

WELCOME JULY!

The 2020/21 budget has passed and included in this month’s newsletter is information on capital projects planned for District 9 and the list of streets being considered for traffic calming measures. There are also updates on HRM’s recreation services, summer green cart collection, Halifax Transit, slow streets, 2021 HRP Cadet Recruitment and much more!

Now that we have successfully flattened the COVID-19 curve, more restrictions are being lifted that will enable us to enjoy our summer months with family and friends in favorite locations including beaches, parks, trails and playgrounds! Stay vigilant and protect yourselves and others from the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask when in crowds, continuing to social distance with frequent handwashing.

I look forward to chatting with you in person at a Community Drop-In session at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre as soon as public health permits.

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HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Check the [Halifax – Dartmouth Canada Day 2020](https://www.halifax.ca/canaday2020) website for information on what is happening this Canada Day!

Enjoy the virtual concert with the talent of: Joel Plaskett, Reeny Smith, Jah'Mila, Mo Kenney, Owen O Sound Lee, Ben Caplan and Classified.



JULY MEETINGS

All meetings have been cancelled or changed to virtual meetings for the month of July in the interest of public health.

Virtual Halifax Regional Council sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Click the [video link on the meeting agenda](#) to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.

OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING



The Adventure Earth Centre (68 Parkhill Road) will be leading several activities in various locations throughout the municipality in July and August.

These programs are free of charge, but pre-registration may be required for some activities to help manage the number of participants. Activities include Try It: Fishing, Family Yoga, Compass Fun and Earth Adventures trail activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities.

Registration began on June 23rd at 9 a.m. on [halifax.ca/myREC](https://www.halifax.ca/myREC).

REC VAN



The [REC Van](#) visits parks and greenspaces annually throughout the municipality in July and



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August providing free recreational sports and activities to children, youth, families and seniors.

The van is stocked with equipment for a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, baseball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, music and more.

This year, the program is being expanded with two vans that will begin operating on July 6. For more information, including the schedule, visit halifax.ca/recvan.

2020/21 CAPITAL PROJECTS DISTRICT 9

The following work is planned to be completed during this construction season (weather permitting):

Street Recapitalization

Berlin St. – Connaught to Dublin (Connaught to Oxford, District 9 Limits)
Cook Ave. – Romans to Heinish
Heinish Ave. – Cook to Vaughan
Melville Ave. – Winchester to End
Romans Ave. – Bayers to Federal (2019 Carryover, Halifax Water Project)
Vaughan Ave. – Romans to Heinish
Ward Ave. – Heinish to End

Asphalt Overlays

Fenwood Rd. – St Margaret’s Bay to Bermuda

Microsurfacing

Joseph Howe Dr. – Ramp FVO DV-K (Bedford Hwy) to Armdale Rotary

Planer Patching

Chebucto Rd. – Mumford to North
MacDonald St. – Quinpool to Chebucto

Crack Sealing

Almon St. – Oxford to Connaught
Connaught Ave. (N) – Jubilee to Chebucto
Joseph Howe Dr. – Hwy 102 PCC Ramp to Armdale Rotary (Micro Preparation)
McAlpine Ave. – Federal to Chisholm
Oxford St. – Bayers to Almon
Pepperell St. – Vernon to Beech

Sidewalk Renewals

Berlin St. – Oxford to Connolly (S)
Berlin St. – Swaine to Connolly (S)
Quarry Rd. – St. Margaret’s Bay to Edgehill (E) (2019 Carryover)

Active Transportation

Allan St./Oak St. – Local Street Bikeway (2019 Partial Carryover)
Dunbrack Greenway – Chain of Lakes
Greenway to Walter Havill

Retaining Walls

2981 Purcell’s Cove Rd.
Quarry Rd. – St Margaret’s to Edgehill

Guiderails

Quarry Rd. – St Margaret’s to Edgehill

TRAFFIC CALMING FOR SAFER STREETS



Studies have shown that physical measures such as speed humps or traffic circles are more effective in changing driver behaviour than simply reducing speed limits. As of May 8,



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2020, there are 218 approved streets on the list for traffic calming. On average, 10 to 15 streets are done per year with efforts to ensure streets from each district are included. To obtain future updates, view the [current assessment information](#) on the municipal website.

