



**COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON**  
DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER  
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## WELCOME SEPTEMBER!



Happy Labour Day!  
Enjoy the last holiday  
before the start of school  
and the regular fall routine  
begins.

Happy first day of school! It's important to keep safety in mind, especially when school commences as there will be more pedestrians enroute to school and more commuters enroute to work and post-secondary studies. It is our collective responsibility to keep each other safe by obeying speed limits and all traffic signs and signals.

Keep reading for updates on the Middle Musquodoboit Park, the Artificial Turf Field at Lockview, the Fall River Road Long Term Care Facility; and many more interesting articles on what's going on in and around the community!

Contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phone at 902 717-2718 or by email at [deaglec@halifax.ca](mailto:deaglec@halifax.ca).

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m.

#### NorthWest Community Council:

Monday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

#### Standing Committees:

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

- Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

- Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Standing Committee

- Monday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.

### DID YOU KNOW...

The name "September" comes from the Latin word "Septem", meaning "seven", as it was originally the seventh month of the Roman calendar before January and February were added. September is associated with Vulcan, the Roman God of fire, reflecting the warm days and changing colors of the season.

Sept. 1 is Labour Day

Sept. 8 is Worldwide Cystic Fibrosis Day

Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day

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Sept. 14 is Grandparents' Day

Sept. 15 is World Lymphoma Awareness Day

Sept. 16 is World Ozone Day

Sept. 20 is International Coastal Clean-Up Day

Sept. 21 is International Day of Peace

Sept. 21 is World Alzheimer's Day

Sept. 22 is Autumnal Equinox (Start of Fall)

Sept. 22 to 26 is Gender Equality Week

Sept. 24 is Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 28 is Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day

Sept. 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



Our Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services (NVS) team is inviting residents to participate in their online Neighbourhood Engagement Survey that aims to identify:

1. What makes residents feel connected to their neighbourhoods.
2. What support is needed for residents to feel more connected to their neighbourhoods.

Resident feedback will help inform future neighbourhood community development support and identify key areas of focus. Learn more and take the survey by **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** at

[shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/neighbourhood-engagement](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/neighbourhood-engagement)



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### SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 4!



To access the school finder, bus stop look-up, school calendars and other important information for families, and students visit HRCE's website by [clicking here](#).

### BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



As summer fades and school resumes, prioritizing traffic safety in residential areas is crucial. When students return to school, keeping them safe on the streets

should be a top concern. Here are essential tips and reminders for motorists and parents during this back-to-school season.

#### Respect Speed Limits:

Obey posted speed limits, especially in school zones. Reduced speed limits during school hours protect children traveling to and from school.

#### Yield to Pedestrians:

Always yield to pedestrians, especially near crosswalks and school zones. Children may not accurately judge traffic, so extra caution is necessary.

#### Eliminate Distractions:

Avoid distractions like cell phones and eating while driving in residential areas. Focus entirely on the road, as children might unexpectedly enter the street.

#### Stop for School Buses:

When a school bus stops, stop behind or in front of it as per local laws. Failing to do so endangers students and can lead to fines.

#### Promote Walking and Biking Safely:

Consider walking or biking to school for physical activity and reduced traffic. Use designated paths and wear helmets while biking.

#### Safe Routes to School:

Work with schools and parents to identify safe routes to school. This can include walking groups, carpooling, and advocating for better signage.

#### Educate Children:

Teach children road safety, emphasizing looking both ways before crossing, using crosswalks, and wearing reflective clothing in low-light conditions.

#### Support Traffic Calming Measures:

Advocate for traffic calming measures like speed bumps and narrowing roadways to slow traffic and protect pedestrians and cyclists.





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Back to school should be a safe and exciting time for all. By following these tips and fostering responsible driving practices in your community, we can ensure a secure environment for students year-round. Let's make our neighborhoods safer for children during this back-to-school season and beyond.

### GENDER EQUALITY WEEK



Gender Equity Week (Sept. 22-26) is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of women and gender-diverse communities while reaffirming our

commitment to advancing gender equality within our organization and region.

Gender equality means that all gender identities have equal rights and opportunities.

Conversely, gender inequality, rooted in colonialism and patriarchy, connects to other forms of oppression. It encompasses issues like violence against women and the transgender community, gender stereotypes dictating how boys and girls "should behave," and limited career choices based on gender.

While progress has been made, including electing a predominantly female Regional Council for the first time, there is still work to do.

