



## COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - WOODSIDE - EASTERN PASSAGE

### MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Summer is just around the corner! I hope you all take time this summer to rest, recharge and create memories with family, friends and loved ones. Congratulations to students and teachers as we close another school year, and to all of our graduates, I'm wishing you all the best in this next chapter.

I really enjoyed hosting two seniors teas last month, thank you to all who attended – they were a lovely chance to connect with each other and learn more from special guest, Lee Moore with our Recreation department about future opportunities for seniors recreation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish a very happy Father's Day to all the wonderful Dad's out there! We appreciate all that you do.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any of your municipal questions or concerns.

Warmly,

### HORIZON RECREATION CENTRE SUMMER CAMPS

Wacky Weeks, Safari and all kinds of summer fun day camps are happening at the Horizon Recreation Centre this summer. There is still space available, so check out our [website](#) to register today!

### NORTH WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARK PLAN

The North Woodside Community Centre Park is an important park that serves the recreation needs of several community neighbourhoods and operates as a community hub alongside the North Woodside Community Centre. Last year, Regional Council approved initiating a park planning process to evaluate how the park could be improved, made more accessible, and safer for park users of all ages and abilities.

There is currently no long-term guidance for new and upgraded facilities, where pathways and lighting should be improved, or how conditions like drainage should be resolved.

More information will be available on our [Shape Your City](#) along with a public survey on June 25. We will also be hosting an open house at the North Woodside Community Centre on June 25 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please join us to share your feedback!



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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.

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

## BUDGET 2025/26

After a challenging three months reviewing each department's budget, Regional Council has approved the 2025/26 municipal budget.

The residential tax rate will remain unchanged at 0.770. With increased property assessment values, the average residential tax bill (including provincial contributions and mandatory tax) will increase by 5.2 per cent – or approximately \$117 annually for the average household. For more details about our budget process, visit [halifax.ca/budget](http://halifax.ca/budget).

## CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY 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.



Meeting with the Dartmouth Lawn Bowls Club



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### ONE MEMBERSHIP FOR HRM RECREATION 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](#).



Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail

### BUS STOP UPGRADES

Staff are planning to complete several bus stop upgrades in District 3 in the 2025 construction season.

They will be moving the bus stop at 144 Baker Drive 7 km to the south to accommodate a new crosswalk and the installation of concrete bus pad between the existing sidewalk and curb. We have also begun installing concrete bus pads and sidewalk connections on Caldwell Road at 1720 Birchill Drive, 1622 Caldwell Road, 1682 Caldwell Road at 386 Cow Bay Road. Our team will be updating the webpage [Bus Stop Construction | Halifax Transit | Halifax](#) as we receive more details from the contractors about the timing of the work.

### CHILDREN'S NATURE WALK

The Oathill Lake Conservation Society is pleased to host an event to help children discover and learn about the natural life unfolding along the Oathill trail on Saturday, June 14 from 2 – 4 p.m.

The event includes a forest walk, monarch butterflies plus nature arts and crafts. Parents and children are welcome. We'll gather at the north end of the lake by the three benches. Bring water and wear a hat! This free program is brought to you by local lake volunteers. See below for details and sign up.

Rain date is June 15, same time. RSVP to [sharon.m.spence4@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.m.spence4@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

### 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.



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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. 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

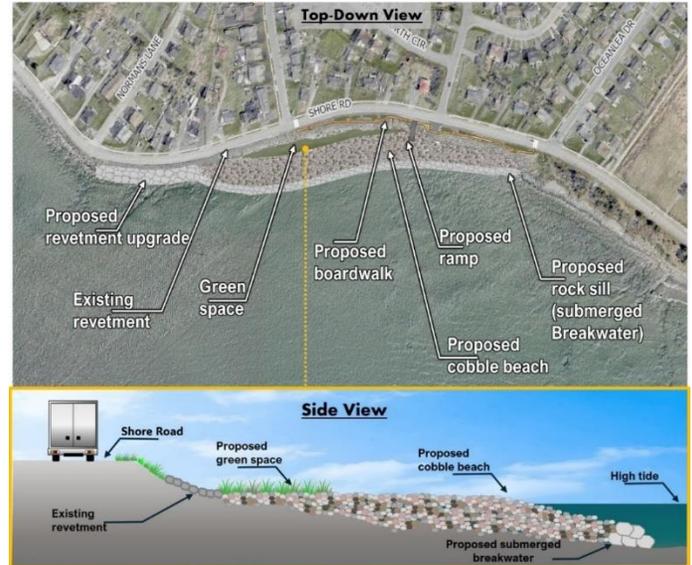
The long-term vision is to grow Neighbour Week into a cherished annual tradition — one that promotes civic pride, fosters belonging, and reflects the best of our shared Maritime values.

I encourage you to take part, meet someone new, and help spread the word!



Dartmouth Seniors Tea

### SHORE ROAD BUILDING WITH NATURE PROJECT UPDATE



The Shore Road: Building with Nature project detailed design phase is nearing completion. We are currently in the process of securing regulatory approvals from both federal and provincial authorities before the project can be tendered.

This project involves the construction of a nature-based approach for erosion mitigation along a 480 m stretch of Shore Road in Eastern Passage. This approach consists of a new slope with native vegetation, a cobble beach and a submerged breakwater to dissipate wave energy. You can find out more about the project on our [website](#).

### AKERLEY/BURNSIDE ROUNDABOUT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is doing reinstatement and landscaping work associated with construction of the roundabout at Akerley Blvd. and Burnside Drive from June 2 – 10.

Lane drops will be in place and two-way traffic will be maintained from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible.



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## TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

Great news! Starting last month, Halifax Transit brought back nine previously cancelled trips will be reinstated including on the 65, 165, and 168A:

Route	Departing	Excellence in the region for projects completed after Jan. 1, 2020. Congratulations to the following winners:
<b>65 Caldwell</b>	Portland Hills Terminal 8:26 a.m.	<b>Urban Architecture Category</b> Award of Merit – Cunard Street Live/Work/Grow (Lead Firm: Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd.) Award of Excellence – Grahams Grove (Lead Firm: RHAD Architects) <b>Landscape Architecture and Civic Design Projects Category</b> Award of Excellence – Imagine Spring Garden (Lead Firm: Halifax Regional Municipality) <b>Housing Solutions Category</b> Award of Excellence – True North Housing (Lead Firm: Molly Merriman Architects Inc.) <b>Urban Elements Category</b> Award of Excellence – Blooming Seating (Lead Firm: OSO planning + design) <b>Community Connections &amp; Initiatives Category</b> Award of Excellence – Ride With Me: Street Murals (Lead Firm: Halifax Regional Municipality) <b>Heritage Adaptive Re-use Category</b> Award of Merit – The Green Lantern (Lead Firm: Grafton Developments Inc.) Award of Excellence – The Hilroy (Lead Firm: Lydon Lynch Architects) <b>Heritage Restoration Category</b> Award of Excellence – Benjamin Weir House (Lead Firm: Killam Apartment REIT) <b>Student Projects Category</b> Award of Merit – Access-City (Student Lead: Layth Abou Ezzeddine) Award of Excellence – Shape/Light/Material (Student Lead: Dalhousie Architecture Student’s Association (DASA))
<b>165 Caldwell Express</b>	Astral & Grenadier 8:34 a.m.	
<b>168A Auburn Express</b>	IWK Health Centre 5:56 p.m.	

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call 311.

## DARTMOUTH COVE UPDATE

Staff have been reviewing the feedback for potential changes to the planning regulations for water lot development and in filling at Dartmouth Cove and are working on a report to return to Council this summer or early fall. The changes would include:

1. Limiting water lot infilling activities in Dartmouth Cove to public uses and limited shoreline protection.
2. Requiring a development permit for any water lot infilling activity in Dartmouth Cove.
3. Designating and zoning water lots in Dartmouth Cove as “Water Access,” limiting the uses of infilled water lots to boating club uses; conservation uses; park uses; water access structure uses; historic sites or monument uses; temporary construction uses and utility uses.

For more information, check out our [website](#).



Basswood Run Tennis Courts

## URBAN DESIGN AWARDS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 Urban Design Awards. The ceremony celebrated urban design

Excellence in the region for projects completed after Jan. 1, 2020. Congratulations to the following winners:

**Urban Architecture Category**  
Award of Merit – Cunard Street Live/Work/Grow (Lead Firm: Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd.)  
Award of Excellence – Grahams Grove (Lead Firm: RHAD Architects)

**Landscape Architecture and Civic Design Projects Category**  
Award of Excellence – Imagine Spring Garden (Lead Firm: Halifax Regional Municipality)

**Housing Solutions Category**  
Award of Excellence – True North Housing (Lead Firm: Molly Merriman Architects Inc.)

**Urban Elements Category**  
Award of Excellence – Blooming Seating (Lead Firm: OSO planning + design)

**Community Connections & Initiatives Category**  
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**Heritage Adaptive Re-use Category**  
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**Student Projects Category**  
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Award of Excellence –

Shape/Light/Material (Student Lead: Dalhousie Architecture Student’s Association (DASA))

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



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### NS POWER CYBER INCIDENT UPDATE

Nova Scotia Power continues to investigate a cyber incident that has impacted certain IT systems in their network.

While the investigation remains ongoing, they have determined that on or around March 19, 2025, certain customer information stored on the impacted servers was accessed and later taken by an unauthorized third party. Notifications are in the process of being mailed to impacted account holders, which includes detailed information about resources and support. Any customer who receives a letter in the mail from Nova Scotia Power will be provided with a phone number to call with any questions and to activate their two-year subscription for credit monitoring. They are working with external cybersecurity experts to determine the scope of the impact and safely and securely restore and rebuild their impacted systems.

### EASTERN PASSAGE COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE



The Eastern Passage Community Fridge & Pantry 2.0 is now open! They have officially transitioned the Community Fridge into a brand-new fridge and pantry building, located directly next to the original shed. The new setup has two separate doors — one for the fridge

and one for the pantry — making it easier for everyone to find what they need or drop off donations.

The original shed will now be used for food storage, sorting, and garden equipment as we continue to grow our programs.

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who make this important asset available to those in need!

### 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](#).



Eastern Passage Seniors Tea with MP Darren Fisher

### 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](#).

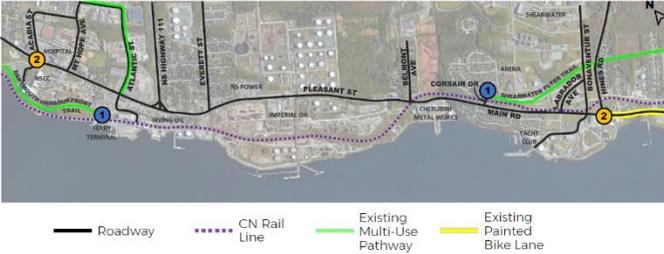


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### SHEARWATER WOODSIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

- 1 Determine the preferred 'AAA' options to fill the gap between Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail and Shearwater Flyer Trail.
- 2 Evaluate active transportation options for Pleasant Street between Acadia Street and Hines Road.



The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning for the development of new active transportation facilities to support people walking, rolling and bicycling in Woodside and Shearwater. A key goal is to connect the Dartmouth Waterfront Trail to the Shearwater Flyer Trail.

We hosted a public engagement session and published a survey in April and staff are reviewing the public feedback now and will provide recommendations to Regional Council for the next steps. For more information on this project, visit our [website](#).

### OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE SAFETY

Off-Highway Vehicles can be a great way to get outdoors and explore our trails if used responsibly. Off-Highway Vehicles are governed by the provincial [Road Trails Act](#) and the [Off-Highway Vehicles Act](#) and our municipal [By-Law R-500](#) Respecting the designation of Road Trails on Municipal Highways. Vehicles that are operating outside these provisions can face fines and jeopardize the safety of operators and others. If you see potentially unsafe behaviors happening near you, please contact the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables (DNRR) at 1-800-565-2224. They will work closely with police to review any trends and problem areas and can provide the data for enforcement action. If there is an immediate risk to public safety, call the police non-emergency line to report.

### BAKER DRIVE UPGRADES

The Halifax Regional Municipality will be working on the installation of new crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) and curb extensions (bump outs) on Baker Drive at Coldstream Run and Lindenwood Terrace.

The proposed work will involve excavation in the street, intersection corners, and boulevard to construct the curb extensions, install signage, and bring pedestrian ramps to current accessibility standards and will aim to improve road safety at these intersections. This work is planned for the 2025 construction season. For more information about our traffic calming program, visit our [website](#).



Flandrum Hill Community Garden

### NEW OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released 12 new datasets on [Open Data](#) regarding Flood Extents, the residential rental registry and floodplain studies as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. Check out our [Open Data portal](#) to find out more.



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## BURNING RESTRICTIONS TOOL

Wildfire risk season in Nova Scotia runs from March 15 to Oct. 15. To protect our communities and prevent wildfires, the Halifax Regional Municipality has launched Before You Burn, a new online tool that provides residents and visitors with up-to-date information on whether burning is allowed in the region.

Before starting an open-air fire, check Before You Burn for clear information on what's allowed at your address, details about burning types and a easy to read map. If burning is permitted, follow these safety guidelines:

- Never leave your fire unattended - unattended fires can spread quickly and become dangerous.
- Completely extinguish your fire - douse it with water, stir the ashes and repeat until everything is cool to the touch.

Both the Province of Nova Scotia and the municipality have burning restrictions in effect. The new Before You Burn tool displays the burning restrictions in effect across the municipality by comparing municipal by-laws and provincial legislation with live data from the provincial fire restrictions webpage. Visit our [website](#) to see if burning is allowed.

## 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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## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Atlantic Canada's Largest  
Multicultural Festival Needs You

[multifestns.ca/applications/volunteer](https://multifestns.ca/applications/volunteer)

[volunteers@multifestns.ca](mailto:volunteers@multifestns.ca)



## WOODSIDE PARK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning changes for some Dartmouth residential streets that have fast moving vehicle traffic that will aim to improve safety and accessibility for people biking, walking and rolling. The project will develop designs for these streets based on public input, engineering guidelines and traffic data and identify additional street and sidewalk improvements throughout the area including needed connections.



Staff are now working to incorporate plans and public feedback to be ready when these streets are rehabilitated in the next three years. You can find out more [here](#).



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## HALIFAX TRANSIT HYDROGEN BUS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS



Halifax Regional Council has approved funding to support the dual-fuel (hydrogen/diesel) bus demonstration project.

The Halifax Transit Hydrogen Bus Demonstration project is a forward-thinking initiative that aims to evaluate the potential of hydrogen in decarbonizing our transit fleet. It entails converting four of Halifax Transit's diesel buses to dual-fuel (hydrogen/diesel) systems to operate on regular Halifax routes, providing valuable real-world data on performance, efficiency and operational considerations. This project, scheduled for completion in 2026, aligns with both the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia's clean energy adoption and emissions reduction goals. Running from April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, the project has a total budget of \$490,000 with \$367,500 (75%) from the province and \$122,500 (25%) from the municipality. For more information, read the [staff report](#).

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION CHANGES

Halifax Recreation offers programs for all ages and abilities. In the spring, we launched new online recreation software for program registration that will be more user friendly, simplified and provide more self-service options for residents.

Check out our program options and more information on registering [here](#).

## MUNICIPAL 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

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](#).



