



# **NOTICE TO VACATE/LEAVE AND TO REMOVE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TEMPORARY SHELTER UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PARKS BY-LAW AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY ACT**

This Notice is to advise that the erection or placing in a park of anything for the purpose of temporary or permanent accommodation is prohibited under Halifax Regional Municipality By-Law P-600, the *Municipal Parks By-Law* unless otherwise posted or permitted.

Also be advised that in accordance with the *Protection of Property Act* the owner of any premises can direct any person entering or present on premises, which includes Municipal Parks, to vacate those premises.

Halifax Regional Municipality as the owner of Municipal Parks, and in accordance with the *Municipal Parks By-Law* and the *Protection of Property Act*, hereby directs any person having erected or placed anything in a Municipal Park for the purpose of temporary or permanent accommodation, to remove that temporary shelter, including tents, and all personal belongings from any Municipal Park.

This Notice serves as official notification to those persons having a temporary or permanent accommodation in a Municipal Park and any other person hereby having notice of this direction, that they must vacate any temporary shelters, including tents, and remove the same together with all personal belongings.

Failure to act in accordance with this Notice is an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding ten thousand dollars under the *Municipal Parks By-Law* and/or a fine of not more than five hundred dollars under the provisions of the *Protection of Property Act*. R.S.N.S., c. 363, s. 1.

Failure to remove any temporary or permanent accommodation from any Municipal Park following this direction from the Halifax Regional Municipality as owner, is an offence under the *Protection of Property Act* for which any person can be arrested by a peace officer and removed from the property.

Street Outreach Navigators and housing support workers will continue to directly engage with occupants of temporary or permanent shelters to offer resources and support – including a range of housing options and/or temporary accommodation.

By authority of the Halifax Regional Municipality