



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

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

### WELCOME MAY

It's hard to believe it's May already and before we know it, summer will be here. As the weather continues to improve, with brighter and longer days, I want to encourage you to get out and enjoy all that our municipal parks and trails have to offer.



Mother's Day is on May 11 and I want to say a big thank you to all the amazing mothers out there. I'm so thankful to the amazing mothers and mother figures who work tirelessly to serve our communities and shape the future generation.

I want to give a big shout out to all the 2025 Volunteer Award recipients. Thank you for your tireless dedication and commitment to your community.

### BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE MAI

Difficile de croire que nous sommes déjà en mai et que l'été ne tardera pas derrière. Alors que le temps continue de s'améliorer, avec des journées plus longues et plus lumineuses, je tenais à vous encourager à sortir et à profiter de tout ce que nos parcs municipaux et nos sentiers ont à offrir.



La fête des Mères est le 11 mai et je tenais à dire un grand merci à toutes les mères incroyables du monde. Je suis extrêmement reconnaissante aux extraordinaires mères et figures maternelles qui travaillent sans relâche au service de nos communautés et qui façonnent la génération future.

Je tiens aussi à féliciter tous les récipiendaires des Prix pour le bénévolat de 2025. Merci de votre dévouement et de votre engagement sans relâche envers votre communauté.



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#### SMILE COOKIE WEEK



April 28 to May 4 is Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Week!

100% of the proceeds from every delicious cookie sold will be donated to a local charity or community group. So, drop by your local Tims and buy some cookies.

#### DISTRICT 6 2025/26 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

Below you will find a list of the planned capital work for 2025/26 in District 6.

##### 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. – Gouruk 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. – Calendonias to David  
Penhorn Dr. – Curley to Jean  
Saratoga Dr. – Lexington to Lexington  
Sarnia Ave. – Penhorn to Regent





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### NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRL/RED DRESS DAY

Wear red on May 5 in support of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). According to the National Inquiry into MMIWG, Indigenous women and girls represented 16% of all female homicides in Canada. Service agencies estimate that of the trafficked or exploited women and girls they served, 51% of were Indigenous.

This day calls on each of us to speak out against the staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ people.

In recent years, red dresses have become a symbolic representation of the more than 1,000 MMIWG across Canada. According to tradition, red is the only colour spirits can see and is a way of calling the spirits of those missing and murdered back to their loved ones. On May 5, wear red to not only honour the voices of these women and girls, but to show your support of survivors, community members and those affected by the intergenerational trauma of this ongoing issue.

To learn more about this important day, visit this [website](#).

### OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS NETS



Spring has sprung and so have our outdoor pickleball and tennis nets. Crews have been busy getting courts ready for play, so be sure to check them out soon. Have a question or concern about a court in your area? Call 311 or [email](#) 311.

### SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

This year's Safety and Health Week runs from May 5 to 10. Its goal is to encourage employers, employees, partners and the public to focus on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.

Together, we can create safer workplaces and communities. Here are a few quick reminders to ensure your health and safety stays top of mind as you go about your daily life:

- Follow safety guidelines and regulations when using equipment and machinery.
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in your home and ensure they are functioning correctly.
- Regularly check your vehicle's safety features, including seat belts, airbags, and brakes.
- Be cautious when walking or cycling on busy roads and wear clothing that increases visibility.

By following these community safety tips, we can protect ourselves and those around us from potential harm and ensure a safer environment for everyone.

Stay safe!



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### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health Week, which runs from May 13-19 is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of mental health for Canadians. Mental health is an essential part of overall health and well-being, and it is crucial to take care of our mental health just as we take care of our physical health.

In Canada, 1 in 5 people experience a mental health problem or illness each year. This year's theme from the Canadian Mental Health Association is **"Unmasking Mental Health."** Many who live with mental health or substance use challenges often feel pressured to wear a "mask" to avoid judgment and discrimination. But the more we hide, the heavier that mask becomes — and the more isolated we may feel.

During Mental Health Week, Canadians are encouraged to prioritize their mental health and to seek support if needed. By doing so, we can promote a healthier and more resilient society.

The Canadian Mental Health Association has a great list of resources on Mental Health. Check them out by downloading one of their helpful and informative toolkits on their [website](#).



### INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA



The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is recognized annually on May 17 as it was on this day in 1990 that homosexuality was declassified as a mental disorder by the World Health Organization.

Everyone has the right to be wholly themselves and we all share a responsibility to actively promote equity, diversity and inclusion and to stand against the prejudice, discrimination, stigma, hostility and violence experienced by the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

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

### BIKE TO WORK DAY

**Get Ready for Bike to Work Day - Friday, May 16!**

Each year on the third Friday in May, everyone is encouraged to try commuting to work via bicycle.

It's a great way to reduce your carbon footprint, improve your health, and enjoy the fresh air.

Whether you're an experienced cyclist or a first-timer, join us in celebrating this fun and eco-friendly initiative!



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### 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](#).

### ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is [Asian Heritage Month](#), a time to honour the rich history, cultures, and contributions of Asian communities in Canada. It's an opportunity to learn, reflect, and celebrate the diversity that strengthens our country. You can take part by:

- Exploring books, films, and stories that highlight Asian Canadian experiences
- Attending local or virtual events, exhibitions, and cultural festivals
- Supporting Asian-owned businesses in our community
- Starting conversations about the importance of inclusion and cultural understanding

By celebrating Asian Heritage Month, we can deepen our understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity that makes Canada a unique and vibrant country.

Stay tuned for more updates on events taking place across the municipality to celebrate Asian Heritage Month on our [website](#).



Councillors Becky Kent, Sam Austin and I presenting a cheque to Cory's Lil Angler's. We are proud to support our local organizations!

### 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](#)





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### 2025 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Each year, the Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. The 2025 Volunteer Awards ceremony, held during National Volunteer Week, celebrated over 100 exceptional volunteers and three volunteer organizations from across HRM's 16 districts, highlighting their dedication to making our region a better place for all. Here is a list of the District 6 Volunteers:

- **Emma Browser:** Emma has been a dedicated volunteer with United DFC Soccer, serving as head and assistant coach for two youth teams.
- **Michelle Babineau:** Michelle joined Emera Blue Nose Marathon in 2024 and became an invaluable volunteer known for her dedication, leadership and infectious positivity.
- **Derrick Bowser:** Derrick has been a dedicated soccer coach for over 23 years, volunteering with Dartmouth United and now United DFC.
- **Sheila Pugsley:** Sheila is a driving force behind the Oathill Lake Conservation Society, dedicating over 200 hours annually to preserving the lake, trail and parkland.
- **Jim Vicars:** Jim has dedicated over 15 years to enriching his community through tireless volunteerism. His selfless leadership and lasting impact have shaped countless young lives and inspired others to give back.
- **Abenaki Aquatic Club:** The Abenaki coaches and youth paddlers who volunteer for the PaddleALL program exemplify dedication, inclusivity and creativity.

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This National Volunteer Week, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers across our municipality. Your time, energy, and commitment help build stronger, more connected communities, and we're grateful for everything you do.

There are many ways the municipality supports volunteer efforts through Parks & Recreation's Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services. From community gardens to leadership programs, this team helps residents and groups turn great ideas into meaningful action.



**NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER  
WEEK 2025**  
VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

**APRIL 27 - MAY 3**

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### TALK TRANSIT



**HALIFAX  
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.

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



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### ALDERNEY STORMWATER SYSTEM UPGRADES



Beginning on April 7, 2025, and continuing until approximately June 6, 2025, Dexter Construction, on behalf of Halifax Water and HRM, is completing street capitalization and intersection upgrades at the intersection of

Alderney Drive and Dundas Street as part of the Sawmill Creek Stormwater Project.

Experienced traffic control personnel will be on-site to manage traffic flows.

Motorists should expect delays and use alternate routes. Motorists are also reminded that speed fines double in work zones. To ensure the safety of our communities and our staff, please maintain a safe distance when Halifax Water staff or contractors are working in your area. More details [here](#).

### BUDGET 2025/26



The Halifax Regional Municipality's Regional Council has approved the 2025/26 municipal budget.

The annual municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing the growing region – including municipal operations, Regional

Council-approved priority initiatives and investments to purchase, construct and rehabilitate municipal assets.

The 2025/26 municipal budget includes an operating budget of \$1.33 billion and a capital budget of \$314 million.

The residential tax rate remains unchanged at 0.770. Due to higher assessment increases, commercial rates have decreased in each assessment tier and tax area.

The tax bill is the collection of all necessary levies – including the general property taxes, area charges and provincial contributions. The tax bill is calculated by multiplying the tax rate by the total assessed value of a property as set by the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC). For more information on how to read the tax bill, visit this [website](#).

Due to the increase in property assessment values, the municipal portion of the residential tax bill will increase by 4.7 per cent. The average residential tax bill (including provincial contributions and mandatory tax) will increase by 5.2 per cent – or approximately \$117. This is based on the average single-family home assessment value of \$338,500.

For more information on the 2025/26 municipal budget process, visit this [website](#).







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### COUNCIL APPROVES STAFF REPORT ON DEACTIVATING X ACCOUNTS

At the Tuesday, April 8 meeting, Regional Council voted 16-1 in favour of moving away from the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter), following the recommendation of a recent staff report.

The report was developed in response to a motion passed on Feb. 11, 2025, which asked the Chief Administrative Officer to explore whether HRM should stop using X as a communications tool — and to propose alternative ways to stay connected with residents.

After reviewing resident feedback, speaking with partner organizations, and looking at how other municipalities are adapting, staff recommended a gradual shift from X to Bluesky, a newer, decentralized social media platform that's gaining traction.

Council approved the recommendation, which will see HRM deactivate all active X accounts by July 15, 2025.

The goal is to ensure a smooth transition with minimal disruption while keeping HRM's digital communications in step with evolving trends and community preferences.

### DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE/PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the Dartmouth North Community Centre and Dartmouth North Public Library remain closed to the public.

On March 6, the facility sustained significant flood damage. This impacted recreation programming and library services. Assessment and remediation work is ongoing, and there is currently no projected reopening date. Additional details will be shared when they are available.

For more information, visit Halifax Public Libraries' [website](#) or contact [311](#).

### You're Invited

HRM Dartmouth  
Greenhouse Open House

62 Caledonia Rd, Halifax

**17** Saturday, May 24

**1** 10 AM - 2 PM

*Please drop by to meet our gardeners and explore our beautiful greenhouse!*



Register for the Guided Bird Walk [here](#).





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### SHUBENACADIE CANAL COMMISSION 2025 KAYAK RAFFLE

We're excited to let you know that the 2025 Kayak Raffle has officially launched!

One lucky winner will once again take home two Quest 10 Riot Kayaks, complete with paddles, PFDs, and marine safety kits.

Get your tickets or share the [link](#) with friends and family

We have boosted both the FB and Instagram posts so hopefully you will see them all over your social media, but if not, links are below.

SCC [Instagram](#)

SCC [Facebook](#)

Your support—whether by buying a ticket or spreading the word—is so appreciated.



Dartmouth She Devils U15AA Fastpitch team doing an Earth Day clean-up around the Woodlawn area. Thank you!

### HRFE CELEBRATES MAJOR MILESTONE



I'd like to congratulate Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) on achieving international accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), a gold standard in the fire service.

This honour recognizes HRFE's commitment to service excellence, planning, and continuous improvement, and places them among an elite group of departments worldwide.

This is a proud moment for our municipality and a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our fire service team. Well done, HRFE!

### PACK IN AND PACK OUT

When enjoying our beautiful parks, trails, and beaches, remember to pack-in and pack-out. That means bringing everything you need and taking it all with you when you leave. Keeping our shared spaces clean helps protect nature and ensures everyone can enjoy them. Let's all do our part to keep Halifax green and clean.

### PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE UNDERWAY



Parks staff have begun seasonal maintenance of playing fields. We maintain over 300 fields and ball diamonds throughout the municipality for residents to use and enjoy.

Find more info [here](#).



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### TICK CHECKS

As we spend more time outdoors, it's important to be aware of ticks and how to protect yourself. Ticks can be found in wooded areas, tall grass, and shrubs — even in urban parks and backyards.

To reduce your risk:

- Wear light-coloured clothing to spot ticks more easily
- Tuck pants into socks and shirts into pants
- Do a full body check after being outdoors — on yourself, children, and pets
- Shower within two hours of coming inside

For more information on tick safety and prevention, click [here](#).

### MUNICIPALITY SETS 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS



The municipality's administration has started creating the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan and Regional Council has approved the proposed approach in finalizing the Plan.

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.

Beginning in May, Regional Council will review the draft plan. This feedback will then inform a subsequent round of working group meetings and plan development in advance of the final Plan being presented to Regional Council in summer 2025.

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

**TICK PREVENTION CHECKLIST**

**Before You Go Outdoors:**

- ✓ Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- ✓ Apply tick repellent to exposed skin and clothing.

**Stay on marked trails and avoid tall grass.**

**While Outdoors:**

- ✓ Check yourself and your pets for ticks every 2-3 hours.
- ✓ Stay in the center of trails.
- ✓ Keep pets on leashes.

**After Returning Indoors:**

- ✓ Do a full-body tick check as soon as you go inside.
- ✓ Take a shower.
- ✓ Remove ticks with tweezers, pulling straight out.

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REPELLENT PRODUCTS

For additional protection, visit [AtlanTick.ca](#)





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### UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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

- May 13
- May 27

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 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, June 5.

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