



## COUNCILLOR JANET STEELE

DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER

TIMBERLEA - BEECHVILLE - CLAYTON PARK - WEDGEWOOD

## A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR STEELE

Happy July, District 12!

I hope your summer is off to a fantastic start and that you are able to spend some time with your loved ones this summer season.

I would like to remind folks that weekly green cart collection will begin on July 21 and continue until Sept. 12. More details can be found below in this newsletter.

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](#).

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

## COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

I will be hosting community drop-ins which is a fantastic opportunity for me to connect with residents in a one-on-one format. I will advertise the date and location in this monthly E-Newsletter as well as on social media. The drop in date for July is:

**Thursday, July 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Keshen Goodman Library, Meeting Room 2**

I'm also hoping to host a drop in date at the new Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Community Centre once that is up and running. In the meantime, I'm happy to meet wherever is convenient to you.



Canada Day Breakfast at Lakeside Legion



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### BEECHVILLE, LAKESIDE, TIMBERLEA COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Recreation and Infrastructure Needs for New Timberlea School

At the May 27 meeting of Regional Council, I put forward a motion to request a staff report regarding the new school being planned on Maple Grove Avenue and Amalfi Way in Timberlea that would identify opportunities and recommendations for municipal recreation enhancements and the inclusion of infrastructure such as sidewalks or multiuse pathways in the schools planning and design.

I have heard from residents who have shared that the addition of an outdoor walking track would support wellness in the community. Additionally, discussions are currently underway between HRM and the Province on planning for the new school and now is the time to build in community safety supports.

I'm pleased to advise the motion passed and the staff report is tentatively scheduled to come to council in March 2026.

#### Munroe Subdivision Construction Update

Dexter Construction is completing the final stages of pipework and road base backfill and compaction within the Munroe Subdivision. Concrete curb installation is scheduled to begin this week, weather permitting. Once the new curbs are properly aligned and ready for pouring, the contractor will issue notices to residents regarding temporary driveway access restrictions.

**Please note:** driveways will be unavailable for a minimum of 2–3 days to allow the concrete to cure.

If accidental contact with wet concrete occurs, please contact Beth Faulkner immediately at 902-789-4587 so the crew can assess and attempt repairs before the concrete fully sets. Preventing rework is critical to keeping the project on schedule and avoiding any impacts to Beechville Days.

After curbs are installed, remaining work will include: park pathways, fencing, driveway reinstatements, landscaping, final touch-ups, deficiencies, and site cleanup.

#### Timberlea Parkway Traffic Signals

The installation of the traffic lights has begun and is currently on track to be completed by early August. Stop-and-go traffic will be in place while work is underway.

#### New BLT Recreation Centre

The work on the new recreation centre continues to progress. I wanted to share the floor plan of the building to give residents a sense of what it will look like and what is included inside.

As you will see in the floor plan, there will be community kitchen, indoor eating area, meeting rooms, multi-purpose room, gymnasium, change rooms, youth room and community room.

The exterior will have a splash pad, two playgrounds, a shade structure and furniture for seating.







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### CLAYTON PARK, WEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Parkland Drive and 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. On June 18, a public open house was held at Keshen Goodman Library for residents to drop by and learn about the project, ask questions and provide feedback. Staff are now working on getting the community and interest group feedback to integrate into the functional plan.

Residents who were unable to attend the open house can still provide their feedback by filling out the online survey [here](#). The survey closes on July 9.

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.

#### Free Notary Services at Keshen Goodman Library

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia is offering free, appointment-based notary clinics at the library on Thursday, July 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The services offered include:

- Certifying copies of documents (e.g., passports, birth certificates for immigration)
- Witnessing affidavits for court
- Witnessing statutory declarations for government agencies (e.g., CRA, Community Services)

Please note, registration is required. [Click here](#) to register.

Registrants will need to bring:

- Photo ID
- Documents to be notarized
- Support person or translator, if needed

**Please note:** Lawyers cannot help prepare legal documents at these clinics.

More information can be found [here](#).

#### 2632 Halifax West Royal Canadian Army Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review

It was honour to attend the June 9, annual ceremonial review for the 2632 Halifax West Royal Canadian Army Cadets and to recognize the achievements of cadets over the past year. Established in 2017, the corps draws from many of the communities surrounding Bayer's Lake.



Presenting Cadet Certificate of Appreciation to MCpl Aiden Phillips for Best Attendance

#### Friends of Clayton Park Annual Summer BBQ

The Friends of Clayton Park have will host their annual summer barbecue on Sunday, Aug. 17 at Veterans Park on Langbrae Drive. Monday, Aug. 18 is the rain date. I will share more details as they become available.



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### WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION

Weekly green cart collection begins starting Monday, July 21, and will continue until Friday, Sept. 12.

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. I have heard from a number of residents expressing concern with this budget reduction measure and I must tell you that I voted against it as I felt that residents value the weekly collection in the summer months.

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](https://www.halifax.ca)

If your green bin is not picked up on collection day, please call 311 or email [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca) and HRM will work to ensure it is picked up the same day or the next morning.

Here are a few simple tips to keep your green cart clean and odour-free during the heat:

- Wrap wet food waste in boxboard or newspaper
- Use paper liners in your mini-bin and green cart
- Empty your mini-bin daily
- Place your cart at the curb even if it's not full
- Freeze food scraps until collection day
- Store your cart in a shaded, well-ventilated area

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.