Signing off on some documents on behalf of the Mayor while he was away



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## 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.



With students from Woodlawn High for the Young Women’s Leadership Forum

## RCMP EASTERN PASSAGE DETACHMENT PLANS

During a presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) on Jan. 6, the RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment (HRD) outlined some of their plans for future expansion. One of the key items includes the establishment of a community office in Eastern Passage with one supervisor and five constables to staff the office in 2026/27.

The Eastern Passage area is expected to grow 20 per cent by 2033 with private housing developments planned and DND’s construction of a Canadian Surface Combatant Land-Based Testing Facility at Hartlen Point; there is also the Morris Lake Expansion that has been identified through the Provincial Special Planning initiative to increase housing.

This new detachment would create community capacity to focus on core policing functions, providing a modern policing model that aligns with future population growth, and service delivery requirements is key to holistic public safety well-being. A new detachment will provide residents and businesses with the presence, access, and the ability to collaborate and problem-solve on issues of concern with police. HRD’s intended outcome is to enhance service, build trust, increase the community’s confidence in the police, and better meet the public safety expectations of the community.

The Eastern Passage detachment is a part of HRD's resource plan, which is to be presented to Regional Council during next year's budget. You can find out more details [here](#).

## YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

From climate and environmental science summer camps, workshops, food initiatives, building an outdoor garden classroom and exploring how AI can change how we sort our waste, find out more about the winners of the second round of funding from the Youth Climate Action fund [here](#).



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### FUTURE SERVICED COMMUNITIES STUDIES

The municipality is working on Future Serviced Communities (FSC) studies for several areas where we expect potential urban expansion. One of the areas we are looking at is the land southeast of Morris Lake in Dartmouth and Cole Harbour. The FSC studies are close to completion and are currently being reviewed by municipal Planning & Development staff, the results of which are expected to be released later in the fall of 2025.

The studies examined environmental conditions, land-use suitability, infrastructure and transportation needs, density targets, feasibility, and servicing requirements to support potential future development. Based on this analysis, the recommendations identify the areas that are best suited for development and support decisions on whether to proceed with secondary planning work for the study areas. They also call for the creation of a comprehensive master infrastructure plan to address transportation, water and wastewater needs, along with actions and mitigation measures to protect the environment and preserve public enjoyment of parklands.

Public feedback will be welcomed and considered throughout the planning process. As such, the municipality will undertake a public participation program that includes public open houses, online engagement, mail-outs to nearby residents, and opportunities to comment on draft plans. It is expected that this will be a multi-year effort.

### PLAYING FIELD CLOSURES

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

### MICROMOBILITY PILOT PROJECT



Shared micromobility pilot program phase 1

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](#).

### FIRESMART RISK ASSESSMENTS

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.



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## 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.



# Celebrating Pride month

## IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 37 drivers with impaired-related offences in March. Eight drivers were at least twice the legal limit, and nine refused a breath test, which is also a chargeable offence.

Police received 15 calls from people reporting suspected impaired drivers. If you suspect someone is driving impaired, call 911 immediately with details.



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### 311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca) or call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

**Monday to Friday**

**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

### FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN DISTRICT 3

Barbara Adams, MLA/ Eastern Passage  
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Brad McGowan, MLA/ Cole Harbour – Dartmouth  
[jbgmccgowan@gmail.com](mailto:jbgmccgowan@gmail.com)  
902-424-2731

Darren Fisher, MP/ Dartmouth-Cole Harbour  
[darren.fisher@parl.gc.ca](mailto:darren.fisher@parl.gc.ca)  
902-462-6453

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

I'm pleased to be serving on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council for this term:

Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (Chair)  
Regional Centre Community Council (Vice Chair)  
Board of Police Commissioners (Vice Chair)  
Appeals Standing Committee (Chair)  
Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee  
Canadian Capital Cities Organization

### STREAMING REGIONAL COUNCIL

Regional Council are 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.

### 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:

#### 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.

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

### CONTACT

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