

COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy June, District 4!

Summer is just around the corner! The school year will soon be coming to a close and summer vacation begins. I hope you all take time this summer to rest, recharge, and create memories with family, friends, and loved ones.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a big congratulations to all students who are graduating this year. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

My Councillor Community Drop-In dates are back for June! Details can be found on the right column of this page. I hope to see you there!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with your municipal questions or concerns. I love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Trish Purdy

COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY DROP-IN



The following Community Drop-In session is planned for the month of June.

Please feel free to drop by to discuss any municipal concerns or questions, I would love to see you!

Tim Hortons - Forest Hills Parkway
Friday, June 27, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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.

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

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Ross Road Realignment

Budget Committee has voted to accelerate the detailed design of the Ross Road realignment by one year. This means long-awaited improvements to the intersection will begin in 2026. Thank you to Councillor David Hendsbee for championing this project and to Council for supporting the faster timeline.

Caldwell Road Phase 2

This completion of Caldwell Road has been pushed out to 2026 due to utility pole relocation delays. The delays are due to easement issues, capacity issues, and HRM not having the ability to hurry the process. We are waiting on third party work. Very sorry for the continued frustration this delay causes.

Astral Drive Recapitalization

Astral Drive is slated for 2025 for the first phase of the recapitalization project. Phase One will be from Selig to Stratford including integrated traffic calming. Knowing that Caldwell Road would be delayed yet another year, staff worked hard to get the detailed design work for Astral completed in time to be able to begin phase one this year. Very thankful they got it done in time! Thank you!

Sherwood Development

HRM Planning have completed the Development Permit review for this site. Next step is for the lot to be subdivided to accommodate the proposal. It is now with the applicant to submit applications for subdivision and building permits. We do not have an ETA as to when this will be. I will continue to reach out to staff for updates.

Broom Road Development

HRM Planning have completed the Development Permit review. The lot needs to be subdivided to accommodate the proposal which will include wastewater extension. The next step is now with the applicant to submit applications for subdivision and building permits. We do not have an ETA as to when this will be. I will continue to reach out to staff for updates.

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.

In May, Regional Council began 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.

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



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COUNCIL APPROVES NEXT STEP TOWARD DOWNTOWN DARTMOUTH HERITAGE DISTRICT

At the Tuesday, May 13 meeting, Regional Council voted to advance plans for a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) in Downtown Dartmouth by accepting a staff background study and initiating public consultation.

The recommendation, brought forward by the Heritage Advisory Committee, highlights the area's unique historic character — including its 1750 street grid, harbour views, and heritage buildings like Quaker House and Christ Church.

Council approved two key actions:

1. Accepting the background study as the basis for establishing a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Dartmouth.
2. Beginning public consultation in accordance with the Public Participation Program for HCDs, adopted by Council in 2020.

The consultation process will include multiple opportunities for residents to share their perspectives and shape the future HCD plan and by-law. This approach ensures that development in the area continues in a way that respects and reflects its heritage value.

A final plan is expected to return to Council in 2026.

COUNCIL APPROVES 2025-2026 EVENTS EAST BUSINESS PLAN



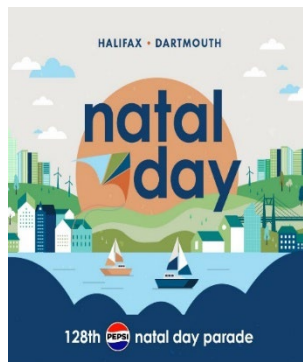
Regional Council has approved the 2025/26 Events East Business Plan.

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.

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

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 [here](#).



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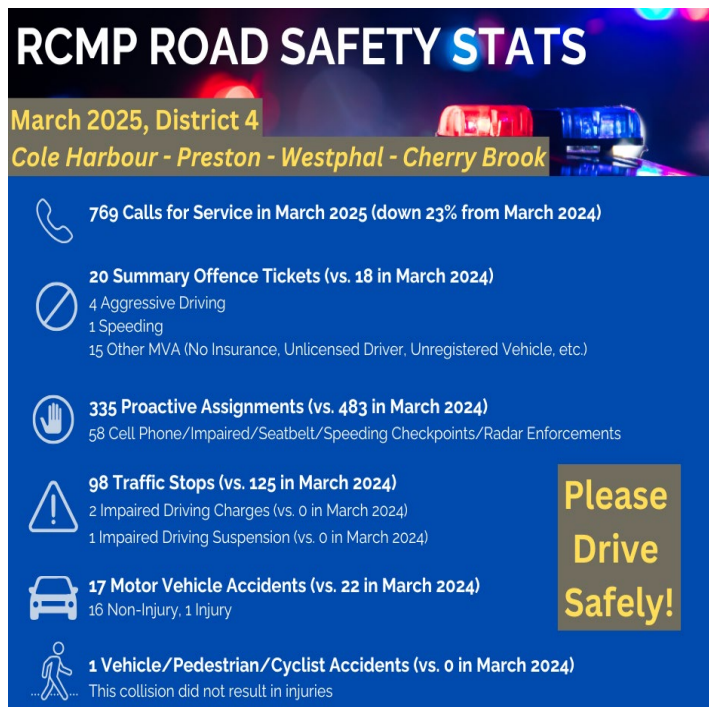
RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATS MARCH 2025

