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 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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Happy Mother's Day! I love the quote: *"The most precious jewels you will ever have around your neck are the arms of*

your children." I am blessed to be a mother and wish all Moms a safe and happy gathering, albeit a virtual gathering, with the ones most precious to you. Check the [Public Health Authority's](#) website for guidelines/restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021/22 municipal capital and operating budgets are close to being approved with a tax rate increase of only 1%! My Council colleagues and I worked diligently to adhere to our stewardship of fiscal responsibility while maintaining the programs and services that best serve you, the taxpayer.

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Virtual meetings of Halifax Regional Council, Budget Committee and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

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

HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On April 13th & 14th, the Halifax & West Community Council considered the following:

Case 23274: Secondary and Backyard Suites – Housekeeping Amendments. A public hearing was held and closed on the proposed amendments. Housekeeping amendments approved by the Halifax & West Community Council (HWCC).

For more information on the Halifax & West Community Council and how to view the meetings, click [here](#).

COVID-19



As we enter another lock-down period, please follow the [Public Health Authority](#) guidelines and restrictions to keep you and your loved ones safe. Remaining strong together will help get this pandemic under control and enable us to open our border to friends, family and tourists once again.

COVID-19 VACCINE – CHECK!

I went in for my coronavirus vaccine! Got it right here at the Guardian Pharmacy in Timberlea. Here is a little three-photo story of the process:





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I know we are living through challenging times, but I have watched us continually persevere. I try to look at the bright side: we have vaccines and people are getting them. For those who are eligible to get a vaccine and got one or booked an appointment, congratulations to you! We will get through this together.

BUDGET 2021/22



We did it – we have finalized the 2021/22 municipal Operating and Capital budgets! My Council colleagues and I did the best we could in keeping the [tax rate](#) down for this fiscal year.

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We reduced the tax rate increase from 1.9% down to 1% for residential and commercial properties while maintaining the municipal programs and services on which you depend.

We will see the return of weekly [green bin collection](#) this season, however; blue bag collection will be reduced to every two weeks. We were also able to increase the amount allocated to [Traffic Calming measures](#) to help make our streets safer.

Click [here](#) for more information on the 2021/22 budget.

AFRICVILLE VISIONING PROCESS

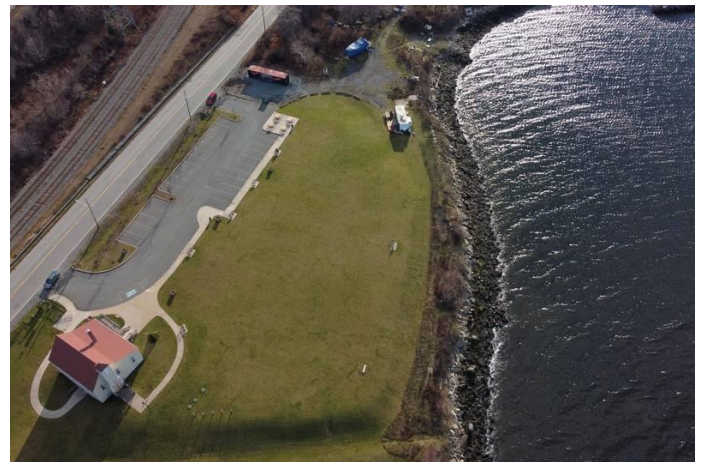


Photo courtesy of Eric Wynne, Chronicle-Herald

On April 7th, Regional Council approved a motion for a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process to create an Africville Visioning Process to include:

1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM and community partners/organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.
2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government



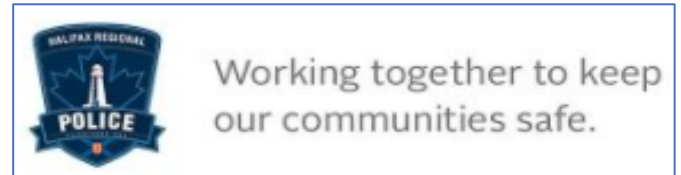
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whose interest could potentially impact Africville lands and/or Africville descendants to determine how they can support the Africville Visioning Process and its outcomes.

3. Reviewing the 2010 Africville Agreement to determine which commitments have been met, where further action is required, and whether these past commitments address the current desires of the community
4. Identifying all municipal led or partnered projects and initiatives that have a direct impact on the lands at Africville, lands surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect they will have on the Africville lands.
5. Developing a comprehensive, co-facilitated public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville focused organizations, and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process.
6. Re-visiting the 2003 Bayne Street Master Plan, and work with partners to collaborate to reimagine the Master Plan that would include land specifically dedicated to descendants of Africville and/or uses that would be supported by descendants, community members or organizations who broadly represent the interest of Africville descendants
7. Examine the possibility of using the Africville Visioning Process to address the ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.

POLICE VISIONING PROCESS



On April 6th, Regional Council passed a motion requesting a staff report on an independent review of the current model of delivering policing services in Halifax Regional Municipality. The review is to provide an evaluation of and, make recommendations with respect to the effectiveness along with community safety standards of the current division of policing responsibilities in HRM between the Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP in their capacity as Nova Scotia Provincial Police.

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RCMP WARNS AGAINST STREET RACING



I want to share this important message with you from the RCMP. With the nicer weather upon us, street racers are once again gathering on Otter Lake Drive in Timberlea. During the evening of Sunday, April 11th, Halifax District RCMP

attended Otter Lake Drive to proactively deter this activity. Over 100 vehicles came into the area and left once they saw the police presence.



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RCMP are reminding the public that street racing and stunting are illegal. Drivers can and will be charged under the *Motor Vehicle Act*. The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50.

Road safety is a priority for the RCMP, and they ask that drivers make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267).

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT



On April 6th, Regional Council gave second reading to proposed [By-Law S-612](#). The goals of the proposed amendments to By-law S-600 are to:

1. Place the municipality in a leadership role to address an issue of concern for residents and businesses;
2. Reduce the burden on victims by holding more offenders accountable to remedy/clean-up; (**reverse onus***)
3. Heighten the profile of enforcement activities to deter future violations/activity.

***Reverse onus** refers to when a name or address of a person is found in waste illegally dumped, that person is deemed to be the generator and owner of the waste. The burden of proof rests with the generator to prove they did not cause the illegal dumping occurrence. While reverse onus does not replace the need for sufficient evidence to be gathered, it can assist in identifying the person responsible.

Total complaints received:
2018 = 224
2019 = 156
2020 = 97

Staff believe the reduction in complaints for 2020 is in relation to more residents being at home due to the pandemic which hindered others from dumping garbage on their property.



GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-UP

Register today and join thousands of Nova Scotians in the province's largest volunteer-driven community litter clean-up program. Since the program started in 1988, supplies and support have been provided at no cost to participants.

When you complete a cleanup the province benefits in many ways: instantly the appearance



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of our communities improves, the environment is aided, and tourism is strengthened.

There are [contests and prizes](#) for the 2021 season! Everyone who registers for a clean-up is automatically entered to win the [Staycation prize](#). Register today, you will not regret it!



HAPPY VICTORIA DAY – MAY 24TH!



Victoria Day (French: Fête de la Reine) is a federal Canadian statutory holiday observed on the Monday before May 25th each year. Nova Scotia is the only province or territory not to designate the day as a statutory holiday, though many employers will give staff the day off and schools are closed.

Victoria Day is Canada's oldest non-religious holiday. It marks the birthday of Queen Victoria (1837-1901). Following the death of Queen

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Victoria, May 24th was decreed as Empire Day across the British Empire. Today, Canada is the only country that still has a holiday on the day.

For many Canadians, Victoria Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer, with many people opening their summer cabins. It is the first holiday to take place in the warmer summer months.

SPLASH PAD FOR BLT COMMUNITY CENTRE



Enthusiasm is running high now that a splash pad has been confirmed for the new community centre planned for Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea (BLT). We are still in the planning stages and working on the details, so I do not have specific information on the splash pad at this point.

