Partnership and Global Public Affairs hosted a conversation with Hannah Thibedeau, Executive Communications Officer with Global Public Affairs and Christopher Sands, Director of the Wilson Center's Canada Institute, a specialist on Canada, US-Canadian relations and North American economic integration. Hannah and Christopher shared perspectives on our current economic and trade environment. A room full of [Halifax Partnership](#) Investors, Mayor Filmore, and so happy to see [Peter MacKay](#) who along with past MP Mike Savage and our current Lieutenant Governor [Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia](#) ensured DASC had a purpose built facility for persons with disability in Dartmouth. Always thankful to these two MP's.

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Beautiful drive to the [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#) to present a cheque to add to the fund to replace the entrance steps and ramp. Volunteers are remarkable and are at the heart of our rural communities.



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International Women's Day Flag Raising along with my Council colleagues and Mayor Fillmore.



[World Down Syndrome Day](#) with our Town Crier Will Brewer and a Flag Raising.



International Women's Day breakfast at [Halifax Stanfield](#) with a room full of inspiring women.



Charlie all decked out on St. Patrick's Day

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COMMUNITY HALLS / CENTRES

District 1 is home to many community halls and non-profit organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages at the links below to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community.

[Elderbank Recreation Club](#)

[Lemmon Hill Sports Association](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut](#)

[Command](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)

Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre

(902)568-2536

[Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)

[Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)

[Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)

[Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)

[Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)

[Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)

[Waverley Heritage Museum](#)

[Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)

[LWF Community Hall](#)

[Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)

[Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)

[Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I have missed this time around please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!

Community is

- A group of people who live and work in close proximity
- Share a common purpose
- Interact regularly
- Take responsibility for the quality of the environment
- Actively define expectations
- Are respectful and considerate of the other persons in the community

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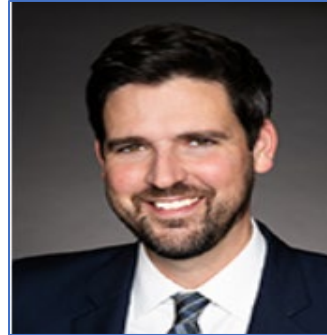
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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Audit and Finance Committee (Chair)
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Vice Chair)
- Executive Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership

Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

The District 1 newsletters, available on my [municipal website](#) or to request to be added to the distribution list – please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator, Nancy Viner at Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca.



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region. The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

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