



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy December, District 4!

As we embrace the holiday season and look forward to a fresh new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this month bring joy, peace, and opportunities to connect with family, friends, and our vibrant community. Let's take time to celebrate cherished traditions and spread kindness wherever we can.

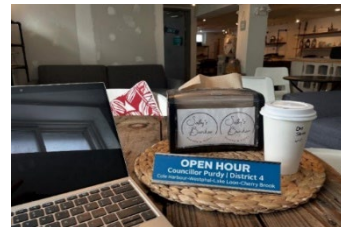
December also marks the start of winter weather, so now is the perfect time to prepare your property for snow-clearing season. Below, you'll find helpful tips to ensure you're ready for whatever this winter season sends our way.

As always, my office is here to assist with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out — it is always good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Trish Purdy

COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY DROP-IN



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

**Wednesday, Dec. 17 at Tim Hortons - Forest Hills Parkway
10-11 a.m.**

COMMUNITY CORNER

Winter Operations:

Now that we are heading into the winter season, I would like to gently remind residents to kindly remove all sporting equipment from the street prior to snow events. No hockey or basketball nets should be on the street while crews are out trying to clear our roads.

Also – a gentle reminder that **NO STREET PARKING** is allowed during snow/ice events. Kindly remove all cars from the street in anticipation of a winter weather event.

1226 Cole Harbour & 77 Bissett Road Development:

Now that this Development has been [approved](#) by the provincially-appointed Housing Panel, the development is proceeding As-of-Right which is normal practice for approved DA's. Once the DA is approved and registered, HRM



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takes the website down as the project is complete and now is regulated by the DA. However, as this development is unique, the planner has said that they will try to help with inquiries made by concerned residents. If you have a generic development question, kindly reach out to 311 for a response. If your question or concern is more complex, you may reach out to myself, and I will try to find an answer through the previous planner who has generously offered to keep the lines of communication open for any information he is able to share.

One concern that has been raised is the amount of infill the property has received. The infill is something HRM is aware of and is a part of the grade alteration permit that was issued by HRM.

The applicant is permitted to move and pile dirt on the site. The planner's understanding is that they are preparing the site for the first building - the Shared Housing with Special Care facility - and believe it is their intention to raise the grade of the lands they will be constructing on to ensure more distance from the water table.

East Preston Daycare Expansion:

A **BIG** congratulations to East Preston Daycare for the provincial announcement of their expansion of their day care services to include 48 new child-care spaces for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at their current location (Hwy 7). To learn more, click [here](#).

Colby Village Pole Replacements:

Recently, NS Power began a small project to replace some poles in Colby Village that are accessible from the Bisset Lake Trail. During Fiona, we lost a couple poles in this section that had to be replaced under less favourable circumstances (while the power was out). This project will replace several of the remaining

poles that are of the same vintage. With planning, the large majority of this work can be performed "live" and any necessary planned outages will be short and communicated directly with customers.

The first part of this project involved trimming back the trees near the poles. The second part will involve replacing the vintage poles, which will be done once the ground is frozen.

Akoma Long Term Care Groundbreaking Ceremony:

In November, I was pleased to join Ministers Barbara Adams and Twila Grosse, and Councillor David Hendsbee (among many others) at the Akoma groundbreaking ceremony for the provincial long-term care facility that will be owned and operated by Northwood! To read more, please click [here](#).



Broom Road:

No change of status from the November E-Newsletter update.

Sherwood Road:

The developer has applied for permits for townhouses(6 units) and Building A(69 units) Approvals from HRM Planning are still pending—updates to follow soon.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALIFAX EXPLOSION



Dec. 6 marks the 108th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion, one of the most devastating events in our city's history.

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 to honour the lives lost and the resilience of those impacted.

On Dec. 6, 1917, the collision of the French munitions ship Mont Blanc and the Norwegian relief ship Imo in the Narrows of Halifax Harbour caused a catastrophic explosion. 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.

At 9:04 a.m., naval ships across the Dockyard will sound their whistles for one minute in remembrance.

Learn more [here](#).

MUNICIPAL BUDGET CONSULTATIONS UNDERWAY

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.



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PROVINCE APPROVES DARTMOUTH COVE PLANNING AMENDMENTS WITH CONDITIONS

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.

COUNCILLOR PATTY CUTTELL ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR



District 11 Councillor Patty Cuttelli was elected today by her fellow councillors to serve for the next year as Deputy Mayor for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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

Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttelli was first elected in 2020 to represent Spryfield - Sambro Loop. The Deputy Mayor has a Master's degree in Urban and Rural Planning from the Technical University of Nova Scotia and brings over 20 years of experience working with communities throughout the Atlantic Provinces.

Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttelli on the appointment! We look forward to her leadership and collaboration in the year ahead. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Councillor Tony Mancini for his dedicated service as Deputy Mayor over the past year.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

Winter use of playing fields as off-leash dog parks has begun.

For a list of approved off-leash areas throughout the municipality, visit [here](#).



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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.

COLE HARBOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE MOVES



In January 2025, the Cole Harbour Community Centre (CHCC) moved into an independent space within the Cole Harbour Place (CHP) facility.

Renovations to the new CHP space are now complete and the new, permanent space is OPEN.

The new centre has been tailored to meet the needs of Halifax Recreation users and Cole Harbour residents. Learn more about the new space and enhanced programming [here](#).

HFX ALERT



Get notified when it matters most.

Sign up for hfxALERT, the Halifax Regional Municipality's mass notification system, to receive critical

and non-urgent alerts, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.

To find out more and to register, visit [here](#).

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Cole Harbour District High School is launching Halifax's first IB Career-Related Programme (IBCP), offering pathways in Business & Project Management and Marine Systems & Sustainability.

Join the info session on **Thursday, Dec. 11, 7–9 PM at Cole Harbour District High School.**

Open to all students and families. TO learn more, click [here](#).

ARE YOU STARTING GRADE 10 OR 11 NEXT YEAR?

Please join us for our community event on **Thursday, December 11th**, between **7–9 pm** at Cole Harbour District High School. We have designed Halifax's first two internationally recognised IBCP Career Pathways and can not wait to offer this opportunity to your students! All students and families are welcome attend!

Pathway #1: Business & Project Management - Now accepting enrollment!
Pathway #2: Marine Systems & Sustainability - Now accepting enrollment!

If CHDHS is not your feeder school, we can still accept your students' enrolment in this programme, as we are an open-boundary school accepting students from all over this region for our unique programme offerings.



World Class Guest Speakers:



Dr. Vurain Tabvuma
Associate Dean of Programs
Full Professor of Management



Sobey School of Business
Saint Mary's University



Dr. Sherry Scully
Principal of SES Workforce
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COLE HARBOUR PLACE OASIS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2025



Cole Harbour Place Oasis
FREE In the Westphal Room
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1	2	3	4 No Programming Today	5
8	9	10	10:00 Fire Safety Presentation 12:00 But of course I Baked It 🍪 1:00 Planning Meeting	12
15	16	17	12:00 Xmas Lunch & Social	19
22	23	24 Xmas Holidays	25 Xmas Holidays	26
29 Xmas Holidays	30 Xmas Holidays	31 Xmas Holidays		

SPENCER HOUSE here with friends
Canada Employment and Social Development Canada

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.

For full details, visit [here](#).

VOLUNTEER AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the 2026 Volunteer Awards are open! Celebrate individuals and groups making a difference in our communities. Categories: Youth, Adult, Group. Winners announced April 22 during National Volunteer Week at the Volunteer Awards ceremony.

Nominations for 2026 are now open until 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW YEAR'S IN HRM

New Year's Eve:

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to its free annual New Year's Eve celebrations, taking place Wednesday, Dec. 31 in Grand Parade from 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Entertainment features Skratz Bastid, Lane Hall and Jupiter Reign. There will be a fireworks show at midnight. This free event will include a live TV broadcast on Eastlink Community TV. Halifax Transit will once again be offering free, extended service from 6 p.m. onwards on Dec. 31. For detailed holiday service schedules by individual routes, visit [here](#)

New Year's Day Levee:



2026

Please join **Mayor Andy Fillmore** and members of the Regional Council in celebrating the arrival of 2026 at the New Year's Levee.

Jan. 1, 2026 | 9:30-11 a.m.
Halifax City Hall (Halifax Hall)
1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

Join Mayor Andy Fillmore and Regional Council at the New Year's Levee on **Jan. 1, 9:30-11 a.m.**, Halifax City Hall, to celebrate 2026 together!



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EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS



Learn more about Nova Scotia's enhanced recycling system:
circularmaterials.ca/NS



Starting Dec. 1, Nova Scotia will transition to an enhanced recycling system managed by Circular Materials, a not-for-profit organization that is committed to growing an efficient and effective recycling system. What does this mean?

- Your curbside collection day/schedule and requirements for placement (i.e. blue bags) will stay the same.
- You'll be able to recycle the same materials, no matter where you live across the province.
- You'll be able to recycle more materials than ever before, including hot and cold beverage cups, deodorant, toothpaste tubes, frozen juice containers and ice cream tubs, to name a few!
- Recycling and collection questions will continue to be addressed by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Learn more [here](#).

HALIFAX RCMP ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE



The RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment has a new Officer in Charge: Chief Superintendent John Duff, a longtime Halifax resident with deep roots in both the community and the RCMP.

C/Supt. Duff brings over 35 years of policing experience to the role, having started his career in 1990 after graduating from Acadia University with a degree in Biology. His journey through the RCMP took him across the country, with the majority of his service spent in Manitoba. There, he rose through the ranks to become Superintendent and later served as Manitoba East District Commander.

After a brief retirement in 2018, Duff returned to policing, driven by a continued passion for public service. His leadership in Selkirk, Manitoba, earned him recognition and a promotion, ultimately leading him back home to Halifax.

Please join us in welcoming Chief Superintendent John Duff back to the Maritimes and into his new leadership role with the RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment.

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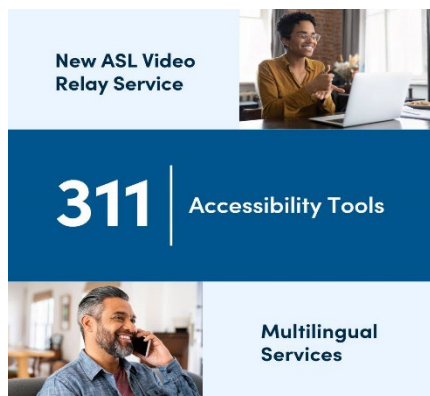
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311 OFFERS MULTILINGUAL AND ACCESSIBLE SUPPORT



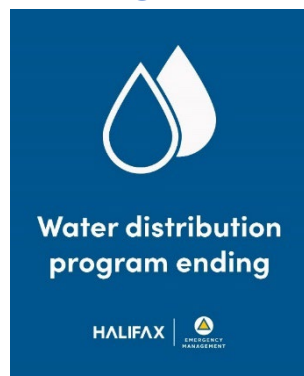
Did you know 311 provides accessible support for municipal services and information over the phone at in-person at our contact centres?

NEW ASL Video Relay Service: Deaf and hard of hearing residents who contact 311 can now request real-time sign language interpretation through SRV Canada VRS.

Multilingual Services: 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](#).

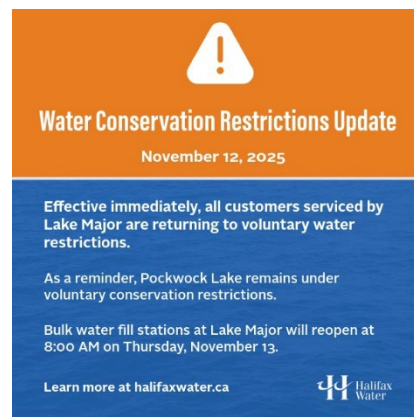
WATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ENDING



Please note that all water distribution will be scaled back to pick-up on Sundays only. Water will no longer be available for pick-up on Wednesdays. There are also some changes to pick-up times to note.

For full details, click [here](#).

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE



Due to the recent precipitation, Halifax Water's source water supply has started to replenish and recover. As a result, Lake Major's levels have increased by 70cm and all

customers serviced by Lake Major returned to voluntary water restrictions.

Halifax Water is cautiously optimistic that water levels are slowly recovering; however, staff continue to monitor water supply levels. The amount of precipitation that occurs over the winter months will ideally provide enough water to fully recharge lakes across the region. Until then, all customers and residents are urged to follow voluntary water conservation measures until further notice.

Effective Thursday, Nov. 13th at 8:00 AM, Halifax Water resumed hydrant flow testing and reopen bulk water fill stations at Lake Major.

Halifax Water would like to thank all the customers who followed the mandatory restrictions over the past two months. Your cooperation has been appreciated and has helped ensure continuity of service for all customers on the system.

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

Visit [here](#) for a full list of ways to conserve water.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS BEGINS



Operation Christmas, an annual province-wide campaign that aims to reduce impaired driving, has begun.

Operation Christmas was kicked off this morning on Citadel Hill,

where law enforcement agencies and public safety partners from across Nova Scotia gathered to speak about the impacts of impaired driving.

Officers then set up checkpoints across 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.

Operation Christmas will continue throughout the month of December with an increased number of roadside checkpoints across Nova Scotia.

JOIN HRP 2027 CADET CLASS



Join the Halifax Regional Municipality as a Cadet with the Training division of Halifax Regional Police. There are full-time student positions available.

The Halifax Police Program teaches the knowledge, skills and discipline needed to serve and protect communities with integrity. Cadets will be trained in law, ethics, communication, defensive tactics and crisis management. Training also emphasizes teamwork, resilience and community engagement. All the tools to prepare you as an Officer who upholds justice, maintains public safety and builds trust with the people you serve.

Apply by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2025.

Learn more [here](#).

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.



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SNOW CLEARING



Snow clearing in our municipality is a big job and if stretched into a straight line, it would reach from Halifax to Winnipeg. Streets and sidewalks are prioritized based on commuter usage and access to key infrastructure. Learn more [here](#).

HRP RELEASE IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

- 24 for impaired driving by alcohol (10 at least twice the legal limit)
- 1 for impaired driving by drugs
- 9 issued suspensions for consuming alcohol before driving

Of the 34 drivers, police received 17 calls from people reporting suspected impaired drivers.

If you suspect someone is driving impaired, call 911 immediately with details, including the vehicle's description and direction of travel.

STREAMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

videos – go to our [website](#) 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](#).

