



COUNCILLOR JANET STEELE

DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR STEELE

Happy June, District 12!

It is hard to believe it is June already! Time is flying and summer is just around the corner. I hope you have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy all the beautiful outdoor spaces HRM has to offer.

I want to send a big congratulations to all the 2025 graduates. I wish you all great success as you embark on the next chapter of your life. I also want to congratulate the 2025 District 12 Citizenship Award recipients. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

The BLT Residents association will be hosting their annual food truck festival this month. Further details can be found below in this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with your municipal questions or concerns.



COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

I will not be hosting a drop-in this month due to calendar availability. I am always happy to meet with you at a location convenient to you. If you would like to meet with me, please contact janet.steele@halifax.ca or 902-471-3123

CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY WEEKEND

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.

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BEECHVILLE, LAKESIDE, TIMBERLEA COMMUNITY CORNER

BLT Drop-In Softball for Youth

Parks and Recreation will be offering Tuesday night softball from 8:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays at Kevin Cox Ballfield in Greenwood Heights for ages 14-17. This is a drop-in activity with no set teams and a way for BLT youth to stay active and have fun while we wait for the new recreation centre to be completed. The program will begin on June 10. Anyone who wants to register can use code 15857 and register online at [Recreation Activities | Program Registration | myREC | Halifax](#)

Timberlea Parkway and St. Margaret's Bay Road Traffic Lights

The installation of the traffic lights has begun and is expected to be completed by Friday, June 13. Stop-and-go traffic will be in place while work is underway. Traffic personnel will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternative routes whenever possible.

MAKE A *Joyful* NOISE

St. Andrew's Anglican Church
2553 St. Margaret's Bay Road

PRESENTS:
**A Live Musical Performance &
Silent Auction**

Featuring Piano, Organ, Flute, Clarinet & St. John's United Bell Choir & Singers

**Saturday, June 7
2:00 pm**

Reception to follow
Tea, Coffee, Juice
Desserts

Silent Auction opens at 1:20 (Visa, Mastercard, Cheque, Cash)

Advance tickets: \$15.00 per person
Available from Patti MacKenzie @ 902 876-7282



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 ANNUAL CAR SHOW & SHINE

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Welcome One and All!

Join other car enthusiasts and share your love of vintage, classic, muscle cars and motorcycles and help raise funds for the good works of St. Andrew's Anglican Church.

Registration to show your vehicle is free and admission to view these beautifully maintained vehicles is by donation. We are happy to offer you this opportunity to connect with other car enthusiasts and display your beautifully maintained vehicles with the community or enjoy an afternoon of browsing and talking with car owners.

Contact Tom Pinsent (pinsent.tom@gmail.com) for more information.

Beautifully restored
Vintage, Classic,
Muscle Cars &
Motorcycles

Community BBQ and
lots of Family Fun

Fundraiser for
St. Andrew's Church

Registration to Show
Your Vehicle is FREE

Admission to Event is
by Donation

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
2553 St. Margaret's Bay Rd
Timberlea, NS B3T 1H1

June 21, 2025

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY:

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2025
FOODTRUCK

**BLT FOOD TRUCK
Festival
2025**

Saturday, June 21st 4-8 p.m.
1810 St. Margaret's Bay Road
Timberlea

LIVE MUSIC + GREAT FOOD

Don't forget!
Bring a
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEM FOR
THE BLT PANTRY!

The event will proceed rain or shine.
Entertainment and outdoor seating will not be available in inclement weather.

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



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CLAYTON PARK, WEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CORNER

Public Open House: Parkland Drive & Regency Park Drive Bike Lanes

Our active transportation team is working with WSP consultants to develop a functional plan for bike lanes along Parkland Drive and Regency Park Drive. They will be hosting a public open house for residents to drop by and learn about the project, ask questions and provide feedback.

Date: June 18, 2025

Afternoon Session: 2-4 p.m.

Evening Session: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Keshen Goodman Library in the Thomas
Raddall Room
330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, NS B3S 0A3

This project will help to fulfill the envisioned regional bike network identified in the Active Transportation Priorities Plan, providing a key north-south cycling connection. It will provide residents with a safer cycling connection to reach destinations such as Belchers Marsh, Halifax West High, Glenbourne Park, and Canada Games Centre.

Town Hall with MLA Adegoke Fadare

On May 22, MLA Adegoke Fadare and I held a Clayton Park community meet and greet/townhall at the Parkland Clayton Park. We had an engaged group of residents and discussed topics ranging from access-a-bus, transit, traffic, health care and vaccines. Thanks to Parkland Clayton Park for hosting us at their beautiful facility and to Wendy McDonald for moderating the discussion.



Halifax West
cheque
presentation
with
Councillors
Morse and
Hartling

NATURE GUARDIANS
Our "tween" focused program for nature lovers 10-14 yrs

BIRD-FRIENDLY Garden
Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax
June 7th, 2025, 10 AM-1 PM

What You'll Get:

- ✓ Hands-on experience
- ✓ Learn about native plants & birds
- ✓ Be part of a real conservation project
- ✓ Feel awesome about helping nature!

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Contributions from Hunters and Trappers



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LANGBRAE DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING

Traffic calming measures are currently being installed on Langbrae Drive. Staff have determined that the appropriate measure is speed cushions. There are four sets of five speed cushions being installed on Langbrae Drive between Parkland Drive and Dunbrack Street. This anticipated completion date for this work is Friday, June 20, however this is subject to change. I will provide updates in my newsletters as they become available.

REGENCY PARK DRIVE ASPHALT OVERLAY

Work has begun on Regency Park Drive and the anticipated completion date is July 28, 2025. This work consists of planing and asphalt overlay of existing roads, which includes removal of a partial depth of the existing asphalt surface by cold planing (profile planning) and replacement with new asphalt. The work also includes some proposed concrete curb and gutter replacements, and some proposed concrete sidewalk slab replacements, in various locations. I will provide updates on this project as they become available.

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 our [website](#).

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 [here](#).



70th Jordan Independence Day Celebration



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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP GARBAGE DISPOSAL

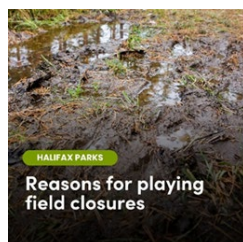
I would like to give a big thank you to all the groups out there who are coordinating and participating in community clean ups in our district.

I want to remind folks that when you are planning the clean ups, please ensure you coordinate how the garbage will be disposed of. There are a few options:

- Garbage and recycling can be disposed of by dividing it between participants and placing it curbside with your household waste. This material will count towards the limit of six garbage bags per single unit household and sorting rules still apply. There is no limit for the amount of recyclables you can put out for collection.
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- Participants may also deliver collected garbage directly to the Otter Lake Waste Facility. If your event is registered in the Pick-Me-Up program, your tipping fees will be waived. Please email Solid Waste staff at wasteless@halifax.ca two weeks prior to your event to make drop off arrangements.
- If neither of these options can be accommodated by your group, please contact 3-1-1 two weeks prior to your event to arrange collection by HRM staff.
- For more information on community clean ups, please visit our website.

PLAYING FIELD CLOSURES

Playing field closures can happen for many reasons such as inclement weather, soil saturation and unforeseen maintenance. Find daily updates [here](#).



COUNCIL BEGINS REVIEW OF NEW REGIONAL PLAN TO GUIDE GROWTH IN HRM



Halifax Regional Council has begun the first reading of a proposed update to its Regional Municipal Planning Strategy — a 1,900-page document that will guide development across the municipality for years to come.

The updated 2025 Regional Plan is set to replace the current 2014 version and reflects Halifax's faster-than-expected population growth. Originally forecasting 482,000 people by 2031, the municipality surpassed 500,000 in 2023 due to a two per cent annual growth rate, double what was anticipated.

The plan outlines how growth should occur in urban, suburban, and rural areas, focusing on locations where services and infrastructure can support development. It introduces a strategic growth framework, includes a 10 per cent parkland requirement for subdivisions, and emphasizes climate, equity, and mobility goals.

After first reading, there will be a public hearing where residents can share their feedback with council. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 19 if council passes the first reading at the June 10 Regional Council meeting. More information, including how to register will be available [here](#) when the date has been confirmed.

The Phase 4 staff report can be viewed [here](#).

Further detailed planning and public participation will take place in Phase 5 of the Regional Plan Review.



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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2025 District 12 Citizenship Award Recipients. The citizenship award is awarded to one Grade 9 student from each school who has high academic standing but also contributes to bettering their community through participation in extracurricular programs, leadership and service. Thank you to all our amazing 2025 citizenship award recipients. The future is bright!



Melia Roberts, École secondaire du Sommet



Vurai Tabvuma, Sacred Heart School of Halifax,
Fountain Academy



Dev Gupta, Park West School



Nina Shulga, Ridgcliff Middle School

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 [here](#).



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LAWN MOWING



As we move into the growing season, residents are reminded that they are responsible for mowing the grass in front of their properties, including the strip between the sidewalk and the road, known as the right of way.

While the municipality previously mowed some of these areas, particularly along major streets with a high number of non-residential properties, that approach changed with budget adjustments in recent years. For the 2025 season, maintenance of these grassy strips is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Under the [Streets By-law \(S-300\)](#), all property owners, including landlords and owners of commercial or private residential properties, are expected to keep the grass on their property, as well as the adjacent right of way, trimmed to a reasonable height of about six inches. The municipality does not mow grass on privately owned properties or sites owned by other government agencies.

If a complaint is received about long grass, a Compliance Officer will inspect the site. If the property is found in violation, the owner will receive an Order with a deadline to cut the grass. If the work isn't completed by that date, the municipality will hire a contractor to do the work, and the cost will be billed back to the property owner and applied as a lien on the property.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our community looking its best.

COUNCILLOR SLOW DOWN SIGNS

If you are interested in a slow-down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me at janet.steele@halifax.ca. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation.

Please be informed that the District 12 "Please Drive Slowly" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic, or make children safer on the streets.



Fairview & Clayton Park Programs June 2025

Mindful Movement

Monday, June 2, 2025
1:30-3:00 pm
Parkland Clayton Park (Cameron Hall)

Explore the Mediterranean Diet

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
2:00-4:00 pm
The Salvation Army Halifax West - Fairview

How to Speak Assertively: 2 Wk Program

Saturday, June 21 & 28, 2025
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Keshen Goodman Library
Note: This program has been thoughtfully adapted to meet the unique needs of newcomers.
Registration through the library.

Take Charge of Your Stress

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
6:00-8:00 pm
Canada Games Centre

Low Intensity 10 - Week Exercise Program

Tuesday and Thursday mornings
Canada Games Centre

All programs and services are free!
Call or go online to register.



Wellness Navigation - Meet one on one with a member of our team to help identify health barriers and connect you to the right resources in the healthcare system and in the community. This is a free, non-urgent service you can book yourself by calling the phone number below. Available to those living in the greater Halifax area with a valid health card.



www.CommunityHealthTeams.ca 902-460-4560

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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to celebrate the heritage, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada.

The date was chosen to align with the summer solstice—an important and symbolic time for many Indigenous communities.

This day of recognition was officially declared in 1996 by the Governor General of Canada, following years of advocacy and recommendations from Indigenous leaders and organizations, including the Assembly of First Nations and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

In 2017, the name was changed from National Aboriginal Day to National Indigenous Peoples Day, reflecting a broader and more inclusive understanding of Indigenous identities.

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



Official launch of Halifax Transit's Electric Bus Fleet

ZERO EMISSION BUSES NOW IN SERVICE

Halifax Transit has officially launched its first electric buses into service, marking the completion of Phase 1 of the municipality's Zero Emission Bus Project. This milestone includes the arrival of 60 electric buses and the expansion of the Ragged Lake Transit Centre to accommodate them, along with a deep energy retrofit of the facility to meet net-zero ready standards.



The project, the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, aligns with municipal, provincial, and federal climate goals, including those outlined in HalifACT, the municipality's climate action plan. It was made possible through a \$112 million investment shared by all three levels of government.

The first electric bus arrived in December 2023 for testing and training. Three buses began operating in regular passenger service in December 2024, helping staff assess performance in real-world conditions.

Planning is now underway for Phase 2, which involves a rebuild of the Burnside Transit Centre to support additional electric buses and incorporate future low-emission fuel technologies. Another \$20.7 million has been committed to support this next stage of work.

This project represents a major step forward in modernizing public transit and reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the municipality.



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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 [here](#).



Shared micromobility pilot program phase 1

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



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](#).

DISTRICT CAPITAL FUND

Each councillor has a small fund that can be used to support non-profits to undertake activities that will benefit the community. To apply, we require a letter of request, including the name and address of the non-profit group, and explanation of how the funds will be used and a completed [Capital Request Form](#)



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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](#).

311 MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

For routine municipal matters such as reporting potholes, requesting traffic calming assessments, garbage collection and much more, please call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca. Please feel free to copy me on your email if this is not a routine matter.

When you call 311, your request is logged and tracked to ensure follow up and action by the appropriate department. Please be sure to advise the agent if you would like to receive a follow up from staff regarding your service request.

For more information about how to get in touch, please visit our [website](#).

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are four Regional Council meetings scheduled for June. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- June 10
- June 19 (special council meeting)
- June 20 (special meeting contingency)
- June 24

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 Halifax and West Community Council normally meets once a month on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next Halifax and West meeting, scheduled for June 17.

Currently serving on:

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

Appeals Standing Committee

Halifax and West Community Council

Halifax Water Board of Commissioners

Canada Games Centre Board of Directors

Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee



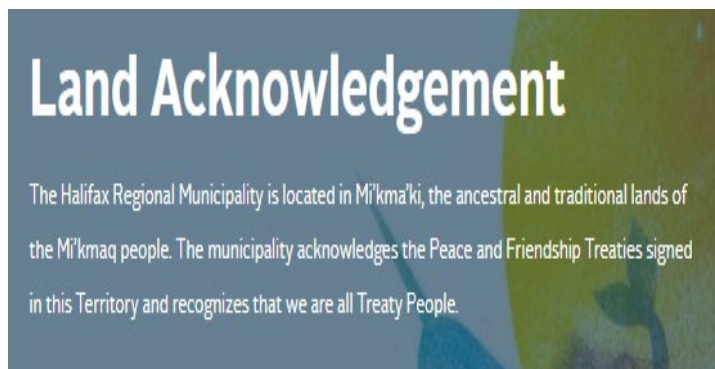
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.



AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes that African Nova Scotians are a distinct founding people in Nova Scotia who have been a key part of the province's culture and history.

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