



WELCOME JANUARY!



Happy New Year!

As we enter the new year, Regional Council begins budget planning for the 2025/26 fiscal year. I encourage you to participate in the public engagement portion of

each Budget Committee meeting to ensure Council hears where you wish to have funds allocated in relation to municipal programs and services.

Keep reading for more information on Budget Committee dates and times, Bus Operator positions with Halifax Transit, the 2026 HRP Cadet Class Program and much more!

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JANUARY MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Monday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m.

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee

Thursday, January 23 at 1:00 p.m.

- Transportation Advisory Committee

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

DID YOU KNOW...

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, National Blood Donor Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

January 1 is New Year's Day

January 4 is National Spaghetti Day

January 4 is World Braille Day

January 5 is National Bird Day

January 7 is Orthodox Christmas

January 11 is Sir John A. MacDonald Day

January 12 is Kiss a Ginger Day

January 14 is Orthodox New Year

January 18 is Winnie the Pooh Day

January 21 is National Hug Day

January 22 is Bell's Let's Talk Day

January 23 is National Pie Day

January 24 is International Day of Education

January 24 is National Compliment Day

January 24 is National Peanut Butter Day

January 25 is Robbie Burns' Night

January 27 is Family Literacy Day

January 27 is International Day of

Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

January 29 is Chinese New Year

January 31 is National Hot Chocolate Day

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEEVE



Join Mayor Fillmore and members of Halifax Regional Council at the New Year's Day Levee in Halifax Hall, City Hall, (1841 Argyle Street, Halifax) from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on January 1, 2025.

All are welcome!



BUDGET 2025/26



Please be advised of the following key dates for the 2025/26 municipal budget process.

The municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing a growing municipality. This includes day-to-day municipal operations, capital priority initiatives approved by Regional Council and capital projects and investments to purchase, construct, rehabilitate and replace municipal assets.

There are several milestones in the annual municipal budget process. Below are the key dates for the 2025/26 municipal budget process:

- Tuesday, January 14
2023/24 Strategic Performance Report and Snapshot: Regional Council will receive the 2023/24 Strategic Performance Report, outlining progress on strategic key performance indicators intended to assess advancement on approved priorities from the [Strategic Priorities Plan 2021-25](#).
- Wednesday, February 5
Budget Introduction and Capital Plan Recommendation.
- Wednesday, February 12 to
Wednesday, February 26

Business Unit and Budget

Presentations: Each municipal business unit will present their proposed budget and business plan. Below are the scheduled presentation dates for each business unit.

- Wednesday, February 12
- Public Safety (including Community Safety; Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency; Halifax Regional Police; and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment)
- Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20
Operations (including Halifax Transit; Parks & Recreation; Planning & Development; Property, Fleet & Environment; and Public Works).
- Wednesday, February 26
Corporate Services (including Chief Administrative Office; Finance & Asset Management; Human Resources; Information Technology; and Legal & Legislative Services).
- Wednesday, March 19
Budget Adjustment List (BAL) Review: The BAL includes all additional items that business units have presented beyond their proposed budgets, including add-ons ("overs") and subtractions ("unders").
- Tuesday, April 8
Budget Approval.



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Please note these dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit halifax.ca/budget.

Residents will have the opportunity to [speak directly to the Budget Committee](#) during the budget process. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments.

For more information on the 2025/26 municipal budget process, visit halifax.ca/budget.

WINTER PARKING BAN AND SNOW CLEARING



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect from December 15 through to March 31, 2025. The overnight winter parking ban is enforced from 1:00 to 6:00 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations.

Residents are encouraged to plan ahead when snow is in the forecast and secure off-street parking when the overnight winter parking ban is enforced.

The municipality has two zones for the overnight winter parking ban: **Zone 1 – Central** and **Zone 2 – Non-Central**. Click [here](#) to view the map.

Zone 1 – Central refers to the Halifax peninsula and downtown Dartmouth within Highway 111 (the Circumferential Highway) and some surrounding areas. **Zone 2 – Non-Central** is anywhere outside of Zone 1 – Central. You can determine which zone you are in by searching your address using the interactive tool available [here](#).

The following overnight winter parking ban scenarios may occur before, during or after a declared weather event:

- **Municipal** overnight winter parking ban is in effect/has been lifted for all areas.
Zone 1 – Central
Zone 2 – Non-Central

Overnight winter parking bans will continue to be communicated to residents via [public service announcements](#), [hfxALERT](#), [halifax.ca](#), and [@hfxgov](#) on X. Residents who are signed up for hfxALERT will receive notifications for all overnight winter parking ban scenarios.

Compliance

When and where you park this winter can have a big impact on snow clearing. To help ensure the streets are cleared properly, the municipality has enhanced enforcement in



areas around hospitals, schools, bus routes and challenging streets to ensure unobstructed access for snow equipment and emergency vehicles.

Officers will be ticketing vehicles obstructing sidewalk clearing. Vehicles hanging out of a driveway or parked on the sidewalk are prone to damage and become dangerous obstacles for crews. These obstacles prevent crews from clearing sidewalks properly, which can quickly become an accessibility issue.

Regardless of the status of the overnight winter parking ban, vehicles can be ticketed or towed at any time if their vehicle is interfering with snow clearing operations as outlined in Section 139 of the [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#).

To avoid a ticket and the costs of being towed, residents should ask themselves these questions when considering parking on the street this winter:

- Is the overnight winter parking ban currently being enforced?
- Is my vehicle making the road impassable?
- Is my vehicle impeding snow operations in the area?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, do not park on the street. The municipality does not want to ticket or tow — the objective is to keep vehicles off the streets to facilitate efficient and safe clearing. This, in turn, ensures emergency vehicles, buses and other vehicles have proper access.

Safety

Planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk should be removed before the winter. Any permanent structures or objects too big to move should be marked with a reflector that will be visible above the snow to help crews identify obstacles.

Safety is our top priority for residents and crews. We ask for residents' continued co-operation and diligence during declared overnight winter parking bans.

Important Reminders to All Property Owners

It is against [By-Law S-300](#) to throw or pile snow in the street or on the sidewalk. This is a serious problem that can cause safety issues for pedestrians and other users as it complicates snow clearing.

The easiest way to stay informed about the status of overnight winter parking bans is to register for automated notifications by [signing up for hfxALERT](#). Subscribers will receive timely alerts by phone, email, and/or text message when the ban is in effect and again when it is lifted.

For more information on municipal winter operations, please visit halifax.ca/snow.

HALIFAX TRANSIT - BARRINGTON STREET TERMINAL

The new [Barrington Street Transit Terminal](#) reopened on Monday, December 16. Routes



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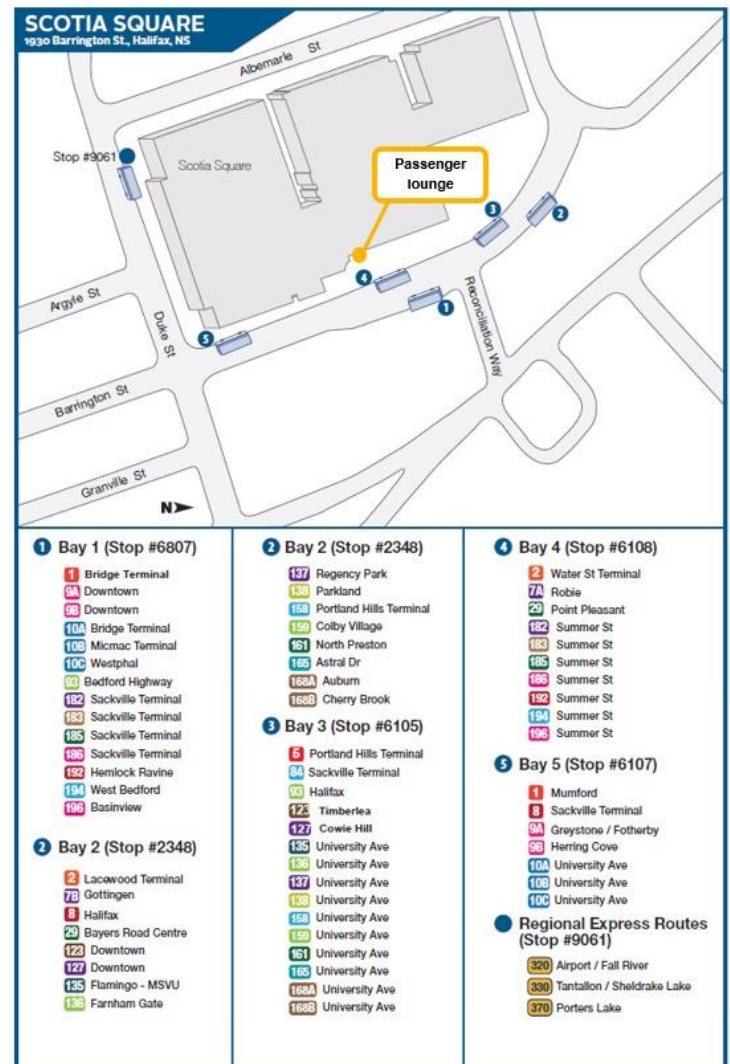
affected are: 1, 2, 5, 7A, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 10C, 29, 84, 93, 123, 127, 135, 136, 137, 138, 158, 159, 161, 165, 168A, 168B, 182, 183, 185, 186, 192, 194, 196.

Passengers are directed to use the following bays at Scotia Square:

- **Bay 1 (6087)** - Barrington Street after Duke Street: located on Barrington Street before Reconciliation Way. Routes that will service this stop include: 1, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 10C, 182, 183, 185, 186, 192, 194, and 196.
- **Bay 2 (2348)** - located further down Barrington Street, after Reconciliation Way. Routes that will service this stop include: 2, 7B, 8, 29, 123, 127, 135, 136, 137, 138, 158, 159, 161, 165, 168A, and 168B.
- **Bay 3 (6105)** - located on Barrington Street after Cogswell Street. Routes that will service this stop include: 5, 84, 93, 123, 127, 135, 136, 137, 138, 158, 159, 161, 165, 168A, and 168B.
- **Bay 4 (6108)** - located further down Barrington Street, in the direction of Duke Street. Routes that will service this stop include: 2, 7A, 29, 182, 183, 185, 186, 192, 194, and 196.
- **Bay 5 (6107)** - located further on Barrington Street before Duke Street. Routes that will service this stop include: 1, 8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, and 10C.

Regional Express Routes (320, 330, 370) will continue to service stop **9061** at **Duke Street** before **Albemarle Street** after Monday, December 16.

The following map shows the new locations of Scotia Square Terminal Bays 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 effective Monday, December 16.



WE'RE HIRING BUS OPERATORS!



Looking for a career that moves you forward?

Join us at [Halifax Transit](https://www.halifaxtransit.ca),



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where your journey to success begins behind the wheel.

Earn \$27.27 per hour from day one, and up to \$32.30 per hour after four years in a unionized position.

As a bus operator representing the Halifax Regional Municipality, you are the face of Halifax Transit. You'll promote a customer service and safety mindset when interacting with passengers, and provide a safe, comfortable, efficient and reliable transportation service.

No commercial driving experience? No problem! We provide a paid training program that includes both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

HalifACT COMMUNITY UPDATE



I am happy to share the sixth issue of the [HalifACT community update](#) that offers an overview of recent work the municipality and its partners have been doing to mitigate and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

In this issue, winners of the [Youth Climate Action Fund](#) are highlighted, the approval of our [new watershed management framework](#) and the decision to source renewable wind energy from a local company.

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS



The application deadline for the [Tax Relief for Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations program](#) is January 31. This includes for new applications and renewals. If you have

participated in the program previously, please make sure to complete the Confirmation Form which can be found [here](#). Due to the Canada Post Strike, the municipality will be issuing tax bills this month with an amended due date for payment.

Organizations can request a payment plan by contacting cashmgmt@halifax.ca, by calling HRM Customer Service at 311, or by email at Contactus@311.halifax.ca. Inquiries or questions of clarification can also be directed to the program's designated email address at nonprofttax@halifax.ca.

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE CADET CLASS



Join Our Team!
Become a police officer with Halifax Regional Police.

[Apply now](#) to secure your seat in the Halifax Regional Police 2026 cadet class. The application process involves 10 stages. Complete the first stage today!



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The application process is now open [for Halifax Regional Police's 2026 cadet class program](#).

The HRP's Police Science Program prepares cadets to become police officers with Halifax Regional Police. Cadets who successfully complete the program may be offered employment with HRP as either full-time police officers or reserve officers, depending on availability at the time of hiring.

Halifax Regional Police offers salaries that are competitive with mid to large size municipal police services in the country. They are on a graduated scale, based on years of service. The annual constable base salary ranges from \$67,133.28 to \$111,888.79 (as of October 1, 2023).

Halifax Regional Police through the Halifax Regional Police Association provides a great benefits package to employees and their families. Paid vacation, medical and dental insurance, life insurance, professional development opportunities and employee assistance programs are just a sample of what we offer to improve quality of life and well-being for our employees.

Stay up-to-date on HRP's cadet classes by following X ([@JoinHRP](#)) and Instagram ([@JoinHRP](#)).



Working together to keep
our communities safe.

ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Click [here](#) for more information on active planning applications including the plans for the Mumford Road [West End Mall future growth node](#) (Case 23472).



Case 23472

On December 14, 2021, Regional Council [initiated a process](#) to amend the [Regional Centre Secondary Planning Strategy](#) and other applicable planning documents to develop a comprehensive neighbourhood plan for the West End Mall Future Growth Node (FGN). The FGN designation under the Regional Centre Plan is intended to support a comprehensive planning process needed to guide the development of mixed-use communities with supporting public infrastructure. Click [here](#) to view a video on the project.

For further information on Case 23472, please contact: Ross Grant, Planner III, Planned Growth Projects, by phone at: [902.717.5524](tel:902.717.5524) or Email: Ross.Grant@halifax.ca.



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trail Association Board of Directors
- Halifax Partnership Board of Directors
- Transportation Standing Committee

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Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the



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municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement: In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

Enjoy some winter family fun in HRM including at the Emero Oval! Click [here](#) for the schedule.