The following table shows the ranking for the 25 streets in District 9 currently in the system.

Street	Start / End	Ranking out of 218
Chisholm	Connaught to St. Andrews	42
Bridgeview	Towervie to Colindale	51
Jubilee	Pryor to CN Bridge	66
Withrod	Fairview to Mayo	79
Walter Havill	Stone Gate to Osborne	87
Brook	Crown to White Glove	95
Punch Bowl	All	100
Romans	Isner to Aikens	101
Glenora	Crestview to Bridgeview	102
Ridge Valley	Cowie Hill to Highfield	106
Doull	Milsom to Brook	118
Inverness	Purcells Cove to End	125
Crown	Fenerty to St. Margaret's	134
Clovis	Circle to Williams Lk.	152
Highfield	Ridge Valley to Herring Cove Rd.	153
Downs	Brook to Winter	162
Downs	Winter to Milsom	170
Kelly	Osborne to Alton	172
Ashburn	Mumford to Bayers	173
Newton	Chebucto to Quinpool	175
MicMac	Chisholm to Bayers	180
Seaforth	Connolly to Oxford	181

Ridge Valley	Highfield to Drummondal	183
Westmount	Chebucto to Flinn	200
Connolly	Almon to Bayers	201
Beech	Quinpool to Chebucto	204
Ralston	at Abbott	214

SLOW STREETS



The "Slow Streets" designation means the streets will be open to local traffic only, to reduce vehicle volumes and to create a space for residents to walk, roll and cycle while adhering to physical distancing guidelines. Only those motorists who **live**, are **visiting**, or are **accessing a business on these streets** are considered local traffic.

Since the need for physical distancing will remain in place for the foreseeable future, and as transportation patterns evolve during the recovery phase, we are actively engaged in planning **temporary** measures such as "slow streets" that can be deployed quickly, while also considering what will be needed over the



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coming months in response to Public Health directives.

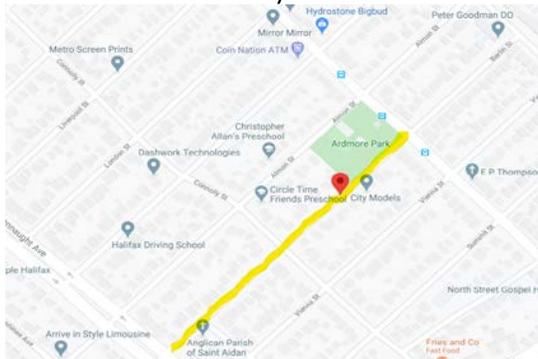
Visit the [Shape Your City Halifax project page](#) to share your suggestions on where additional actions would help residents move safely. The feedback will be valuable in helping municipal staff determine the next steps for making temporary changes to streets as a result of COVID-19. As public health restrictions and recommendations change throughout the recovery phases, the municipality will continue to modify adaptations to the use of its streets, sidewalks and bike lanes.

ROAD CLOSURE – BERLIN STREET

Berlin Street, from Connaught Avenue to Oxford Street, will be closed until Tuesday, August 4th for road construction.

Crews will be on site from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. A marked detour will be in place while work is underway.

Motorists should expect delays in the area and are asked to take alternative routes whenever possible. Your patience is appreciated while this work is underway.



SUMMER GREEN CART COLLECTION



One of the unfortunate cuts to the 2020/21 budget was the weekly summer green cart collection

program (suspended for this season) due to the economic impact of COVID-19. It was a difficult decision following intense discussions at Council trying to find a way to keep this service.

With warmer weather approaching, here are some tips on how to care for and reduce odours from green carts:

- Place wet food waste in boxboard, or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Line mini-bin & cart with a paper bag
- Empty mini-bin daily and place in the green cart for collection
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day
- Store the green cart in a ventilated, shady location

Free webinars, *All About Green Carts*, are being offered until September through Microsoft Teams. Click the video link to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting “join anonymously” at:

www.halifax.ca/3rsonline.



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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP – LITTER COLLECTION



The Great NS Pick Me Up (PMU) officially launched on June 15th. The following is information on supplies for Clean-up Teams and disposal/collection of litter collected.

SUPPLIES – Garbage and blue bags

Since HRM Customer Service Storefronts are closed due to COVID-19 measures, supplies cannot be picked-up by volunteers as they have in the past.

- HRM's Solid Waste staff will arrange a contactless doorstep delivery, or delivery through Canada Post.
- Contact wasteless@halifax.ca two weeks in advance of the event. Any requests made on short notice may not be able to be fulfilled.
- Kits will include a supply of clear garbage bags and blue recycling bags.
- Since nitrile gloves are not widely available, volunteers are encouraged to wear garden or work gloves.

DISPOSAL/COLLECTION

In past years, HRM's Solid Waste staff would readily arrange collection through Road Operations, however with the decrease in

seasonal and student staff this year, we encourage curbside collection.

Collection with household waste - PREFERRED

Garbage (clear bags) and recyclables (blue bags) should be disposed by dividing among participants and placing it curbside on your regular collection day/week. This material will count towards the limit of six garbage bags per single unit household. There is no limit for recyclables. One bulky item is permitted. All curbside sorting rules apply i.e. no tires or hazardous waste permitted.

Drop off at the Otter Lake Facility:

Team coordinators can contact Halifax Solid Waste (wasteless@halifax.ca) (**one to two weeks preferred**) prior to their event to arrange drop-off directly to the Otter Lake Facility where tipping fees will be waived.

- Waived fees are for bagged litter from community clean-ups only. We do not accept tires, construction & renovation waste or debris from illegal dumpsites.

Teams will be asked to provide the following information:

- Team coordinator's name, phone number, and email
- Location of your clean-up
- Date of your clean-up
- Estimated number of bags to be delivered
- Description of the vehicle that will be making the delivery
 - License plate number
- Time expected for delivery

Collection by HRM staff

If either of the above options are not possible:



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- Team coordinators can call 311 to submit a request through our regular Community Clean-up process.
- They may be asked to move the material collected to a secure location to ensure it is not disturbed prior to collection as it may take Road Operations Crew (ROC) an extra day or so to service the site.
- The team coordinator will be contacted by a ROC in advance of the event to confirm details.

If you have questions, please call 311.

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2021 CADET RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN



Halifax Regional Police (HRP) have launched the 2021 Cadet Recruitment Campaign: **Yes, YOU!**

The goal is to recruit 24 cadets who reflect and appreciate diversity in experiences, perspectives, beliefs, opinions, genders, gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations, ages, faiths and races. This recruitment is for continued succession

planning and to manage vacancies, not to “add” officer positions.

Applications open Monday, July 6th, 2020.

As part of the campaign, HRP is encouraging people from diverse backgrounds to apply, including those who may not immediately see themselves as a police officer.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Dan Kinsella commented that: *“The current discussions on policing underpin the importance of trust, accountability and diversity in policing. As part of our next class, we look forward to training and preparing the next generation of police officers who bring a variety of different life experiences and perspectives to help move policing forward.”*

Successful applicants will become cadets in a 38-week police training program designed and delivered by HRP. The program will be based at the Halifax Regional Police Training School in Dartmouth, which is a recognized private career college by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

HRP recruitment team members will be hosting virtual information sessions available via email and will be monitoring Instagram and Twitter (both can be found at @JoinHRP) to answer questions and provide more information on the application process.

Further information on cadet recruitment is available at: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/work-halifax-regional-police/halifax-regional-police-cadet-recruitment>.



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ENDANGERED SPECIES



These are Lady Slippers (*Cypripedium arietinum*). It is illegal to pick or transplant Lady Slippers as they are an endangered species (*facing imminent extirpation or extinction*).

For more information on endangered species check the provincial

Lands & Forestry website for a full list of species at risk. The species listed are legally protected under the [NS Endangered Species Act](#). The species are assessed each year and the act is updated annually.

Ram's-Head Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*) - Endangered (2007)



Ram's-head Lady Slipper is a small, herbaceous, perennial orchid of open forests. In Nova Scotia, this orchid is associated with gypsum bedrock and it is found only at six locations with only two to 500 individuals at each site. The species is at some level of risk over much of its range in Canada and Northeastern United States. Although numbers in the province appear stable at present, over the past 75 years, there has been considerable loss of habitat due to gypsum mining and other types of land conversion. Demonstrated threats to this species include: gypsum mining, forestry and cattle grazing. Competition with exotic species, housing developments and ATV traffic are potential local threats.

Photo by Mark Elderkin

HalifACT 2050



On June 23rd, Regional Council passed the motion to accept and support the [HalifACT 2050](#) proposal.

The report outlines the actions required as follows: *"Responding to a changing climate is an urgent global crisis that requires immediate action with a steep decline in greenhouse gas emissions in the next ten years. We must prepare for the worst-case climate scenario and strive for accelerated emissions reductions across all sectors. Although this plan requires significant investment, the long-term financial return is larger than the upfront costs. In addition to the financial benefits, the implementation of this plan will lead to a healthier, more equitable and resilient community."*

As immediate action is critical to a successful outcome, acting initially on the following seven key areas is paramount.

1. *Retrofit and renewable energy programming*
2. *Retrofit municipal buildings to be net-zero ready and climate resilient*
3. *Electrification of transportation*
4. *Net-zero standards for new buildings*
5. *Risk and vulnerability assessments*
6. *Capacity building for climate adaptation*



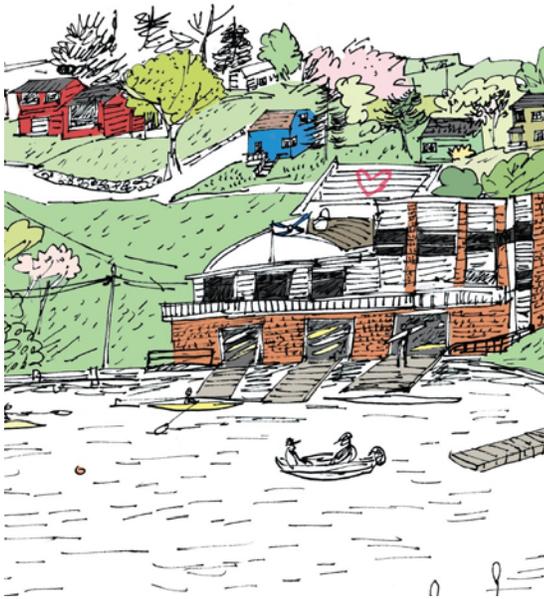
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7. Sustainable financing strategy

In order to succeed in these areas, and to achieve the targets set out in HalifACT 2050, the Municipality must prioritize climate action across all Business Units.

HalifACT 2050 ACTING ON CLIMATE TOGETHER



HalifACT 2050 IS A LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HALIFAX FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

- ✓ SAVE MONEY
- ✓ PREVENT LOSS
- ✓ CUT EMISSIONS
- ✓ STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IS LEADING THE PLAN, BUT WE ALL MUST ACT.

LEARN HOW: [HALIFAX.CA/CLIMATE](https://www.halifax.ca/climate)

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REZONING WILLIAMS LAKE LANDS



On June 17th I put forward a motion at Halifax and West Community Council (HWCC) requesting a staff report on rezoning all portions of PIDs 00271585, 00323139, 00323147 on and near Williams Lake to Urban Reserve.

This action is being taken to recognize how inappropriate development is for this area. A large portion of one property is currently zoned urban reserve. Given the location on Williams Lake and the proximity to the newly created municipal Shaw Wilderness Park, the development of these lands puts at risk the substantial investment that Halifax and the Nature Conservancy of Canada recently made in creating a sustainable recreation facility. It also puts the water quality in Williams Lake at greater risk, which would further degrade the recreational value and biodiversity of Williams Lake and the Shaw Wilderness Park, as demonstrated in the Green Network Plan.

A staff report that assesses the rezoning to Urban Reserve for all portions of these properties is expected at a future HWCC meeting.



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COVID-19 UPDATES



As of Monday, June 22nd, Halifax Transit has increased bus service as the province moves through its recovery phases from COVID-19.

Regular weekday service: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9A/B, 14, 21, 28, 29, 39, 51, 53, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 68, 72, 84, 85, 87, 123, 135, 136, 185, 401, 415, 433

Saturday schedules on weekdays (Monday-Friday): 7, 10, 22, 25, 30A/B, 54, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 82, 83, 86, 88, 90, 91, 320

No service: 5, 11, 32, 41, 78, 79, 93, 137, 138, 159, 182, 183, 186, 194, 196

Additional trips: 330, 370

Fare collection remains suspended until further notice.

Installation of temporary polycarbonate shields has begun on conventional buses, to help reduce the spread of the virus. The shields will be installed next to the bus operators and will act as a physical barrier to promote safe distancing. The shields have been designed to meet the unique requirements of each style of Halifax Transit bus. The installation process is expected to take a few weeks to complete.

We strongly encourage you to wear a mask as physically distancing can be difficult on buses.

For full details, visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/coronavirus>

Parks & Recreation

Fitness Centres



Captain William Spry Centre

Following safety measures provided by public health, **fitness centres** at the following municipal facilities will open on Monday, July 6th, 2020:

- Captain William Spry Community Centre
- Sackville Sports Stadium
- Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre

These locations were approved to open as they are the largest municipally-operated fitness facilities. All other fitness centres will remain closed until further notice, and members of those facilities are being given access to the three reopened centres listed above.



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Access to the fitness centre or attendance to a fitness class will be available by appointment only. Appointments may be booked over the phone or online through halifax.ca/myREC

Please visit halifax.ca/myREC or contact the centres directly for more details. Please note that phone lines are closed until July 4th.

Municipal partner recreation facilities (i.e. Canada Games Centre, Cole Harbour Place, Halifax Forum, St. Margaret's Centre, RBC Centre, Zatzman Sportsplex, etc.) are beginning to reopen to clients over the coming weeks. Please contact each facility directly for information about their opening dates and new procedures.

Beaches, Pools and Splashpads



Westmount splashpad

Lifeguards will be stationed at municipal beaches July 6th to August 31st. Residents are reminded to always use caution when in or on the water. For more information, visit halifax.ca/summeraquatics.

The following splashpads reopened on Monday, June 29th:

- Halifax Common
- Sackville (Kinsmen)
- George Dixon Centre
- Isleville Street
- Westmount
- Due to construction in the area, the Bayers-Westwood splashpad is anticipated to open in mid-July.

Although the province eased restrictions regarding pools on June 26th, at this time all municipal pools will remain closed until further notice. Staff are reviewing the new guidelines and establishing a phased plan for reopening.

Emera Oval



Public washrooms and first aid at the [Emera Oval pavilion](#) will be opening on Monday, July 6th from: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and noon to 9:00 p.m. on weekends.

Rentals will not be available until further notice. Residents are welcome to use the Emera Oval with their own cycling/roller blading equipment.



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Partnership
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership



Cunard Beach



Floating Wheelchair at Chocolate Lake Beach