District 4: Cole Harbour – Preston – Westphal – Cherry Brook

In March 2025, RCMP responded to 769 calls for service, down 23% from the same time last year. Officers issued 20 summary offence tickets, primarily for aggressive driving, speeding, and uninsured or unlicensed drivers.

There were 335 proactive assignments, including enforcement of cell phone, impaired driving, seatbelt, and speeding laws — a decrease from 483 in March 2024.

98 traffic stops led to 2 impaired driving charges and 1 suspension. Motor vehicle accidents dropped to 17 (from 22 last year), with only one resulting in injury. One vehicle/pedestrian/cyclist collision occurred, with no injuries reported. Let's all do our part—please drive safely!



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CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY WEEKEND

Looking to declutter or find free items? Join us for Curbside Give Away Weekend on June 7 & 8! This event takes place, rain or shine, across the municipality.

How to participate:

1. Post your items on the Interactive Map or in the Facebook event.
2. Place re-usable household items at the curb with a "FREE" sign.
3. All unclaimed items must be removed by dusk on Sunday. Consider donating unclaimed items to charity.

Examples of items you can give away:

- Books, furniture, appliances, sports equipment, tools, electronics, clothing, and more.

What not to place at the curb:

- Non-reusable items or those that could be infested with pests (e.g., mattresses).

Curbside Etiquette:

- Ensure items are clean and in reusable condition.
- Items you want to keep should be kept away from the curb.
- Follow traffic laws for safety.





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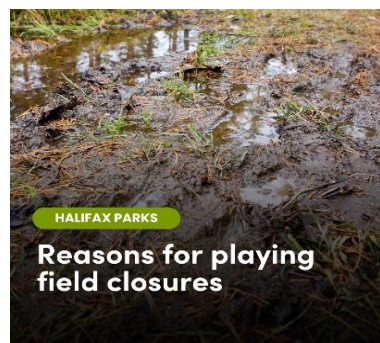
ONE MEMBERSHIP FOR REC CENTRES



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

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.

PLAYING FIELD CLOSURES



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

Find daily updates [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](#).



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BUS STOP REMOVAL – CIRCASSION DRIVE



As part of HRM's Accessibility Strategy and the approved 2025/26 Capital Budget, the bus stop at **Circassion Dr. Before Ellerslie Cr. (6425)** will be permanently removed during the 2025 construction season.

The concrete pad and signpost will be taken out and replaced with soil and sod. Minimal disruption to adjacent properties is expected, and all work will occur within HRM's right-of-way.

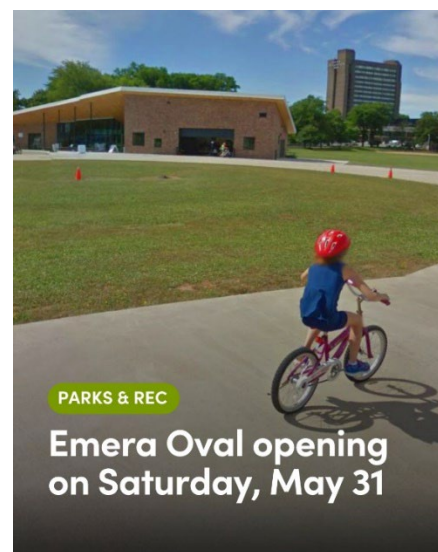
Residents with concerns or questions can contact: TransitInfrastructure@halifax.ca or **902-719-9132**. Learn more about transit construction [here](#).

HOUSEHOLD LITTER IN PARKS

In 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 [here](#).