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



In its commitment to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten, the Government of Canada

recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Formerly known as Orange Shirt Day, this day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and provides a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

#### Resources

- Read the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report](#) and think about how you can implement the Calls to Action in your own life.
- Watch 215 Reflections to learn more about the intergenerational impacts of the residential school system, presented by Cheryl Copage-Gehue, Indigenous Community Engagement Advisor.
- Read *Out of the Depths: The experiences of Mi'kmaw children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia* by Isabelle Knockwood, and other memoirs by survivors.
- Watch *We Were Children* (available on Amazon Prime), *Indian Horse* (available on Netflix), and *Little Bird* (available on Crave).
- Watch Gord Downie's [Secret Path](#).

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- Learn about the Mi'kmaw communities whose land you live on and visit the three First Nations in Halifax Regional Municipality.
- Visit Indigenous cultural heritage sites to learn about the traditions, culture, and resilience of your local communities.
- Visit the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre, and Peace and Friendship Park in Halifax.
- Have conversations with the people in your life about what reconciliation means and why it's important.
- Support Indigenous artists, drummers, singers, dancers, language learners and small business owners. They are helping communities heal.

### UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S REGIONAL PLAN



On Friday, Aug. 8, 2025, the Halifax Regional Municipality received a letter from the Province of Nova Scotia's Minister of Municipal Affairs in

response to the municipality's submission of the updated Regional Plan.

In the letter, the Minister indicated that the Regional Plan, as submitted, could not be accepted by the province and therefore could not be approved.

Underway since 2020, the Regional Planning process has incorporated years of extensive public engagement to inform updates to the

2014 Regional Plan – aimed at supporting sustainable growth across our region.

On Thursday, June 19, 2025, Regional Council [passed a motion](#) to repeal the existing 2014 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (also known as the Regional Plan) and adopt the proposed 2025 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy with related amendments to other planning documents including the Regional Subdivision By-Law, Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws.

In accordance with the [Halifax Regional Municipality Charter](#), adoption of the Regional Plan and other planning documents is subject to provincial review and approval.

Over the past several months, municipal Planning & Development staff have been actively working with provincial staff to address feedback that had been previously received from the province. The decision by the province to not approve any of the proposed amendments was not expected, given the ongoing collaboration with provincial counterparts leading up to and following the submission for approval.

Moving forward, this means that the [current 2014 Regional Plan](#), last amended in May 2025, remains in effect, as the new proposed amendments have not been approved by the province. Over the coming weeks, municipal staff will re-engage with the province to determine the next steps on the planning process and ensure the Regional Plan is updated in a way that aligns with provincial interests and fulfills the municipality's obligations under existing legislation. For more information on the Regional Plan, including a copy of the Aug 8. letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, please visit the [website](#).

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## TRAVEL & ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED IN WOODS



Travel & activities  
restricted in woods in  
municipal spaces

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**UPDATE: Effective Friday, August 29, Travel Ban issued by the Province has been lifted.** Effective Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m., restrictions were placed on access to woods in municipal park spaces due to the

Fire Proclamation – Travel Ban issued by the Province of Nova Scotia. These restrictions will remain in place until 2 p.m. on Oct. 15, 2025, unless the province’s proclamation is revoked or amended.

Woods, as defined in the provincial Forests Act, include forested land, rock barren, brush land, dry marsh, bog or muskeg.

### Municipal park spaces

Parks that are entirely woods are now fully closed. Examples of this include Admiral Cove, Hemlock Ravine and Shaw Wilderness Park.

Parks with non-wooded areas remain open for use. Examples of this include the Halifax Common, the Dartmouth Common, Sullivan’s Pond – as well as municipal playgrounds, sports fields and ball diamonds.

For parks which have both woods and non-wooded areas, the woods are closed and the non-wooded areas remain open. Examples of this include:

- Fort Needham Memorial Park, where the monument, playground and sports field remain open, but the woods are closed.

-Point Pleasant Park, where the Sailor’s Memorial Way remains open, but trails through the wooded areas are closed. Residents are advised that the upper parking lot, from Point Pleasant Drive, is closed.

-Shubie Park, where the campground, ballfield, Fairbanks Centre, pump track and supervised beach remain open. The trails, including the off-leash trail system and off-leash beach area, are closed.

These restrictions apply to trails that are part of any active transportation routes through woods such as the Mainland North Trail and the Chain of Lakes Trail, which are closed.

Supervised beaches in municipal parks will remain open.

The municipality is in the process of installing signage at impacted park spaces. There are over 900 municipal park spaces and signage installation, which is expected to take several days, will not be done for all parks. Regardless of the presence of signage, residents are required to adhere to these restrictions

Residents can contact 311 for more information. If park users do not follow these guidelines, the municipality may need to put further restrictions in place.

### Service impacts

Residents are advised that the grass at municipal park spaces and trails that are closed will not be mowed or maintained at this time.



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Garbage bins will continue to be emptied at all park locations to support fire safety efforts. Service requests for affected areas may not be processed while these restrictions are in place. If these restrictions affect any recreation programming, impacted users will be advised.

### Enforcement

Residents are reminded that these restrictions will be enforced as necessary and that violating them may result in a provincial fine of \$25,000.

Both Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members, along with the province's Department of Natural Resources Conversation Officers, are authorized to issue summary offence tickets when required, which include a fine of \$25,000 (+ surcharges).

If residents wish to report any violations of the restrictions, they can do so by contacting 1-800-565-2224.

## HALIFAX WATER - WATERSHED LANDS CLOSED



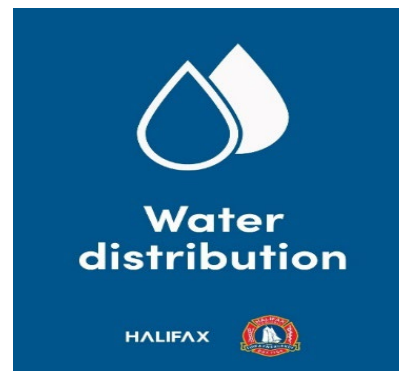
Effective immediately, all Halifax Water watershed lands are closed to members of the public. This closure will be in place until further notice.

Halifax Water is

taking steps to protect our water supplies and to comply with the provincial ban on all woodland activity. This is in an effort to reduce the potential for more wildfires in Nova Scotia.

These restrictions apply to Halifax Water property near watersheds and provincially or federally owned lands within protected water areas that Halifax Water manages. This is consistent with the approach being taken by municipal and provincial authorities to reduce the risk of further forest fires in wooded areas. To know where our watersheds are, please visit <http://hwc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/media/index.html...>

## WATER DISTRIBUTION IN HRM



The Halifax Regional Municipality is experiencing extremely dry conditions due to a prolonged period without significant rainfall. Surface

water and groundwater levels are below normal, leaving many private wells dry. Prolonged drought can strain municipal water supplies, making water conservation essential.

Beginning Aug. 13, the municipality will provide pre-packaged drinking water on Wednesdays and Sundays for individuals in need of potable water due to dry wells at five rural facilities across the municipality:

Fire Station 39, 14 NS-336, Upper Musquodoboit Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m./Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fire Station 48, 1581 Beaverbank Road Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m./Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Fire Station 50, 2050 Hammonds Plains Road  
Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m./Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fire Station 56, 8579 St Margarets Bay Road  
Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m./Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sheet Harbour Ground Search and Rescue, 44 Behie Road  
Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m./Sundays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The municipality is following provincial guidelines, provided by the Canadian Red Cross, to distribute four litres of water per person per day. Water is also available for pets, based on their weight.

This process will remain in place until Sept. 10, when Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency will reassess whether ongoing water shortage efforts are needed.

For full details, please visit [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca)

**Shower access** is also available for residents with dry wells. Some recreation facilities have made their showers available to residents affected by dry wells during the drought.

These include:

Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddall Drive  
From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Prospect Road Community Centre, 2141 Prospect Road  
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway  
Weekdays: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Weekends: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This list may be updated as demand changes.

## VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

### Water Conservation Tips



Only flush toilet paper, pee, and poo. Only flush when necessary.



Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.



Don't use hot water to thaw frozen foods. Take foods out of the freezer earlier.



Don't run the tap to get cold water, keep a water pitcher in the fridge.



Check your toilet for leaks. [halifaxwater.ca/finding-water-leaks](http://halifaxwater.ca/finding-water-leaks)



Take shorter showers. 5-minute shower = ~50 L. 25-minute shower = ~250 L. \*With standard shower head.



Modern dishwashers use far less water than washing dishes by hand.



Ensure the dishwasher has a full load before you turn it on.



Installing water-saving shower heads can save 30 litres every ten minutes.



Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Even a small drip can waste 75 litres + per day.



Ensure the washing machine has a full load before turning it on.



Reuse cooking water for watering household plants.

For more information visit [halifaxwater.ca](http://halifaxwater.ca)



Due to the recent prolonged period of low precipitation, water levels within Halifax Water's supply areas have not been replenished. With no significant precipitation forecasted in the coming weeks, these levels will continue to lower.

To conserve water, Halifax Water is requesting that all customers and those who live or work within a building serviced by Halifax Water, follow voluntary water conservation measures until further notice.

By reducing our water usage, we can help ease the demand on our lakes/source water and reduce or delay the need for mandatory water conservation measures.

To confirm if you are impacted, please visit: <http://halifaxwater.ca/search...>





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These measures include:

If it's yellow, let it mellow. Depending on the efficiency of your toilet, each flush uses between 6 to 26 litres of water. Shorten your showers. Cut back on the frequency and length of showers. Turn off the tap when not in use. Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth, shaving, washing your face etc. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. Limit activities that use excess water, such as: Watering lawns. Washing vehicles. Filling pools.

Visit [halifaxwater.ca/reducing-your-water-wastewater-use](http://halifaxwater.ca/reducing-your-water-wastewater-use) for a full list of ways to conserve water.

To learn more and find further resources and a weekly water level update visit <http://halifaxwater.ca/voluntary-water-conservation...>

### CONSUMER FIREWORKS BAN



While the provincial burn ban is in place, use of consumer fireworks is prohibited across the municipality.

### MULCH FIRE PREVENTION



In hot, dry, and windy conditions, mulch can catch fire—from decaying material that builds up heat, sparks, embers, or improperly discarded smoking materials.

Stay safe with these steps:

1. Keep mulch moist during hot, dry, and windy weather.
2. Maintain a clear zone of at least 45 cm (18 in) between mulch and your home, deck, siding, or propane tanks.
3. Spread mulch no more than 5 cm (2 in) thick to prevent heat buildup.
4. Always fully extinguish smoking materials in a deep ashtray or metal can with sand or water—never drop them in or around mulch.

Spread the word—stop mulch fires before they start.

### RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

When batteries end up in the garbage, they can start fires. Please recycle yours responsibly.

To find drop-off locations visit [www.recycleyourbatteries.ca](http://www.recycleyourbatteries.ca)

For more information visit [Halifax.ca/HSW](http://Halifax.ca/HSW)



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### UPDATE ON MORRIS STREET EAST CONNECTION



At the Aug. 5 meeting of Regional Council, Councillors voted 11-5 to rescind their previous decision to proceed with the Morris Street East Connection bikeway project. Staff had recommended reversing the July 8 motion and initiating new planning and engagement for an alternative East Connection that maintains two-way traffic on Morris Street.

The decision follows a July 16 letter from Premier Tim Houston advising the municipality that the Province would act under new authorities in Bill 24 if Council did not reverse its decision.

Bill 24 grants the Minister of Public Works the authority to direct municipalities to build, change, or remove transportation infrastructure in the interest of safe and efficient movement.

On July 8, Council had directed staff to proceed with implementing the Morris Street bikeway using temporary materials, and to return with an evaluation report two years after installation.

The approved design would convert Morris Street to one-way eastbound for vehicle traffic and install a two-way protected bikeway connecting University Avenue to Lower Water Street.

The Morris Street East Connection is part of the Peninsula South Complete Streets project, approved in October 2024, and is included in the municipality's AAA (All Ages and Abilities) Regional Centre Bike Network.

### HURRICANE READY



In an emergency like a hurricane, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. Have an emergency kit ready and be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least 72 hrs. That includes your pets! Don't forget items they'll need to stay safe and healthy.

Find hurricane preparedness information [here](#).

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### ENHANCED SECURITY AT CITY HALL



Starting Aug. 18, enhancements to security screening are in place at Halifax City Hall.

All visitors will be required to present identification, place any bags or loose items in a bin for X-ray screening and walk through a metal detector before entering the building.

These updates align with safety practices in place at other municipal buildings and are part of our efforts to create a safe space for everyone.

Watch the video to see how the screening process works. Plan ahead and learn what to expect, including information on prohibited items and accessibility accommodations, at [halifax.ca/visitingcityhall](https://halifax.ca/visitingcityhall).

### SOLAR CITY



For over a decade, Solar City has offered municipal financing for solar energy systems to homeowners in the Halifax

region. We've helped hundreds of residents install solar on their property by supporting them throughout the entire installation process. With Solar City, homeowners borrow funds from the municipality through a Local Improvement Charge to cover the up-front costs of installing a solar energy system. The municipality provides stress-free, impartial guidance to help you through the process. Solar City lets you save big on your utility bills every month, with an estimated net savings of \$74,000 over 25 years.

You can also earn free electricity when you use Nova Scotia Power's Self-Generation Option. If you install a system with a capacity of 27 kW or less, you will receive credit for any extra energy your rooftop solar generates that you don't use to run your home over the course of a calendar year. At the end of the year, though, any surplus credits are canceled without compensation. Combine Solar City financing with other financial incentives. No credit check is required. No penalties for early repayment.

Unlock your home's solar potential today at [halifax.ca/solarcity](https://halifax.ca/solarcity).







