

DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME AUGUST

Wow – summer is flying by! Before we know it, it will be time to head back to school. But there's still lots to celebrate and enjoy in the weeks ahead!

This month, we mark Emancipation Day, Natal Day, and National Acadian Day – each an important opportunity to come together and celebrate our shared community. The Natal Day long weekend is just around the corner as well, and I hope you're planning to enjoy some of the great events happening across the municipality. You'll find more details on those events in this newsletter.

With the recent hot weather, don't forget to take advantage of our many outdoor beaches, splashpads, and pools. 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 any of your municipal concerns or questions.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS D'AOÛT

Wow! L'été passe à toute vitesse. Le temps de le dire et il sera temps de retourner à l'école. Cependant, il y a encore beaucoup de choses à célébrer et à savourer dans les semaines à venir.

Ce mois-ci, nous célébrons le Jour de l'émancipation, la Fête de la fondation et la Fête nationale de l'Acadie –, chacune de ces activités étant une occasion importante de nous rassembler et de célébrer notre communauté commune. La longue fin de semaine de la Fête de la fondation approche à grands pas, et j'espère que vous avez l'intention de profiter des événements formidables qui auront lieu dans toute la municipalité. Vous trouverez de plus amples renseignements sur ces événements dans la présente infolettre.

En raison du temps chaud, n'oubliez pas de profiter de nos nombreuses plages, aires de jeu d'eau et piscines extérieures. Pour en savoir plus sur les endroits où se rafraîchir dans votre quartier, cliquez sur ce [lien](#).

Comme toujours, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi en tout temps pour toute préoccupation ou question municipale.



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EMANCIPATION DAY



Canada and to recognize the strength and contributions of people of African descent.

Emancipation Day marks the anniversary of Aug. 1, 1834, when the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 came into effect, ending slavery in most parts of the British Empire, including Canada.

The day provides an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing impacts of systemic anti-Black racism, and to engage in meaningful conversations about equity, justice, and inclusion. It is also a time to honour the heritage, culture, and resilience of African Nova Scotian communities across the region.

Aug. 1 is Emancipation Day in Nova Scotia, a day to acknowledge the history and legacy of slavery in

NATAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendars for the 128th annual Natal Day celebrations happening across the municipality! From fireworks and live music to parades and family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone.

Highlights include:

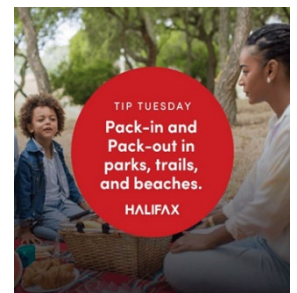
- Natal Day Parade: Monday, Aug. 4 | 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Fireworks on the Harbour: Saturday, Aug. 2 | 10 p.m. (*Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 3*)
- Lake Banook Fireworks: Monday, Aug. 4 | 9:30 p.m.
- Freedom Festival: Sunday, Aug. 3 | Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park | 2–9:30 p.m.
- Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race: Monday, Aug. 4 | 8–9:30 a.m.
- Family Undersea Adventure Day: Monday, Aug. 4 | Sullivan's Pond | 12–4 p.m.
- Bridgewalk: Sunday, Aug. 3 | Macdonald Bridge | 2–4 p.m.
- Mike Cowie Band: Monday, Aug. 4 | Halifax Public Gardens | 2–4 p.m.

Bonus: Enjoy *free ferry service* on Saturday, Aug. 2. The Parker Street Food Bank will also be accepting donations at the Halifax and Alderney ferry terminals.

Visit our [website](#) for full event details and updates.

PACK IN AND PACK OUT

When enjoying our beautiful parks, trails, and beaches, remember to pack-in and pack-out. That means bringing everything you need, and taking it all with you when you leave.



Keeping our shared spaces clean helps protect nature and ensures everyone can enjoy them. Let's all do our part to keep Halifax green and clean.



I had a fantastic time at the annual East Dartmouth Community BBQ at the East Dartmouth Community Centre. The Honourable Mike Savage, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and Minister Tim Halman were also in attendance.



