



**DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI**  
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER  
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### WELCOME JUNE

Summer is almost here, folks! A time for BBQs, gathering with friends and family, and soaking up that sunshine. I encourage you all to get outside and enjoy all the beautiful outdoor spaces our municipality has to offer.

I want to give a big congratulations to all the 2025 graduates. I wish you all the best as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

I also want to congratulate this year's District 6 Volunteer Award and Citizenship Award recipients. Thank you for your dedicated service to our community.

June 15 is Father's Day. I want to take this opportunity to wish all fathers and father figures a very happy Father's Day. Thank you for all you do!



### BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE JUIN

L'été est presque arrivé, les amis! C'est la période des BBQ, des rencontres entre amis et membres de la famille et des bains de soleil. Je vous encourage tous à aller à l'extérieur et à profiter de tous les magnifiques grands espaces que notre municipalité a à offrir.

Je tiens à féliciter vigoureusement tous les finissants de 2025. Je vous souhaite tous le plus grand succès alors que vous entamez le prochain chapitre de votre vie.

Je veux aussi féliciter les récipiendaires du Prix du civisme du District 6 de cette année. Je vous remercie pour votre dévouement envers notre communauté!

Le 15 juin est la fête des Pères. Je veux profiter de l'occasion pour souhaiter à tous les pères et à toutes les figures paternelles une très joyeuse fête des Pères. Merci pour tout ce que vous faites!



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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 our [website](#).

## 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 date for the public hearing will be announced soon. More information, including the notice for the public hearing and how to register will be available [here](#).

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.



Councillor Austin and I on the corporate yacht!



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## 2025 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2025 District 6 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!

## 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](#).

## 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](#).



Rush Warren, Eric Graves Memorial Junior High



Samuel Peknik, Caledonia Junior High



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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.



## 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](#).



## MIRCOMOBIILITY 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](#).



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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:

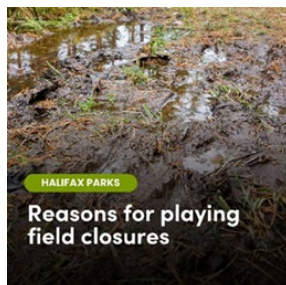
1. Accepting the background study as the basis for establishing a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Dartmouth.
2. Beginning public consultation in accordance with the Public Participation Program for HCDs, adopted by Council in 2020.

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.

## PLAYING FIELD CLOSURES

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



Annual GBBA Mayor’s Luncheon

## 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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## 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](#).



## WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION

In past years, the weekly green bin service started on July 1. During the HRM budget deliberation, there was great pressure from HRM taxpayers to not raise property taxes. Council was successful on not raising property taxes. We were able to do this through a variety of ways i.e., delaying some projects, not filling some staff positions, reducing some services like summer green bin collection. Weekly green bin service will start on July 21.



With warmer weather approaching, we're sharing tips on how to care for and reduce odours from green carts.

- Place wet food waste in boxboard, or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Line both your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Empty your mini-bin daily and place the green cart for collection even if isn't full
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day
- Store the green cart in a ventilated, shady location



Adjusting the weekly curbside green bin service from July 21-September 12 will provide \$422,430 in savings



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Dartmouth Greenhouse Open House

## NATAL DAY PARADE APPLICATIONS

The 128<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

## 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](#).



I had the pleasure along with Mayor Fillmore and Councillor Deagle-Gammon to attend the Youth Climate Action Fund Round 2 Kickoff. We heard about some amazing projects from some amazing youth.



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## HFX ALERT

Get notified when it matters most.

Sign up for hfxALERT, the Halifax Regional Municipality's mass notification system, to receive critical and non-urgent alerts, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.



To find out more and to register, visit our [website](#).

## TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE THIS SEASON

From now until August 29, you can test drive an electric vehicle at one of our 16 test drive events across the municipality. We're teaming up with Next Ride to help you make a stress-free decision about whether an electric vehicle is right for your lifestyle.

In 2024, EV sales in Nova Scotia hit a record 6.4 per cent. That is still not quite enough to get us on track to hit the federal sales target of 30 per cent EV adoption by 2035, though.

This year, implementing our Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy has provided the chargers we need to make EVs the easy option for many residents. According to a report from the Atlantic Economic Council, Canada needs almost 680,000 publicly available chargers by 2040 to move us nationally to clean transportation. We're doing our part here by installing Level 2 and Level 3 chargers across the region to ease range anxiety. Drivers can now choose an EV without worrying about where they can give their batteries a boost.

Find out how to book your EV test drive today on our [website](#).

## WHO DOES WHAT?

### Federal Government

- Airports
- Borders & passports
- Broadcasting & telecommunications
- Canada Child Benefit
- Charter of Human Rights
- Correctional facilities
- Criminal laws
- Employment Insurance
- Environment
- Fisheries, oceans & national parks
- Immigration
- Income tax
- International travel and support for abroad
- Canadians Mortgages
- National RCMP
- National defence & veteran's affairs
- Postal service
- Student loans

### Provincial Government

- Addictions and mental health
- Affordable/public housing
- Correctional facilities
- Employer and employee supports
- Environment
- Family and Community Support Services
- 100 series highways & off ramps
- Hospitals
- Housing
- Justice
- Landlord and tenant supports
- Lakes
- Post-secondary education
- Property tax (property assessment)
- Provincial parks
- Provincial RCMP
- Schools and school parking lots
- Student loans
- Workplace safety

### Municipal Government

- City Hall
- Development and building permits and fees
- Environment
- Fire services (i.e. HRFE)
- Halifax Water
- Municipal police force (i.e. HRP & RCMP District H)
- Municipal parks
- Libraries
- Local road maintenance & improvement
- Parks, trails and playgrounds
- Property tax (municipal portion)
- Recreation facilities
- Snow removal & waste collection
- Transit







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## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



There are three 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 Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM’s [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Thursday, August 7.

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.

We also acknowledge the histories and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities that have been here for more than 400 years.

The Acadians founded the first permanent settlement in North America on this land that would later become Nova Scotia. The Acadian people have contributed to the economic, cultural and social vitality of our province for more than 400 years. We recognize that the identity of the Acadian people is defined by its history, its language, its culture, its customs.

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**Currently serving on:**  
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**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**Halifax Regional Library Board**  
**Shubenacadie Canal Commission**  
**Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee**