

COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME JANUARY

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and had a chance to spend some time with friends and family.

As we step into 2026, we will be closely reviewing each municipal business unit's budget over the next few months, developing the 2026/27 operating and capital budgets. There is more information about this process, and how you can provide feedback, in this newsletter.

On Feb. 7, I will be hosting the 2nd Shubie Winterfest at Shubie Park from 4 - 6 p.m. This will be a fun filled event with a bonfire, marshmallows, hot chocolate, mascot dance off, activities, live music and much more. I hope to see you there!

As always, please reach out with any of your municipal questions or concerns. I'm always happy to hear from you!



BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE JANVIER

Bonne année à toutes et tous! J'espère que vous avez passé une merveilleuse période des fêtes et que vous avez eu l'occasion de passer du temps avec vos amis et votre famille.

Alors que nous entamons cette année 2026, nous procéderons à un examen minutieux du budget de chaque unité opérationnelle municipale au cours des prochains mois, dans le cadre de l'élaboration des budgets de fonctionnement et d'immobilisations pour 2026-2027. Vous trouverez plus d'information sur ce processus et sur la façon de nous faire part de vos commentaires dans ce bulletin.

Le 7 février, j'organiserai le 2e festival d'hiver de Shubie, au parc Shubie, de 16 h à 18 h. Ce sera un événement festif et divertissant avec un feu de camp, des guimauves, du chocolat chaud, un concours de danse de mascottes, des activités, de la musique en direct et bien plus encore. J'espère vous y rencontrer!

Comme toujours, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi pour toute question ou préoccupation de nature municipale. C'est toujours un plaisir de vous entendre!



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VOLUNTEER AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the 2026 Volunteer Awards are 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.



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.

Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Thursday Jan. 8, 2026. For more information, click [here](#).

SUBURBAN PLAN

The municipality's suburban communities are changing. The Suburban Plan is an opportunity to talk about community needs and develop a vision for the future.



We want to hear from you! Learn more about the Suburban Plan and how you can get involved [here](#).

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, 2026.



New Year's Day Levee at Halifax City Hall!



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2026 SHUBIE WINTERFEST



Shubie Winterfest is back for another year! I hope you can join us on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Shubie Park. There will be a bonfire, live music, hot chocolate, timbits and donuts, a mascot dance off, activities and so much more. I hope to see you there!

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE LIBRARY KIOSK

Did you know that there is now a Library Kiosk at the East Dartmouth Community Centre?

It's located just inside the main entrance and all you need to borrow books is a library card! It carries a collection of books for all ages, ready for you to borrow, right here in our community!



HRFE APPLICATIONS OPENING

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) will accept applications for career firefighters from Jan. 6 - 20.

Becoming a firefighter with HRFE is serious commitment that requires unwavering dedication and extensive preparation at every stage of the recruitment process.



As a candidate, you will face rigorous evaluations designed to ensure you are physically and mentally prepared to tackle the challenges of this demanding profession. This process will test your resilience and determination, and it is essential to approach every aspect with seriousness and focus.

We seek individuals who demonstrate professionalism and integrity in all areas, as these qualities are crucial not only during training, but also in the field. Your commitment to these standards will set you apart as a candidate ready to serve and protect our community.

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



Great evening bundling produce for the Square Roots Program!



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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

After the holidays, an option for disposing of natural Christmas trees is to place them curbside. They will be picked up on your regular green cart collection day. Remove all plastic, tinsel, ornaments, metal rings, nails, stands and plastic tree bags.



Did you know Natural Christmas Trees can be disposed of curbside and will be picked up on your regular organics green cart collection day?

When disposing of Christmas trees curbside, please make sure to remove the following:

- All Plastic, including plastic tree bags
- Tinsel
- Ornaments
- Metal Rings
- Nails
- Stands

For more on how to manage your waste, download the Halifax Recycles app, or visit halifax.ca/recycleswhere

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Did you know? Some no profit groups actively seek out natural Christmas trees for repurposing, such as for animal feed. Consider this disposal option before putting your tree to the curb.

