



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME APRIL

Spring has arrived, bringing longer days and warmer temperatures. Before we know it, summer will be here! Take advantage of the season and explore the beauty our municipal parks and greenspaces have to offer.

This month, Regional Council will be approving the final operating budget for the municipality after an extensive process of reviewing each department's budget proposals. More information is below.

Finally, I'm looking forward to celebrating our volunteer award winners this month as we celebrate National Volunteer Week from April 27 to May 3. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!

BIENVENUE AU MOIS D'AVRIL

Le printemps est arrivé, avec ses journées plus longues et ses températures plus chaudes. En un rien de temps, l'été sera là! Profitez de la saison et explorez la beauté de nos parcs et espaces verts municipaux.

Ce mois-ci, le Conseil régional approuvera le budget de fonctionnement définitif de la municipalité après un processus exhaustif d'examen des propositions budgétaires de chaque service. De plus amples renseignements suivront.

Enfin, j'ai hâte de célébrer les lauréats de nos Prix pour le bénévolat ce mois-ci, à l'occasion de la Semaine nationale du bénévole, qui se déroulera du 27 avril au 3 mai. Merci à tous nos bénévoles extraordinaires!





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STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK



The Halifax Regional Municipality invites residents to review the draft 2026-30 Strategic Plan and share feedback.

This plan sets key priorities, guides decision-making, and supports the municipality's long-term vision. It reflects input from the 2024 Resident Survey, Regional Council, and senior leadership.

As you review the draft, we encourage you to consider:

- ✓ Does the plan address the most pressing issues facing our region?
- ✓ Does it reflect the right priorities for Regional Council and municipal administration?
- ✓ Does it incorporate perspectives from across the municipality?

Your input will help shape the final Strategic Plan and ensure it reflects the needs of our community.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

TALK TRANSIT

We want to hear from you!
Halifax Transit is seeking feedback about accessible bus stop features for passengers with vision-related disabilities, as well as our Student Transit Pass Pilot Program.



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Learn more and take the online survey [here](#).



I was thrilled today to receive The Coast - Best Of Halifax Readers Choice Award for Best Councillor

BUDGET 2025/26

On Tuesday, April 8, Regional Council will give final review and approval of the 2025/26 budget.

Following the Wednesday, March 26 Budget Committee meeting, the proposed tax rate of 0.772 tax rate (an increase of 0.002 from 2024/25) – two thousandths of a cent higher than last year will be forwarded to Regional Council.

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 process, visit our [website](#).



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APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



April 2025 marks the official 24th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community.

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. 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



World Down Syndrome Day, on March 21, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.



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DISTRICT 6 2025/26 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

Below you will find a list of the proposed planned capital work for 2025/26 in District 6. **Please be advised that this is not yet final and is subject to change pending Council's final approval of the 2025/26 budget.**

Street Recapitalization

Bell St. – Swanton to End (HW Integration)
Courtland St. – Swanton to End (HW Integration)
Lucien Dr. – Mt. Edward to Owen (Integrated Traffic Calming)
Orkney Dr. – Gourok to End
Spring Ave. – Belle Vista to Pembroke (Integrated Traffic Calming)
Swanton Dr. – Dorothea to Garnett (Integrated Traffic Calming, HW Integration)
Raymond Dr. – Lakecrest to First (Integrated Traffic Calming, Phase 2 - HW Integration)
Walker St. – Lakecrest to First (Phase 2 - HW Integration)

Asphalt Overlay

MacDonald Ave. – Thornhill to Ilsley
Wright Ave. – MacDonald to Ilsley

Sidewalk Renewals

Spring Ave. – Belle Vista to Pembroke
Raymond St. – Lakecrest to First

New Sidewalk

Mt Edward Rd. – Lucien to Transit Stop 7266
Spring Ave. – Ellenvale to Collins Grove

Multi-Use Pathways

Burnside Dr. at Commodore Dr. – Intersection Upgrades

Walkways

Orkney Dr. to Camilla Ct.

Guiderails

55 Pinecrest Dr.
333 Windmill Rd. (Carryover)

Traffic Management Projects

Traffic Calming

- Courtney Rd.
- Mount Edward Rd.

Existing Traffic Signal Upgrade / Signal Improvement (Potentially 2026)

- Burnside Dr. at Wright Ave. (signal display upgrades)

New Crosswalk with Pedestrian Activated Beacons

- Valleyfield Rd. at Louisbourg Ln. (RRFB)

Existing Crosswalk Upgrade to RRFB

- Waverley Rd. at Michael Ln.

Planer Patching

Kennedy Dr. – Calendonía to David
Penhorn Dr. – Curley to Jean
Saratoga Dr. – Lexington to Lexington
Sarnia Ave. – Penhorn to Regent

EASTER EGG HUNT

LANDRACE PARK
SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025
9:30 AM

RAIN OR SHINE. PLEASE BRING A BASKET. CHILDREN MEET IN THE BASKETBALL COURTS

SPONSORED BY: LANDRACE Community Garden, danielle's music studio



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SENIOR RECREATION SERVICES PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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 our [website](#). 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 to provide leadership and support to staff during the planning process. For more information, visit [our website](#)

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.



On March 8, we celebrated International Women's Day!

SECOND UNIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

HRM, with help from funding from the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund, has introduced a new grant program to help property owners create more housing options.

The Second Unit Incentive Program offers financial grants to help offset costs associated with building new secondary units.

Eligible residents can receive up to \$12,000 to help reduce building expenses related to water and wastewater. Applications will be open until June 1, 2026, or until funding is fully allocated. More information on how to apply can be found on HRM's [website](#).





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LIVING LAKESHORES

This spring, the municipality is partnering with Saint Mary's University Halifax and the Ecology Action Centre to launch Living Lakeshores—a new initiative focused on protecting our region's freshwater shorelines.



This project is a great opportunity for residents to get involved in preserving our natural environment. We're offering free Level 1 training sessions where you can learn hands-on skills in shoreline naturalization. After completing Level 1, you'll have the chance to take it even further with Level 2 training.

The first session took place on March 29 and another will take place May 2. We only have space for 20 people, so please register today!

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about Living Lakeshores and why education plays such a key role in protecting our shorelines.

REC PROGRAMS AND SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for 2025 summer camps will start at 10 a.m. on Monday April 14. Learn more [here](#).



Purple Day Flag Raising

HALIFAX WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS

Activities such as driveway paving and landscaping on your property can damage your connection to the water supply. This is why Halifax Water asks customers planning property improvements such as driveway paving or landscaping to contact the utility 2-3 weeks before work begins.

This will allow time to schedule and conduct a visit to your property to complete an inspection and maintenance of the water service box that connects your home to the water main in the street.

Halifax Water offers this service at no charge to its customers.

Please call our Customer Care Centre at 902-420-9287 to start the process.

Halifax Water recommends having this work done before your new driveway or landscaping is in place to avoid unnecessary disturbance of newly installed landscaping or paving.



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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 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](#).

ROAD SAFETY DASHBOARD

Interested in learning more about road safety in the municipality and the progress we are making? The [Road Safety Dashboard](#) provides an overview of collision data and allows users to track progress the municipality is making on a number of different road safety initiatives as we work together to accomplish our Vision Zero goals.

Collision details are also available on the [Open Data Catalogue](#).

CROSSWALK SAFETY SOCIETY
OF NOVA SCOTIA

Crosswalk Safety

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT

Community Meeting & Awareness Walk

Community safety is everyone's responsibility. Given the recent rise in vehicle-pedestrian collisions, pedestrian safety needs to be addressed by all levels of Government, non-governmental organizations, individual citizens, pedestrians, and motorists alike. Not only should citizens have the opportunity to address their safety concerns to their local officials, but those officials should, in turn, respond to those concerns so that both parties can better understand the issues and actions taken.

Have your voice heard, share your stories, give your feedback, and feel inspired to advocate for change. We will then walk from the Zatzman Sportsplex to the Wyse Road Parkette at Boland Road and back to the Sportsplex. You may bring signs for the awareness walk if you wish, but make them child-friendly, please. For further information, email pedsafetyproject@gmail.com

April 19th, 2025
Zatzman Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Rd., Dartmouth NS
1pm Meeting - 4pm Awareness Walk

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| MLA Dartmouth North Susan Leblanc | Norm Collins, President Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia | Dartmouth Centre Councillor Sam Austin |
| Wagners Law Firm Loreatha Boehner Mark Saunders | Emcee, TV Host Sharleen Cainer BSW | Community Response Officers Csts. Rhodenizer & Chambers. |
| Safety Advocate Martyn Williams | | |

One Road. One Goal. SAFE Journey.

Facebook: [pedestriansafetyproject](#) pedsafetyproject@gmail.com 902-224-7966

Halifax Regional Municipality is a longtime Major Sponsor of SEDMHA. I was thrilled to do the honorary puck drop at the RBC



Center for U13 AA game between Kent Sud Flames and the Oromocto Eagles.



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NEW ONLINE TOOL FOR BURN RESTRICTIONS

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.

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 our [website](#) to see if burning is allowed.

Wildfire risk season and safe burning practices

Wildfire risk season in Nova Scotia runs from March 15 to Oct. 15, during which additional burning restrictions are in place. To protect our communities and prevent wildfires, always check [Before You Burn](#). If burning is permitted, follow these safety guidelines:

- 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.

For more information on municipal fire restrictions, visit our [website](#).



Congratulations to the Canadian Progress Club - Halifax on another amazing Celebrity Dinner. Well done, lads!



It was great to celebrate the grand opening of the new Petro-Canada Orangestore on Kearney Lake Road with MLA Damian Stoilov and many others. Congratulations on unveiling the revamped store, and thank you for allowing me to be a part of the special day!



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CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

Help put Halifax Regional Municipality on the global nature scene! Between April 25 - 28, 2025 cities/places from across the planet, from here in our province to other locations around the world, will compete for the title of the most Biodiverse City. We need your help. Whether you're an avid naturalist or a dog walker, everyone can participate: it's easy, fun, and will encourage you to get outdoors.

Check out this project's journal for more info on this project. Also join the Maritimes/Atlantic Provinces project page and read more posts relevant to our region. For more information, click [here](#).

HALIFAX WANDERERS DND APPRECIATION GAME FLY PAST

Regional Council has given permission for the Royal Canadian Air Force to conduct a fly past over the Wanderers Grounds to mark the annual Department of National Defense (DND) appreciation game.

The annual event brings awareness and appreciation to the contributions of the Canadian Armed Forces and the DND. This event will also fundraise in support of military families through the Military Family Resource Centre.

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



IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS FOR FEBRUARY

Halifax Regional Police charged 43 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of February.

- 22 for impaired driving by alcohol
- 4 for impaired driving by drugs
- 17 issued suspensions for consuming alcohol before driving

Police received 16 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.



An amazing turnout in the rain to Speak Out Against Racism and Hate



Monthly Networking
in The Village on Main

Maritime
Household
Outlet

50 Tacoma Drive

Wednesday, April 16th
8:30am to 9:30am





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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



There are three Regional Council meetings scheduled for April. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- April 8
- April 15 (if required)
- April 29

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, May 1.

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.

Land Acknowledgement

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 and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

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Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council

Regional Centre Community Council

Board of Police Commissioners

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

Executive Standing Committee

Halifax Regional Library Board

Shubenacadie Canal Commission