



**COUNCILLOR JOHN YOUNG**  
 DISTRICT 14 NEWSLETTER  
*Hammonds Plains - Upper Hammonds Plains - Lucasville - Middle & Upper Sackville*

## WELCOME JUNE

Welcome to our June e-newsletter!

Summer is just around the corner, and there’s lots to look forward to across the district.

From local events to seasonal updates, I’m excited to keep you informed on what’s happening in our community.

Here’s to a sunny and active start to the season!

*John*

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## JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Northwest Community Council and Standing Committee meetings will be held on:

- Regional Council:**  
 Tuesday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m. Special Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. (If necessary)  
 Tuesday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. (If necessary)



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### North West Community Council:

Monday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

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### Standing Committees:

#### Appeals Standing Committee

- Thursday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

#### Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Transportation Standing Committee

- Thursday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m.

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### DATES TO NOTE

June 2 is Canadian Armed Forces Day

June 2 is National Cancer Survivors Day

June 5 is World Environment Day

June 6 is D-Day Anniversary

June 8 is World Oceans Day

June 12 is World Day Against Child Labour

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 16 is Father's Day

June 20 is World Refugee Day

June 20 is Summer Solstice

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 24 is St. Jean Baptiste Day

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### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.

It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.

The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017

For more information, visit [halifax.ca/national-indigenous-month](http://halifax.ca/national-indigenous-month).

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## WORLD REFUGEE DAY



World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and

courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution.

View the [United Nations Refugee Agency resource, Are Refugees Good for Canada: A Look at Canadian Refugee Integration](#), to learn more about how refugees integrate and contribute to Canadian society and the economy.

Look out for more municipal events and announcements coming soon to acknowledge this day.



## COUNCIL APPROVES 2025-26 EVENTS EAST BUSINESS PLAN

Regional Council has approved the 2025/26 Events East Business Plan.

Events East manages and operates the Halifax Convention Centre, Scotiabank Centre and Ticket Atlantic.

The Halifax Convention Centre Act outlines that Event East’s activities be maintained and managed in a manner that will promote economic development, tourism and industry in the province generally, and the municipality in particular



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## MICROMOBILITY PILOT PROJECT

On May 14, shared micromobility (e-bikes and e-scooters) launched across Halifax, with more to come!

Phase 1 of the service begins in downtown areas and will expand to other parts of the municipality over the coming weeks.

To help improve access, discounted rates will apply automatically to trips that begin in designated flex-fare zones identified as historically underserved.

More information on flex-fare zones pricing and how to rent is available at:

[halifax.ca/sharedmicromobility](http://halifax.ca/sharedmicromobility)

I had the chance to meet Stewart Lyons, CEO of Bird Canada Parade Square during the Bird Canada Micromobility Pilot program launch on May 14, 2025. Also got to try out one of the scooters as well!



## 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.



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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.

Regional Council is reviewing 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.

Residents are invited to share their feedback on a membership option that could provide access to all municipally owned recreation facilities.

Learn more and take the survey by June 30 at [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/one-membership](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/one-membership).

## ONE MEMBERSHIP FOR REC CENTRES



Do you have a membership at one of our recreation centres? We want to hear from you!

## TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES



Great news! Starting May 19, Halifax Transit brought back trips on Routes 65, 68, 84, 85, 165, 168A, 168B, 182, and 185.

For more information, click [here](#) or call 311



## HALIFAX TRANSIT GOES ELECTRIC



Halifax Transit is going electric!

Last month, we celebrated the major milestone of launching electric buses into passenger service and

opening the Ragged Lake Transit Centre expansion with new charging infrastructure.

Learn more: <http://halifax.ca/ebus>

## FREE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Wildfires are becoming more frequent and severe, especially in areas where homes meet natural vegetation. To help reduce this risk, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is offering free, voluntary FireSmart property assessments to residents.

As part of this service, trained staff will visit your home, identify potential wildfire hazards—like flammable materials or overgrown vegetation—and provide personalized tips to help you make your property safer.

Request your free assessment today at [halifax.ca/firesmart](http://halifax.ca/firesmart) or call 311 to learn more. Taking action now can make a big difference in protecting your home.

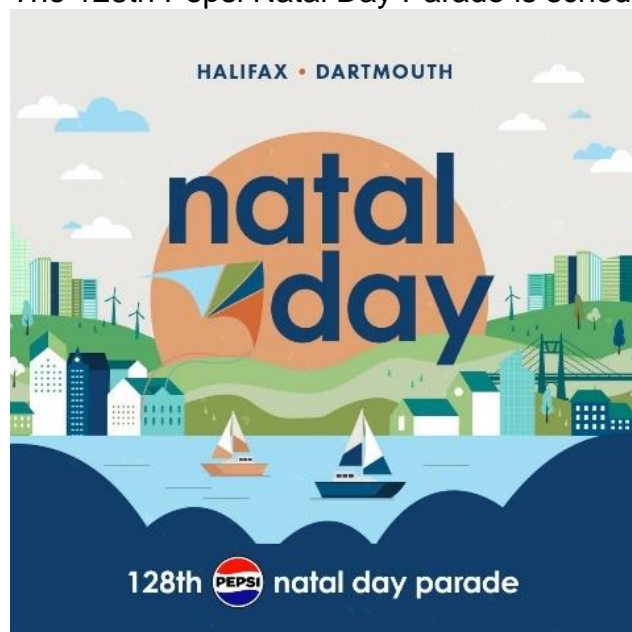
## HOUSEHOLD LITTER IN PARKS

In November 2021, HRM Solid Waste Resources began enforcement of new illegal dumping regulations. Municipal staff enforce enhanced measures related to illegal dumping and litter, including in parks. Household litter does not belong in parks. Penalties range from \$200-\$10,000.

Learn more: <https://brnw.ch/21wSOCq>

## NATAL DAY PARADE APPLICATIONS

The 128th Pepsi Natal Day Parade is scheduled



for 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025. Float registration is now open and applications will be accepted until Friday, July 18.

Learn more and apply for the parade at <http://halifax.ca/natalday>



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## PLAYING FIELD CLOSURES



Playing field closures can happen for many reasons such as inclement weather, soil saturation and unforeseen maintenance.

Find daily updates

at: <https://brnw.ch/21wSJ5T>

The long-term vision is to grow Neighbour Week into a cherished annual tradition — one that promotes civic pride, fosters belonging, and reflects the best of our shared Maritime values.

I encourage you to take part, meet someone new, and help spread the word using the hashtags: **#HRMNeighbourWeek**, **#HRMNeighbourWeek2025**, and **#MeetYourNeighbourHRM**.

## NEIGHBOUR WEEK 2025

This June, the Regional Municipality is launching the first-ever Neighbour Week!

This new initiative, running from June 22 to 28, is all about recognizing and celebrating the simple, everyday moments that help build stronger connections between neighbours.

Whether it's a friendly wave, a shared chat in the driveway, or offering a helping hand, these small acts make a big difference in creating a more welcoming, connected community.

Neighbour Week encourages us all to be intentional about reaching out to the people around us — especially in our own neighbourhoods and shared spaces. The week will be supported by a social media campaign and helpful tools, including:

- A Neighbour Passport & Contact Card
- Tips for Connecting Across Cultures
- An Introvert/Extrovert Guide to Meeting Neighbours
- Ideas for Safe Neighbourhood Play
- Conversation starters and more

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Tour of the 311 facility with my Regional Council colleagues.



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Presenting a cheque to Joanne Boudreau with Fultz House.

Presenting Rotarian Pat with a Bronze Sponsorship cheque in support of Recycle Your Cycle 2025 program.



Point Pleasant Park Walkabout on Sunday, May 25.



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council

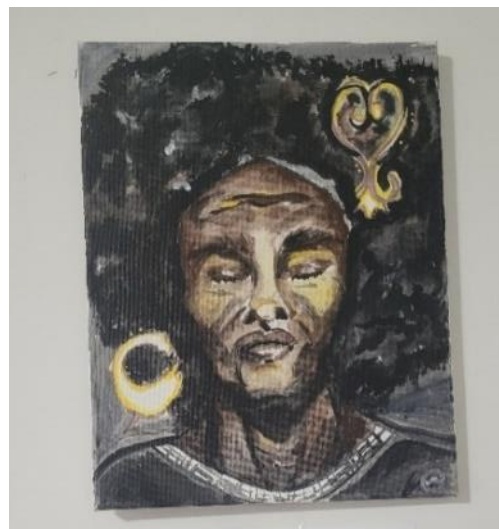




- North West Community Council
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Active Transportation Standing Committee
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
- African Descent Advisory Committee

I encourage you to reach out to 3-1-1 or me at any time with municipal questions or concerns.

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE



### **“Value of Effort”**

" Once you carry your own water, you'll remember every drop"

*African Proverb*

## MAILING LIST

If you would like to have e-newsletters sent directly to your inbox, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator Victoria Palmeter at 902-490-2012 or [victoria.palmeter@halifax.ca](mailto:victoria.palmeter@halifax.ca)