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It is always great to see the folks at the Army Navy Airforce Club.

RECREATION ACCESS PROGRAM

Effective January 2026, multi-district facilities (MDFs) will be included in the Recreation Access Program. Previously, these facilities operated their own affordable access programs. MDFs now included in the program:

- Canada Games Centre
- Cole Harbour Place
- St. Margarets Centre
- Zatzman Sportsplex



Changes to the Recreation Access Program

Including multi-district facilities

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Are you a member of one of these facilities looking for affordable access? Learn more and apply in 2026 [here](#).

AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

With the Halifax Regional Municipality's Affordable Access Program, you only need one application to apply for:

- Affordable Transit Passes (applications open mid-May and processed on a first-come, first-served basis)
- Recreation programming funding (applications are open year-round with no deadline)
- Property tax payment assistance (deadline of August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill)



To learn more, to see if you qualify, or to apply, call 311 or visit our [website](#).



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HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND DRIVING PROGRESS

The municipality is making strong progress under the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), a federal program that supports faster housing development across Canada.

Since signing its agreement in October 2023, Halifax Regional Municipality has:

- Achieved 77.5 per cent of its three-year housing target and is expected to surpass the goal before October 2026.
- Completed 10 of 11 initiatives outlined in its HAF Action Plan.
- Received \$39 million in funding so far, with another \$19.8 million expected by late December 2025.

The federal program, administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, provides funding to municipalities that remove barriers and accelerate housing supply. The municipality's Action Plan sets a target of 15,467 new housing units over three years, an increase of more than 20 per cent compared to historical growth. This includes adding 2,600 net new units over the life of the project.

The program runs until 2026 and rewards municipalities for meeting critical milestones. HRM's success means more housing options for residents and continued federal investment in the region.

For more information, read the [information report](#).



NEW REC PROGRAM PROPOSAL PROCESS

Looking for ways to share your talents and skills with your community?

Recreation is now accepting applications for new program ideas from residents interested in leading their proposed classes.



Proposals are accepted year-round and reviewed regularly.

Learn more and [apply 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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HRM BUDGET 2026/27 KEY DATES

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of key dates for the 2026/27 municipal budget process.

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

There are several key dates in the annual municipal budget process. Residents will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Budget Committee during the budget process. During each week of meetings, time will be set aside for the public to provide comments and feedback.

Below are the key dates for the 2026/27 municipal budget process:

Jan. 27: Special evening public participation session (6 p.m., following Regional Council)

Jan. 28 & 30: Capital Plan Recommendation (Reserve Withdrawals, Multi-Year Projects)

Feb. 4-6: Operations Budget Presentations

- Major Projects Office
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning & Development
- Public Works
- Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning
- Halifax Transit
- Property, Fleet & Environment

Feb. 11-13: Public Safety Budget Presentations

- Community Safety
- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency
- Halifax Regional Police
- RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment

Feb. 18-19: Corporate Services & Other Budget Presentations

- CAO's Office
- Finance & Asset Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Legal Services
- Auditor General
- Halifax Public Library
- Fiscal Services
- Mayor's Office

March 4 & 6: Budget Adjustment List debate

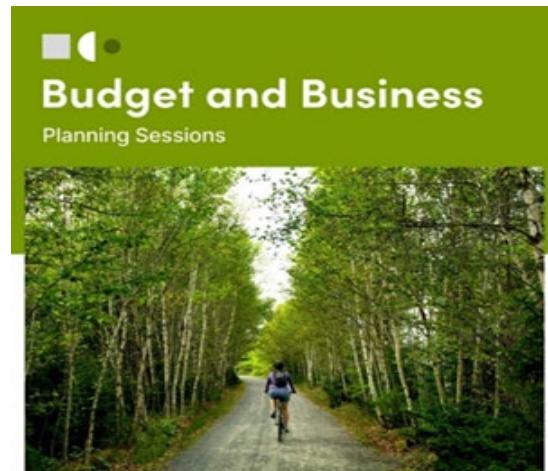
March 31: 2026/27 Municipal Budget and Business Plan approval

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Residents will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Budget Committee during the process. Pre-registration is required by 4:30 p.m. on the business day prior to the meeting. Virtual participation will also be available.

For meeting details and agendas, visit halifax.ca/city-hall.

For more information on the 2026/27 municipal budget process, visit halifax.ca/budget.





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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](#).

SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM PAUSE

The shared micromobility pilot program paused for the winter season on Monday, Dec. 15.

Bird Canada e-scooters and e-bikes will be removed from service until spring 2026.

Keep an eye out for updates on their return in spring 2026. More details can be found [here](#).



Chatting with Fire Captain Michael Sears

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE - IMPAIRED DRIVING STATS

(November 2025)



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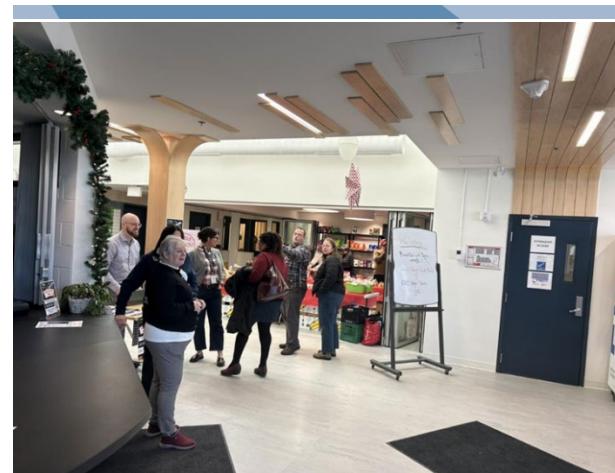
DRIVING SUSPENSIONS

CHARGES LAID FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING

REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC WHO SUSPECTED IMPAIRED DRIVING

Don't drive impaired. Let's keep our roads safe. Report suspected impaired driving by calling 911.

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Grand Re-Opening of the East Dartmouth Community Centre



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SCAN: SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT

Are you worried about illegal drugs, alcohol, prostitution, or gaming in your building or on your street? The *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* (SCAN) gives you a way to report your concerns and take back your neighbourhood.

SCAN improves community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land that are regularly used for illegal activities.

SCAN gives citizens the tools to report problem residences and businesses, and gives authorities the power to investigate and take action. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities regularly taking place on their property.

If you want to report a problem property or have any questions regarding SCAN, please call toll free at 1-877-357-2337. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If calling after hours, you can leave a message and someone will return your call.

If you are reporting a problem property, you may also want to notify your local police agency. **If you have an emergency, dial 911.**

Remember - It's Your Neighbourhood. Your call.

Learn more [here](#).



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

Starting Dec. 1, Nova Scotia transitioned 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](#) or on our [website](#).

Get ready, Nova Scotia

Starting December 1, 2025, you'll be able to recycle the same materials no matter where you live.

Now accepted in your recycling bags:

- Paper plates
- Deodorant & toothpaste tubes
- Frozen juice containers
- Coffee cups
- Ice cream tubs

Now accepted at participating drop-off locations:

- Flexible plastics
- Foam packaging
- Aerosol containers



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





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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meeting scheduled for January. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- Jan. 13
- Jan. 27

Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings – including committees [here](#). Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM's [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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.

We also acknowledge the histories and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities that have been here for more than 400 years.

The Acadians founded the first permanent settlement in North America on this land that would later become Nova Scotia. The Acadian people have contributed to the economic, cultural and social vitality of our province for more than 400 years. We recognize that the identity of the Acadian people is defined by its history, its language, its culture, its customs.

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Currently serving on:
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Regional Centre Community Council
Board of Police Commissioners
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee