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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE



WELCOME NOVEMBER!



November brings with it the importance of remembering those who served and, especially those who

sacrificed, for the democracy, freedom, and peace that we enjoy today. On Nov. 11, please take time to reflect on the peace and freedom we enjoy and how it was achieved.

November is also Movember, the month to raise awareness of men's health and fundraise to support in areas such as mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Keep reading for more information on the Accessibility Advisory Committee Town Hall, a proposal for a more fair Tiered Deed Transfer Tax, upcoming holiday events and much more!

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NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

- Thursday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

November is Hindu Heritage and Lebanese Heritage month, Indigenous Disability Awareness Month, and Movember.

November 1 is World Vegan Day

November 1 is All Saints' Day

November 2 Daylight Saving Ends

November 7 is International Inuit Day

November 8 is World Urbanism Day

November 10 is World Science Day for Peace & Development

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November 10 is World Day for Orphans

November 10 is International Accounting Day

November 11 is Remembrance Day

November 13 is World Kindness Day

November 14 is World Diabetes Day

November 15 is National Philanthropy Day

November 16 is International Day for Tolerance

November 17 is International Student's Day

November 17 is Bullying Awareness Week

November 19 is International Men's Day

November 20 is National Children's Day

November 20 is No Smoking Day

November 20 is World Philosophy Day

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 21 is International Stand Up to Bullying Day

November 30 is Computer Security Day

NEW FERRY BOARDING PROCEDURES



New ferry boarding
procedures starting
Nov. 3, 2025.

HALIFAX
TRANSIT

Starting Nov. 3, [Halifax Transit](#) is introducing new ferry boarding procedures to align with recent changes to Transport Canada regulations related to passenger

safety. These include updated processes for recording passengers who require additional



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assistance and tracking the number of children on board versus available child life jackets.

Passengers may experience slightly longer boarding times due to enhanced security screening and safety checks. They will be required to enter the passenger waiting area single file, allow time for screening, and inform staff if they or someone in their group requires additional assistance during an emergency.

These changes are required to comply with recent updates to federal safety regulations and must be demonstrably implemented by November 21, 2025.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL – NOV. 5



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road.

The town hall is an opportunity for municipal staff to share updates on current accessibility initiatives, answer questions and receive feedback from residents.

How to participate:

Attend in person on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. | Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library. Paul O'Regan Hall is accessible

by ramp and the ramp to enter the building is located at the Queen Street entrance.

Register for virtual participation by clicking [here](#), or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210. Pre-registration is required to participate virtually and to submit questions in real time.

Attendees who require accessible transportation support to the event can visit: [Accessibility Townhall | Halifax](#) for details. The live stream will be available on: halifax.ca/accessibility-town-hall.

This year's panel will include staff from several business units, including Diversity & Inclusion / African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office and Public Works, who will highlight successes, challenges and updates on accessibility-related projects and programs.

For in-person attendees, there will be a booth component after the panel where staff can answer questions and speak with residents. To learn more about accessibility and available resources, click [here](#).

HAL-CON NOV. 7 TO 9



Hal-Con combines the traditional science fiction & fantasy convention with the modern Comic-Con trade show style event. Nearly 500 single events are scheduled during the convention, creating hundreds of hours of programming.

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Having outgrown the convention center, external festivities are now being held at The Old Triangle, Citadel Hill, The Discovery Centre, and more. Click [here](#) for more information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Nov. 11 each year, Canadians stand in collective remembrance of all who have fallen in the military service

of their country. Royal Canadian Legion branches host Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across the country and abroad.

Find your local Remembrance Day Ceremony by clicking [here](#).

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



Spots are filling up for the 2025 Volunteer Conference, taking place on Friday, Nov. 17.

This year's workshops will cover:

- Basic financial management for volunteer organizations

- Building inclusive and supportive communities by working smarter, not harder
- Cultivating community panel
- Exploring socially prescribed volunteering
- Gen V: Empowering the next generation of volunteers
- Making tech work for you: Tools for volunteers, boards and non-profits
- An introduction to grant writing
- Community event planning
- Conflict as opportunity
- From story to solution: Community voices in a changing world
- Micro neighbourliness
- Volunteer Management 101

Register now by clicking [here](#).

COUNCIL EXPLORES TIERED DEED TRANSFER TAX



At the Tuesday, Oct. 7 meeting, Halifax Regional Council voted to send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting legislative

changes that would allow the municipality to adopt a tiered deed transfer tax structure.

The move follows a staff recommendation to replace the current flat 1.5 per cent tax with a

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progressive, tiered structure, aimed at improving fairness and increasing revenue for major capital projects. Under the proposed model, lower-value property sales would see reduced taxes, while higher-value transactions and luxury homes would contribute more. Staff estimate the changes could generate at least \$25 million in additional annual revenue.

Council's decision means the municipality will now request amendments to the Municipal Government Act to permit tiered and luxury rates, raise the maximum allowable tax to 2.5 per cent, and close existing legislative exemptions.

Because deed transfer taxes are governed by provincial law, any changes must first be reviewed and approved by the Province. If supported, the Minister of Municipal Affairs would have final authority to approve or amend the requested legislative updates before they take effect.

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 20-

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 click [here](#).

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

COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE



Street by street, the Cogswell District is coming to life.

New parks, art, multi-use paths and roadways are taking shape — and we're on track for substantial completion by the end of the year.

Catch up on the latest milestones by clicking [here](#).



CANADA MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION HOUSING DESIGN CATALOGUE PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality will participate as a Local Partner in

the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Design Catalogue.

The Housing Design Catalogue is a new national initiative to help build more housing. The catalogue offers a collection of pre-designed building plans developed by local architecture and engineering professionals. These plans are tailored to regional building codes, climate zones and construction practices, and are available to property owners free of charge.

Through participation as a Local Partner, the municipality will:

- promote the use of construction ready plans for townhouses, fourplexes and accessory dwelling units, such as backyard suites;
- streamline development approvals for catalogue designs;
- track and report on the number of building permits that use Housing Design Catalogue designs; and

- be featured in CMHC promotional materials and communications related to the catalogue launch.

Using the Housing Design Catalogue can help homeowners and builders save time and money by reducing the need for custom designs. The plans are energy-efficient, adaptable and climate-resilient, helping to increase the supply of “missing middle” housing options in communities across the region.

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

To learn more about the announcement, click [here](#).

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS



Students in grades 7 to 12 at all HRCE and CSAP schools, as well as homeschooled students across Halifax, can ride Halifax Transit for free during the 2025/26 school year.

Your Student Transit Pass gives you unlimited access to buses and ferries from Sept. 4, 2025, to Sept. 11, 2026. Learn more by clicking [here](#).



THE PEOPLE PROJECT – COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAM



Reach out to be connected to a community mediator in your area

902.422.1501

LEARN MORE



Halifax Regional Council approved a one-year \$100,000 pilot in July 2025 for a [Community Mediation Program](#), delivered in partnership with United Way Maritimes.

The effort offers free, voluntary, confidential, and unbiased mediation services to residents dealing with common neighborhood disputes like noise, parking, fence lines, property boundaries, and shared driveway conflicts.

RENTAL SPACE – ST. ANDREWS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The St. Andrews Community Centre, 3380 Barnstead Lane, services Halifax and surrounding communities with various child, youth and adult [recreation programs](#) as well as rental space.

Hours of operation are:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday to Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Call 902.490.4693 for more information.

St. Andrew's Centre Room Rental Fees

Fees listed are per hour + HST. Fees in effect: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Gymnasiums	Classification	Adult	Youth / Community	Corporate / For Profit
Gymnasium	Gymnasium - Class A	\$46.43	\$37.14	\$127.34
Gym A	Gymnasium - Class A - Half	\$23.22	\$18.57	\$63.67
Gym B	Gymnasium - Class A - Half	\$23.22	\$18.57	\$63.67
Rooms	Classification	Adult	Youth / Community	Corporate / For Profit
Activity Room	Room - Class B	\$26.53	\$13.27	\$31.84
Multipurpose Room / Dance Studio	Room - Class A	\$31.84	\$15.92	\$37.14
Meeting Room	Room - Class B	\$26.53	\$13.27	\$31.84





HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS



On Sun., Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm, Downtown Halifax will celebrate the 30th annual [Nova Scotia Power Holiday Parade of Lights](#), presented by Eastlink and hosted by the Holiday Parade of Lights Society.

This beloved event draws tens of thousands of spectators eager to experience the sights and sounds of this highly anticipated kickoff to the holiday season. Santa will make a special appearance to bring the celebration to a joyful close, delighting everyone with his festive spirit.



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ATLANTIC WEDDING SHOWCASE



Sunday, Nov. 16 at Pier 21, Halifax. Click [here](#) for more information.

The best, longest running and largest wedding show in Atlantic Canada will be taking place on

HALIFAX CRAFTERS SOCIETY WINTER MARKET

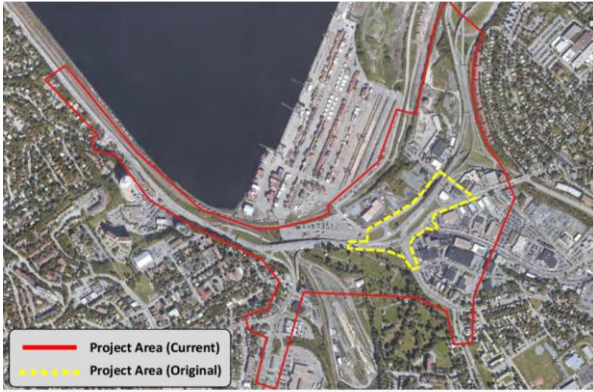


creations from talented artisans all at the Light House Arts Centre on Argyle Street in [#Halifax](#). This is the perfect place to shop local and support Halifax's vibrant crafting community.

Come celebrate the season at the annual Winter Market! Discover handmade treasures, unique gifts, and local



WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE



Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment project area

The Windsor Street Exchange project is being delivered using a progressive design-build approach, allowing for faster and more efficient construction by aligning design decisions with construction sequencing.

This project will improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of primary transportation routes, and most importantly, alleviate a longstanding bottleneck in the transportation network.

The project will also further the municipality's Integrated Mobility Plan goals of reducing port-related truck traffic and traffic-related noise, improving safety, transit service, active transportation connectivity, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Windsor Street Exchange project construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2028.

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

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

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PO Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS
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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.



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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.

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	

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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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

HRM'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

By Moina Michael, 1918

— *Let Us Forget* —
25th April



November
MEN'S HEALTH
month