The new community centre will be located where the current Lakeside Community Centre is now. We are still on track for a 2024 opening of new centre.

In response to your questions and comments on having a swimming pool as part of the new community centre, I spoke to our Planning and Development staff about the possibility.



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Unfortunately, the cost would be more than HRM could afford without considering a large increase in the tax rate. Staff estimate the cost as follows:

- \$10 to \$15 million to construct
- \$200,000 annual operating costs (maintenance)
- \$171,072 annually staffing costs - including two mandatory lifeguards

Hopefully, at some future date, we will be able to add additional amenities for the benefit of our communities.

RURAL RECREATION STRATEGY SURVEY



The purpose of the Rural Recreation Strategy is to provide analysis on future needs for parks and recreation services in the rural areas of the municipality. Your responses will help guide the municipality in determining effective ways of providing recreational and park opportunities.

For the purposes of this survey, the municipality defines “rural” as those areas outside the [urban transit boundary](#). These areas include the Musquodoboit Valley Region, Peggys Cove, Eastern Shore Region, St. Margarets

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Bay, Upper Sackville and Sambro. The deadline for completing this survey is Sunday, May 23, 2021.

TRAFFIC CALMING



Wondering how to have your street assessed for [traffic calming measures](#) such as speed

humps? Simply call 311 and ask to have your street added to the list for consideration. Check our municipal website to review the current list of all streets assessed and those approved for implementation.

The following are streets approved in District 12 and their ranking on the list of 255 streets approved for future implementation:

- Farnham Gate Road (Dunbrack to Parkland) – *to be completed in 2021.*
- Beech Tree Run (States Lane (W) to St. Margaret's Bay Road) **#9**
- Sheppards Run (Beech Tree Run to St. Margaret's Bay Road) **#75**
- North Green Road (St Margarets Bay Road Governors Lake Drive (W)) **#133**
- States Lane (Beech Tree Run to Beech Tree Run) **#209**
- Turnmill Drive (Radcliffe Drive to Langbrae Drive) **#217**
- Stratford Way (Lacewood Drive to Radcliffe Drive) **#219**
- Charles Road (James Street to Forestglen Drive) **#226**
- Chelton Woods Lane (Farnham Gate Road to Langbrae Drive) **#228**



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- Danforth Road (Theakston Avenue to Katrina Crescent) **#246**
- Broadholme Lane (Wedgewood Avenue to Wilson Boulevard) **#254**

ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS - DISTRICT 12

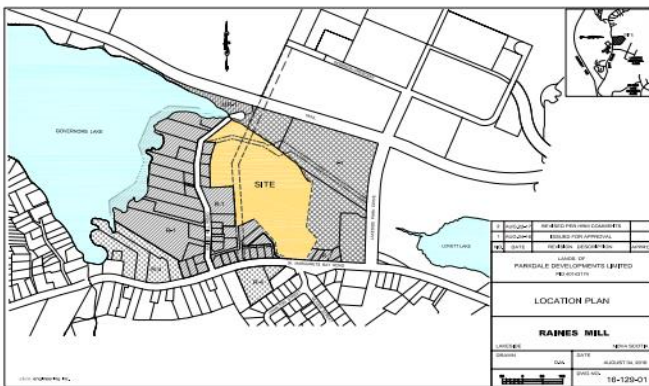
Here are the active planning applications for District 12. You can find more applications on the [municipal website](#) for all districts.

Case 20226 - Beechville Planning Strategy Review & Community Benefit Action Plan

A Planning Strategy Review and Community Benefit Action Plan for the Beechville Community.

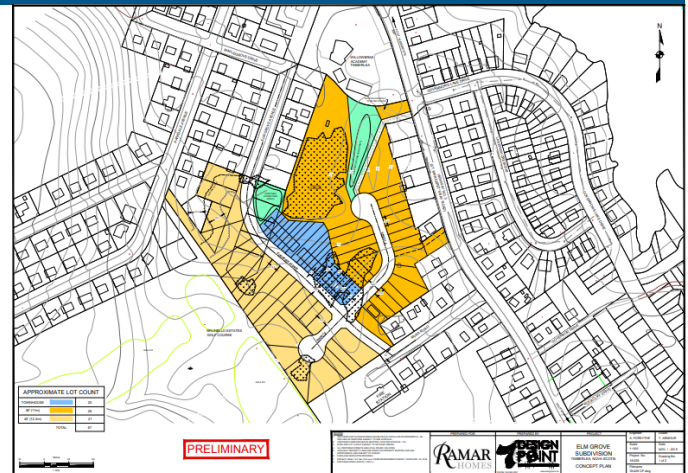
Case 20795 - Raines Mill Road, Lakeside

Case 20795 - Application by Sunrose Land Use Consulting to re-zone and enter into a development agreement on lands partially fronting Raines Mill Road, Lakeside.



Case 22396 - Lands off Elm Grove Avenue, Timberlea

Application by Zwicker Zareski Architecture and Planning requesting to rezone and enter into a development agreement for lands off Elm Grove Avenue, Timberlea. **A virtual public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.**

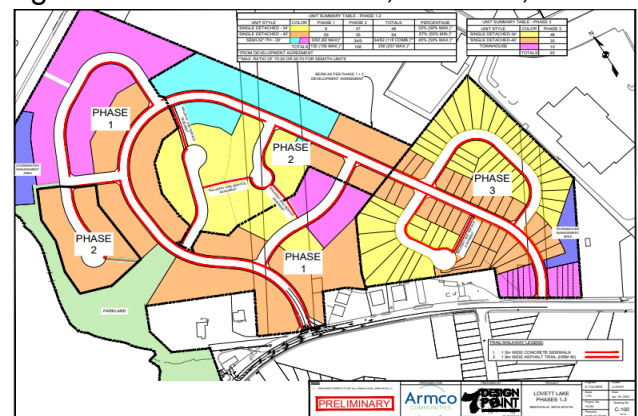


Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by: [e-mail](#); fax to 902-490-4208; or mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office not later than 3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021. Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The virtual public hearing will be webcast and may be viewed [online](#). **Individuals seeking to speak at the hearing may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2021 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.**

Case 22879 - Lovett Lake, Beechville

Application by ZZap Consulting Inc., on behalf of Armco Capital Inc., requesting substantive amendments to the existing development agreement for Lovett Lake, Phase 3, Beechville.





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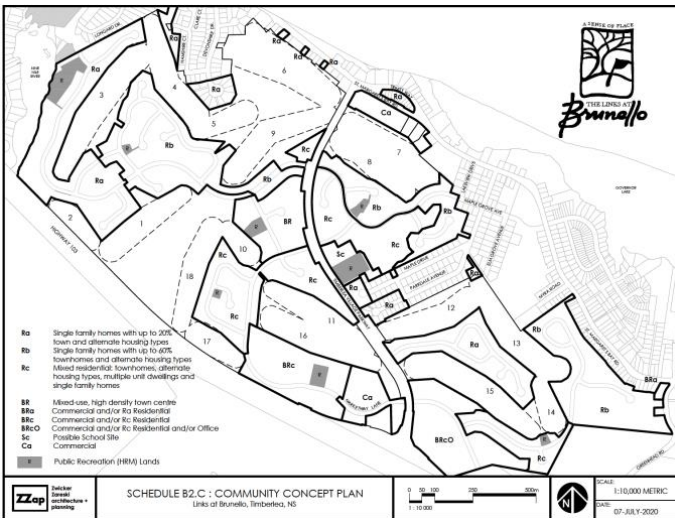
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Case 22898 - Timberlea Village Parkway, Timberlea

Application by Canadian International Capital Inc. requesting non-substantive amendments to an existing development agreement (Links at Brunello) on portions of PID 41404567, Timberlea.

Case 23016 - Residential Development at The Links at Brunello Golf Course, Timberlea

Application by ZZap Consulting Inc. to amend an existing Development Agreement alongside holes 1, 2, 9, and 16 of the Links At Brunello Golf Course.



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

