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WELCOME OCTOBER!



October is a busy month. For those celebrating Yom Kippur, I wish you a meaningful holiday and easy fast.

Happy Treaty Day! Happy

Thanksgiving! Happy Diwali! Happy Halloween!

We have much to be thankful for as residents of Halifax and Canada. Unlike many parts of the world, we have the liberty to celebrate our ethnic, cultural, and religious heritage. Whether you identify as English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Chinese, Italian, Indian, Ukrainian, or Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, or so many other ethnic and religious groups from all corners of the globe, all are welcome here in Canada. To maintain that liberty, it is incumbent on us to stop hate and ensure all feel welcome and safe.

Keep reading for more information on Mi'kmaw History Month, support for businesses impacted by tariffs, curbside giveaway, and much more!

If you'd like to discuss a municipal program or service, contact me at:

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OCTOBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

- Thursday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW...

October is German Heritage Month, Canadian Islamic History Month, Latin American Heritage Month, and Women's History Month.

Oct. 1 is the start of Yom Kippur

Oct. 1 is National Seniors Day

Oct. 4 is International Ships-in-Bottles Day

Oct. 11 is International Day of the Girl Child

Oct. 13 is Thanksgiving

Oct. 18 is Persons Day

Oct. 20 is Diwali

Oct. 24 is United Nations Day

Oct. 31 is Halloween

BURN BAN LIFTED



As of Sept. 26, the burn ban has been lifted in all counties of Nova Scotia except Annapolis

County, where it remains in effect due to ongoing wildfire conditions.



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VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

Water Conservation Tips



Halifax Water is urging residents to follow the Voluntary Water Conservation Measures requested for the municipality. Water levels at Lake Major and Pockwock Lake continue to be lower than normal. Despite recent rain, much more precipitation is needed to return to normal levels.

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.

Mandatory water conservation measures are in effect for customers serviced by Lake Major; however, voluntary conservation measures

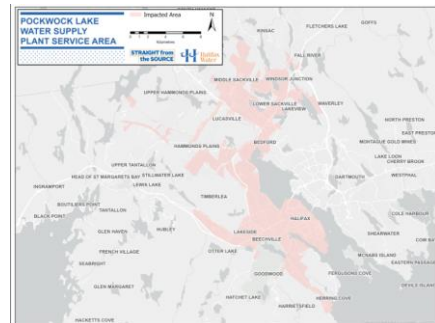
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remain in place for those serviced by Pockwock Lake.

Limit activities that use excess water, such as:

- Watering lawns.
- Washing vehicles.
- Filling pools.

To learn more and find further resources and a weekly water level update, [click here](#).



MI'KMAW HISTORY MONTH

October is
Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to commemorate the rich history, proud culture and important contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture and heritage.



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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.

On March 6, 2025, the Province and Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey jointly launched the [Mi'kmaw Language ReVITALization Strategy](#), a collaborative plan to support the growth and sustainability of the language throughout Nova Scotia. The Province will provide \$1.3 million in annual funding to advance [Mi'kmaw language](#) revitalization initiatives. This investment will strengthen capacity in Mi'kmaw communities, help expand language learning programs, develop new resources and promote the use of Mi'kmaw in communities, workplaces and schools.

Chief Leroy Denny, Chair, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey, stated that: *"Our language is at the heart of who we are as Mi'kmaq. The release of this strategy marks an important milestone in the shared journey towards reconciliation between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaw Nation."*

On July 17, 2022, the Province of Nova Scotia, proclaimed, and Mi'kmaq affirmed, the Mi'kmaw Language Act, which recognized the Mi'kmaw language as the original language of Nova Scotia. The Act took effect on October 01, 2022. The Mi'kmaw Language Committee is a result of that Act and is comprised of representatives from Mi'kmaw communities and organizations as well as provincial government representatives. This Strategic Plan is a critical initial outcome of the Act.

TREATY DAY – OCTOBER 1



October 1 is
Treaty Day

Every year on Oct. 1, Nova Scotians mark Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture and important contributions of Mi'kmaq people.

These centuries-old treaties honour the enduring bond of friendship and respect between Nova Scotia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and reaffirm the historic presence of the Mi'kmaw who have occupied the land for thousands of years.



Learn how to pronounce the words "Treaty Day," "September," and "October" in Mi'kmaq by clicking [here](#).

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications have opened for the [Outdoor Community Rink Program](#).

This program provides non-profit organizations the opportunity to operate a community rink on municipally owned property. The municipality offers grants of up to \$1,000 to a minimum of seven successful applicants to assist them in covering the insurance cost associated with the operation of the community rink.

You may apply until Friday, Oct. 3.

The Outdoor Community Rink Program aligns with Regional Council's commitment to advance community-based projects and support residents' ability to participate in outdoor winter activities in their own communities.

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

PARKS & RECREATION - YOUTH SERVICES PLAN TEAM



2026-2029 Youth Services Plan
(YSP3)



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting youth to join [Parks & Recreation's Youth Services Plan Team](#) and contribute to the development of the *2026-29 Youth Services Plan*.

Applications will remain open until Thursday, Oct. 16.

The Youth Services Plan identifies key issues affecting youth across the region and helps guide future youth-focused programs and services, particularly in recreation.

Applicants must reside in the region and be between 13 and 24 years of age.

For information on the youth plan, please contact Olivia Davis, Youth Community Developer at youth@halifax.ca, 902.233.8129 or on Instagram: [@hfxnextgen](#).

HALIFAX URBAN GREENWAY EXTENSION – INPUT WANTED

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to learn more about the Halifax Urban Greenway Extension and Active Transportation Connections to Point Pleasant Park. Residents are encouraged to learn more



and complete a short survey at engagehalifax.ca/urban-greenway.

The project is an important step toward realizing the municipality's long-term vision for sustainable mobility and inclusive public spaces while also reflecting the municipality's commitment to climate action and community wellness.

How to participate

Learn more about this extension and have your say at a community engagement session:

- Thursday, Oct. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. | Pop-up engagement | Saint Mary's University – Loyola Colonnade
- Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Pop-up engagement | Point Pleasant Park – near Tower Street parking lot
- Thursday, Oct. 9 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. | Engagement session | Barbara Holmes Gathering Centre – Dauphinee Centre Arena - 934 Tower Rd - Saint Mary's University

The greenway portion of the project is proposed to be located through Saint Mary's University (SMU) campus and aligns with the university's Active Transportation Plan. The municipality and SMU have been working together to develop a greenway plan.

The project is also exploring different options to extend active transportation facilities from the university to Point Pleasant Park.

To learn more, visit our [website](#).

RIDE -SHARE SAFETY TIPS



As students settle into the city, police are using the opportunity to remind everyone of

some safety tips while using ride-share services and public transit.

Whether you are heading home after a night out, commuting to school or work, or exploring the city, your safety matters.

A few simple precautions can make all the difference.

Book through official apps: Only use trusted rideshare platforms and local taxi apps. Never accept rides from individuals offering unsolicited transportation.

Wait in safe areas: Stay indoors or in well-lit public spaces and near other passengers at bus stops, when possible, especially at night.

Verify the vehicle and driver: Double-check the car's make, model, license plate, and driver photo in the app before getting in.

Share your trip: Use the app's "Share Trip" feature to keep friends or family informed.

Track your route: Follow along using a maps app.

Avoid riding alone: When possible, ride with a friend or let someone know your plans.



Stay alert: Avoid distractions and stay aware of your surroundings.

Check for belongings: Do a quick scan before exiting the vehicle.

Trust your instincts: If something doesn't feel right, end the ride in a safe, public place or call for help.

- Call 911 if there is an immediate threat or danger
- Call the police non-emergency line at 902-490-5020 for noise or driving complaints
- [Report crimes online if they are no longer in progress](#), like stolen goods

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYER AWARENESS MONTH



October is [Disability Employment Awareness Month \(DEAM\)](#) a time to

recognize the contributions of people with disabilities in the workforce. Throughout the month, DEAM initiatives aim to bring awareness to barriers experienced by those living with disabilities and encourages workplaces across country to create inclusive and accessible environments for all.

Did you know?

- Nova Scotia has the highest provincial average of individuals with disabilities,

with 38 per cent of Nova Scotians over the age of 15 identifying as having a disability (Canadian average is 27 per cent)

- Nova Scotia became the third Canadian province to create accessibility legislation with the passing of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act in 2017, following Manitoba (2013) and Ontario (2005)
- According to the Canadian Survey on Disability 2017, the four most common disabilities among Nova Scotian adults include pain related disabilities, flexibility issues, mobility, and mental health related disabilities, with almost 20 per cent of individuals identifying as having a pain related disability

Numbers of individuals with disabilities is expected to grow as our population ages, making the municipality's commitment to improving accessibility and inclusion across our organization, in our programs and services and in the communities we serve increasingly important.

In support of this goal, and in alignment with the provincial accessibility framework, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO developed an [Accessibility Strategy](#) that was unanimously approved by Regional Council in May 2021. We all play a part in working to break down the barriers that exist for people living with disabilities.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD



Oct. 11 is [International Day of the Girl Child](#), a day dedicated to celebrating the voices and power of girls, championing their rights worldwide, and reflecting on the challenges they continue to face because of their gender.

Canada led the international effort to establish this day to draw attention to the persistent inequalities and dangers that too many girls face around the world. The United Nations subsequently adopted a resolution to formally recognize this important date.

Across Canada and around the world, girls are making an impact and creating positive change in their communities and far beyond. They are leading the way as students, entrepreneurs, volunteers and activists, and proving that you are never too young to shape the future and improve the lives of others.

PERSONS DAY – OCTOBER 18



Oct. 18 is Persons Day in Canada.
[October 2025](#)

It marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of “persons” was handed down by Canada’s highest court of appeal. This gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women’s increased participation in public and political life. Though this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada.

Learn more about Persons Day [here](#).

REGISTRATION 2025 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration has

opened for the municipality’s [2025 Volunteer Conference](#). This year’s conference will take place on Friday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth (240 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth).

This will be the municipality’s 25th year hosting the Volunteer Conference.

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate and learn relevant skills. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in



networking activities as well as two training workshops, with sessions such as Basic Financials, Volunteering with the Vulnerable Sector, and Digital Tools & Technology. Participants will also enjoy a keynote speech and a seated meal. This year's keynote speaker is Hope Swinimer, founder of the non-profit Hope for Wildlife.

Early bird registration will be open until Tuesday, Oct. 21. Regular registration will remain open until Monday, Nov. 17. For more information, including a complete schedule, visit [our website](#).

SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM – PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the Shared Micromobility Pilot launched on Sept. 3. The service boundary grows and e-scooters increase from 300 to 600.

With more riders and students back to school, ride safe: follow speed limits, don't ride on sidewalks and park in designated zones.

In 2023, Regional Council directed staff to develop a two-year shared micromobility pilot project to license a limited number of business(es) to operate short-term e-scooter and bicycle rental services in Halifax region. The pilot supports a number of municipal goals including Action 88 of the [Integrated Mobility Plan \(IMP\)](#), and Action 8 of Section 5.2.3 of [HalifACT](#), to decarbonize transportation.

In 2023, Council approved [By-law M-300, the Micromobility By-law](#), which sets rules for e-scooters and micromobility operation.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CROSSING AT SCOT/CHISHOLM



Regional Council has directed the CAO to consider a new active transportation crossing over the CN rail corridor between Scot Street and Chisholm Avenue in future planning. The CN rail cut is a barrier between the Halifax peninsula and mainland Halifax. Many residents use informal paths in this area to connect to higher-density residential areas on the peninsula side and shopping, services, and employment destinations on the mainland side.

A bridge at this location could:

- Improve safety by eliminating informal rail crossings
- Connect to future bikeways and sidewalks at the north end of the peninsula
- Provide an alternative to the Windsor Street Exchange for some walking and cycling trips



Preliminary estimates suggest the project could cost between 2 to 4 million, plus costs for property acquisition or easements. It will be considered during the update of the Integrated Mobility Plan and the successor to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan.

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

HALIFAX'S INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE



Regional Council has received an update on *People, Planet, Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic*

Strategy, which guides economic growth in the municipality from 2022 to 2027.