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### PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS



[The Nova Scotia Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program](#) helps low-income seniors with the cost of municipal

residential property taxes. The rebate amount is based on your municipal residential property taxes. Rebates are 50% of what you paid on last year's property taxes, up to a maximum of \$800. You can apply until Dec. 31, 2025.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to meet all of the following criteria:

- your 2024 municipal residential property taxes are paid in full (your name is on the property title)
- you lived at the property as your primary residence in 2024 (the property can't be someplace that you live occasionally or a seasonal home)
- you receive or are eligible to receive the [Guaranteed Income Supplement](#) (GIS) or the [Allowance](#) from Service Canada as of 1 July 2025

If you're not already receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance, you can check with Service Canada to see if you're eligible for them. [Click here](#) for more information or [click here](#) to apply.

### SECONDARY SUITE INCENTIVE GRANT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is offering money to help homeowners build a second unit on their property. This could be:

- a basement apartment or in-law suite;
- a backyard suite (like a tiny home or garden suite); or
- a duplex conversion (turning a single home into two units).

[The Second Unit Incentive Program \(SUIP\)](#) is part of the [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) and is designed to make it easier and more affordable to add housing in the Halifax region.

All grant applications must be submitted by June 1, 2026 for up to \$12,900 in non-repayable grants. Construction must be complete and the occupancy certificate must be issued by October 11, 2026.

Eligibility:

- Must be your first secondary unit
- Applicant must be the owner (or one of the owners) of the property
- Property must be your primary residence
- Your property taxes must be up to date
- You must have a valid building permit for a backyard/secondary unit

All building permits must have an application date after March 18, 2025. If you applied for a permit before that date and it has not been issued, you can withdraw it and reapply. If your permit was issued before that date but no inspections have taken place, you can cancel it and receive a partial refund before reapplying.





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### RESIDENTS INVITED TO SHARE FEEDBACK ON HALIFAX TRANSIT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to help shape the future of Halifax Transit by sharing feedback on a new transit plan.

Residents are encouraged to review the proposed plan details and complete a survey available at [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/core-service-plan](https://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/core-service-plan).

The municipality is seeking your input on:

- bus routes that need more frequent service;
- new and modified routes designed to support our growing municipality;
- your travel habits and the routes you take; and,
- feedback on long-term transit initiatives.

#### Engagement sessions

Residents will also be able to provide feedback through various in-person engagement sessions which will be made available on our [website](#).

Halifax Transit is evolving planning to focus on short-term improvements to our transit network. Unlike Halifax Transit's previous five-year planning process, this three-year plan will allow for a more agile model that responds to the evolving needs of residents.

Your input will inform the creation of a new Core Service Plan launching in 2025.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

### PROPERTY (PVSC) ASSESSMENTS



Property Valuation Services Corporation Assessors are especially busy this time of year, conducting exterior property inspections across Nova Scotia. They are reviewing building permit progress and gathering up-to-date information as part of the annual assessment process.

For your safety and peace of mind, Assessors are easy to identify with PVSC-marked vehicles, PVSC-issued ID, and high-visibility vests.

You don't need to be home for these visits. The Assessor will leave contact information and any next steps if a follow-up is needed.

Learn more about their fieldwork at: [bit.ly/3U5E5Zl](https://bit.ly/3U5E5Zl)



Fall arrives on  
September 22!



## 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.

## SHUBENACADIE LAKES FLOODPLAIN STUDY

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released the Shubenacadie Lakes Floodplain Study.

The municipality is sharing this information to help residents understand flood risks, inform planning policy updates and support long-term mitigation strategies.

Online interactive maps from the Shubenacadie Lakes Floodplain Study are also available and the study is available for download.

The Shubenacadie Lakes Floodplain Study identifies areas at risk of flooding for one-in-20 and one-in-100-year events, incorporating climate change projections to the year 2100. It provides recommendations for future study of a range of mitigation measures, including:

- planning and land-use updates;
- green infrastructure;
- managing assets in high-risk areas; and
- potential infrastructure upgrades.

Started in 2019 with funding support from the National Disaster Mitigation Program, the study assesses current and future flood risks in the Shubenacadie Lakes System – including Shubenacadie Grand Lake, Fletchers Lake, Lake Thomas, Lake William and Lake Charles. The study area extends from Lock 5 to Lock 2 and covers Planning Districts 14 and 17 and the Dartmouth Plan Area.

Residents can view the study and use the new interactive map to see if their property is located in a flood risk area at: [halifax.ca/shubenacadie-floodplain](https://halifax.ca/shubenacadie-floodplain)



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### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



Calls for  
Applications for  
Ministers' Table  
on Gender-Based  
Violence

NOVASCOTIA

Nova Scotians with personal, professional or community-based experience in addressing gender-based violence can apply to join the new Ministers' table on gender-based violence.

Led by Becky Druhan, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, and Leah Martin, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the table will bring together up to 25 community members to advise the government on approaches to prevent gender-based violence and support people affected.

The table is part of the Province's broader response to gender-based and intimate partner violence. It will meet at least four times a year and reflects a government-wide whole-of-society approach to prevention and response.

The table will work with representatives from L'nu Affairs, African Nova Scotian Affairs, the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism, the Office of Addictions and Mental Health, and the departments of Opportunities and Social

Development, Health and Wellness, and Education and Early Childhood Development.

Information about the table and applying to become a table member: <https://novascotia.ca/ministers-table-gender-based-violence/>

### 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: [www.halifax.ca/yardwaste](http://www.halifax.ca/yardwaste)

For tips and tricks with grass clippings visit: [Halifax.ca/Grasscycling](http://Halifax.ca/Grasscycling)

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### FIRE SAFETY AT CONSTRUCTION SITES



The municipality is urging those operating construction sites to ensure they follow site safety protocols. At this time, it is particularly critical to:

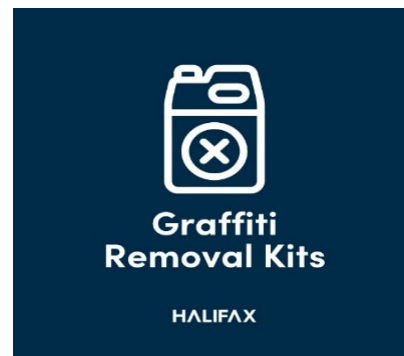
- Eliminate all ignition sources, such as smoking and open flames;
- Keep main fuel supply stored in approved tanks, located on level ground and kept away from work areas;
- Park, shut down and cool all equipment prior to fueling;
- Provide continuous fire watch for two hours after construction activities; and
- Prevent brush or other debris from accumulating under or around equipment.

Site operators also have a responsibility to regularly examine construction sites, ensure the early availability of water and firefighting supplies and train employees in basic firefighting procedures. Site operators are also reminded to clean up fuel spills immediately using noncombustible absorbing compounds and to protect high-value special equipment with a fixed extinguishing system.

Once a complete application is received, all technical requirements still apply, the application is required to go through the standard team review process and complete the public engagement component of an application, a report is still prepared, including a draft development agreement, but instead of

proceeding to Community Council (or Regional Council) for First Reading and a Public Hearing, it proceeds to the Executive Panel on Housing where a recommendation is provided to the Minister.

### 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 products. To request a kit, call 311.

Kits are available at all customer service locations, including:

- **Musquodoboit Harbour**  
7900 Highway #7  
Musquodoboit Harbour  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Monday to Friday, excluding Holidays

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





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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 by 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. Contact a local garden centre for further assistance; they will be happy to provide their expertise.

### IN THE COMMUNITY



[Halifax County Exhibition](#) and it's 141st year! I had so much fun working with the wonderful volunteers of [Musquodoboit Valley Lion's Club](#). Thank you so much for the welcome, the laughs, and the opportunity to meet so many people who say please and thank you.



Look who was at the parade start [Scott Armstrong MLA for Colchester/Musquodoboit Valley](#).

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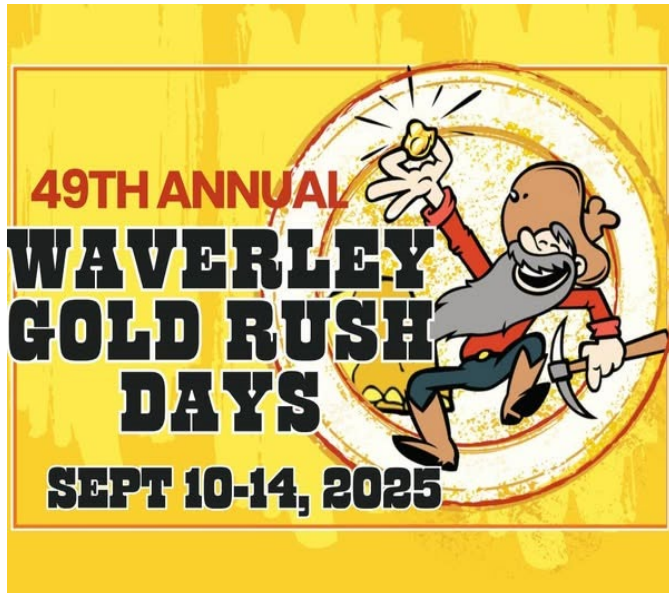
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Mark your calendars!



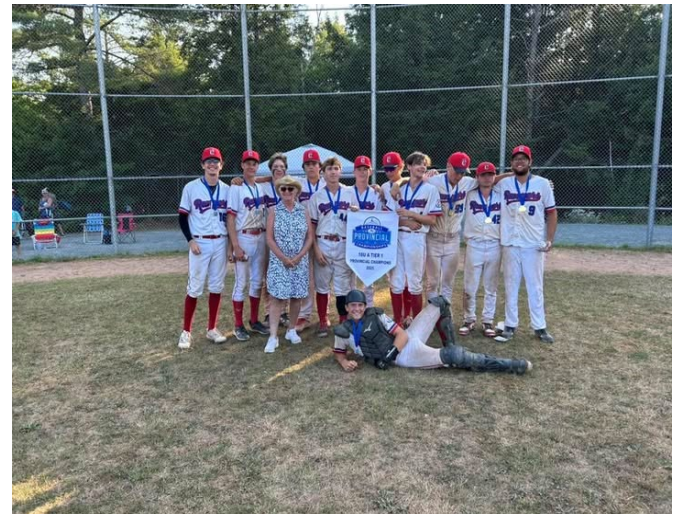
[Billy Gillis - HRM Councillor District 15 - Lower Sackville/Beaver Bank](#) and I attended the Opening Ceremonies for the Provincial U18 Baseball Tournament as its sponsors.

One of our Challenger Players threw the first ball. Thank you so much Kenley! Baseball is truly for everyone when inclusion is celebrated.

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I attended the Art of Disability Festival and met so many amazingly talented folks!



Tri County U18 are our Provincial Champions. It was a pleasure to watch, cheer and chat with everyone. Giving out the medals was such an honour. Congratulations all.

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District 1 Counsellor Cathy Deagle- Gammon presented Cheema with \$5,000 in support of purchasing a new outboard motor and special rescue boat to enhance safety while coaching Paracanoe, Special Olympic, and Masters athletes. Left to right: Cathy Deagle-Gammon; Paracanoe athlete Danial Murphy; Paracanoe coach Alex Logan; Special Olympics/PaddleAll coach Corbin Colville; and Paracanoe coach Bailey Grey.



Mark your calendars! The 6th Annual Crafts in the Park is coming on October 4th

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Highway of Heroes Motorcycle ride



Thank you first responders and firefighters; you are truly our heroes!



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### MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARK UPDATE

I did a quick check on the Middle Musquodoboit Park which is almost finished. There are a few minor fixes still to take care of. Some kids showed up and said how much they liked it! It's great to see the children and community enjoying the new Park and Playground.

The project costs excluding the land purchase are as follows:

\*Playground/Site Works: \$296,736.70 plus tax  
(Elmsdale Landscaping)

\*Spray Feature: \$645,000 plus tax  
(Lindsay Construction)



### ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD AT LOCKVIEW UPDATE

As we get closer to the all-weather field at Lockview becoming a reality – it is still an active construction site. Still to complete are the connection of the lights and scoreboard, installation of bleachers, and construction of the washroom, storage, and field monitoring building.

As school resumes this September, the goal is to have the field available for school use only. This may change throughout the fall, depending on the completion of the outstanding items listed above and pending sign off from HRCE and HRM. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in its entirety in Spring 2026.

Additionally, engagement on the design of the Indigenous Gathering Space was completed in the Spring, with design work ongoing.

For all updates on the Lockview Field, please visit our website link at [Lockview High School Park All Weather Field | Halifax](#)



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### HALIFAX WATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT - 2772 WAVERLEY ROAD

#### Project Overview

As part of our ongoing commitment to communicating with customers and the local community, Halifax Water would like to inform you that they are replacing an existing culvert located near civic 2774, HWY 2, Waverley. This work is part of the utility's 30-year, \$4 billion investment commitment to improving aging water, wastewater and stormwater systems.

Atlantic Road and Construction will be completing this project on behalf of Halifax Water. The safety of staff, contractors and the public is their top priority during this work.

To ensure the safety of our communities and our staff, please maintain a safe distance when Halifax Water staff or contractors are working in your area.

#### What to Expect

From September 2, 2025 until September 8, 2025, HWY 2 will have a road closure with local access only between the intersection of Rocky Lake Drive and Highway 2, and the Fall River Roundabout and Waverley Rd. From approximately September 9, 2025 until September 26, 2025, this street closure will change to a stop and go traffic setup.

Preparation work for this project will begin on September 2, 2025 with the project expected to be completed by early September 2025.

Typical hours of work will be 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday to Friday.

This work will involve excavation and replacement of the existing cross culvert, and associated work. Work areas and impacted properties will be restored. Traffic control personnel will be on-site during this construction to manage traffic flows.



### 1109 FALL RIVER ROAD LONG TERM CARE UPDATE

Construction has started for the Long-Term Care Facility, which is a 144-bed facility, much anticipated by seniors. Northwood has engaged the construction company RCS.

Many residents have asked me about how they will treat the septic and the message I received from NSECC is: "It is a wastewater treatment facility that discharges to the ground – like an on-site septic system but with additional treatment components." Norma Bennett NSECC

Any questions about the facility may be directed to Northwood at [information@nwood.ns.ca](mailto:information@nwood.ns.ca)



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### 1109 FALL RIVER ROAD SITE B DEVELOPMENT

What I know at this moment is that the developer has a Specific Site Plan Approval and later received Special Planning Area designation.

The developer is looking to change some aspects of the development which requires submission of new documents, and this is in process.

There has been an ask to extend the wastewater service boundary so they could access the Lockview Plant. At this point in time – any service extensions are considered as part of Phase 5 in the Regional Plan. Recently Phase 4 amendments to the Regional Plan were rejected by the province; so this may change depending on provincial direction.

Once a complete application is received, all technical requirements still apply, the application is required to go through the standard team review process and complete the public engagement component of an application, a report is still prepared, including a draft development agreement, but instead of proceeding to Community Council (or Regional Council) for First Reading and a Public Hearing, it proceeds to the Executive Panel on Housing where a recommendation is provided to the Minister.

### COMMUNITY CENTRES

[Elderbank Recreation Club](#)

[Lemmon Hill Sports Association](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)

Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre  
(902)568-2536

[Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)

[Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)

[Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)

[Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)

[Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)

[Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)

[Waverley Heritage Museum](#)

[Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)

[LWF Community Hall](#)

[Windsor Junction Community Centre Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)

[Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

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\*For those I have missed this time around, please reach out to let me know and I will add you to the list!

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# welcome back to school!



### HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR AT HRCE

#### WE'RE GROWING!

Over the past five years, HRCE has welcomed more than 10,000 new students. With +60,000 students and +10,000 staff, there's a lot of exciting change happening daily!

- 136 schools
- 187 modular classrooms
- 53 portable classrooms
- +400 busses transporting +30,000 students
- +80 different languages

#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### QUESTIONS?

HRCE's Family Navigators are always ready to lend a hand!

902-464-2000

[connect@hrce.ca](mailto:connect@hrce.ca)

[www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)

#### CALENDAR

Visit [hrce.ca/families/calendars](http://hrce.ca/families/calendars) to view the 2025-26 school year calendar. Don't miss the downloadable option, which will allow families and staff to add these important dates to their digital calendars. Any unforeseen changes to operations, like snow days, will be noted on [hrce.ca](http://hrce.ca).

#### REGISTRATION

Registration for Pre-Primary to Grade 12 is open throughout the school year. New to HRCE? Visit [hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates](http://hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates)

#### EXCEL

Looking for before- or after-school childcare options? Learn more at [hrce.ca/families/general-information/excel](http://hrce.ca/families/general-information/excel)

#### TRANSPORTATION

Questions about busing? Visit [hrce.ca/families/student-transportation](http://hrce.ca/families/student-transportation). For specific questions, contact 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) for more information.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If a student needs supplies, schools will provide materials. Families should reach out to their child's school for more information.

#### COMMUNICATION

Families can expect regular communication from HRCE and their child's school. When there is new information to share, it will be emailed to families using the email address on file in PowerSchool. To update email addresses and/or home addresses in PowerSchool, please contact the child's school.



### "Twas the Night Before School Started"

Twas the night before school started  
when all through the town  
the parents were cheering  
it was a riotous sound.



By eight the kids were washed  
and tucked into bed  
when memories of homework  
filled them with dread.

New pencils, new folders, new notebooks too,  
new teachers, new friends, the anxiety grew.  
The parents just giggled when they heard of this fright  
and shouted upstairs-GO TO BED-IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT!  
- Author Unknown







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### PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal District 1](#).

#### Provincial MLAs:

##### MLA Scott Armstrong



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##### MLA Brian Wong



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#### Federal MPs:

##### MP Sean Fraser



##### [Central Nova](#)

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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Audit and Finance Committee (Chair)
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Vice Chair)
- Executive Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership

#### Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

### E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

The District 1 newsletters, are available on my [municipal website](#), or to request to be added to the distribution list, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator, Nancy Viner at [Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca](mailto:Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca).

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region. 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 & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

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### Welcome September!

May this month bring you satisfaction, peace and joy.

May all the desires of your heart be granted.

May this be the beginning of new things in your life.

Stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams

Happy new month friends!



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