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NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY



Since 1881, Acadians have celebrated National Acadian Day on Aug. 15, a tradition established at the first National Acadian Convention in Memramcook, N.B.

The day is marked by community gatherings, music, and the *Tintamarre*, a festive procession where participants make noise as they walk together to celebrate Acadian identity and solidarity.

The Halifax region is home to the largest Acadian and Francophone population in Nova Scotia. In recognition of this important day, the municipality will host its **12th annual National Acadian Day flag raising ceremony**.

National Acadian Day is an opportunity to learn about the history and cultural contributions of Acadians, and to participate in celebrations taking place across the municipality.

WASTE COLLECTION TIMING RULES

Waste can be placed curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. the evening before the scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. the morning of the scheduled collection day. Remove any materials not collected by 9 p.m. on the scheduled collection day.

Call 311 for collection issues.



2025 Pride Parade

CLAM HARBOUR BEACH SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Mark your calendars: the Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition returns Sunday, Aug. 24! Now in its 45th year, this popular event draws thousands to the Eastern Shore for a day of sand creations and community fun.



Follow our event page on Facebook or visit our [website](#).



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CAO CATHIE O'TOOLE ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO RETIRE

On July 9, Cathie O'Toole announced her intention to retire as Chief Administrative Officer of the Halifax Regional Municipality after over 25 years of public service.



Ms. O'Toole, who has served as Chief Administrative Officer since January 2023, will continue in her role into October and assist Mayor and Regional Council in the development of a transition plan for the municipality.

"It has been an honour to serve both the municipality and Halifax Water, and I take pride in the projects and initiatives I have had the privilege of working on and leading," said Ms. O'Toole.

In the coming weeks, additional details will be shared, including Ms. O'Toole's last day, and the transition plan.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now open for our Recreational Trails Grants Program. Funding through the program supports community associations that operate and maintain recreational trails across the region.

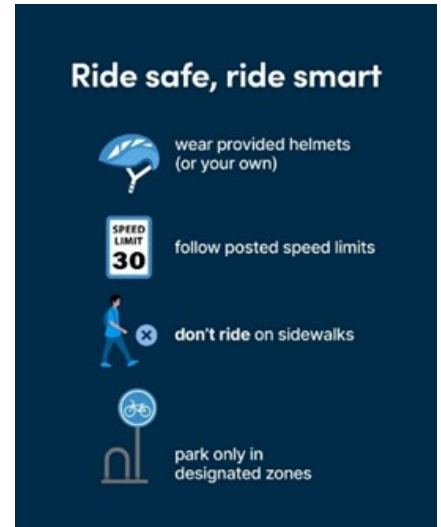


Applications for 2026/27 are due Sept. 1, 2025. For details and the application forms, visit our [website](#).

E-SCOOTER RULES

With more people using e-scooters across the municipality, it's important to know where and how they can be used.

Under By-law M-300 (the Micromobility By-law), as well as the Province of Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act, here's what you need to know:



Where e-scooters are allowed:

- On roads with speed limits of 50 km/h or lower
- In bike lanes
- On multi-use pathways within streets

Where e-scooters are not allowed:

- On sidewalks
- On park trails, unless they are specifically signed as permitted
- At speeds over 25 km/h on roads or bike lanes
- At speeds over 15 km/h on multi-use pathways

Safety first:

- Riders must wear a helmet
- Riders must be at least 14 years old

E-scooters may also be used on private property with permission from the property owner.

By following the rules, we can all help ensure micromobility options like e-scooters continue to be a safe and accessible part of how we move through our communities.



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UPDATE ON STRONG MAYOR POWERS



At the July 10 meeting, Regional Council voted in favour of a motion requesting consultation from the Province of Nova Scotia if it considers introducing strong mayor powers in Halifax or other municipalities.

The motion directs the Mayor to:

- Write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the province engage in discussion with Halifax Regional Municipality and other municipalities prior to any legislative changes.
- Write a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board encouraging them to adopt a similar position.
- Submit both letters by July 22 and circulate any responses to Council.

Council also directed the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on how strong mayor powers have been implemented in other Canadian jurisdictions and what lessons may apply locally.