The strategy focuses on ensuring all residents can contribute to – and benefit from – Halifax's prosperity. It has three overarching goals:

- Promote and maximize inclusive and sustainable growth
- Attract, retain and develop talent
- Make Halifax a better place to live, work and visit

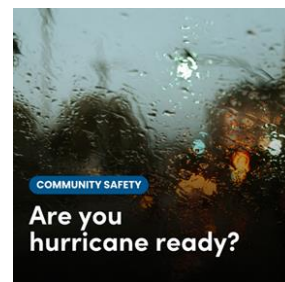
Highlights from April 2024 to March 2025 include:

- GDP growth of 2.6 per cent, outpacing national and provincial averages
- Progress on the Housing Accelerator Fund, with 39 per cent of the three-year housing target achieved in the first year

- Support for African Nova Scotian and Indigenous economic development initiatives
- Expansion of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program and adoption of the renewed Accessibility Strategy (2025–2028)
- Ongoing major projects including the Cogswell District Redevelopment and Windsor Street Exchange redesign

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

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](#).

NEW DATASETS AVAILABLE

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released one new dataset on [Open Data](#), as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality.

The new dataset includes:



[Social Value Catering Registry](#)

The addition of these datasets brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 273.

The following datasets have been updated and/or modified:

[Polling Districts 2016](#)

The 2016 census population has been added to the dataset

[Polling Districts 2020](#)

The 2021 census population has been added to the dataset

[Transit Automated Passenger Counts Archived](#)

Data was previously released but due to the large file size, the archived data has been moved to our Open Data Downloads website.

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on June 18, 2025.

The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. The program was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit: [Halifax Data, Mapping & October 2025](#)

[Analytics Hub/Open Data.](#)

TRAFFIC DELAY – DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

There will be traffic delays on Dutch Village Road between Joseph Howe Drive and Alma Crescent until Friday, Dec. 21.

Work details

This work is part of the [Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project](#).

Traffic impacts

Access to nearby businesses and properties is being maintained throughout this project.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, crews expect the current phase of work along the west side of Dutch Village Road to be completed.

After 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, crews will shift the lane closure to the east side of Dutch Village Road to facilitate the next phase of work. The changes outlined below will also come into effect.

Dutch Village Road will open to southbound traffic from Supreme Court toward the southern intersection of Joseph Howe Drive and Bayers Road. Dutch Village Road will be closed to northbound traffic in the project area.

Access to and from these streets along the west side of Dutch Village Road will open:

- Sunnybrae Avenue
- Central Avenue
- Rosedale Avenue
- Frederick Avenue



- Rufus Avenue

Access to and from these streets along the east side of Dutch Village Road will close:

- Deal Street (local access maintained via the northern intersection with Dutch Village Road)
- Andrew Street (local access maintained via Percy Street)

Detour signage will be in place, and personnel will be on-site to direct traffic. Drivers should expect delays and use alternative routes.

Learn more about this project at:

halifax.ca/dutchvillageroad

Pedestrian impacts: Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Transit impacts: The existing Halifax Transit impacts will continue to be in place during the second phase of this work.

Inbound routes 28 and 137 will be detoured via Alex Street, Main Avenue and Titus Street to Dutch Village Road. The following bus stops will be temporarily closed during this work:

- Rosedale Avenue at civic 34 (8242)
- Rosedale Avenue before Dutch Village Road (8243)
- Dutch Village Road before Andrew Street (6609)
- Dutch Village Road before Sunnybrae Avenue (6638)
- Joseph Howe Drive before Scot Street (6986) (only for route 28)

Outbound routes 28 and 137 will be detoured via Alma Crescent, Main Avenue and Alex Street to Rosedale Avenue. The following bus stops will be temporarily closed during this work:

- Dutch Village Road after Alma Crescent (9042)
- Dutch Village Road before Rufus Avenue (6614)
- Dutch Village Road before Rosedale Avenue (6613)
- Rosedale Avenue after Dutch Village Road (8245)
- Rosedale Avenue at civic 23 (8244)
- Dutch Village Road before Central Avenue (6788)

For complete Halifax Transit detour information, including maps, please visit our website.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY TARIFFS



[The Halifax Chamber of Commerce](#) has shared an update on new support available to businesses impacted by recent U.S. tariff changes.

In response to the U.S. Commerce Department expanding its list of tariffed steel and



aluminum products, the [Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency \(ACOA\)](#) has launched the [Regional Tariff Response Initiative \(RTRI\)](#), which helps Atlantic Canadian businesses adapt to shifting trade conditions, diversify markets, strengthen supply chains, and improve productivity. Applications are now open.

Businesses can also access the [Tariff and Customs Advisory Program](#), delivered by the Nova Scotia Association of CBDs, which provides up to 12 hours of consulting support from customs brokers to help navigate tariffs, compliance requirements, and supply chain adjustments.

Businesses can learn more by contacting ACOA's Business Information Services at bis-sie@acoa-apec.ca, call 1-888-576-4444, or register [online](#).

ANTI-BLACK RACISM GRANTS PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality is now

accepting applications for the second year of the Anti-Black Racism (ABR) Grants Program. Launched in 2024, the program was established to address anti-Black racism through grassroots projects and initiatives.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, Sept. 15 to Friday, Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m.

Anti-Black racism is a form of discrimination uniquely rooted in the history of Black people, informed by the legacies of enslavement and colonization, and experienced daily across the municipality and the world.

Grants ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 are available to support community-based projects developed and delivered at the local level. Applicants must demonstrate how their project aligns with the municipality's commitment to address anti-Black racism by addressing at least one of the following forms of anti-Black racism:

- racial segregation
- historic omission
- lack of recognition
- systemic expropriation
- negative portrayal in the media and literature

To learn more about the program, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit: halifax.ca/ABR-grants.



YOUTH POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to apply for the [Youth Poet Laureate Program](#).

The program offers young poets (aged 14 to 18) an opportunity to develop their writing skills, receive mentorship and engage with others on issues that resonate within the municipality.

The Youth Poet Laureate's term will be from January to December 2026. The primary focus of the Youth Poet Laureate is to instill a long-lasting love of the literary arts for residents. Specifically, they will be expected to create new pieces of work, present at select Regional Council meetings and advocate for poetry, language, arts and young writers through various speaking events.

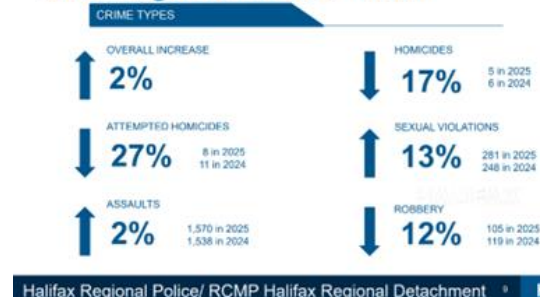
This year, the Laureate will also participate in [AfterWords Literary Festival's Youth Mentorship Program](#) and be paired with an experienced writer to support their development.

The Laureate will also receive an honorarium of \$1,000 for their service.

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

SEMI-ANNUAL CRIME & TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Crimes Against Persons - HRM



Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and RCMP Halifax District have released their first [joint semi-annual report](#), covering January–June 2025.

Key highlights:

- Calls for service across HRM increased 7% compared to the same period in 2024, with proactive policing activity (such as foot patrols and traffic stops) seeing notable growth.
- Crimes against persons were up slightly overall, with increases in assaults, sexual violations, and firearm-related incidents.
- Crimes against property rose in HRP areas, particularly shoplifting, while RCMP areas reported fewer shoplifting cases but more fraud and theft under \$5,000.
- Traffic collisions decreased overall, though



HRP and RCMP continue to respond to impaired driving and serious collisions.

CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY

Fall Curbside Give Away Weekend

October 18, 2025 - 8:00 am

Free yourself of clutter and find some great free items of your own during Curbside Give Away Weekend on Oct. 18. This event takes place rain or shine all across the municipality.



PARKS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



Regional Council has directed the CAO to develop a Park Stewardship Program.

The proposed program will expand opportunities for residents and community groups to take part in the care and enhancement of municipal parks. It builds on existing initiatives such as community gardens and naturalization projects, while adding new components like Adopt-a-Park and more flexible cleanup opportunities.

