



WELCOME JUNE

Happy June! To the Citadel High School graduating class of 2025, congratulations! I hope you have a fun and safe grad season, and I wish you the very best of luck for whatever you decide to pursue next!

June 15 is Father's Day. Thank you to all the dads, stepdads, father figures, and grandfathers for what you do! I hope you take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the father figures in your life.

Keep reading to find out more about beautification days in District 8, Citizenship Award winners, and the new electric buses.

If you have any questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902-237-8373 or virigina.hinch@halifax.ca

JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m.

Special Regional Council:

Thursday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m (if required)

Monday, June 30 at 10 a.m (if required)

Halifax and West Community Council

Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council

Wednesday, June 25 at 6 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).





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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](#).

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE 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](#).

VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2025



Congratulations to all the Volunteer Award Winners from District 8.





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BEAUTIFICATION DAY EVENTS

ZERO EMISSION BUSES NOW IN SERVICE

NORTH END PARENT RESOURCE CENTRE
ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2025
Let's work together to beautify the community
Uniacke Square Cleanup
9:30-11:30AM
Meet at:
North End Parent Resource Centre
5475 Uniacke Street
Halifax Nova Scotia
BBQ, activities & more
11:30-1:30PM
RAIN DATE: JUNE 21st
Call to volunteer
(902) 492-0133 ext.1
COMMUNITY PARTNERS:
adsum Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency
CMT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
Ecology Action Centre
HALIFAX CENTRE OF HOPE
hopeblooms
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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.

Mulgrave Park Caring & Learning Center
BEAUTIFICATION DAY!
Saturday, June 21st • 9am-1pm
STILL ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS!!
DUMPSTERS WILL BE PLACED AROUND THE COMMUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL!
9AM-9:15AM LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
9:15AM-12PM: CLEAN UP
12PM-1PM: BBQ FOR VOLUNTEERS!
902-453-5089 X 1 OR OUTREACH@MULGRAVEPARKCLC.COM



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HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Annual Halifax Regional Municipality Citizenship Awards was hosted at City Hall on May 13, 2025. The Citizenship Awards are presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in the HRM. Each school chooses one recipient based on the following criteria:

- Qualities of leadership and service in the school and community
- Commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled

The District 8 award recipients for 2025 were Darian Brown, Esme Drescher, and Petra Skidmore. Congratulations to you all!



Councillor Hinch and Mayor Andy Filmore, alongside District 8 Citizenship award winner Esme Drescher.



Councillor Hinch and Mayor Andy Filmore, alongside District 8 Citizenship award winner Darian Brown.



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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 on our [website](#).



Read the proclamation for Menstrual Health Day on May 28

HATE CRIMES

Crimes and incidents, which are motivated by hatred, can be extremely distressing for victims and communities. They attack core personal characteristics which form part of a person's identity, and their effects can have a significant impact on the wider community.

Halifax Regional Police is committed to combatting hate crimes and incidents and would encourage anyone who believes they have experienced a hate crime or incident to report it. The Hate Crime Unit will be notified of all reports that contain details of confirmed or suspected hate motivation.

To report a hate crime please contact the police non-emergency line at 902.490.5020. If there is ever an immediate threat to life or property, call 911.

To learn more about Hate Crimes and Incidents please visit our [website](#).

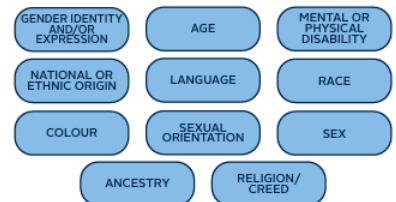
Do you know what a Hate Crime is?



A HATE CRIME IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE AGAINST A PERSON OR PROPERTY



HATE BASED ON YOUR REAL OR PERCEIVED:



OR OTHER SIMILAR FACTOR.

What if I'm a victim of hate but there's no criminal offence?

This is called a Hate Incident. Still call us.
It is important to report all forms of hate.



CALL OUT HATE. CALL US.



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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](#).

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.

Make sure to check out our field conditions page before you head out to play. Find daily updates by visiting our [website](#).



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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](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



Attended the Eid-ul-Adha celebrations hosted by the Umah Society and the Muslim Community in Halifax



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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S 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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Federal Representatives in District 8:

There is currently no Member of Parliament in District 8 the closest Member of Parliament would be MP Lena Metlege Diab her contact information is below:

- **MP Shannon Miedema** Halifax
Office Location and Contact Information to come

Provincial Representatives in District 8:

- **MLA Suzy Hansen** Halifax- Needham
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Halifax, NS B3K 3B5
Phone: 902-455-7300
suzyhalifaxneedham@gmail.com

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Virginia currently serves on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council:

- Grants Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Regional Centre Community Council
- Halifax Forum Community Association
- Indigenous Community Liaison Representation



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