



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - WOODSIDE - EASTERN PASSAGE

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

The tree has been lit, cookies have been baked, and I hope your shopping is well underway – the holiday season has officially arrived! Grab your cider or coco and settle in – there's lots going on this month in District 3 to get you in the festive spirit. I hope you will all pop by at my first holiday tea and social, Saturday, Dec. 13 from 1 – 3. We'll be celebrating the season with some holiday treats and community connection. Hope to see you there!

As we come to the end of another year, it's an important time to take stock of the year behind us and make our plans for the year ahead. In this newsletter, I've included an update on some of the exciting things we've been doing in the community over the last year, and information about our upcoming budget, new programs, and much more!

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you in 2026 to make our community the best place to live, work and play! Warmly,

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REGIONAL PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of an upcoming public hearing on proposed amendments to the [2014 Regional Plan](#) and all supporting planning documents to address provincial housing supply requirements.

The municipality is bringing forward amendments to address the Minimum Planning Requirements and other matters of provincial interest to the existing [2014 Regional Plan](#) and supporting planning documents. To learn more about the municipality's proposed planning changes, visit our [website](#).

Join us for a [public hearing](#) for the amendments on Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. in Council Chambers at Halifax City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax, N.S.

For more information, visit our [website](#).



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REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Together, we can create safer communities and work toward a future free of violence.



The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on Dec. 6 serves as a platform to raise awareness, challenge misconceptions, and advocate for victims of violence against women.

What is gender-based violence?

Gender-based violence (GBV) is committed against someone based on their gender identity, gender expression or perceived gender. GBV disproportionately impacts women and girls as well as Indigenous Peoples, 2SLGBTQ+, gender diverse, non-binary individuals, persons with disabilities, newcomers, children and youth, and seniors.

- In 2023, eight women in Nova Scotia were killed by a current or former intimate partner. Each of them was more than a number. They were mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, and neighbours.

- Emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial abuse are all forms of domestic violence.

How can you help?

Preventing and ending gender-based violence is everyone's responsibility. You can be part of the solution when you "See It, Name It, Check It" approach can help:

See it: Notice changes in a friend's behaviour or signs of control.

Name it: Talk about what you see in a caring, non-judgmental way.

Check it: Ask if they feel safe or if they want support connecting to help.

If you or a loved one is experiencing violence, speak with someone you trust about getting support.

- Call 911 if you or someone you know is in danger.
- To connect with community services including legal aid, counselling, family resource centres, housing, and accessibility support within the municipality, call 211 or [search online for community resources](#).
- See the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women's [Resource Map](#).

Learn more about gender-based violence by visiting this [website](#) or our website [here](#).

My colleagues and I have been sharing a fact a day to raise awareness about violence against women for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Let's continue learning, speaking up, and supporting those affected. Not just during these 16 days, but every day.



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You're Invited!

Becky Kent's Holiday Tea & Social

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
SHEARWATER AVIATION
MUSEUM



Join me for this special holiday social – all are welcome to drop by!

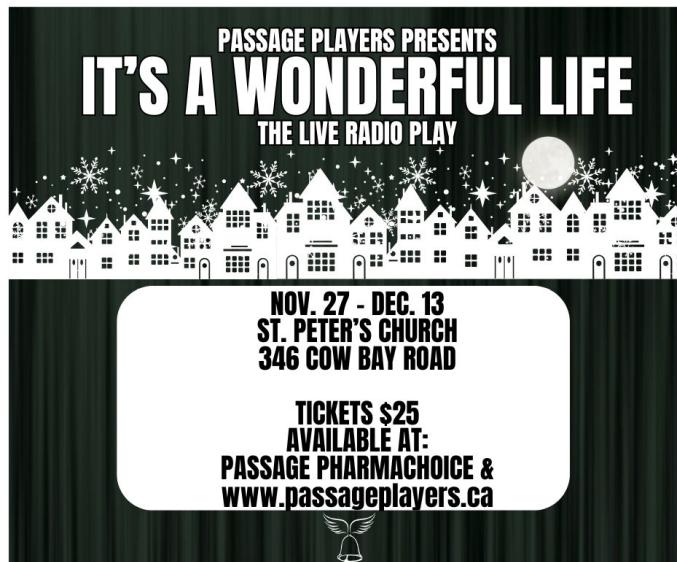
ANNUAL WINTER PARKING BAN

The overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from Dec. 15 until Mar. 31; however, it is only enforced during declared weather events and clearing operations. When the ban is enforced, it restricts any on-street parking between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be ticketed and/or towed.

Remember to stay informed about the status of the parking ban and please think before you park.

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Winter 2026 recreation program registration is now open for recreation programs and will begin on Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. for aquatics and skating. To preview upcoming program PDFs, visit halifax.ca/myREC to see what's available in our community. Check out our [website](#) for more details.



PASSAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
THE LIVE RADIO PLAY



NOV. 27 - DEC. 13
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
346 COW BAY ROAD

TICKETS \$25
AVAILABLE AT:
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www.passageplayers.ca



HALIFAX EXPLOSION ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 6 marks the 108th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion, one of the most devastating events in our city's history. The blast leveled much of north-end Halifax, killing over 2,000 people and injuring 9,000 more and buildings throughout Halifax and Dartmouth were significantly damaged.

On the anniversary, residents are invited to gather at 9 a.m. at the Bell Tower in Fort Needham Memorial Park for the annual Halifax Explosion Memorial Service Learn more [here](#).



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MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2026/2027

Halifax Regional Council has begun the 2026/27 municipal budget process with the release of the proposed [Budget Direction](#) on Nov. 19. The annual municipal budget funds all municipal operations and services, including transit, police, fire services, parks, snow clearing, waste collection, capital projects, and required contributions to reserves.

As is typical during the budget cycle, the initial figures presented are a starting point for Council's deliberations. Through the budget consultation and adjustment process, Councillors will have the opportunity to propose changes to the staff recommendations to find efficiencies while balancing the core services the municipality needs.

This year's starting Budget Direction reflects an estimated \$88.9 million increase needed to maintain service levels, meet contractual and inflationary costs, and support previously approved initiatives. Based on current projections, this would require an average residential property tax bill increase of approximately 10.5%.

Business units will present their proposed budgets to the Budget Committee over the coming weeks. Residents will have opportunities to follow deliberations online and participate directly during the public participation portions of each meeting.

Members of the public may speak in person or virtually and can register or submit written correspondence through the [meeting agenda page](#), where instructions are posted for each session.

! **Water Conservation Restrictions Update**

November 12, 2025

Effective immediately, all customers serviced by Lake Major are returning to voluntary water restrictions.

As a reminder, Pockwock Lake remains under voluntary conservation restrictions.

Bulk water fill stations at Lake Major will reopen at 8:00 AM on Thursday, November 13.

Learn more at [halifaxwater.ca](#)

 Halifax Water

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM SURVEY

Halifax Transit wants to hear from you. What do you think about the Student Transit Pass Program?

Share your thoughts and complete the Student Transit Pass survey by Dec. 15. Visit our [website](#) for more information and to take part.

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

HOLIDAY GALA & DANCE

FEATURING



Signal Hill

DECEMBER 12, 2025

HALIFAX MARRIOTT HARBOURFRONT HOTEL



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WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE CONSTRUCTION

Highway 111, between Massachusetts Avenue ramps and the Windsor Street Exchange will be realigned between the Windsor Street Exchange and Massachusetts Avenue with two lanes in each direction.

The existing continuous lane from the outbound Massachusetts Avenue ramp toward the Windsor Street Exchange will be removed to facilitate this realignment. As a result, drivers accessing Highway 111 from this ramp will need to merge with traffic from the MacKay Bridge and Barrington Street. Drivers approaching the Windsor Street Exchange from Massachusetts Avenue should expect delays and use alternate routes if possible.

Halifax Transit routes 135, 136, 137 and 138 will follow detour routes for the duration of the ongoing project preparation work and throughout project construction. For bus stop impacts and detour routing, including maps, please visit the Halifax Transit service disruptions page [here](#).

The work will begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 and continue until the completion of overpass construction.

You can find out more about the Windsor Street Exchange project [here](#)



We're hiring fleet maintenance roles

Learn more at halifax.ca/transit

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CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY MAYOR!



Congratulations to District 11 Councillor Patty Cuttell who was elected to be our Deputy Mayor by Regional Council for the next year.

The new Deputy Mayor takes over from Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, who held the position for the past 12 months.

We look forward to your leadership and collaboration in the year ahead Deputy Mayor Cuttell! We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Councillor Tony Mancini for his dedicated service as Deputy Mayor over the past year.

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON POLICING

The Board of Police Commissioners has engaged Narrative Research to conduct a Community Survey on Policing. The goal of this survey is to gather insights and feedback from community members 18 years of age or older about their perceptions, experiences, and suggestions on policing in the Halifax region.

Results of the survey will be reported quarterly, in addition to a report and final presentation to be delivered to the Board of Police Commissioners in Fall 2026. You can find the survey [here](#).



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I was pleased to sponsor the Island View High School Pickleball Tournament fundraiser.

2027 POLICE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the 2027 Halifax Regional Police Science Program are now being accepted.

Those interested in becoming a police officer can apply for the program until Jan. 9, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. AST. Successful applicants will enter a 38-week police training program designed to prepare them for careers with Halifax Regional Police. The program is based at the Halifax Regional Police Training Facility in Dartmouth, which is a recognized private career college by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

Recruiters are hosting open house events for those interested in learning more about policing, the application process and physical abilities testing.

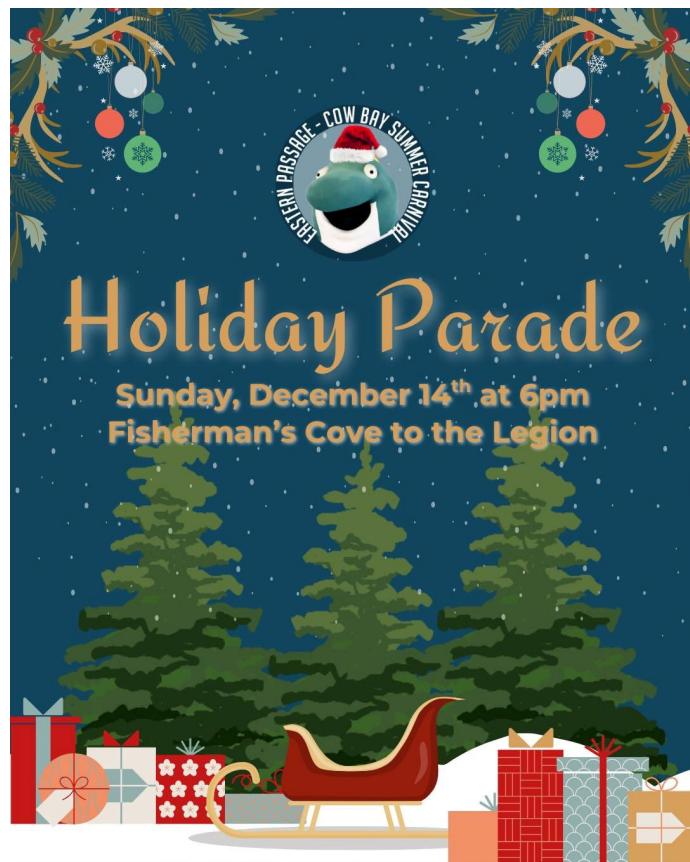
Anyone interested in a career in policing is welcome to attend an open house on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Police Science Program Training Facility, 2 Chapman Street in Dartmouth. For more information, visit: [Halifax Regional Police Cadet Recruitment](#) | [Halifax](#).

COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAM

In July 2025, Halifax Regional Council approved a one-year \$100,000 pilot for a Community Mediation Program, delivered in partnership with United Way Maritimes.

The People Project: Halifax's Community Mediation Program 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.

If you're interested in learning more or applying to connect with a trained community mediator to help, visit their [website](#).





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DARTMOUTH COVE PLANNING AMENDMENTS

The Province of Nova Scotia has approved Halifax Regional Municipality's planning amendments for Dartmouth Cove, with conditions.

On Nov. 26, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing confirmed the amendments will proceed, subject to HRM demonstrating that all water lots in the Dartmouth Cove Special Area fall fully within municipal boundaries; that the municipality has authority under the HRM Charter to regulate infilling; and that the measures do not infringe on federal jurisdiction. The province's review was required under legislation, as planning amendments must be approved before taking effect.

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.



St. Alban's Anglican Church
345 Pleasant St., Dartmouth



**Christmas Dinner
Take-Out**

Thursday, December 11th

Pickup 4:00 to 5:30 pm
Tickets - \$20.00

Enjoy a Christmas Dinner Take -Out consisting of turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert.

For tickets please call Shirley with your order: 902-463-6018, send us an email: stalbans@bellaliant.com or phone 902-463-2493
Cut-off date – December 8th



HOUSING STRATEGY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is working on developing a Housing Strategy. The strategy will be to clarify the municipality's role in housing, evaluate current affordable housing programs, and establish a forward-looking framework to guide and enhance municipal housing action. It will build on the municipality's past work and current programs that support housing.

While housing is a cross-jurisdictional issue, the strategy will focus on actions within the municipality's jurisdiction while responding to priorities and investments of the federal and provincial governments and the community housing sector. There will be opportunities to share your feedback in the spring. The Housing Strategy is planned to be adopted by Regional Council in Fall 2026. Learn more today [here](#).



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ONLINE PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT

Did you know that you can manage your property taxes easily online with e-billing and pre-authorized payments? Opt-in for email notifications for a copy of your latest tax bill, overdue notices, charges against your property, by-law infraction bills or other charges or text notifications for pre-authorized payments and overdue tax bills. If you opt-in to receive a copy of your tax bill via email, you will not receive a copy in the mail. Learn more and sign up online [here](#).



VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2026 Volunteer Awards are now open!

Every year, the municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in their communities. The annual Volunteer Awards put a spotlight on the residents who make a meaningful difference in our region.

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There are three categories open for applications: Youth, Adult and Group. The award recipients will be announced at the 2026 Volunteer Awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 22, which coincides with National Volunteer Week. For more information, click [here](#).

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS

Halifax Regional Police charged 34 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of September.

Of the 34 drivers, police received 17 calls from people reporting suspected impaired drivers. Please call 911 immediately with details if you suspect someone is driving impaired.



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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released the [2024/25 Strategic Priorities Plan Progress Report](#).

This annual report provides a high-level analysis on the municipality's progress in delivering Regional Council's priorities and the management of municipal services, staff and finances, using strategic indicators.

The [Strategic Performance Snapshot](#), the municipality's public-facing dashboard has also been updated with data for 2024/25. This online tool is a 'snapshot' in time based on data that is updated annually to provide residents with insights on how the municipality is performing. To view the full report and explore the dashboard, visit our [website](#).

IMPAIRED DRIVING EDUCATION CHECK POINTS

Both the RCMP and HRP have begun their annual campaigns to for education and enforcement against impaired driving over the holidays.

Officers have set up checkpoints across the Halifax Regional Municipality to conduct enforcement and hand out educational materials about the dangers of impaired driving.

This year, Halifax Transit supported Operation Christmas by donating hundreds of transit tickets for officers to distribute at roadside checkpoints. The donation served as an important reminder that there are always safe alternatives to driving impaired.



FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) will accept applications for career firefighters from Jan. 6 to Jan. 20, 2026. Career firefighters protect life, property and the environment through emergency response and preparedness.

HRFE will host several in-person and virtual information sessions from Dec. 8 to Dec. 17, 2025 for prospective applicants. To find a session near you, please visit our [website](#).

For more information on the recruitment process, visit our [website](#).



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WINTER GARBAGE COLLECTION

As the snow season approaches, please remember to place waste for curbside collection in a spot that won't interfere with sidewalk or road clearing. To help our crews keep pathways safe and accessible, place waste at the edge of your driveway, not on the sidewalk or road.

CAMP COURAGE



Camp Courage is celebrating 20 years of inspiring young women and gender-diverse youth to explore careers in

firefighting, policing, paramedicine, the military, and the Coast Guard. The camp will run from July 4–12, 2026 and the application deadline is Feb. 7, 2026.

This is a free, barrier-free program—early applications are strongly encouraged. Find out more on their [website](#).

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EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

On Monday, Dec. 1, provincial regulations for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) officially came into effect across Nova Scotia. These regulations shift the operational and financial responsibility for recycling packaging and paper products to the companies that produce, import or sell them.

The Halifax Regional Municipality has opted into the program and will continue to provide curbside recycling collection for residential properties. Residents will have the same contracted service provider, collection day and customer supports available through 311 and the [Halifax Recycles app](#).

Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit organization, is responsible for managing the collection and processing of materials under the new system. The administrator, Divert NS, oversees the program to ensure compliance with provincial regulations. Learn more about Divert NS and Circular Materials [here](#).

These provincial regulations determine which materials are accepted for recycling. Starting on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, residents can now recycle a consistent list of materials no matter where you live in Nova Scotia. Some items will be added to the curbside recycling program, while others will be removed.

Residents should continue sorting recyclables into blue bags and placing them at the curb on their regular collection day. For questions or service concerns, residents can contact 311, visit [halifax.ca/recycling](#) or refer to the [Halifax Recycles App](#).

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EMAIL SCAM NOTIFICATION

The Nova Scotia RCMP's Cybercrime Unit is alerting Nova Scotians to a growing cyberattack technique that has been observed across the province between March and October.

Investigators have identified a sharp increase in business email compromise (BEC) scams, where cybercriminals impersonate trusted business email accounts to deceive clients into sending payments to fraudulent bank accounts. Businesses, employees, and clients can help protect against BEC scams by:

- **Verifying all requests:** Always double check unusual or urgent requests for funds or sensitive information through a separate, trusted channel, such as a phone call to a known number.
- **Being wary of lookalike domains:** Be cautious of slight variations in email addresses.
- **Implementing security measures:** Use multi-factor authentication and other security solutions to help catch fake emails.
- **Being educated:** Know how to recognize the signs of BECs and what to do after receiving a suspicious email.
- **Reporting the crime:** If your business is a victim, report it immediately to your financial institution and your local police.

For more information about BEC, please visit their [website](#).



Can you help?

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program needs volunteers to complete tax returns

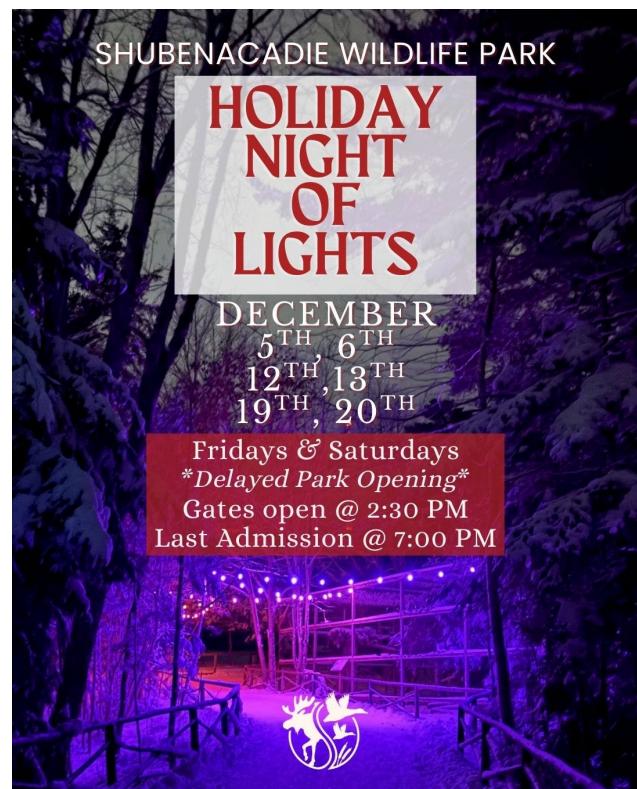
To volunteer or for information on local participating community organizations, go to: [canada.ca/taxes-volunteer](#)



WOODLAWN LIBRARY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Check out some of the great events happening at our local Woodlawn Public Library! From sing-a-longs to puppet shows, floral arranging classes to holiday movie nights, there is lots happening to get you into that holiday spirit.

See their [website](#) for details and to register.



SHUBENACADIE WILDLIFE PARK

HOLIDAY NIGHT OF LIGHTS

DECEMBER
5TH, 6TH
12TH, 13TH
19TH, 20TH

Fridays & Saturdays
Delayed Park Opening
Gates open @ 2:30 PM
Last Admission @ 7:00 PM





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SEASIDE FM FUNDRAISER



This holiday season, 105.9 Seaside FM is hosting a new contest to help feed families right in our community with "Pick a Number, Feed a Neighbour!" From Dec. 8–19(weekdays only), listen for your chance to win. When you hear the cue to call, phone our request line at (902) 469-6000 and guess the days secret number. Find out more details [here](#).

Nova Scotia Legal Aid

TENANTS' RIGHTS PROGRAM

The Tenants' Rights Program aims to increase access to justice for tenants across Nova Scotia

What we offer:

- Free summary legal advice and information on residential tenancy topics
- Topics include but are not limited to evictions/renovictions, maintenance issues, security deposits, subletting, and many more!

Who can access this service:

- Must live in Nova Scotia
- Must be a tenant
- Available to all tenants, regardless of income level

Please note: this program does not provide tenants with legal representation. Tenants requiring legal representation are encouraged to apply to Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

Funded by the Justice Partnership and Innovation Program's Tenant Protection Fund

CONTACT US

Phone: (902) 420-6752
Toll free: 1-833-420-6752

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.

HalifACT will provide funds 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](#).

ALBRO LAKE PARK ENGAGEMENT

The municipality is inviting residents to participate in an online survey to collect feedback on Albro Lake Park current uses and ways residents would like to see the park improve. Results will inform the design of the naturalization project planned for the park's shoreline.

Help guide decisions on the park's naturalization design by completing our online survey until Dec. 5 [here](#).



HALIFACT CLIMATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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](#).



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At the Eastern Passage Community Tree lighting event!



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311 MULTILINGUAL AND ACCESSIBLE SUPPORT

Did you know 311 provides accessible support for municipal services and information over the phone at in-person at our contact centres?

Through new ASL Video Relay Service and Multilingual services, we are working to make our contact centre accessible for all. The ASL Video Relay Service allows Deaf and hard of hearing residents who contact 311 to request real-time sign language interpretation through SRV Canada VRS.

When calling 311 or visiting a centre, residents who need to communicate in languages other than English can request interpretation services in over 300 languages.

Learn more [here](#).



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EMERGENCY
TRAINING SERVICES

BABYSITTER COURSE



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JANUARY 10
9 AM - 2 PM

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\$85 per child

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inahartbeattraining@gmail.com



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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

[Human Rights Day](#) is observed annually around the world on Dec. 10. It commemorates the anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR).

The 2025 Theme is Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials. Through this campaign, we aim to re-engage people with human rights by showing how they shape our daily lives, often in ways we may not always notice. Too often taken for granted or seen as abstract ideas, human rights are the essentials we rely on every day.



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MOUNT HOPE & CALDWELL CONNECTOR RUMOUR

I have heard rumblings that residents are under the impression that a connector road has been approved and in design stages after the provincial announcement in their Link

Transportation Plan that a connector road from Mount Hope to Caldwell Road is a priority behind Shearwater however it has not been approved by HRM, nor has it been designed in any way.

This project would require committed funding from all levels of government to move forward. I support the need for a connector road in general and intend to be closely involved in the design.

I know some residents have concerns about the impact this may have on Portland Estates and Hills area, and I appreciate all of them. As this becomes a project ready to go forward, I will certainly be engaging with the community before design is complete. Keep an eye on this newsletter and my social media for future updates.



I was thankful to attend and lay a wreath at the Caen Branch Legion's Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to all who serve and

sacrifice for our country and to the Legion for this special time of remembrance.

DISTRICT FUNDS UPDATE

Councillors have [district funds](#) that can be distributed to community groups to help with events, capital projects, and operating expenses. Here are a few projects we've had the opportunity to support over the last year:

Group/Project	Donation
Island View High School - Team Spirit Projects	\$15,000
Passage Players Society - Production of Arts and Theatre Events	\$1,000
Kiwanis Club Cole Harbour-Westphal – Kiwanis Park Upgrades	\$5,000
Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Society – Natoaganeg Traditional Powwow	\$100
Orenda Canoe Club - installation of a new dock system.	\$1,000
Highway Of Heroes Tribute Nova Scotia Association	\$200
Cole Harbour Woodside United Church – Spa Daze Dinner Theatre	\$150
Grade 8 EPEC Prom Committee	\$200
Make-a-Wish NS Chapter	\$100
North Woodside Community Association – 30 th Anniversary Celebration	\$500
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival	\$7,650
Dartmouth Community Concert Band – Performance Supplies	\$2,000
Fisherman's Cove Development Association – Pirate Days	\$300
Eastern Passage Minor Baseball Association - Sea Container	\$8,000
YWCA – Community Celebration	\$200
North Woodside Community Centre – Building Repairs	\$10,000
Crosswalk Safety Society – Flag Updates	\$437

We've also been able to support lots of local sports teams and school events. Thank you to all the amazing community groups and volunteers who make our municipality so great!



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311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Email contactus@311.halifax.ca or call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

Monday to Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN DISTRICT 3

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902-424-2731

Darren Fisher, MP/ Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

darren.fisher@parl.gc.ca

902-462-6453

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

I'm pleased to be serving on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council for this term:

Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (Chair)

Regional Centre Community Council (Vice Chair)

Board of Police Commissioners

Appeals Standing Committee (Chair)

Community Planning and Economic

Development Standing Committee

Canadian Capital Cities Organization

STREAMING REGIONAL COUNCIL

Regional Council are 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 meeting.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

CONTACT

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To reach my office, please call Laura Nooyen at **902-490-1577**.

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