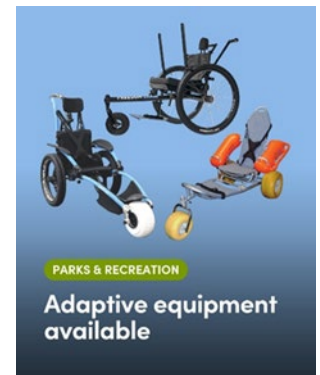
I had a great time attending the annual BLT Food Truck Rally!

### 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

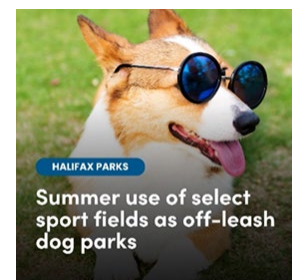
For further information please email [inclusion@halifax.ca](mailto:inclusion@halifax.ca)



### 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.





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### REGIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS GRANTS

Are you planning a community event in 2026 or 2027? The Halifax Regional Municipality is here to help bring your celebration to life through the [Regional Special Events Grants Program](#).

On November 1 the application period will open for two grant programs:

#### 1. Community Celebrations

- For events under 5 days in length
- Must be free and for the enjoyment of local residents
- Maximum grant: \$1,000
- Applicant must be a registered nonprofit in Nova Scotia or a Canadian registered charity

#### 2. Significant Anniversary

- For events celebrating a milestone anniversary
- Must have a minimum budget of \$7,500
- Applicant must be a registered nonprofit in Nova Scotia or a Canadian registered charity

The application period will close on November 30.

#### Established Community Events Program

The Established Community Events program offers larger grants and three years of sustainable funding (pending annual municipal budget approval).

- Next intake: November 2027
- For events running 3+ consecutive years
- Must have a minimum budget of \$10,000
- Event must be free or low-cost and no longer than 7 days
- Applicant must be a registered nonprofit in Nova Scotia or a Canadian registered charity

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact Shari Dillman, Events Grants Administrator at [dillmas@halifax.ca](mailto:dillmas@halifax.ca) or 902-497-3729.

#### Special Event Task Force

If your event uses municipal property or services, you'll need to submit a Special Event Task Force (SETF) application. The SETF includes municipal, provincial, and federal reps who can help with logistics, permits, and best practices. More information, including the application form can be found [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the SETF, please contact Andrew Cox, Senior Civic Events Coordinator at [coxa@halifax.ca](mailto:coxa@halifax.ca) or 902-490-4729.

### BLASTING BY-LAW REVIEW

At the June 10 Regional Council meeting, I introduced a motion requesting a staff report on Marketway Lane, Timberlea blasting issues, including requesting a review of the adequacy of the current blasting by-law to address carbon monoxide seepage into homes and to identify the resources required for a comprehensive review of the HRM blasting by-law. This was to address the April 14 carbon monoxide detection home evacuation and June 9 blasting resulting in damage to several homes.

### NEW BIKELANE MOTION APPROVED AT JUNE 24 COUNCIL MEETING

I voted to support a motion requesting a Staff Report including a review of all bike lanes proposed for 2026-2029, looking at more cost-effective alternatives and a renewed effort to identify other sources of funding. The Staff Report is expected by December 2025 ahead of final 2026 budget discussions.





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### HALIFAX COUNCIL APPROVES NEW REGIONAL PLAN



On June 19, Halifax Regional Council 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.

I voted to approve the Phase IV Regional Plan even though it contained clauses I do not support such as the minimum planning requirements which reduce requirements for commercial space, parking and unit bedroom mix. These requirements were designated by the Province and they have the authority to make these types of decisions. We were required to have the plan approved by June 30 to meet the Province's deadline.

The Special Planning Areas also fall under the authority of the Province and any decisions regarding those are the responsibility of the Minister - so the decision to consider these for future development was not part of the Regional Council decision on the Phase 4 Regional Plan.

### 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 [beforeyouburn.halifax.ca](https://beforeyouburn.halifax.ca) 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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### 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.

The application period for the community grants program typically opens around the beginning of each year in January. Stay tuned for the 2026 application period.

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



Bayview 2025 High School Graduation

## 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..."

Time	Temperature
10 mins	26 °C
20 mins	37 °C
30 mins	42 °C
46 °C	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 animal cruelty call our toll free cruelty hotline  
1 (888) 703-7722

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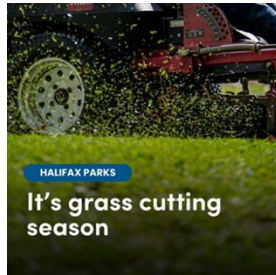


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### LAWN MOWING

I have been receiving a number of calls about resident and HRM responsibilities for lawn mowing, so I am including the below. Please note that if you see areas that require attention, the best approach is to call 311 or email at [contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca) with the closest civic address and your concern will be investigated.



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.

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TNVM's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Summer Picnic**  
LIVE MUSIC | DANCE | GAMES | MOVIE

**JULY 19 | SATURDAY**  
**1PM ONWARDS**

DeWolf Park  
150 Waterfront Dr, Bedford

More Info Contact  
Valar @ +1-902-403-9114  
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We had a fantastic tour at Emergency Medical Care Inc and learned more about the EHS and TeleHealth811 operations.





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### 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](mailto: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.



### 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](#).



### TOBACCO FREE NOVA SCOTIA PROGRAM

One service available through 811 telehealth is the Tobacco Free Nova Scotia program. Tobacco Free Nova Scotia offers a personalized and non-judgmental support to help you quit and stay quit. Whether you're thinking about quitting or having some setbacks, they can help you each step of the way. All services are free and confidential. For more information, including the types of support available, [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](mailto: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](#).



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### REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is one Regional Council meeting 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 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 August 12.

#### 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

### 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.

#### 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.

### 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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