Halifax has more than 900 parks, ranging from neighbourhood green spaces to wilderness areas. While day-to-day maintenance is performed by municipal staff or contractors, there is strong community interest in contributing to stewardship activities. The Park Stewardship Program will provide a consistent, coordinated framework for this involvement.

The program is expected to launch using existing resources, with future program growth to be assessed and reported back to Council as required.

MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES EVENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to attend events promoting the Municipal Archives this fall.

The Municipal Archives will be hosting two Scan-A-Thon events:

- Saturday, Oct. 25, 1 to 4 p.m. – Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax).



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- Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 to 4 p.m. – Cole Harbour Public Library (17-51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour)

Residents are encouraged to bring photographs, slides or negatives of their neighbourhoods to these events. Archivists will record essential information, then carefully scan them so residents and researchers will have access to a digital copy. Contributors can either keep or donate the original.

The Municipal Archives are particularly interested in preserving photos from the Cogswell District area, as the project prepares to complete substantial construction later this year. If residents have records related to this neighbourhood, they are encouraged to bring them to the Halifax Central Library Scan-a-thon.

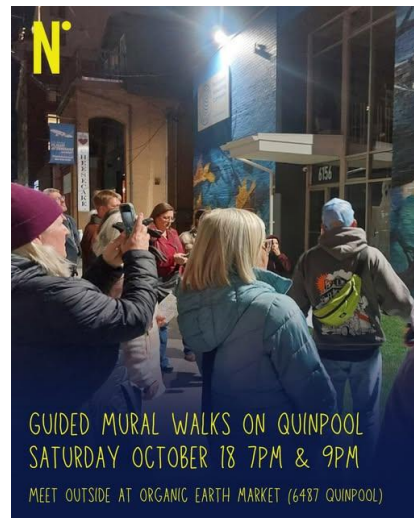
The Municipal Archives is the official repository for historical municipal government records from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and the former County of Halifax. It also holds community records from the region. The Municipal Archives include a [guide](#) of buildings and properties, [historical Council minutes](#) from 1841 to 1996 and over [4,000 historical images](#) of downtown Halifax before massive urban renewal projects of the 1960s – and much more.

Archivists are available to help residents by phone (902-490-4643) or email (archives@halifax.ca) Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can then

be made to consult or donate records at the Municipal Archives at 81 Ilsley Avenue, Unit 11, Dartmouth.

For more information, visit halifax.ca/archives.

GUIDED MURAL WALK – NOCTURNE: ART AT NIGHT



Led by local artist Mike Burt — the creative force behind the Halifax Mural Festival — these one-hour tours give you an insider's look at the art

transforming our neighbourhood. Discover the inspiration, techniques, and community impact behind Quinpool's 40+ murals while seeing them in a whole new light.

Perfect for families, friends, and anyone who wants to experience Nocturne in the most colourful way possible. Don't miss out — this is one of Quinpool's most popular events! Click [here](#) for more information.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING



Applications are now open for the 2026 Neighbourhood Placemaking program!

Apply to the annual municipal initiative that helps neighbours connect through community-led projects in their neighbourhoods.

Successful applicants will receive training, guidance and funding for their 2026 neighbour-led project.

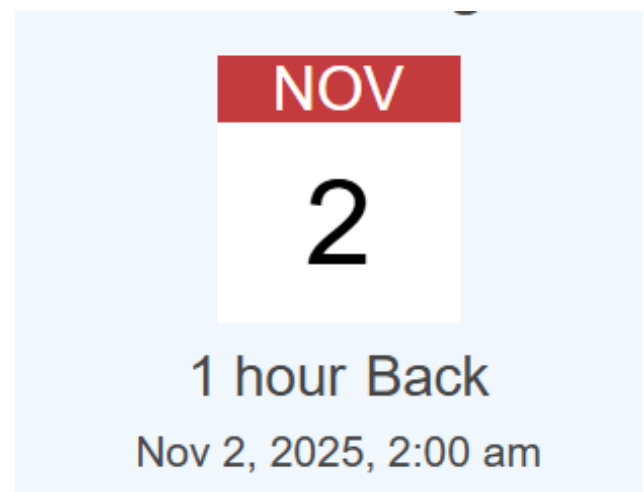
Learn more and apply by Oct. 30 by clicking [here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



I was honoured to be invited by the Atlantic Canada Sharodia Society, along with many colleagues from all three orders of government, to join in celebration of their faith, community and harmony at the LeBrun Centre.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS





HALIFAX WATER



**STRAIGHT from
the SOURCE**

Between 2019 and 2049, Halifax Water plans to invest about \$4 billion to upgrade infrastructure to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality water, wastewater and stormwater services to benefit customers and the environment.

To see a list of major Halifax Water projects, click [here](#).

24-Hour Emergency Service

Call 902-420-9287 for water, sewer, and flooding emergencies.

Customer Care Centre

902-420-9287

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca

(please allow up to three business days for a reply)

Head Office Address

450 Cowie Hill Road
Halifax, NS

Mailing Address

Halifax Water
PO Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS
B3K 5M1

Head Office Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

As a regulated public utility, [Halifax Water](#) must conduct business in accordance with the [Halifax Water Regulations](#) as approved by the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#) – now the [Nova Scotia Regulatory and Energy Boards Tribunal](#). These can be used to help you determine if we have applied an approved practice.

October 2025

Halifax Water will respond to concerns and complaints about:

- Billing
- Metering and meter reading
- Application of standard charges
- Misuse of water resources, sanitary, or stormwater systems
- Halifax Water staff or service delivery

Formal complaints can be sent to:

Halifax Water

Complaints Department

P.O. Box 8388, RPO CSC

Halifax, NS B3K 5M1

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca.

If you are not happy with Halifax Water's response, you may make an appeal to the [Dispute Resolution Officer](#) (DRO).

The Dispute Resolution Officer is an independent officer (not an employee of Halifax Water or the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board) who manages regulation-based customer issues.

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

See the chart below for information on what level of government to contact for a variety of issues.



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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	



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The following are the provincial Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and federal Members of Parliament (MPs) representing District 9 and surrounding areas.

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Halifax Atlantic

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Halifax

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COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE



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Halifax Armdale

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trail Association Board of Directors
- Halifax Partnership Board of Directors
- Transportation Standing Committee

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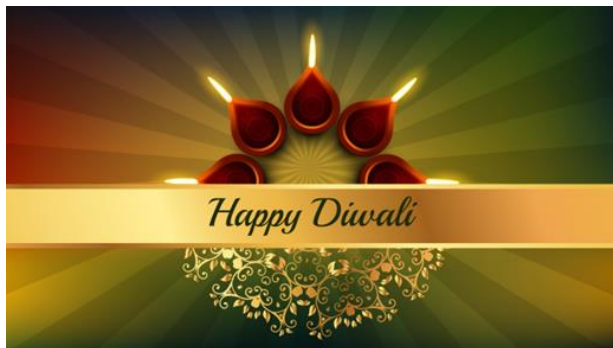
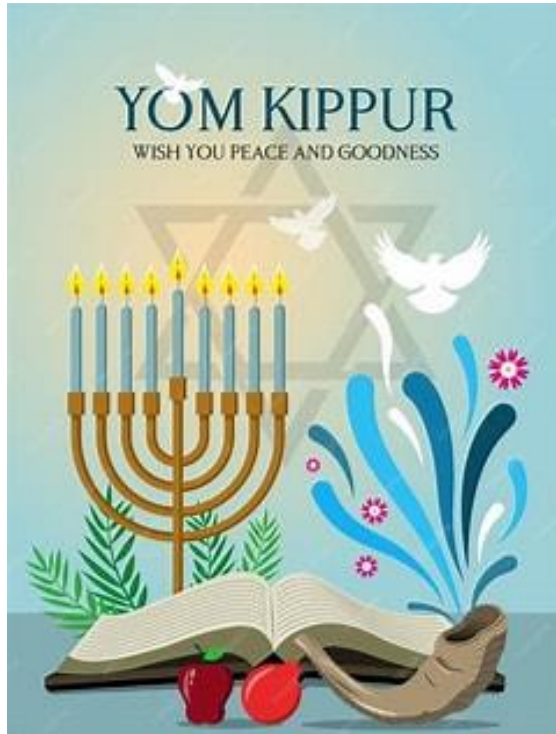
Land Acknowledgement

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. 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.



Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!