Strong mayor powers vary depending on provincial legislation but could include authority over hiring senior staff, preparing budgets, or vetoing council decisions. How such powers would apply in Nova Scotia would be determined by the province.

UPDATE ON MORRIS STREET EAST CONNECTION

At the Aug. 5 meeting of Regional Council, municipal staff will present recommendations for any potential changes to the Morris Street East Connection project.



This follows [a letter](#) from Premier Tim Houston raising concerns about the planned changes to Morris Street.

The project was also discussed at the July 8 Council meeting, where a motion was brought forward to explore alternative design options that would maintain two-way traffic on Morris Street and avoid impacts to Lower Water Street. Council voted 13–4 against the motion.

The Morris Street East Connection is part of the broader Peninsula South Complete Streets project and was originally approved in October 2024. The current design includes a two-way protected bike lane and would convert Morris Street to one-way eastbound for vehicles.

For more information, click [here](#).



Spirit checking out the new toy library at Shubie Park Beach. If you have any toys you can donate, please drop them at the Shubie Beach library. Thank you!



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JAPANESE BEETLES IN HRM

Japanese beetles are back in gardens across Halifax Regional Municipality, and their numbers appear to be on the rise again this year. These metallic green and bronze insects feed on more than 300 plant species, damaging leaves, flowers, fruit, and lawns. Warmer temperatures may be contributing to the rise in numbers seen across the region.

You'll most often spot Japanese beetles in mid-summer, from late June through early September. Above ground, they skeletonize leaves and chew through flowers, while their grubs feed on grass roots below ground, leaving dead patches in lawns.

According to Halifax Seed, residents can reduce damage by hand-picking beetles and placing them in soapy water, or using pheromone traps – just be sure to place traps at least 10 feet, ideally 30 feet, away from plants.

To reduce next year's population, treat your lawn for grubs in spring and fall using beneficial nematodes or biological sprays. Choosing less-susceptible plants can also help limit damage.

Japanese beetles are a regulated pest in Canada. Movement of soil, rooted plants, or turf is restricted to protect uninfested regions. [Click here](#) for more information or contact a local garden centre like Halifax Seed for help.



Charge Solar Grand Opening

HELP SHAPE ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Want to help shape how organic waste is managed in the Halifax Regional Municipality?

AIM HCR (Harbour City Renewables), operator of the Halifax Organics Management Facility, is looking for up to four volunteer public members to join its new Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

As a CLC member, you'll:

- represent residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality;
- discuss facility operations, environmental monitoring and more; and
- help address community concerns.

Meetings are held twice a year on-site or virtually.

Interested? Contact: RaggedLakeCLC@aimgroup.ca



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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS NEW COMMUNITY MEDIATION PILOT

Halifax Regional Council has approved funding and directed staff to collaborate with the United Way Maritimes to create and implement a Community Mediation pilot program. This initiative will provide voluntary, confidential, and impartial mediation services to residents experiencing interpersonal disputes across multiple neighbourhoods in the municipality.

The pilot program aims to improve community safety and cohesion by offering no-cost mediation and conflict coaching in accessible, neutral locations, including virtual options. The program will focus on common neighbourhood conflicts such as noise, parking, property boundaries, and nuisance issues, while excluding legal and certain sensitive matters.

This partnership leverages United Way Maritimes' extensive community presence and expertise to deliver services in diverse urban and rural areas including Spryfield, Fairview, Dartmouth North, and East Preston. A project coordinator will be hired to oversee program design and delivery, with referral pathways established through municipal staff, community partners, and self-referrals.

This program supports safer, stronger communities by offering a helpful way to solve disputes without legal action.

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



REDUCING NUISANCES FROM RODENTS AND WASTE

Every summer, the municipality receives an increase in rodent-related inquiries. While we can respond when rodents are on municipal property, near active construction sites, or as part of an unsightly property complaint, we are not able to intervene when the issue is on private property.



If you see a live or deceased rat in a municipal park, or a deceased rat in the right-of-way, call 311. If rodents are present on your own property, prompt action is important to avoid an infestation.

Reducing access to food and shelter is key. This includes clearing overgrown vegetation, storing garbage and compost properly, and sealing holes or cracks around the home.