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EMERA OVAL SUMMER SEASON NOW OPEN



The Emera Oval is now open for the summer season! Residents will be able to enjoy the concrete surface for rollerskating, biking, skateboarding, in-line skating and more.

Free equipment rentals, including bikes, scooters and skateboards, will be available – as well as access to public washrooms and first aid stations. Helmets are mandatory for all users and are also available for rent free of charge. Valid ID is required for all rentals.

E-powered and segway-style equipment are not permitted on the Emera Oval to ensure the safety of others.

The municipality will also be hosting Rec Day programming at the Emera Oval on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities will include face painting, inflatables and various municipal program demonstrations.

Representatives from Halifax Fire & Emergency, Halifax Regional Police, Speedy Kids, Disc Dolf Nova Scotia, Halifax Tides FC, Sportball Nova Scotia and Athletics Nova Scotia will also be in attendance.

For more information, click [here](#).



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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.

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

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. Learn more [here](#).

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, visit [here](#) or call 311.

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FREE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT FROM FIRESMART



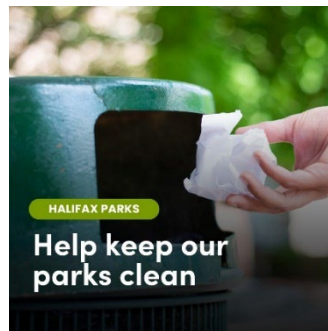
Wildfires are becoming more frequent and severe, especially in areas where homes meet natural vegetation.

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 [here](#) or call 311 to learn more. Taking action now can make a big difference in protecting your home.

HELP KEEP PARKS CLEAN



Municipal staff are working hard to keep park spaces clean. Did you know we service more than 1,400 litter receptacles across the municipality? To report an overflowing litter can or loose litter in a

park, please call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca.



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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

In May, we celebrated the 2025 HRM Citizenship Awards, where we honour outstanding youth who exemplify leadership, community spirit, and civic responsibility. Below are pictures of District 4's recipients:



Olumorewa Aikintokun



Erin Chambers



Christine Ngo



Sophia Haigh

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CAMPFIRES IN MUNICIPAL PARKS

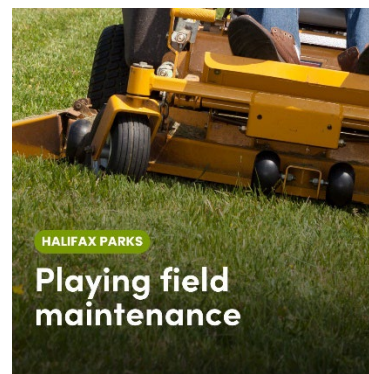


No campfires in
municipal parks

While the municipal Open Air Burning By-law allows campfires in wooded areas, this does not apply to the region's parks. The Parks By-law clearly

states that there are to be no campfires at any time. Learn more [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 [here](#).

REPORT A POTHOLE

Potholes can form any time of year but worsen more rapidly with fluctuating winter temperatures. See a pothole? Report it by calling 311 or using our online form [here](#).

You can also find answers to common questions, priorities and timelines on our [website](#).



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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](#).

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.

2025 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



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 4 Volunteers:

- **Rasleen Kaur:** Rasleen is a dedicated community leader who has contributed over 500 volunteer hours to fostering cultural pride, education and youth engagement.
- **Terra Crowe:** Terra is a passionate community leader who has significantly impacted District 4 through her work with the Cole Harbour Community Fridge and the Square Roots Program.
- **Paula Eskenazi:** Since moving to Halifax in 2022, Paula has become a passionate volunteer, dedicating her time to organizations like Feed Nova Scotia, Canadian Progress Club Halifax Citadel and Canadian Blood Services.
- **Rose Fraser:** Rose is a beloved pillar of North Preston, known for her gentle spirit, community advocacy and work as the "Unofficial Community Nurse".
- **Nicole AM Johnson:** Nicole is a dedicated community leader in The Preston Township, known for her creativity, compassion and commitment to youth empowerment.



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COMMUNITY PHOTOS



Selby's 6th anniversary!! Congratulations Jason for creating such a special place in Cole Harbour- six years running! MLA Leah Martin and myself stopped by for a Dirty Hippy (best in HRM!) while we walked and talked about our mutual districts!



New slide installed at the North Preston Playground

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STREAMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regional Council is using a new system for electronic streaming. To find the council videos – go to our [Agendas, Meetings and Reports page](#) and click the meeting you want to view.

Meetings will still be live-streamed, and videos will be available after the meeting.

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