



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME NOVEMBER

The weather is cooling and the trees are losing their leaves. Before we know it the holiday and winter season will be here.

On Nov. 11, I hope you will all be able to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony where we can commemorate the service and sacrifice of so many Canadians who have fought and continue to fight to make our country and our world a better place. Details about the Sullivan's Pond and Craig Blake Memorial services can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

As always, please reach out with any of your municipal questions or concerns. I'm always happy to hear from you! Wishing you all a great November!

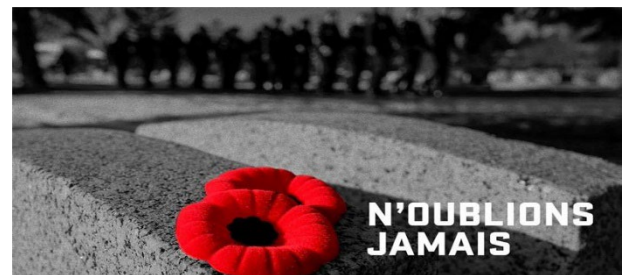


BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE NOVEMBRE

Le temps se refroidit et les arbres perdent leurs feuilles. Avant même que nous nous en rendions compte, les fêtes et la saison hivernale seront déjà là.

Le 11 novembre, j'encourage tout le monde à participer à une cérémonie du Jour du Souvenir pour honorer le courage, le service et le sacrifice des Canadiens qui ont servi et continuent de servir pour rendre notre pays et notre monde meilleur. Des détails sur le Sullivan's Pond et les services commémoratifs de Craig Blake peuvent être trouvés à la page 2 de ce bulletin.

Comme toujours, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi pour toute question ou préoccupation municipale. Je suis toujours heureux d'avoir de vos nouvelles! Je vous souhaite à tous un excellent novembre!





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LEST WE FORGET

Thank you to our veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a cenotaph ceremony on Nov. 11 and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Sullivan's Pond Cenotaph at 11 a.m. and the Craig Blake Memorial at 2 p.m. to commemorate Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake, who was killed in Kandahar by an improvised explosive device in 2010. The gathering we have in Craig Blake Memorial Park in Montebello is a special thank you from his family, friends, and neighbours.



One of my most favourite events, Canadian Citizenship Ceremony. On Oct. 30, we welcomed 48 new Canadians to Canada.

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL AND EXTERNAL BOARDS

The Municipal Clerk's Office will open applications for Halifax's annual fall recruitment on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 at 12 p.m. Information about vacancies and how to apply will be available on this [webpage](#) following the launch of applications.

The municipality values community participation and service as fundamental to the success of the community. We strive to have appointments made by Council that reflect the diversity of the communities that it serves, and we seek to appoint members of the community who bring skills, expertise, and perspectives that contribute to good governance.

For information on eligibility, qualifications, and the selection process, read the frequently asked questions section below. For more detail, you can also review the [Public Appointments Policy](#).

For concerns about computer or internet access, or to request other accommodations during the application process, contact the Municipal Clerks Office at 902-490-4210 or clerks@halifax.ca



My father, Elio Mancini served in World War II and spent 3.5 years in a POW camp.



Happy 20th Birthday 95.7 News Radio Halifax



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NEW FERRY BOARDING PROCEDURES

New ferry boarding procedures start Monday, Nov. 3.



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TRANSIT

1. Passengers are now asked to enter the waiting area single file. It might seem like a simple change but this will help keep everyone safer during boarding.
2. Passengers are now asked to let staff know if you or someone in your group may need extra assistance in the case of an emergency.

Please note that security screening hasn't changed. The only difference is that passengers are asked to enter the waiting area one at a time to allow security to conduct proper counts. We recommend arriving about five minutes early to allow time for this new process. These changes are required to comply with recent updates to federal safety regulations and must be demonstrably implemented by Nov. 21, 2025.

Learn more [here](#).

ACCESSABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 6–8:30 p.m. for the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall.

The event will take place in Paul O'Regan Hall at the Halifax Central Library, with options to participate virtually, or watch the livestream on YouTube.



Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Town Hall

This is an opportunity to hear updates on municipal accessibility initiatives, ask questions, and share feedback with staff from across HRM.

Visit our [website](#) for more information or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210.

INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

November is Indigenous Disability Awareness Month, which raises awareness about and celebrates the significant social, economic and cultural contributions that Indigenous people experiencing disability bring to our communities. It's also an opportunity to mobilize to address the complex, ongoing intersectional challenges

Indigenous people face in their everyday lives. Indigenous persons who experience disability often face additional barriers and discrimination when seeking support for their disability-related needs.

2025 marks the fourth inaugural year that Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes November as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month.



I was happy to represent the municipality at the Grand Opening of Little Caesars at 799 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville



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NEW COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICE



CARE Team

Community-based Crisis Assistance and Response

If you or someone you know is in distress related to substance use, mental health or well-being.

Call 2-1-1 to access the CARE Team

A new pilot program called CARE – Crisis Assistance and Response – is now available in Dartmouth, Woodlawn, and Cole Harbour.

CARE provides in-person support for individuals aged 16 and older experiencing non-

emergency, non-violent crises related to mental health, substance use, or personal well-being.

This trauma-informed, community-led service offers an alternative to traditional emergency response, helping individuals de-escalate, create safety plans, access safe spaces, and connect with community supports.

CARE staff are trained in harm reduction, mental health first aid, suicide prevention, and cultural humility, with a focus on respectful support for diverse communities.

The program is part of the municipality's Public Safety Strategy and is delivered in partnership with:

- **211 Nova Scotia** – intake and assessment
- **Souls Harbour Rescue Mission** – mobile response team
- **Municipal Community Safety Office** – oversight and coordination

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

LEGAL INFOⁱ NOVA SCOTIA

Clinic Event

Free Notary Clinic



We are hosting a **FREE** notary clinic where you can book an appointment to have documents notarized. We will provide notarization only—we do not give legal advice. Book today if you need a document sworn, certified, or witnessed!

What to bring:

- Photo ID
- Copies of your documents
- You can bring a support person or translator if needed.

Friday, November 7th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Alderney Gate Public Library
60 Alderney Dr., Dartmouth

Book your appointment at:
bit.ly/LISNSNotaryDart
Scan here!



The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia provides legal information, not legal advice.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY

Daylight saving time ends this Sunday, November 2, at 2 a.m. Remember to change the batteries in all smoke alarms and test them to make sure they're working. If you have carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, change the batteries and test them too.





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ONLINE PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT

Did you know that you can manage your property taxes easily online with e-billing and pre-authorized payments? Opt in for email notifications for a copy of your latest tax bill**, overdue notices, charges against your property, by-law infraction bills or other charges or text notifications for pre-authorized payments and overdue tax bills.



**If you opt in to receive a copy of your tax bill via email, you will not receive a copy in the mail.

Learn more and sign up online [here](#).



I am pleased to announce the new playground at Brownlow is now open. There are still a few items to be added such as the shade sail. All will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

32 Bow St in Manor Park, next to Penhorn Mall



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.



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VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

Spots are filling up for our 2025 Volunteer Conference, taking place on Friday, Nov. 21. 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 on our [website](#).



27th Annual Walk Against Violence

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 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.



I am very happy to see the new LED Crosswalk Flashing Lights installed at Waverley Rd and Mountbatten Ave/ Michael Lane



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2025/26 FIRESMART VEGETATIVE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT



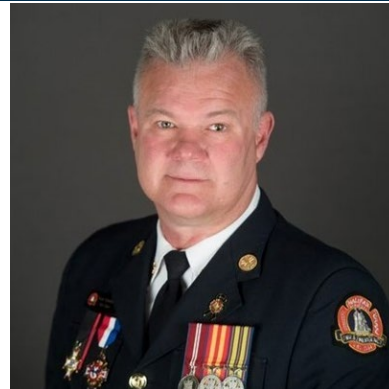
Halifax Regional Council has directed the CAO to allocate \$20,000 to support vegetative yard waste and debris disposal during municipal FireSmart events.

FireSmart™ Canada is a national program focused on wildfire resilience through education and mitigation. Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) adopted FireSmart in 2022 and intensified efforts following the May 2023 wildfire in Upper Tantallon, which destroyed over 150 homes.

HalifACT will provide up to \$20,000 from the Small Projects Bundle to support HRFE in coordinating vegetative debris management, including:

- Curbside collection for eligible properties
- Mobile chipping services via private contracts
- Temporary drop-off sites on HRM property
- On-site processing using air curtain burners or grinders
- Hauling and recycling through local facilities

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



HRFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF KEN STUEBING RETIRES

After over eight years of service, Ken Stuebing, Executive Director and Fire Chief

of Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency, has announced his retirement from a career in public safety.

Chief Stuebing's last day will be Dec. 1, 2025.

Deputy Chief Dave Meldrum will assume the role of Acting Executive Director and Fire Chief of HRFE until the hiring process for the permanent position has been completed.

The hiring of a new Chief will follow the municipality's standard process for senior management appointments. Bill Moore, the Commissioner of Public Safety, will lead a national search to hire a new Executive Director and Fire Chief of HRFE.



It was a honour to address business leaders at the CEO Climate Summit at the Halifax Convention Centre.

The Summit was for business leaders to explore solutions and highlight how climate action can drive innovation, productivity resilience in our organizations.



Spirit taking in the view at beautiful Shubie Park!



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COUNCIL MOVES TO RESTRICT INFILLING IN DARTMOUTH COVE

At the Tuesday, Oct. 7 meeting, Halifax Regional Council voted 12-3 to adopt planning amendments that would restrict infilling in Dartmouth Cove, following a public hearing.

The decision follows a series of motions dating back to 2023 that directed staff to explore options to manage and regulate water lot development in Dartmouth Cove. While staff had recommended deferring changes until completion of the [Downtown Dartmouth Waterfront Revitalization \(DDWR\) Project](#), Council instead chose one of three alternative approaches presented in the report; a full restriction on infilling within Dartmouth Cove.

Council's decision aims to balance environmental, recreational, and development considerations while ensuring future planning for the Dartmouth waterfront proceeds in a coordinated manner.

The province has since confirmed that the amendments are under review. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing will determine whether to approve or reject the planning changes.

2025/26 MUNICIPALITY ASSET NAMING POLICY REVIEW

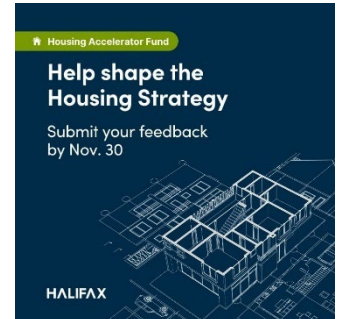
Halifax Regional Council has directed staff to initiate a review of Administrative Order 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies, to implement Action 3.2 of the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan.

A review will make naming and renaming processes clearer and more consistent. It will support inclusive, culturally respectful asset naming across the municipality and will better reflect Mi'kmaq, Acadian, and African Nova Scotian history and culture.

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

HOUSING STRATEGY SURVEY

Housing is a foundation for health, equity and opportunity. The municipality is committed to supporting solutions that reflect these values through the creation of the region's Housing Strategy.



The Housing Strategy will help us better understand where the municipality can lead, support and collaborate.

The strategy will reflect the needs of our community and the realities of our housing system. Your input and perspective are important. Learn more and complete a short survey [here](#) by Nov. 30, 2025

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I was honoured to attend the Halifax Professional Firefighters Long Service Awards and Retirement Celebration. It was with great joy to be in attendance to my celebrate my friend Platoon Captain Richard Fong's 28 years of Service.



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SCAN: SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT



Are you worried about illegal drugs, alcohol, prostitution, or gaming in your building or on your street? *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN)* gives you

a way to report your

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

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

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

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

Remember - It's Your Neighbourhood. Your call.

Learn more [here](#).

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	



Thank you to the Halifax Mooseheads for attending the 43rd annual Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Service on Sunday to honour officers who died in the line of duty.



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is one Regional Council meeting scheduled for November. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- Nov. 18

Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings – including committees [here](#). Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM's [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

We also acknowledge the histories and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities that have been here for more than 400 years.

The Acadians founded the first permanent settlement in North America on this land that would later become Nova Scotia. The Acadian people have contributed to the economic, cultural and social vitality of our province for more than 400 years. We recognize that the identity of the Acadian people is defined by its history, its language, its culture, its customs.

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Regional Centre Community Council
Board of Police Commissioners
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee