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DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER

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COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY DROP-IN

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy November, District 4!

As we move toward the end of the fall season and prepare for the colder months ahead, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued engagement and community spirit. Your participation and feedback remain invaluable as we work together to make District 4 an even better place to live, work, and play.

This month, we also pause to observe Remembrance Day — a time to honour and reflect on the courage and sacrifices of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country. Let us take this opportunity to remember their dedication and the freedoms we enjoy because of them.

As always, my office is here to assist with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out — your voice truly makes a difference.

Sincerely,



Please feel free to drop by to discuss any municipal concerns or questions, I would love to see you!

**Monday, Nov. 24, 2025 at Selby's Bunker –
1090 Cole Harbour Road
1p.m. – 2p.m.**

**Friday, Nov. 28, 2025 at Tim Hortons - Forest
Hills Parkway
10 a.m.-11 a.m.**

COMMUNITY CORNER

Community Town Halls Cancelled

Please note: the community town halls announced in our previous newsletter are cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you'd like to share feedback or ask a question, email purdyt@halifax.ca or call 902-240-3067. We'll announce any future sessions as soon as details are available.

Caldwell Road

The city has been actively working with Nova Scotia Power (NSP) on this project since late 2022, with initial conversations helping shape the design to minimize impacts on private

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property. A formal review and site walk took place in mid-2023, and NSP has been engaged in reviewing designs and coordinating with other utilities since then.

Easement negotiations have proven to be the most time-consuming part of the process, with several residents contacted and a few agreements already in place. Unfortunately, some easements have been declined, which has required design adjustments to keep the project moving forward. While progress may seem slow, it's largely due to the complexity of coordinating with multiple stakeholders and ensuring all legal and technical requirements are met. The city continues to work closely with NSP and looking at a redesign to accommodate the challenges.

1226 Cole Harbour

On Sept. 19, 2025, the Province announced that they approved the Special Planning Area site at 1226 Cole Harbour Rd. & 77 Bissett Rd. In response to the public feedback the developer has implemented a 3-metre setback on the front and back of all four multi-unit buildings – meaning that the tower portion is setback 3 metres along the front and back (between the second and third storey), so the visual impact of the tower is lessened. The developer also located the taller buildings to the middle of the site to ensure they were setback as far as possible from all neighboring properties. The proposed application includes a 144-unit long-term care facility in Phase 1, and four apartment buildings with a total of 511 units in Phase 2. Building heights are proposed at 8 to 12 storeys.

To read more, please click [here](#).

Sherwood Street

Lot clearing has finished in preparation for the first phase of construction. The first phase is planned to commence in 2025 and will consist of 6 Townhomes and a 69-unit building. The development is expected to take 3-4 years for all four buildings.

Broom Road

Lot clearing has started, and the water and sewer infrastructure is planned to start in 2025. The first phase, consisting of 10, R2 lots and a six-unit townhome is planned to begin in 2025 and Building A is scheduled to begin construction in the fall of 2026. This development is expected to take 5-6 years for all five buildings.

Sidewalk



A BIG thank you to TPW staff for responding to a dire need to fix the sidewalk along #7 Hwy so residents can access their mailboxes this winter! The state of the sidewalk was so bad last year that contractors could not clear the ice/snow from

the surface without damage to their equipment. We are ready for the winter weather now, thanks to the help of great staff!

Playgrounds

In 2025, HRM replaced two school playgrounds: Ross Road Elementary and Astral Drive Elementary. Hollyoake playground is also getting replaced, and the ball court on Atholea was renewed as well!

NS Power Tree Maintenance

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This past week NS Power has been cutting back the trees on either side of their power corridor along the Bissett Lake trail.



HALIFAX WATER UPDATE ON LAKE MAJOR'S WATER LEVELS AS OF NOV. 5

Recent rainfall has positively impacted Lake Major's water levels; however, the lake remains significantly below the threshold required to lift the current mandatory water use restrictions. Halifax Water estimates that an additional 100-200 millimetres of rainfall is still needed before these restrictions can be reconsidered. More on the Lake Major Water Restrictions on Page 5 of this newsletter.

NEW COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICE

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.

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](#).



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COLE HARBOUR PLACE OASIS CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 2025



Cole Harbour Place Oasis
In the Westphal Room
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3	4	5	6 10:00 Seated Strength 11:00 Emerson Fiske NS Birding Assn 1:00 Board Games	7
10	11 Red Poppies	12 Chair Cardio (Weights) 11:00 SCANS Presentation 2:00 donate Moulton	13	14
17	18 In Lagarde Room	19 Chair Pilates 11:00 Coffee & Chat 1:00 Art & Soul Limited Enrolment	20	21
24	25	26 10:00 Seniors Safety Presentation HRP 1:30 HRM Waste Presentation	27	28

SPENCER HOUSE here with friends

Canada Employment and Social Development Canada

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.

EMERA OVAL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER

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 [here](#).

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

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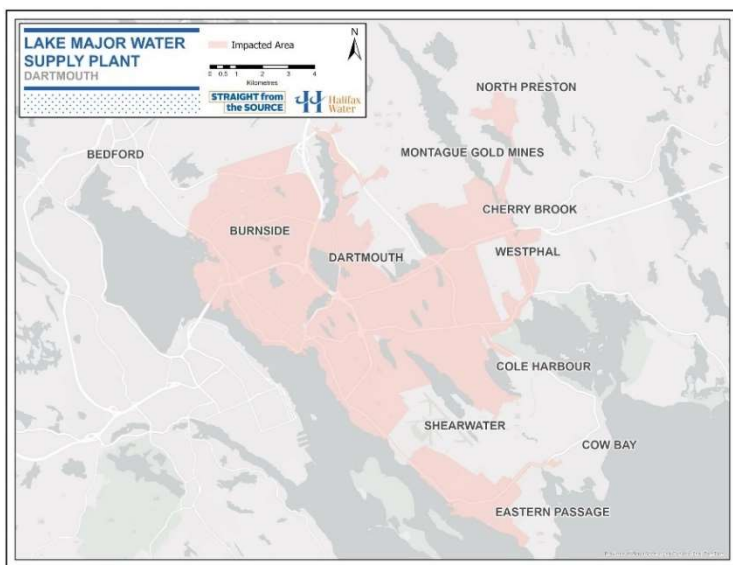


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MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Halifax Water is implementing mandatory Stage 1 water restrictions for the Lake Major effective immediately. This impacts water service for the communities of Dartmouth, Burnside, Cole Harbour, Westphal, North Preston and Eastern Passage (see attached map for affected service areas).



This is due to the ongoing dry conditions and lack of precipitation. As a result, Lake Major has moved to the warning phase, which triggers the need for these mandatory Stage 1 restrictions.

In order to conserve water, Halifax Water requests that all residents and businesses supplied by the Lake Major Water Supply Plant follow mandatory Stage 1 water conservation measures until further notice. The following activities are prohibited under mandatory Stage 1 conservation:

- Watering lawns.
- Washing vehicles.

- Filling pools.
- Watering golf courses.
- Bulk Fill Stations serviced by Lake Major will be closed

With the move to mandatory, residential and commercial customers are now expected to adhere to these measures. Failure to do so may result in a warning, a non-compliance fine, or suspension of service.

These mandatory water conservation measures are being implemented to maintain essential water service for all customers in the Lake Major service area. The goal is to help reduce demand until the rainfall can replenish the lake and remove/delay the need for an engineered pumping solution. Additional mandatory Stage 2 restrictions may be implemented in the future if lake levels are not replenished.

Halifax Water is also asking customers serviced by the Lake Major Water Supply to consider the following additional measures to conserve water:

- If it's yellow, let it mellow. Depending on the efficiency of your toilet, each flush uses between 6 to 26 litres of water.
- Shorten your showers. Cut back on the frequency and length of showers.
- Turn off the tap when you don't need it. Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth, shaving, washing your face etc. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

Halifax Water customers serviced by Pockwock Lake remain under voluntary conservation measures.

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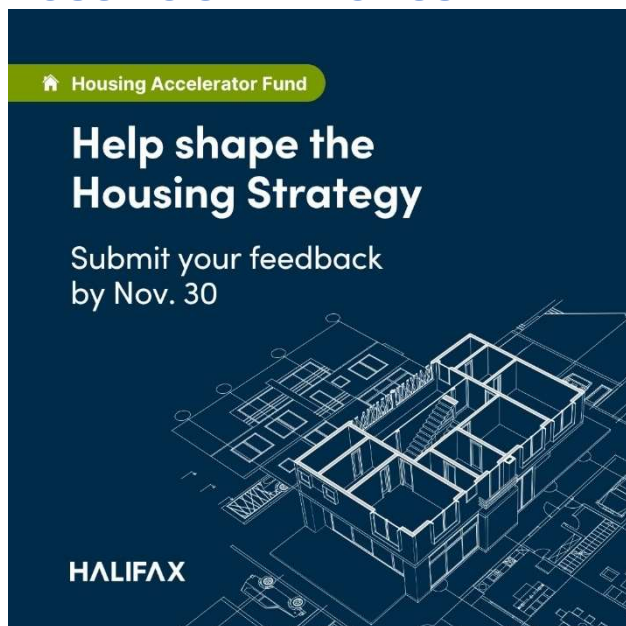
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HOUSING STRATEGY SURVEY



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 [here](#) by Nov. 30, 2025.

NEW FERRY BOARDING PROCEDURES

New ferry boarding procedures start Monday, Nov. 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. 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](#).



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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: [Click Here](#)

Each ticket includes:

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

PARADE OF LIGHTS

On **Sunday, 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.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please be advised there will be no garbage, organics, or recyclables collection services on Remembrance Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. Collection Services for that day will be provided Saturday, Nov. 8.

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 [here](#).

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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VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



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

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](#).

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, 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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CMHC 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](#).

THE PEOPLE PROJECT – COMMUNITY MEDITATION

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.

SMILE COOKIES



Buying a Tim Hortons Smile Cookie really *does* make a difference!

We're thrilled to share that the Akoma

Family Centre has been chosen as the recipient of the Tim Hortons Holiday Cookie Campaign across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

From **Nov. 17–23**, treat yourself, your friends, and your colleagues to some delicious Smile Cookies — all proceeds support Akoma Family

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Centre and the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation.

You can even [pre-order](#) cookies 48 hours in advance to spread smiles at your next meeting.

Enjoy cookies, give back, and help create better spaces for children this holiday season!

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](#).

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STREAMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



Regional Council is using a new system for electronic streaming. To find the council

videos – go to our [Agendas, Meetings and Reports page](#) and click the meeting you want to view.

Meetings will still be live-streamed, and videos will be available after the meetings

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at **trish.purdy@halifax.ca** or **(902) 240-3067**.

For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**.

To reach my office, please call Andrea Rowan at **(902) 490-7184**.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).