



COUNCILLOR JEAN ST-AMAND

DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME NOVEMBER



To all past, current and future Canadian Armed Forces and Peace Keepers – thank you for your service! We are able to enjoy liberty and freedom to celebrate our culture, heritage, and religion thanks to your service, and in some cases, your ultimate sacrifice. On November 11th, I encourage you to take part in Remembrance Day activities in your area and thank our Canadian Forces for all they have done; and continue to do for us. Find your local Remembrance Day Ceremony by clicking [here](#).

Fall is here, which means daylight saving time will end soon. This year, clocks will go back by an hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, returning to standard time. With clocks rolling back by an hour, we will gain back an extra hour of sleep that one night.

Keep reading for info on tax relief for nonprofit and charitable organizations, Volunteer Conference, and many more interesting articles on what's going on in and around the community!

I hope you will find this newsletter helpful and informative.

Contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phone at 902-476-2484 or by email at Jean.St-Amand@halifax.ca

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 18 at 10 a.m.

Grants Committee:

Wednesday, November 26 at 10 a.m.

NorthWest Community Council:

Monday, November 10 at 6 p.m.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, November 17 at 4 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

Tuesday, November 25 at 1 p.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

Thursday, November 20 at 10 a.m.

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DID YOU KNOW...

November is Movember: a month-long campaign to raise awareness of men's health issues, including prostate cancer and mental health. Participants grow mustaches and engage in fundraising activities to support related charities. It is also Indigenous Disability Awareness Month.

November 2 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
 November 5 – 11 Veterans' Week
 November 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day
 November 11 – Remembrance Day
 November 13 – World Kindness Day
 November 14 – World Diabetes Day
 November 19 – National Mens Day
 November 20 – Trans Day of Remembrance
 November 20 – Universal Childrens Day
 November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

VETERANS WEEK

November 5 – 11 is [Veterans' Week](#), where we have the opportunity to commemorate and show our gratitude towards the courageous people who serve at home, around the world and across generations.

On November 8, we celebrate [Indigenous Veterans Day](#). First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada have a long and proud tradition of military service to our country. These determined volunteers were often forced to overcome many challenges to serve in uniform, from learning a new language and adapting to cultural differences, to having to travel great distances from their remote communities just to enlist. The challenges they faced often extended to their post-service life. Many Indigenous war Veterans would not receive equal treatment compared to other Canadian Veterans.

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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.

By fostering cultural sensitivity, promoting inclusivity, and amplifying Indigenous voices, we can work together to create a more equitable and just society that respects the rights and dignity of all its citizens. In the spirit of reconciliation and solidarity, let's join hands to make a positive change for Indigenous people with disabilities in Canada.

Don't forget clocks go back one hour on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 am. It's also a good time to change batteries in smoke detectors!





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REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11, we will observe Remembrance Day. Whether it's contemplating during a moment of silence, wearing a poppy or attending a Remembrance Day

Service – please take a moment on November 11 to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who have fought, lost, and died serving in the Canadian military in times of war, conflict and peace.

I invite residents of District 16 to join me in Fish Hatchery Park for the official Remembrance Day Ceremony at the cenotaph led by representatives of the Bedford Legion Branch 95. I ask for residents to arrive at 10:30am for an 11am start for the ceremony. This will be followed by a reception at the Branch at 1772 Bedford Highway.

Please visit the [Canadian Government website](#) to learn more about Remembrance Day.

Veterans Affairs Canada encourages all Canadians to learn more about the sacrifices and achievements made by those who served our country, and to help preserve their legacy by passing the torch of Remembrance to future generations of Canadians.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Transphobia, trans misogyny, and all other forms of violence, including racism against Black, Indigenous, and racialized Trans people, have no place in Canada. We now remember Transgender Day of Remembrance every year on November 20, honouring all Trans, Two-Spirit, and non-binary people who were victims of violence, hatred, and discrimination and who had their lives taken. We must do better by continuing to condemn all acts of violence against transgender people and to integrate Trans perspectives into Canadian institutions so that they can meet the needs of all Canadians.

LIMITED SPACE REMAINS FOR THE 2025 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



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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 at

halifax.ca/VolunteerConference.

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

Visit halifax.ca/accessibilitytownhall for more information or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed on November 25. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in

December 1999 to raise awareness about the violence women face globally and to promote advocacy for their rights.

This day marks the beginning of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, and goes until December 10, Human Rights Day. In Canada, we also observe the [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#) during the 16 Days to remember the women who were murdered during the tragic mass shooting at Polytechnique Montréal on December 6, 1989.

FALL 2025 LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services (NVS): Community Development Training Catalogue

Residents can now register online for a variety of community development workshops. Upcoming fall training workshops:

October 1 | Neighbourhood Placemaking 101
6:30–8:30 p.m. | Halifax Central Common, multi-purpose room | Course code: 23762 | 18+

October 8 | Boards 101
6–8 p.m. | Cole Harbour Place, meeting room one | Course code: 27561 | 18+

October 30 | Navigating Community Resources: Asset Mapping 101
6–8 p.m. | Cole Harbour Place, meeting room one | Course code: 27564 | 18+

November 5 | Boards 101
6–8 p.m. | Sackville Sports Stadium, multi-purpose room | Course code: 19934 | 18+

December 3 | Communication & Conflict Resolution
6–8 p.m. | Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, multi-purpose room | Course code: 25118 | 18+

Learn more and register now at halifax.ca/volunteer-training.

HALIFAX | PARKS & RECREATION



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.

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

Upcoming sessions will be taking place at the following locations:

- 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 at [Halifax.ca/Volunteer-Training](https://halifax.ca/Volunteer-Training).

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

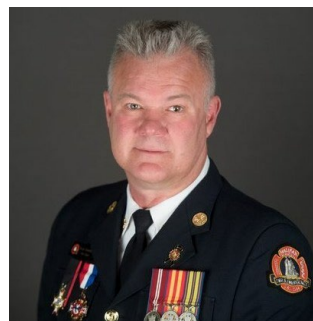
to avoid a 50% reduction in level of tax relief up to a maximum of \$5,000 per property. Any deduction for non-compliance with the program's reporting requirements will be apportioned between the interim and final tax bills.

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

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.

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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 by visiting <https://lnkd.in/ek8YndPE> by Nov. 30, 2025.

WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of upcoming traffic disruptions in and around the Windsor Street Exchange area.

Lane drops on Highway 111

There will be temporary evening and overnight lane reductions on Highway 111 to allow for the realignment of traffic lanes and the creation of a workspace for the future construction of the new overpass. Minor traffic delays are expected for two to three weeks. This overnight work will take place after the evening rush hour to minimize impacts on traffic flow.

Upcoming local street impacts

Traffic delays are anticipated on Forrester, Bayne, and Mackintosh streets to accommodate early construction near the Windsor Street Exchange. More specific timing and details will be shared as planning progresses.

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Impacts to Halifax Transit

Impacted Halifax Transit routes will follow marked detours during these traffic impacts. See all active Halifax Transit service disruptions [here](#).

To learn more about the Windsor Street Exchange project, click [here](#).

RECRUITMENT FOR COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL AND EXTERNAL BOARDS

The Municipal Clerk's Office will open applications for Halifax's annual fall recruitment on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 12:00 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



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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.

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.

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:

<https://brnw.ch/21wWEgm>



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2024/25 HALIFAX CLIMATE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Halifax Regional Council continues to advance HalifACT: Acting on Climate Together, the municipality's long-term climate action plan to reduce emissions, build resiliency and promote equity and economic development.

In 2024/25, several key initiatives progressed under HalifACT and related environmental programs:

- **Public transit electrification:** Completion of the Ragged Lake Transit Centre expansion and rollout of 60 electric buses to support zero-emission transit and service reliability.
- **Home retrofit pilots:** Deep energy retrofits achieved over 50 per cent energy savings, improving affordability and comfort for participating households.
- **Renewable energy agreements:** A long-term contract was signed to offset 45 per cent of corporate electricity use through planned wind turbine development, expected to reduce corporate emissions by approximately 25 per cent when operational in 2026.
- **Resilient infrastructure standards:** Updated design standards were adopted to improve safety, reduce costs, and ensure climate-adaptive capital investments.
- **Public electric vehicle charging:** 29 EV chargers of varying speeds were installed at parks and community centres across the municipality, supporting low-carbon transportation and reducing range anxiety.
- **Flood resilience and stormwater management:** City-wide floodplain mapping supported a pilot retrofit program in Spryfield and Upper Hammonds Plains,

enhancing public safety through targeted home upgrades.

- **Scotiabank Centre retrofit:** A major energy retrofit began in spring 2024, including LED lighting, building automation, heat recovery, and a natural gas generator. The project is expected to reduce energy use by 26 per cent and cut greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 800 tonnes of CO₂e annually.

HalifACT targets reflect the urgency of the climate crisis and require bold, sustained action. Continued investment will deliver meaningful environmental, social, and economic benefits for residents, businesses, and the municipality.

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

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. Learn more and sign up online at <https://brnw.ch/21wWYgl>.

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



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THE PEOPLE PROJECT – COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAM



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.

To connect with a community mediator call 902.422.1501.

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](#).

NEW FERRY BOARDING PROCEDURES

New ferry boarding procedures start Monday, November 3.

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. They 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 November 21, 2025.

Learn more: <https://brnw.ch/21wX2bU>

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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](#).

REMEMBRANCE DAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

GARBAGE/ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES

Waste Collection Notice

Remembrance Day - Tuesday November 11, 2025



Please be advised there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Remembrance Day - Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Collection services for that day will be provided Saturday, November 8.

Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. To ensure collection, materials may be placed curbside the evening before collection day.

DATES TO NOTE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OTTER LAKE FACILITY:

❌ Closed Tuesday, November 11
✅ Open Saturday, November 8, from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

MUNICIPAL RECYCLING FACILITY:

❌ Closed Tuesday, November 11
✅ Open Saturday, November 8, from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE (HSW) DEPOT:

❌ Closed Saturday, November 8
✅ Open Saturday, November 15, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information on municipal composting and recycling programs, visit halifax.ca/recycle

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*Household Special Waste (HSW) Depot

CLOSED Saturday, Nov. 8

OPEN Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Otter Lake Waste Facility

CLOSED Tuesday, Nov. 11

OPEN Saturday, Nov. 8 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Municipal Recycling Facility

CLOSED Tuesday, Nov. 11

OPEN Saturday, Nov. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit halifax.ca/recycle

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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, visit halifax.ca.

HALIFAX FALL VOLUNTEER FAIR



Join us at the first-ever Fall Volunteer Fair! With over 20 different organizations present, you can find a local volunteer opportunity that suits your interests.

Give back, connect, and create change in your community.

The fair takes place on Monday, November 3, from 2:00-7:00pm, at Halifax Central Library:

<https://hfxpublib.org/BREG6>



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BUILDING FUTURES ANNUAL AUCTION 2025



Come join us at **61 Glendale Ave** in Lower Sackville for a fun-filled event where you can bid on a variety of items.

Whether you're a seasoned bidder or new to auctions, there's something for everyone at our auction. Don't miss out on the chance to score some great deals and enjoy the excitement of live bidding! There will be a Cash Bar, Live Music by the Tuesday Night Band and you can sample culinary delights from The Futures Cafe. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to **The Building Futures Annual Auction** - it's an event you won't want to miss!

Thursday, Nov 13, 2025 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM AST.
61 Glendale Avenue, Lower Sackville

HALIFAX PARADE OF LIGHTS



On Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m., 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.

LIGHT UP BEDFORD PARADE NOV 16



The annual Light Up Bedford Parade is a favourite for residents, bringing thousands to line the Bedford Highway to watch the floats go by and kick off the holiday season. The parade starts at 5:45 leaving from Convoy Run and ends at Bedford Place Mall, with "hot

spots" along the route serving free hot chocolate. Grab your folding chairs and claim your spot along the route. I'll be walking in the parade so I'll see you all there! Follow the [Light Up Bedford Parade on Facebook](#) for more.

INDEPENDENT LIVING NOVA SCOTIA HOLIDAY GALA



Join Independent Living Nova Scotia for the ultimate East Coast kitchen party!

Celebrate the holiday season at our fully inclusive Holiday Gala & Dance featuring Signal Hill.

Venue: Halifax Marriott Harbourfront in their Nova Scotia Ballroom (2nd floor)

Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 7-11:30 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/ilns-holiday-gala-and-dance-ft-signal-hill>

Each ticket includes:
- 3-course meal

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- Unlimited Polaroids from the Booth Almighty photobooth
- Musical performances by Signal Hill

EMERA OVAL CLOSES FOR SUMMER SEASON



The municipality is reminding residents that the Emera Oval closed for the summer season on Oct. 12.

We look forward to welcoming residents back to the Oval this winter for ice skating.

Learn more at halifax.ca/emeraoval

HALIFAX TO BECOME A LOCAL PARTNER IN THE CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING (CMHC) HOUSING DESIGN CATALOGUE

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, visit our [website](#).

To learn more about the announcement, visit [Canada's Housing Design Catalogue: Ready for Use | CMHC](#)

LEAF AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL

Leaf and yard waste that doesn't fit into the green cart belongs in paper yard waste bags.

Reminder that leaf and yard waste - Can only go out on green cart day – up to twenty bags

Belongs in paper yard waste bags (no plastic is accepted)

Cannot contain grass clippings

For more information about leaf and yard waste visit: www.halifax.ca/yardwaste

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WINTER GREEN CART TIPS

When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers. To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, our Solid Waste Resources team has some helpful tips:

- *Put your green cart out for each collection, even if it's not full; this will give material less time to freeze
- *Line the bottom of your green cart with a yard waste bag, boxboard or newspaper
- *Place your green cart in a place where the sun can reach it
- *Wrap food in paper scraps

More information on green carts can be found on our [webpage](#).

WATER QUALITY

Why Your Water May Taste/Smell Earthy



Geosmin is a harmless compound, naturally produced by soil and algae that can cause earthy tastes and odours in drinking water. Recent changes in source water quality and warmer temperatures have increased algal growth, leading to geosmin production.



Is the Water Safe to Drink?

Despite the taste and smell, the water remains safe to drink, with ongoing testing confirming no harmful bacteria.



Who is Affected?

This affects customers in **Halifax, Bedford, Sackville, Fall River, Waverley, Timberlea**, and **parts of Dartmouth**, who are temporarily receiving water from Pockwock Lake due to the ongoing drought conditions at Lake Major.

Learn more at:
halifaxwater.ca/my-water-has-taste-odour



FIELD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS



Playing field maintenance

The municipality is committed to maintaining playing fields for residents to use and enjoy, including sports fields, ball diamonds and all-weather surfaces.

Parks & Recreation has services standards for maintaining playing fields, outlining what residents can expect, including maintenance frequency and the types of activities performed, for the over 300 playing fields across the region.

Municipal employees maintain fields based on their classification. This may involve daily, weekly or biweekly maintenance. Playing fields maintenance includes:

- grooming/dragging infields (ball diamonds);
- repairing infields, batter's boxes, pitching mounds (ball diamonds);
- line painting (ball diamonds/sports fields);
- aerating, overseeding, top dressing and fertilizing (ball diamonds/sports fields); and
- vegetation control (ball diamonds/sports fields).

Fields may occasionally be closed due to rain outs. To check field status, visit halifax.ca/FieldConditions. For more information on playing field maintenance, scan the QR code or visit halifax.ca/Sport-Field-Maintenance.



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IN THE COMMUNITY



I joined colleagues from council, representatives from the province, and members and leaders of peace officer services from across the province in Grand Parade for the 2025 Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony. Remarks were provided by Chief Justice Wood representing Lieutenant Governor Savage, Damian Stoilov @damian_stoilov representing the Province of Nova Scotia, and Mayor Andy Fillmore @andyfillmorehfx on behalf of HRM. The ceremony was a poignant reminder of the dedication and sacrifice of serving members and their families and friends, especially when confronted by the pain of loss in the line of duty.

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Mark your calendars – Sunday, November 16

Join us for this year's Light Up Bedford Parade taking place rain or shine! The parade starts at Convoy Run and finishes at the Bedford Place Mall. The committee highly recommends not parking at the mall as the floats dismount in this area.

Hope to see you all there!



Beautiful sunny weather for the annual Walk with Friends in support of @hnsdownsyndromesociety –



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a big crowd gathering already in Peace and Friendship Park for games, merch and a BBQ ahead of the walk. Our award-winning Town Crier Will Brewer started the festivities with his usual energy. A big heart to match that big voice! Glad to run into my colleague Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini@tonymancini45, when I arrived.



Kids and families want to be able to enjoy biking safely. That's the message from @kidicalmasshalifax bike rides throughout the municipality, bringing cyclists together in support of this message. I was delighted to join the latest ride along the beautiful route we enjoy in District 16 - a winding route from Fort Sackville School, along the picturesque and tree-canopied Shore Drive and connecting to DeWolf Park for a finish line with a playground and boardwalk. What a great morning and a great message.



I was honoured to participate in the lighting ceremony for the Dewali Carnival Festival of Lights at the Olympic Community Hall in Halifax - I was joined by my colleagues from council Virginia Hinch @virginiahinchdistrict8 and Janet Steele@jsteele4hrm; as well as MLA Lina Hamid @linahamidfc and Members of Parliament Shannon Miedema@shannonmiedemamp and Lena Metledge Diab. We were greeted warmly by the crowd for this traditional celebration marking new beginnings, and light over dark.



I'm delighted to be in the audience at Paul O'Regan Hall at the Central Library for the 6th

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annual @isans.ca Immigrant Entrepreneurship Awards, recognizing business leaders that have built something new in a new country. You can't help but be impressed by the remarkable determination it takes to achieve success as an immigrant entrepreneur - creating opportunity for themselves and often for many others in the process. As an entrepreneur myself, I'm inspired by their example.

Clark@braedonclarkns. I tried my best to win multiple auction items and had a pocket full of three kinds of raffle tickets but didn't win anything. I'm still smiling though because it was for a great cause!



I had a great time with my friends at the @sackvillerivers Annual Dinner including Walter Regan and several of my colleagues across three levels of government. Councillors John Young and Billy Gillis@councillorbillygillis, MLA Paul Wozney@withwozney and MP Braedon



I was delighted to take part in a reception at @hospicehalifax to mark the launch of their carefully selected Heartfelt House Blend (and I bought a bag to take home) in a social enterprise partnership with @javablendcoffee - \$1 from each bag goes to the organization, the only dedicated hospice care facility in the municipality. I spoke with the leadership team at the centre - Jocelyn, Emily and Miguel, as well as some volunteers and community stakeholders and the pair of coffee roastery professionals from Java Blend about their semi-annual non-profit campaigns to give back to the community. A great start to the day. I look forward to coming back with my council colleagues to learn more about the services offered here.



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[Tim Outhit MLA for Bedford Basin](#) and I stopped in at BBA coffee connections at [Second Cup Café](#)

Thank you to Paul & Steve for hosting and offering discounts to members on their beverage and to [Sunnyside Mall](#) as well.



A sincere appreciation was extended from the folks at Sackville, Bedford Meals on Wheels to me and my Council colleagues Billy Gillis, John Young, and Cathy Deagle Gammon as we presented a cheque for the purchase of a new stove, which will assist them in continuing to provide healthy, affordable meals that allow seniors to maintain their independence at home. They are deeply grateful for local leaders who recognize the importance of nourishing community.

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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	

Not sure which level of government does what Federal, Provincial, or Municipal - See the helpful chart above.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

911 - Emergencies

Call this number for help right away to protect your safety or property.

811 - Primary Health Care

Call this number for health advice and peace of mind.

511 - Highway and Road Conditions

Call this number for information about provincial highways & roads.

311 - Municipal information, services, and complaints

Call this number for information about programs and services within the municipal government.

211 - Confidential information and referral service that connects individuals to community programs and services

Call this number for information on non-profit, community and government programs and services, including information about being ready for an emergency.

- Poison Centre (1-844-764-7669)
- Bell Aliant outages 611 or 1-800-663-2600
- Eastlink outages 1-888-345-1111
- Halifax Water 24-hour emergency (water, sewer, and flooding) (902) 420-9287
- Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line 1-888-429-8167
- NS Power outages 1-877-428-6004
- Police Non-Emergency (902) 490-5020
- Shelter Nova Scotia (902)-406-3631
- SPCA Dartmouth Shelter (902) 468-7877
 - to report Animal Cruelty 1-888-703-7722
- Red Cross 1-800-222-9597



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- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Grants Committee - Chair
- Discover Halifax
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Acadian and Francophone Community Liaison

EMAIL LIST, SOCIAL MEDIA, COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Visit jeastamandhrm.ca to subscribe to my email list for occasional updates about District 16.

Follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for regular updates and announcements of my activities and things that are happening around the district. Social media is great, but for official business, please contact me directly by email or phone.

Visit jeanstamandhrm.ca/events for my community events calendar.

For additional assistance, you may also reach my Constituency Coordinator, Nancy Viner at Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca.

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WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region. The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

