

DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME JULY

Summer is here, folks! I trust your summer is off to a great start and that you're able to spend time with friends and family, enjoying this beautiful weather.

Make sure to keep children and pets safe by being mindful of the humidity and UV index. Our outdoor beaches, splashpads and pools are open – you can find out more about where to cool off in your neighbourhood [here](#).

Weekly green cart collection will begin this month on July 21. Further details can be found below in this newsletter.

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



BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE JUILLET

L'été est arrivé, les amis! J'espère que votre été a bien commencé et que vous pouvez passer du temps avec vos amis et votre famille, profitant de ce beau temps.

Assurez-vous notamment de rester à l'affût de l'humidité et de l'indice UV pour protéger vos enfants et vos animaux de compagnie. Nos plages, nos aires de jeux d'eau et nos piscines extérieures sont ouvertes. Vous pouvez trouver où aller vous rafraîchir dans votre quartier en cliquant sur ce [lien](#).

La collecte hebdomadaire du bac vert commencera ce mois-ci le 21 juillet. Vous trouverez d'autres détails ci-dessous dans cette infolettre.

Comme toujours, n'hésitez pas à me contacter à tout moment pour toute préoccupation ou question municipale.



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WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION

Weekly green cart collection returns across the municipality starting Monday, July 21, and will continue until Friday, September 12.

This enhanced summer service is a helpful way to manage food waste during peak heat months. While in previous years it ran through the full summer, Regional Council approved a slightly shorter collection period this year as part of the 2025–26 municipal budget process.

To ensure pickup, please have your green cart at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day—and remember to keep items secured from wildlife. The easiest way to confirm your schedule is by checking the Halifax Recycles app or visiting halifax.ca

Please note: Printed collection schedules distributed before June 10 are no longer accurate. For the most up-to-date information, always refer to the app or municipal website.

Bi-weekly collection will resume starting Monday, Sept. 15.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean and green!



HALIFAX WATER SMOKE TESTING NOTICE

Halifax Water will be conducting **smoke testing** on the wastewater system in several areas throughout HRM between **July 7–25, 2025**, from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Testing will be conducted on a few streets around Woodlawn High – please see below map for details.

What to Expect:

- Crews from BioMaxx Environmental will walk your street and check around homes.
- You don't need to be home, but all occupants should be aware.
- Smoke from roof vents and manholes is **normal**.
- If smoke enters your home, it may indicate a plumbing issue.

To Prepare:

- Pour **3 cups of water** down all drains or run taps for 60 seconds to prevent smoke from entering.
- Check for dried toilet seals, untrapped hoses, or missing caps.

The smoke is **non-toxic, non-staining**, and has a light grey color with a mild odor. If you have any questions or concerns please contact BioMaxx Environmental at 709-770-7335 or nelson@biomaxx.ca.

WWMP68 Sewershed for Smoke Testing





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HALIFAX SUMMER SERIES

Discover the exciting events happening this summer!

The Halifax Regional Municipality is hosting and promoting a variety of activities through its Summer Series, running until early September.



Events include live music, family-friendly activities and fireworks. Many events are free for residents. Plan your summer today! For more information, visit our [website](#).



Celebrating World Refugee Day



Congratulations to the 2025 Woodlawn High graduates! Over 200 students turning the page to their next chapter in life.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

Select playing fields are available as off-leash dog areas from June 1 – November 1. Learn more [here](#).

Please note that dogs must be on leash in municipal parks unless signage indicates otherwise.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTS 63 LOCAL PROJECTS

Halifax Regional Council has approved 63 grant awards through the 2025/26 Community Grants Program, totaling \$476,430 in funding to support a wide range of non-profit and community-led initiatives.

These awards reflect Council’s continued investment in strengthening communities through arts, heritage, environment, recreation, and social services. Adjustments were made to ensure fairness and accountability, while allowing for flexibility in cases where matching funding was confirmed or project costs were reduced.

This program continues to demonstrate Council’s commitment to building vibrant, inclusive, and resilient communities across the Halifax region.

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



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HALIFAX PRIDE WEEK

The 2025 Halifax Pride Festival is just around the corner, taking place July 17 to 27 across our municipality! For 11 days, we'll come together to celebrate the strength, spirit, and vibrancy of our 2SLGBTQIA+ communities through more than 30 Signature Festival Events and 100+ community-led gatherings.



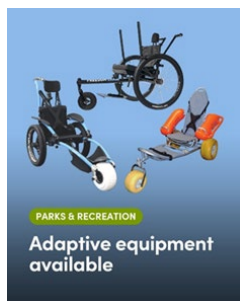
The Halifax Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 12 p.m. This parade is one of the city's most cherished community events, bringing people together to celebrate identity, show solidarity, and stand up for equity. If you're part of a group that wants to join in, I encourage you to get involved and help make this incredible day even more powerful.

This festival is about connection, activism, and creating spaces where people of all sexualities and gender identities can flourish. Halifax Pride's guiding principles – community, self-expression, and growth – are a reminder of the ongoing work we all share in building a more equitable society, free from oppression.

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

We have a variety of adaptive equipment available to borrow to help you get out and about this spring and summer.

- Hippocamps
- Beach chair
- GRIT chair



For further information please email inclusion@halifax.ca



Having a blast at Rib Fest on Canada Day!



I had the pleasure of attending a Citizenship Ceremony on Canada Day where the wonderful Harana Singers of Nova Scotia gave a beautiful performance



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HALIFAX COUNCIL APPROVES NEW REGIONAL PLAN



Halifax Regional Council has approved a new [Regional Municipal Planning Strategy](#) to guide development as the municipality prepares for a population that could reach one million by 2050.

The updated plan replaces the 2014 version and sets policies for how and where growth should occur, aiming for 75 per cent of new development in serviced urban areas. It also expands environmental buffer zones, supports commercial solar projects in rural zones, and allows short-term rentals on rural lots.

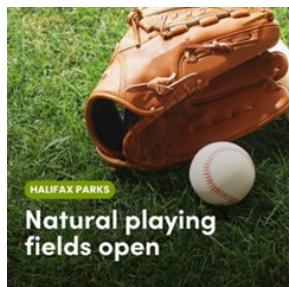
The plan includes changes required by the province’s Minimum Planning Requirements, such as allowing residential uses in most zones and lifting bedroom mix requirements until 2027.

With the plan now approved, staff will move ahead with suburban planning work and a strategic growth and infrastructure plan to assess future servicing needs.

NATURAL PLAYING FIELDS OPEN

Game on! Natural ball diamonds and playing fields are now open for play.

Find up-to-date information on field conditions [here](#).



NEW ONLINE TOOL FOR BURN RESTRICTIONS

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 Halifax region.

Before starting an open-air fire, check [Before You Burn](#) to stay informed and ensure compliance with municipal and provincial regulations.

WHY BYB?

- No more guesswork – this tool is specific to your civic address.
- Quick visual access to the burn status for the municipality (open, restricted, ban, etc.).
- More detail including the Halifax-specific fire risk index.
- Detailed descriptions of all burning types (campfires, brush burning, etc.).

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.

Current Conditions

Burning is not allowed between midnight and 2 p.m.



Municipal fire risk general index

Low	Moderate	High	Very high	Extreme
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Index represented is the highest fire potential within the municipality today; it may not represent all areas - Please use the Burning Map for decisions on burning

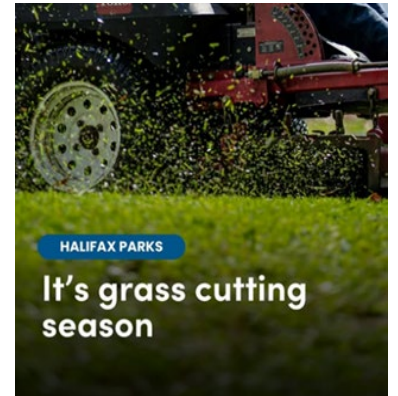


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LAWN MOWING

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.



I was honoured to speak at the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony at Pier 21. 48 new Canadians from 20 Countries. What an amazing day. What an amazing Country!

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY BBQ

SATURDAY JULY 26
11:00am - 1:00pm
50 Caledonia Rd, Dartmouth NS

GAMES BOUNCE HOUSE
Face Painting

Supported By:
Councillor - Tony Mancini - District 6; mancini@halifax.ca
Darren Fisher - MP Dartmouth - Cole Harbour; Darren.Fisher@parl.gc.ca
Tim Halman - MLA Dartmouth East; timhalmanmla@gmail.com

FREE

HALIFAX VILLAGE ON MAIN



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UPDATE ON COUNCIL VOTE REGARDING BIKE LANE CONSTRUCTION

At the June 11 meeting, Regional Council considered a motion brought forward by Mayor Andy Fillmore regarding upcoming bike lane projects.

The motion proposed that the municipality temporarily pause awarding any new bike lane design or construction capital project contracts until Council received a supplementary staff report outlining:

1. A list of bike lane projects proposed in the current four-year capital plan that could reduce vehicular traffic capacity and/or increase traffic congestion; and
2. An assessment of the feasibility of alternative network solutions that could achieve active transportation goals while maintaining or improving current traffic flow.

The motion was defeated in a 12–5 vote.

Following the vote, Council considered and approved a separate motion related to the [Morris Street project](#) directing staff to provide alternatives that would allow two-way traffic on Morris Street while still meeting the project's transportation goals. That report is expected to come forward at the July 8 meeting of Regional Council. A Brunswick Street alternative motion, which sought to maintain vehicular lanes while delivering a protected bike lane, was defeated.

At the June 24 meeting, I put forward a motion that was approved by council which requested a staff report outlining:

- A list of AAA bike network capital projects proposed for the 2026–2029 fiscal years and their estimated budgets;
- An assessment of alternative network solutions that could reduce future costs; and
- Opportunities for additional external funding sources.

The motion also included a request to break down project budgets by general traffic, public space, pedestrian, and bike lane components. A proposed amendment to include a full cost-benefit analysis was not adopted. The requested staff report is expected to return to Council in December.

For more information on Council decisions or to review meeting materials, visit our [website](#).

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Halifax's updated Urban Forest Management Plan has been approved by Regional Council. The plan outlines a long-term strategy to grow, protect, and care for the region's urban forest over the next 25 years.



Urban Forest Management Plan

Discover how the municipality is growing a greener, more climate resilient Halifax

Originally developed in 2013, the updated plan reflects current environmental priorities, equity considerations, and the needs of a growing population. It includes five objectives, 17 strategies, and over 100 actions—such as planting at least 1,000 net new trees annually.

The plan was shaped through extensive public engagement in 2024, including input from historically underrepresented communities. It emphasizes climate resilience, community health, and inclusive stewardship of the urban forest.

Learn more and view the plan at [Shape Your City Halifax](#).



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HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE UPDATE



The following services are now available at our East Division Office, located at 7 Mellor Avenue in Dartmouth, and our West Division Office, located at 15 Convoy Run, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

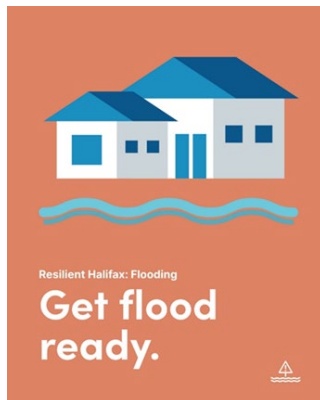
- Criminal record checks
- Vulnerable sector checks
- Ticket withdraws
- Reporting non-dispatchable incidents (filing a report that doesn't require an officer to come to the scene)
- Reporting motor vehicle collisions
- Releasing seized vehicles

For more ways to connect with Halifax Regional Police, visit our [website](#).

FLOOD READY

Floods happen in the HRM. Climate change is increasing the risk. With the new municipal flood maps and resources, you can learn:

- what flooding is;
- where it could flood;
- how the municipality is building resilience;
- how to get flood ready.



Learn more [here](#).

TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE THIS SEASON



Curious about what it's like to drive an electric vehicle (EV)? Now's your chance to find out, right here in our community.

The municipality's Clean Energy team is once again partnering with Next Ride to offer free EV test drives across the region this summer. Last year, 338 residents had the chance to get behind the wheel, learning firsthand how EVs perform and how our growing charging network supports their use.

With more Level 2 and Level 3 fast chargers being installed across the municipality, it's easier than ever to consider making the switch to electric. Whether you're interested in reducing your emissions, saving on fuel, or just curious about the technology, this is a great opportunity to learn more.

Sixteen events are scheduled for this year, and some locations do fill up quickly. If you're in a rural area like Musquodoboit Harbour, we'd especially love to see more local engagement, so please help spread the word!

You can find full event details and learn more about the municipality's EV charging network on our [website](#).



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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

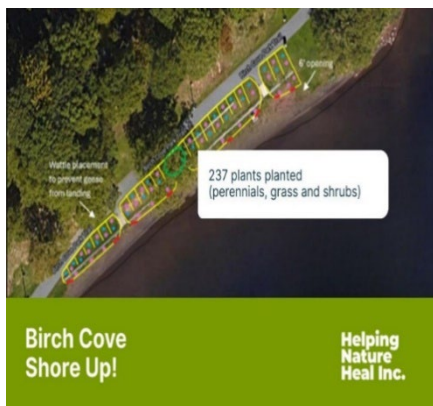
- City Hall
- Development and building permits and fees
- Environment
- Fire services (i.e. HRFE)
- Halifax Water
- Municipal police force (i.e. HRP & RCMP District H)
- Municipal parks
- Libraries
- Local road maintenance & improvement
- Parks, trails and playgrounds
- Property tax (municipal portion)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



A beautiful morning to explore the Sandy Lake trail system with Councillor Deagle-Gammon and the Ecology Action Centre

HRM'S NATURALIZATION EFFORTS

In mid-May, the municipality worked with Helping Nature Heal Inc. to facilitate a community-based planting workshop along Penhorn Lake's shoreline. The initiative relates to the municipality's naturalization efforts. Learn more [here](#).



IT'S TOO HOT to leave your dog in the car

The internal temperature of your car can rise by 20 degrees celsius in approximately 30 mins according to heat studies.

"But I'll only be a minute..."

26 °C	10mins	37 °C
26 °C	20 mins	42 °C
26 °C	30 mins	46 °C

Don't let your "just a minute errand" cost you your best friend.

IF you see an animal in a hot car in distress please call 9-1-1. To report animals cruelty call our toll free cruelty hotline 1 (888) 703-7722



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



There is one Regional Council meetings scheduled for July. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- July 8

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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Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee