

Have an aMAYzing month!

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WELCOME MAY!



May is a month that is associated with spring, growth, and renewal. It is a time when the weather is warming up, flowers are blooming, and people are starting to enjoy more outdoor activities. Here's

to a May filled with bright beginnings, joyful moments, and endless opportunities for growth.

On April 8, 2025, Halifax Regional Council approved the 2025/26 municipal budget, including an operating budget of \$1.33 billion and a capital budget of \$314 million. The residential tax rate remains unchanged at 0.770. For a more detailed overview of key programs and capital projects for this fiscal, visit halifax.ca/budget.

Keep reading for more information on the student transit pass survey, Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants programs, 2025 Urban Design Awards ceremony; and many more interesting articles on what's going on in the Community!

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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MAY MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

NorthWest Community Council:

Monday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

- Thursday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

- Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Standing Committee

- Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW....

The month of May was originally named for the Greek goddess Maia. She is often associated with spring and growth, reflecting her nurturing qualities; and her name means "nursing mother" or "grandmother".

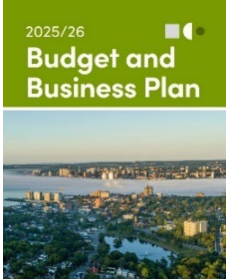
- May 1 – 30 is Asian Heritage Month
- May 1 – 30 Gaelic Awareness Month
- May 5 is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls/ Red Dress Day
- May 5 is Cinco de Mayo
- May 5 – 10 is Health and Safety Week
- May 5 – 11 is Emergency Preparedness Week
- May 11 is Mother's Day
- May 13 – 19 is Mental Health Week
- May 16 is Bike to Work Day
- May 17 is International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 18 – 24 is National Public Works Week
- May 19 is Victoria Day
- May 25 – 31 is Access Awareness Week
- May 30 – is World MS Day, an international awareness day for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis (MS)



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BUDGET 2025/26



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: halifax.ca/taxes.

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 halifax.ca/budget

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEES

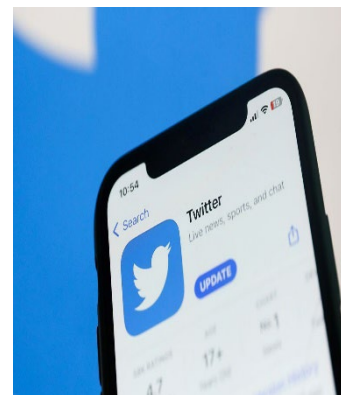


Starting May 1, the municipality began charging a non-sufficient funds (NSF) fee for any pre-authorized payments returned by a financial institution due to insufficient funds, closed accounts or incorrect banking information.

The NSF fee will be \$40 per occurrence and will be applied to the associated account automatically. This change aligns our billing practices with standard municipal and financial institution policies, and it helps recover the administrative costs of processing returned payments.

We encourage residents and businesses to ensure that all banking information is accurate and that sufficient funds are available before making payments to avoid any unexpected fees.

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.

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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.

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.

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](#).

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!

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



National Volunteer Week is April 27 to May 4. 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.

*Enjoy the little things in life
for one day you'll look back
and realise they were
the big things.*

NOVA SCOTIA'S TOP EMPLOYERS (2025)



Halifax Regional Municipality has once again been named one of Atlantic Canada's Top Employers and Nova Scotia's Top Employers for 2025.

The recognition highlights HRM's commitment to employee wellness, professional growth, and retirement support.

Highlights include:

- Generous contributions to a defined benefit pension plan, plus retirement counselling and information sessions
- Career planning resources, leadership development, and mentoring opportunities
- Wellness programming, paid sick days, and mental health coverage up to \$1,500 per year

This designation reflects the Municipality's ongoing efforts to foster a supportive, inclusive, and healthy workplace.



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NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS/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% 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.

SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK



It's Safety and Health Week! A great time to remind ourselves that safety is everyone's responsibility — at work, at home, and in our communities.

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.

By checking smoke alarms, staying vigilant while driving, walking or cycling, and using equipment properly, we can all play a part.

Stay safe!

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS SURVEY



We want to hear what you think about the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program! Whether you're a student, or guardian of a student, your feedback is important and will help inform the future of this program. Take the online survey at: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/talktransit

Student Transit Passes are valid on all Halifax Transit buses, Access-A-Bus, and ferries between **September 5, 2024, and June 30, 2025**. This pilot program will be reevaluated in spring 2025 for the next school year.



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The program was first approved by Halifax Regional Council in May 2021, and was expanded for the 2024-2025 academic year through a funding agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia.

Ready to make the most of your student transit pass? Halifax Transit booths are popping up at schools throughout HRM soon! Swing by during lunch, chat with a Halifax Transit team member, check out a real Halifax Transit bus, and see how you can help make Halifax a greener city.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK



Emergency Preparedness Week is from May 5 to 11. Are you and your family equipped to handle any unexpected situations that

may arise? Residents have a big role to play when it comes to ensuring their own safety.

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you.

You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

This week serves as a great reminder to get prepared by:

- Checking your 72-hour emergency kit
- Knowing your key contacts
- Knowing the support services available in your area
- Where to find accurate information to stay informed

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To stay informed about emergencies and operations, residents are encouraged to sign up for [hfxALERT](#), the municipality's mass notification system. Subscribers may receive urgent and non-urgent notifications by phone, email, and/or text message. During emergencies, the municipality communicates with residents via public service announcements, web updates, social media ([@hfxgov](#)) and hfxALERT.

Residents may also contact 311 for more information about emergency operations.

By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. Visit our [website](#) to stay informed and to learn more.

PROVINCE OF NS – AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (ABCs)

The Government of Nova Scotia is seeking people from diverse backgrounds and communities to serve on agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs). Participating on an ABC is an opportunity to have input on issues that matter to you and to help unite communities through public service. You can now apply for various roles across more than 135 ABCs, including the Municipal Boards of Police Commissioners, Police (RCMP) Advisory Boards, Accessibility Advisory Board, Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission, Nova Scotia Review Board under the *Criminal Code*, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, and more.

All Nova Scotia residents are invited to apply. Applications for adjudicative board opportunities are due by Tuesday, May 13, 2025.



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Non-adjudicative board positions are open for applications year-round. To learn more about current opportunities and to apply, visit NovaScotia.ca/abc or call 902-424-4877 or 1-866-206-6844 (toll free).

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](https://www.cmha.ca).

BIKE TO WORK DAY



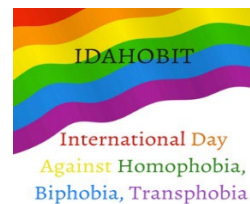
Friday, May 16 is Bike to Work Day!

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!

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.

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MARKETING LEVY SPECIAL EVENT RESERVE GRANTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications for two Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants programs are opening on Thursday, May 1 for events taking place from October 1, 2025 to and including March 31, 2026.

Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants provide financial support for non-profit organizations to host large scale special events in the municipality that support and promote tourism and business development. Funding is generated from the hotel tax that applies to overnight sleeping establishments.

The Distinguished Events program supports one-time, large-scale events that have high potential for national and international exposure, encourage multiple day visits to the municipality, provide the municipality with a competitive advantage and have a minimum budget of \$50,000.

The New Events (Emerging) program supports organizations that bring or create a new event in the municipality that address gaps in the existing event calendar and have the potential to become an annual tourism event. Organizations must operate for a minimum of one year with demonstrated experience in event management and the event must have a minimum budget of \$50,000.

The deadline for both programs is **Friday, May 30**. For more information, visit our [website](#).

2025 URBAN DESIGN AWARDS CEREMONY

Residents are invited to attend the 2025 Urban Design Awards ceremony on Monday, May 26.

Location: Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax)

Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m.)

The Urban Design Awards is a celebration of urban design excellence in the Halifax region. This year a panel of four independent jurors will evaluate the 2025 submissions. Award winners will receive an Award of Excellence, or an Award of Merit, in one of eight categories. Award of Excellence recipients will be eligible for the National Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Urban Design Awards later this year.

Event details:

- This is a free event with no pre-registration required; however, admission will be first-come, first-served as the venue is limited to 300 people.
- This venue is wheelchair accessible and a sign language interpreter will provide American Sign Language services for the ceremony.
- Light refreshments will be provided before the ceremony begins.

Further information can be found on our [website](#).



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SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT

ALDERNEY STORMWATER SYSTEM UPGRADES



Shared micromobility pilot program phase 1

Starting Thursday, May 15, shared electric bikes and scooters will be available across Halifax for public use. This new micromobility program makes it easier to get around the city using sustainable, active transportation—perfect for short trips or connecting to transit.

The program, part of the Halifax Regional Municipality's Integrated Mobility Plan, will launch in phases—starting in the downtown core and expanding into suburban areas throughout the year.

Want to learn more? Join HRM and Bird Canada at the launch event on Wednesday, May 14 from 3–5 p.m. at Grand Parade. Try out an e-bike or e-scooter, learn how to rent and ride safely, and hear remarks from the Mayor. Staff will be available to help with app setup, registration, and info on equity pricing options through United Way Maritimes.

Visit halifax.ca/sharedmicromobility for updates and details about the pilot program.



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 can be found here:

<https://halifaxwater.ca/notice/alderney-drive-stormwater-system-upgrades-0>

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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 who are 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.

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT UPCOMING INTERSECTION CLOSURE



Upper Water Street at Barrington Street will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Monday, May 5 to facilitate work on the [Cogswell District project](#). Crews will be installing signal poles in their final locations, increasing the grade level of the street, completing the installation of underground utilities as well as realigning and repaving the new roadway. Vehicles will detour along Barrington Street to Cogswell Street. Access to Casino Nova Scotia, Purdy's Wharf and the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel will be maintained via the southern portion of Upper Water and Cogswell streets. Drivers should expect delays are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible. For pedestrians and cyclists, the multi-use path along Upper Water Street will be closed between Barrington Street and Purdy's Lane. Pedestrians and cyclists will be directed to cross Barrington Street to a temporary multi-use path connection along the west side of Barrington Street that will connect to Cogswell Street and the existing multi-use path along Upper Water Street heading south. For more information, visit halifax.ca/cogswell.



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GREAT HALIFAX CLOTHING SWAP



The Great Halifax Clothing Swap is back again this year — a fun, free, and eco-friendly event open to everyone!

The event will take place on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Maritime Hall in the Halifax Forum (next to the Farmers' Market).

Bring gently used clothes, shoes, or accessories to swap — all sizes, styles, and genders welcome. Take home as much as you like, no limits. There will also be door prizes from local businesses.

Drop in anytime to support sustainability, help others, and refresh your wardrobe.

Event details [here](#).

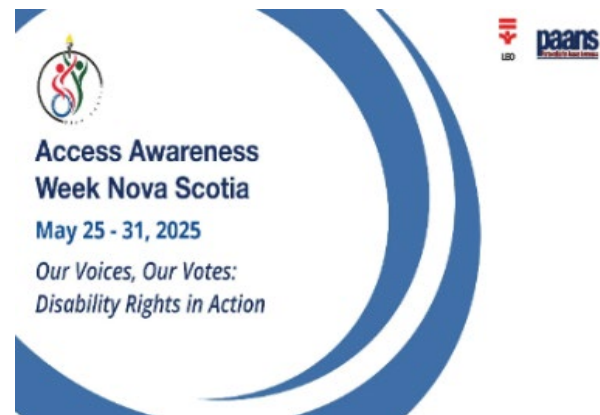
PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE UNDERWAY

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 at: halifax.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-gardens/sport-field-maintenance

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.

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK



Access Awareness Week, a time to reflect on how we can build a more inclusive, accessible community for all. Nova Scotia has led the way in recognizing this week, inspired by Rick Hansen's Man in Motion World Tour. For 38 years, communities have come together to raise awareness and take action to remove barriers for persons with disabilities. There's been progress, but there's still work to do to reach a barrier-free Nova Scotia by 2030. Let's use this week to listen, learn, and continue moving toward full inclusion and equity.



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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



This week is National Public Works Week, and I want to give a big thank you to the incredible team working behind the scenes to keep our community safe, connected, and thriving. This year's theme — *"People, Purpose,*

Presence" — is a reminder of the heart behind public works. These professionals do essential work every day, often unnoticed, but always vital. Whether it's fixing roads, maintaining water systems, or preparing for storms, their dedication makes a real difference in our daily lives. To our Public Works team: thank you for your presence, your purpose, and your service to the people of our community!

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. If you have a question or concern about a court in your area, contact 311.

MARCH RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATS



690 Calls for Service in March 2025 (up 11.1% from March 2024)



16 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 18 issued in March 2024)

2 Speeding

4 Aggressive Driving

10 Other MVA (No Insurance, Unlicensed Driver, Unregistered Vehicle, etc.)



204 Proactive Assignments (vs. 189 in March 2024)

79 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements



113 Traffic Stops (vs. 85 in March 2024)

2 Impaired Driving Charge (same as March 2024)

1 Impaired Driving Suspensions (same as March 2024)



15 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 18 in March 2024)

14 Non-Injury, 1 Injury



0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as March 2024)

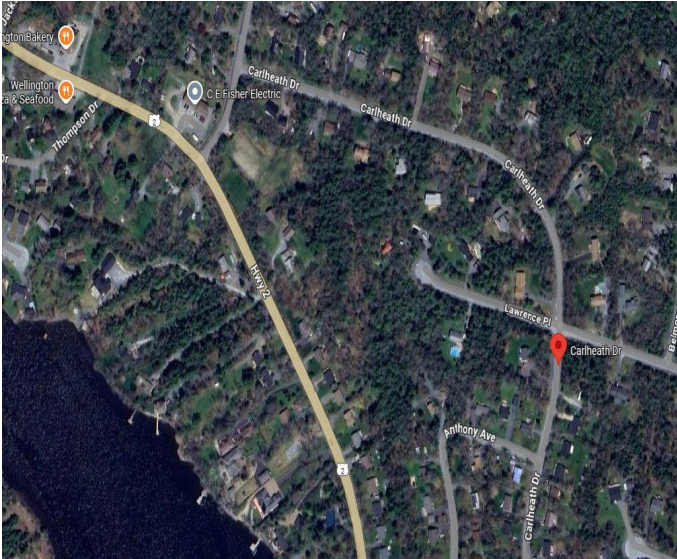
**Please
Drive
Safely!**



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IN THE COMMUNITY...



The Tender documents and approved requisition for HRM Tender 2025-0006 Collins Dr., Carlheath Dr., Anthony Ave., Lawrence Pl. Street Recapitalization, Watermain Renewal, and Traffic Calming has been sent to procurement with plans to be posted on Thursday April 17th and to close on Friday, May 2nd. The construction duration is 18 weeks (90 working days), and the anticipated order to start work date is June 16, 2025.



Thank you to Halifax Ground Search and Rescue for putting Dillon in Miller Lake again this year!



CARROLL'S CORNER COMMUNITY CENTER — OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING —

TUESDAY MAY 6TH AT 7PM
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THE
CENTER TO SEE ALL OF THE FANTASTIC
RENOVATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED.

CST. ARBEAU OF THE NORTHERN
CENTRAL RCMP WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT
"SCAMS & FRAUD".
THE AGM WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY
CST. ARBEAU.

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Regional Council members and Mayor Fillmore attended the April 7th taping of This Hour Has 22 Minutes



Asphalt Overlay Project: Rocky Lake Drive (Powder Mill Lake Bridge to Quarrystone Drive)
Project Overview: Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is planning an asphalt overlay on Rocky Lake Drive from Powder Mill Lake Bridge to Quarrystone Drive during the 2025 construction season.

Impact on Property: The paving work may affect on-street and private driveway parking. Property owners will be notified about project timing and impacts.

Responsibilities: Property owners must remove any personal property from the street before construction. Municipal trees must not be removed by property owners.

Special Considerations: Contact HRM if you have a heated driveway, invisible dog fence, in-ground sprinkler system, or any anticipated projects requiring pavement cuts.



Thank you [Darrell Samson](#) for 10 years of service as our MP. A true testament to your collaborative nature, as individuals from all parties attended your farewell.

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Accessibility and Utilities: HRM will work with residents who have difficulty crossing uneven ground and coordinate with utility services for any necessary work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the HRM 311 call centre.

Don't Feed the Wildfires!

Grow Smart with **NOVA SCOTIA FireSmart™**

Join Bloom Greenhouse and Garden Centre, DNR, and Halifax Fire & Emergency
May 17th, 2025 11:00am - 4:00pm to learn more!

Why FireSmart Plants?

- High Water content
Less Debris!
- Less Fire Spread
from garden to home!
- Less Flammable sap!

On May 17th, from 11:00-4:00 pm Bloom Greenhouse and Garden Centre will be hosting a trial of the Plant Tag Program. BC is the only province currently offering this program. When you purchase a plant, it will identify if it's fire resistive or not.

A plant list will be provided at the event, home care for plants; and advise on the best location in yard to place them. Halifax Fire/DNR/Bloom will be there with a booth. I encourage you to support the event, support local; and spread the word.

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[FRABA - Fall River and Area Business Association](#) Annual Gala and fundraiser at [Cheema Aquatic Club](#). Great music, local vendors and delicious food by [A Good Day Kitchen & Cafe](#)



Fundraiser for [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Association](#)



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I joined volunteers from Wellington on a community roadside cleanup. Thanks Dave and [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#) for organizing.

ANNUAL BURSARY

Dutch Settlement & Area Volunteer Fire Department Members Association

Our Association is proud to award one (1) \$1000 bursary and two (2) \$500 bursaries to graduating students from Musquodoboit Rural High School who are pursuing full-time post-secondary education (college or university).

Eligibility Requirements:

- Reside in the Dutch Settlement Elementary Area
- Graduating from MRHS
- Pursuing post-secondary education (college or university)

Application Details:

- Interested graduates to contact their MRHS guidance counselor for more information
- Only one (1) bursary is offered per successful applicant

The volunteers at Station 40 are pleased to announce that they are awarding three (3) bursaries this year for eligible graduating students at Musquodoboit Rural High School. This initiative was made possible with the support of the Nova Scotia Firefighters 50/50.

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[Moose River Gold Mines Museum](#) celebrated the 89th anniversary of the mine cave-in of 1936. It's a great little museum that is well worth the beautiful drive!

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Station 40 - Dutch Settlement attended a great presentation from Maritimes and Northeast Pipelines!



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Easter Bunny is still at the [LWF Community Hall](#). An impressive fundraiser for the Fall River Royals Basketball team.



I'm excited to be partnering with the Bird Friendly Halifax Coalition to host a guided bird walk right here in District 1 as part of Bird Week 2025!

 Date: Friday, May 24

 Time: 10 AM – 11 AM

 Location: McDonald Sports Park

 Register

here: <https://forms.gle/lqox6qgmemZoMd568>

Jennifer MacAulay and Tracy Jessen will be leading the walk, helping us spot and identify birds along the trail. They'll also be sharing simple ways we can all help protect and support bird life in our area. Whether you're a seasoned birder, or just curious, this is a great chance to connect with nature and learn more about the birds in our area. Hope to see you there!



Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank 50/50 Cash Raffle Fundraiser 6. Get your tickets now to be in the draw before sales end on June 19, 2025.



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The Three Amigos

The Musquodoboit Valley Table Tennis Club is fortunate to have three organizers-players who have provided leadership to the club for over 40 years.

The three participated at the most recently held provincial championships in Middle Musquodoboit on April 26, 2025.

The three of them were winners in three different veteran events:

Richard Perigo - 1st in Veteran 50+
Wayne Erskine - 1st in Veteran 60+
Joe Fisher - 1st in Veteran 70+

Congratulations to all three of these community volunteers.



Come join us for our first social paddle of the season on May 24th. Route info, including launch and exit locations, can be found at

<https://www.mvoutfitters.ca/claypool>
s. Hope to see you there!



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COMMUNITY HALLS / CENTRES

[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 to let me know and I will add you to the list!



No Mow May is a bee conservation movement that has surged in popularity over the last few years, in part, due to its simplicity. To participate, all you need to do is leave your lawn alone in May. This allows lawn flowers to bloom and feed hungry native bees emerging from hibernation when other flowers are scarce.

Mowing less to help bees is also backed by research. One study found that lawns mowed biweekly attracted more bees than those mowed weekly.

Whether you choose to participate in No Mow May, Low Mow May, or Slow Mow Summer, adopting a less intensive approach to lawn care can help lawn flowers flourish and support bees.

Native bees will thank you.



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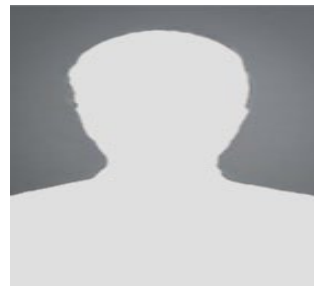
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- Audit and Finance Committee (Chair)
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Vice Chair)
- Executive Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional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

Community Committees:

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

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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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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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