



**COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE**  
 DISTRICT 10 NEWSLETTER  
 HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

### DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD UPDATE

After four months of construction, the piping, sidewalk, bus stops, curbs and other improvements are nearly complete on the west side of Dutch Village Road.

On Sept. 19 the west side of the street was paved and the majority of the work switched to the east side of the street. One lane of traffic remains open however the traffic flow has been reversed and all vehicles now travel south on Dutch Village towards Bayers Road. The switchover should improve access for Fairview residents by reopening more residential streets to Dutch Village Road. The project is on track and Dutch Village Road is expected to be fully functional with two way traffic sometime in mid December.

I am meeting with staff on an ongoing basis to get updates about the project. For the most up to date information about the project please keep an eye on my [Facebook page](#) and the project [website](#).



### VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

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 learn more and find resources and weekly water level updates you can visit the Halifax Water

#### 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. <a href="http://halifaxwater.ca/finding-water-leaks">halifaxwater.ca/finding-water-leaks</a>	 Take shorter showers. 5-minute shower ~ 50 L. 25-minute shower ~ 250 L. *Use manual 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 25 litres a 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)



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### MI'KMAW HISTORY MONTH

October is Mi'kmaw History Month, beginning with Treaty Day on Wednesday, Oct. 1. This year's theme is *A'tukwemk aq A'tukowinu'k – Storytelling and Storytellers*. It honours the distinctive stories of Mi'kmaw people—stories shaped by the land and waters, rooted in Mi'kma'ki, and passed down through generations.

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.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about reconciliation and Mi'kmaw history on our [website](#). Residents can also explore additional resources found [here](#).

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### 2025-2028 ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY

The municipality has released the 2025–2028 Accessibility Strategy. It outlines 30 recommendations in six key areas to improve accessibility and representation.

The recommendations are to be completed over a three-year period and represent a call to action to create a municipality that is accessible to all, regardless of ability.

Four versions are available: plain text, plain language, condensed and condensed & plain language.

To learn more about the strategy please visit our [website](#).



### BRAD ANGUISH APPOINTED ACTING CAO

On Sept. 3, 2025, Halifax Regional Council announced the appointment of Brad Anguish as Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO) for the municipality, effective Sept. 8, 2025.

Mr. Anguish brings more than 22 years of experience with HRM, including leadership roles in Operations, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation. He has also overseen major municipal projects such as the Harbour Clean Up and the Cogswell District project.

Congratulations, Mr. Anguish! We look forward to working with him in this important leadership role.



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### LONGER SUNDAY HOURS AT KESHEN GOODMAN LIBRARY

Keshen Goodman Public Library has extended its weekend hours due to popular demand.

Since Sept. 7, the library has been open Sundays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to match the Saturday hours. Sundays will also become more active each weekend with activities planned for all ages.

To find a full list of programs being offered at the library please visit the library [website](#).

### SEMI-ANNUAL CRIME AND TRAFFIC STATISTICS

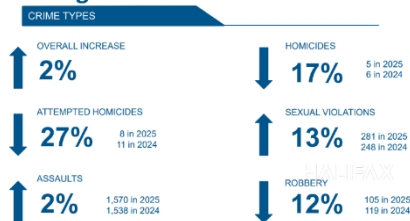
Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and RCMP Halifax District have released their first joint semi-annual report, covering January–June 2025.

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.

You can read the full report [here](#).

#### Crimes Against Persons - HRM



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### FAIRVIEW-CLAYTON PARK SCHOOL DRAFT DESIGN

The schools in Fairview, Clayton Park and Rockingham are bursting at the seams and parents are no doubt wondering when a new school will be built in our area. The long promised junior high school is still a few years away from construction but there is progress and the first drawing was recently posted online. The plan is for a Grades 6-9 school on Radcliffe Drive in Clayton Park West designed for 950 students. The new junior high will share a playing field with Park West Elementary School.

There is a School Steering Team (SST) involved in the design. This advisory group includes Park West SAC members and Halifax West students, as well as a staff member from HRM Parks and Recreation. The SST provides input however final design decisions will be made by HRCE and the Nova Scotia Departments of Education and Public Works. I'm providing this update because constituents often have questions about the schools however municipal councillors do not have jurisdiction over schools. Schools are a provincial responsibility so you may wish to contact your MLA for more details.







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### PARK 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.

### SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT PHASE 2 LAUNCHES

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.



Shared micromobility pilot program phase 2

### 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.

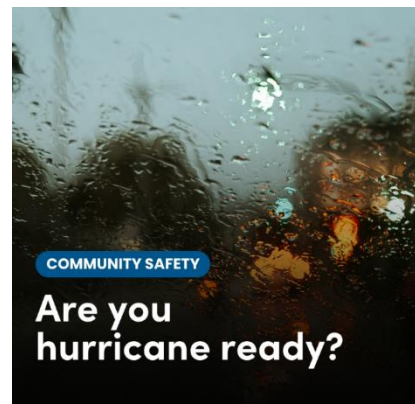
In response to the U.S. Commerce Department expanding its list of tariffed steel and aluminum products, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) has launched the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI), which helps Atlantic Canadian businesses adapt to shifting trade conditions, diversify markets, 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 CBDCs, 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](mailto:bis-sie@acoa-apec.ca), call 1-888-576-4444, or register [online](#).

### 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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### YOUTH SERVICES PLAN

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 more information and to apply, visit [our website](#)



### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

Applications now open for 2026 Neighbourhood Placemaking!

Apply to our 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 on our [website](#).

### 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 please visit our [website](#)



### YOUTH POET LAUREATE

Applications have opened for the 2026 Youth Poet Laureate Program.

The program helps young poets (aged 14-18) to hone their writing skills, receive mentorship and engage with their peers on issues that shape our region.

Learn more and apply by 5 p.m. on October 31 on our [website](#).





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### 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.

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.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, Sept. 15 to Friday, Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m. To learn more please visit our [website](#).

### TAX RELIEF FOR NONPROFIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

The 2026/27 Tax Relief Program is now OPEN for applications.

Because the Jan. 31, 2026, deadline falls on a weekend the application deadline has been extended to Monday, Feb. 2, 2026.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

HRM's website has an overview of the program and the Application Form for those organizations seeking to add a property to the program next fiscal year.

For those organizations already accepted into the program ("Renewals") the web page also has the annual Confirmation Form. This form must be completed and submitted by the stated deadline to

avoid a 50% reduction in level of tax relief up to a maximum of \$5,000 per property. Any deduction for non-compliance with the program's reporting requirements will be apportioned between the interim and final tax bills.

The web page address is:

<https://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/tax-relief-non-profit-organizations> or simply use the search bar on HRM's home page.

Inquiries should be directed to 311 or [Contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:Contactus@311.halifax.ca)

### FALL 2025 LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY TRAINING WORKSHOPS

HRM's Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services team is offering free workshops this fall to support volunteers, boards, grassroots organizations, and non-profits in building stronger communities.

Workshops run from October to December and cover topics like neighbourhood placemaking, board governance, conflict resolution, and mapping community resources.

Sessions take place in locations across the HRM:

- Oct. 1 – Neighbourhood Placemaking 101 (Halifax Central Common)
- Oct. 8 – Boards 101 (Cole Harbour Place)
- Oct. 30 – Navigating Community Resources: Asset Mapping 101 (Cole Harbour Place)
- Nov. 5 – Boards 101 (Sackville Sports Stadium)
- Dec. 3 – Communication & Conflict Resolution (Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre)

If these dates or locations don't work, community groups can also request customized training through the Leadership & Community Training Opportunities page on our [website](#).



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### HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Regional Council has approved the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Treatment and Management Plan to protect eastern hemlock populations in the municipality.

HWA is an invasive pest first detected in Nova Scotia in 2017 and in Halifax in 2023. Left untreated, it can decimate native eastern hemlock forests within a few years.

The plan outlines how Halifax will survey, mark, and treat hemlock trees, focusing initially on 15 priority parks. Treatment will be carried out by a combination of municipal staff, contractors, and supervised volunteers, using chemical methods that remain the only effective option to reduce HWA's spread.

Its goal is to preserve healthy hemlock stands in Halifax for current and future generations.

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](#).

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

Regional Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$1.5 million from the Density Bonus Reserve to fund affordable housing projects in the regional centre.

The program provides project-specific grants to non-profit and charitable housing providers for new construction, conversions, repairs, acquisitions and studies.

The AHGP supports municipal priorities to increase the supply of affordable housing and to improve and maintain existing stock. Since 2021, the program has awarded \$14 million to create or preserve more than 730 units and rooms of affordable housing.

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







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### HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### Land Acknowledgement

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Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

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Councillor Morse currently serves on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails
- Halifax Harbour Bridges Commission



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