To help reduce nuisances related to green carts:

- Wrap food waste in boxboard or newspaper
- Line your bin with a paper bag
- Empty your mini-bin daily
- Set your green cart out on every collection day
- Store food scraps in the freezer when possible
- Keep carts shaded and ventilated
- Ensure lids are secure and remove bungee cords on collection day
- Report damaged carts to 311

For additional information on properly managing waste, visit our [website](#). The NS Department of Natural Resources also provides information [here](#).



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WHO DOES WHAT?

Federal Government

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

Provincial Government

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

Municipal Government

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

GRAFFITI REMOVAL KITS

Graffiti is a crime! If you see it in progress call 911.

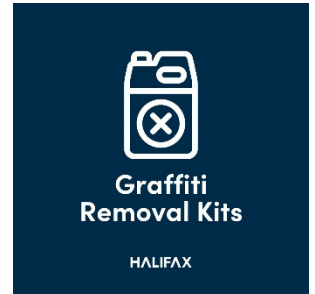
Report graffiti on municipal owned property. Private Property owners are responsible for the removal of graffiti from their own property. It is recommended that you file a Property Damage Report with the Police by calling 902.490.5016.

Private and Commercial Property owners can request a free Graffiti Removal Kit. Only one kit per property will be provided. Kits include information on where to buy additional product. To request a kit, call 311.

Kits can also be collected from our customer service location at:

- Alderney Gate
40 Alderney Drive, 1st Floor
Dartmouth, NS B2Y2N5
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday, excluding Holidays

For more information, or to submit an online request, click [here](#).



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](#).



Great pickleball game at the East Dartmouth BBQ!



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LEAF AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL



Leaf and yard waste that doesn't fit into the green cart belongs in paper yard waste bags.

Did you know that each household that receives curbside collection can place up to twenty yard waste bags out on collection day? This makes disposing of leaf and yard waste easy.

Reminder that leaf and yard waste

- Can only go out on green cart day
- Belongs in paper yard waste bags (no plastic is accepted)
- Cannot contain grass clippings

For more information about leaf and yard waste visit our [website](#).

For tips and tricks with grass clippings click [here](#).

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](#).

WOODSIDE FERRY TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION

Construction outside the Woodside Ferry Terminal will begin on Wednesday, July 30, and continue until Wednesday, Aug. 30.

The terminal is under construction to place concrete bus bays and install platform enhancements to improve accessibility.

Access to bus loop parking spaces and the terminal entrance will be maintained during construction. A small, designated drop-off area will be available for vehicles dropping off and loading passengers near the terminal entrance.

Thank you for your patience during the improvement work!

For full details, including maps, call 311 or visit our [website](#).



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SCAN: SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT

Are you worried about illegal drugs, alcohol, prostitution, or gaming in your building or on your street? *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* (SCAN) gives you a way to report your concerns and take back your neighbourhood.



SCAN improves community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land that are regularly used for illegal activities.

SCAN gives citizens the tools to report problem residences and businesses, and gives authorities the power to investigate and take action. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities regularly taking place on their property.

If you want to report a problem property or have any questions regarding SCAN, please call toll free at 1-877-357-2337. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If calling after hours, you can leave a message and someone will return your call.

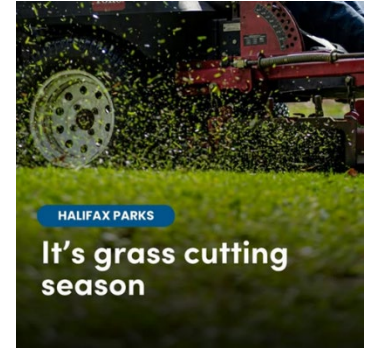
If you are reporting a problem property, you may also want to notify your local police agency. **If you have an emergency, dial 911.**

Remember - It's Your Neighbourhood. Your call.

Learn more [here](#).

LAWN MOWING

As growing season continues, 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.



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



There are three Regional Council meetings scheduled for August. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- August 5
- August 7 (if required)
- August 19

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, Aug. 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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Board of Police Commissioners
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee