



COUNCILLOR VIRGINIA HINCH
DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER
HALIFAX PENINSULA NORTH

WELCOME APRIL

Happy April and Welcome Spring! With warmer weather around the corner, it is now the time to get outside and enjoy all the beautiful parks and trails we have in our municipality.

I will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 24 at the Halifax North Memorial Public Library. More details about the event can be found in this newsletter!

Keep reading to find out more about how to report potholes, the secondary unit incentive program, and how to review and provide feedback on the 2026-2030 strategic plan.

If you have any questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902-237-8373 or virigina.hinch@halifax.ca

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.

Halifax and West Community Council

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).



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OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On Thursday, April 24 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., I will be hosting an Open House at the Halifax North Memorial Public Library located at 2285 Gottingen Street. MLA Suzy Hansen will be joining me at this event along with municipal staff.

I am looking forward to meeting all residents of District 8 to learn more about your municipal concerns, and what you would like to see from me as your new municipal councillor. I hope you find some time to pop in!

If you have any questions before the event, please contact either myself or my Constituency Coordinator Kate Richardson at richark@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090.

Looking forward to seeing you all on April 24!

311 MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

When requesting assistance with routine municipal matters such as requesting traffic calming assessments, reporting potholes, missed garbage collection, and other routine requests residents are encouraged to contact the 311 Contact Centre. Residents can report an issue to 311 by either calling 311 or emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca. Please feel free to copy me on your email to 311 if it is a routine matter.

By reporting your municipal issues into 311 it helps ensure that your concerns are logged, tracked, and assigned to the appropriate staff department to address. Our Municipal contact centres are open 7 days a week and are the fastest way to ensure your concerns are addressed.

Once you have submitted a service request you will be provided with a SR number. This number can be used to contact 311 and follow up on your request at any time. You can also advise the agent at the time of your call that you would like to receive a follow-up from staff regarding your service request.

For non-routine municipal matters please feel free to contact my office.

You're Invited

Open House with District 8 Councillor Virginia Hinch

 Halifax North Library Branch
 Thursday, April 24
 6 - 8 PM

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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

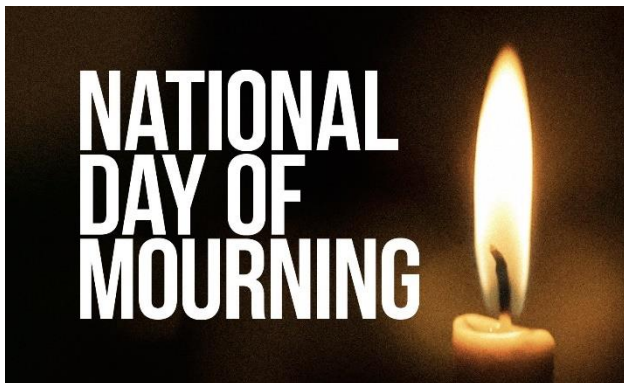
On April 28, Nova Scotians will join with Canadians across the nation, and over 100 countries around the world, to recognize the National Day of Mourning.

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](#).



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.





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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

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.

Transit

- **Bus # 9a, 9b, 22, 25, 415**
- **Stop:** 6390 (towards Armdale Rotary)
- **Stop:** 6408 (from Armdale Rotary)

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!

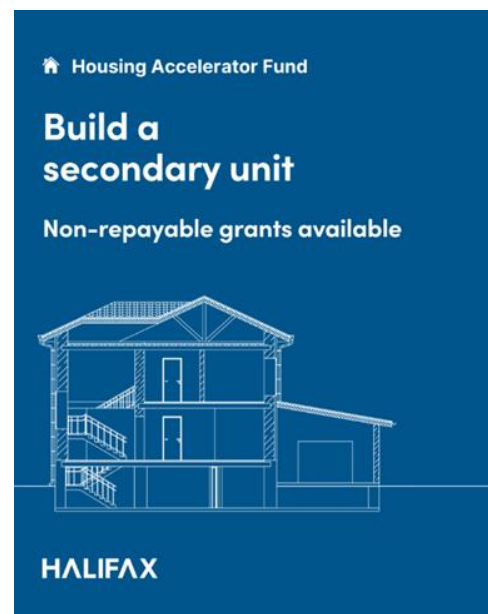
SECONDARY UNIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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, <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/housing-accelerator-fund/second-unit-incentive>





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REVIEW THE DRAFT 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

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.

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](https://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 to provide leadership and support to staff during the planning process.

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





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POTHOLES

HRM crews monitor for potholes on our roads year-round, but it's also important for residents to report potholes so that crews are aware of them and can work on getting them fixed.

If you see a pothole please report it by calling 311 or emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca there is also an online form on the halifax.ca website that can be completed. The time range to fix a reported pothole is between 7 and 30 business days and will be dependent on the size of the pothole and if it is considered priority. Crews aim to repair priority potholes on main arterial and major collector roads within 7 business days.

If your vehicle is damaged by a pothole and this damage takes place on a municipal roadway, please contact 311 to begin the claims process with our municipal staff. Once the 311 call is logged the appropriate business units are notified and staff will connect in a timely manner (typically within 10 business days) to deal with your claim.

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Presented a cheque to the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Citadel Unity 373 to help with the purchase of a new furnace. I would like to thank Councillor Mancini, Councillor Steele, and Councillor Cleary for contributing to this donation.

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!

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Summer positions
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PUBLIC WORKS
Visit halifax.ca/potholes or
call 311 to report a pothole.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Federal Representatives in District 8:

There is currently no Member of Parliament in District 8 the closest Member of Parliament would be MP Lena Metlege Diab her contact information is below:

- **MP Lena Metlege Diab** Halifax West
1496 Bedford Highway
Suite 222
Bedford, Nova Scotia B4A 1E5
Telephone: 902-426-2217
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Provincial Representatives in District 8:

- **MLA Suzy Hansen** Halifax- Needham
6090 Young St, Suite 1000
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Virginia currently serves on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council:

- Grants Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Regional Centre Community Council
- Halifax Forum Community Association
- Indigenous Community Liaison Representation



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