



## COUNCILLOR VIRGINIA HINCH

DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER

HALIFAX PENINSULA NORTH

### WELCOME NOVEMBER

November brings with it the reminder to reflect on the service provided to us by our military members past and present and the freedoms we enjoy today because of their service. On November 11, I encourage you to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony in your community and thank our Canadian Forces for all they do for us.

I also want to say thank you to all of those residents of District 8 who came out to my townhall that was hosted in partnership with the Mayor in October. This evening led to great conversations about issues and concerns within our community. I hope to be able to host more of these events in the future to connect with the residents of District 8.

If you have any questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902-237-8373 or [virginia.hinch@halifax.ca](mailto:virginia.hinch@halifax.ca)

### NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.

#### Budget Committee:

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Halifax and West Community Council

Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

#### Regional Centre Community Council

Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).



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### 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](#).



### WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE CONSTRUCTION

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

These traffic impacts are necessary to support early construction work for the Windsor Street Exchange project, which aims to improve safety, reduce travel delays, and enhance sustainable and accessible mobility for all users.

#### 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.

#### 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](#).



**Plan ahead.**

Upcoming  
construction  
preparations.



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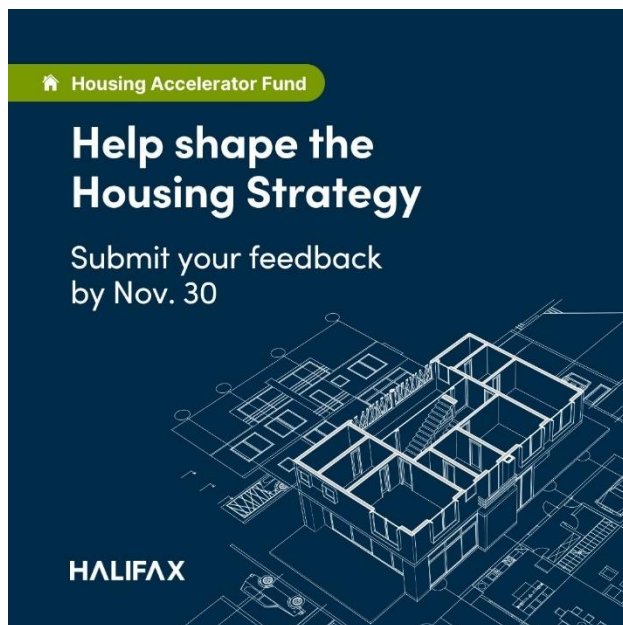
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### HOUSING STRATEGY SURVEY

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 the Engage Halifax [website](#) by Nov. 30, 2025.



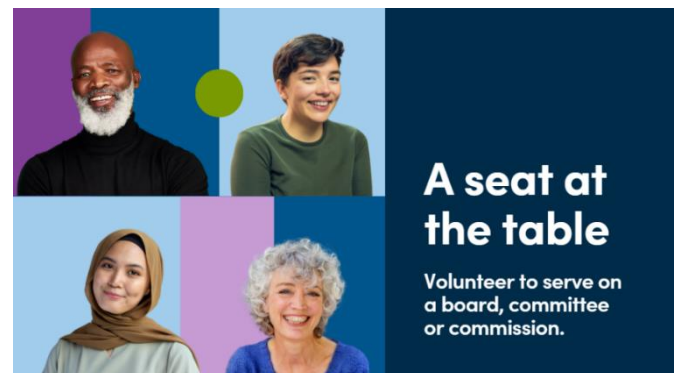
### RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL AND EXTERNAL BOARDS

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](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca)







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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 by visiting our [website](#).



### 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 learn more about the program or to connect with a mediator please visit the United Way website by clicking [here](#).



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

902.422.1501

[LEARN MORE](#)





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### 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.



### 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 by visiting our [website](#).

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



Attended the Diwali Carnival- Festival of Lights



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### AGRICOLA STREET HOLIDAY MARKET

Bring out your Holiday Cheer for the Agricola Street Holiday Market.

Come out to the North End and enjoy yummy food, local artisans, and family activities.

Please note that Agricola Street will be closed from Charles to North Street during this event.



### VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Halifax Water is urging residents to follow the Voluntary Water Conservation Measures requested for the municipality. Water levels at Lake Major and Pockwock Lake continue to be lower than normal. Despite recent rain, much more precipitation is needed to return to normal levels.

Since implementing the voluntary conservation measures on Aug. 5, Halifax Water has not seen a significant decrease in demand. Mandatory water conservation measures are in effect for customers serviced by Lake Major, however, voluntary conservation measures remain in place for those serviced by Pockwock Lake.

For a full list of ways to conserve water please visit the Halifax Water [website](#).

### LEAF AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL

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

Did you know that each household that receives curbside collection can place up to twenty yard waste bags out on collection day? This makes disposing of leaf and yard waste easy.

Reminder that leaf and yard waste

- Can only go out on green cart day
- Belongs in paper yard waste bags (no plastic is accepted)
- Cannot contain grass clippings

For more information about leaf and yard waste visit our [website](#).

### HALIFAX CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING







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#### 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.



#### 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](#).

#### 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.

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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### HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

#### 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.

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### PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

#### Federal Representatives in District 8:

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

- Grants Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Halifax and West Community Council
- Regional Centre Community Council
- Halifax Forum Community Association
- Indigenous Community Liaison Representation



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