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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

WELCOME MAY!



Happy Mother's Day to all Moms! Our Moms help form the person we become and for that I am grateful to my Mom,

for the love and support she has given me over the years, and to my wife, Michelle, for helping me raise two wonderful kids that we are very proud to see become caring, responsible, independent young adults.

May is also the month when my Council colleagues and I will finalize the 2021/22 capital and operating budgets. Our goal is to keep the residential and commercial property tax rate at an increase no higher than 1% for the average tax bill while maintaining municipal programs and services we rely upon. Keep reading for updates on important projects throughout HRM.

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MAY VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Virtual Budget Committee, Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Budget Committee:

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

Regional Council:

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

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

Halifax & West Community Council:

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

Regional Centre Community Council:

Tuesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

COVID-19



wash your hands!

Please check the [Public Health Authority](#) website for updates on COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions.

Wear a mask, practice social distancing and

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK MAY 1st to 7th



National Youth Week

National Youth Week takes place every year May 1 – 7 and is dedicated to the celebration of youth and their active participation in their communities. Whether it is recreation, drama, sport, dance, civic engagement, art, volunteerism or leadership, young people are regularly engaged in meaningful activities during their discretionary time.

All events require [registration](#) and will be held virtually. Topics range from banking 101, webpage creation, youth resume building, yoga, composting and taking action for nature conservation plus much more!

DID YOU KNOW.....

Monday, May 3rd is [Music Monday](#).

Since 2005, The Coalition for Music Education has hosted Music Monday to raise awareness of the importance for equitable access to music education for all students across Canada. The Coalition's mission is to:

To raise the awareness and understanding of the role that music education plays in Canadian culture, and to promote the benefits that music education brings to young people.



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The 2021 Music Monday anthem is “Hymn of Freedom” by Oscar Peterson and Harriette Hamilton. On May 3rd, educators, students, parents and others will join #TogetherinHarmony to sing the anthem in celebration and support of music education.

Saturday, May 8th is [World Red Cross Day](#).



May 8th is the birth date of [Red Cross](#) founder Henry Dunant. The Swiss humanitarian

won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.

The **Red Cross** Society has won the Nobel Prize three times: in 1917, 1944 & 1963. No other organization has won the Peace Prize more than the Red Cross.

WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT - ONLINE SURVEY



I encourage you to participate in a survey and virtual open house to help influence the Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment

Project. This project involves the redesign of

the intersection of Bedford Highway, Windsor Street and Lady Hammond Road.

The Windsor Street Exchange is operating above its available capacity during peak travel periods with approximately 48,000 vehicles travelling through this area daily.

The goal of the project is to add active transportation connections and transit priority measures through the intersection, improve the movement of vehicles and goods through the area, and improve safety for all road users.

The [online survey](#) will be open until Friday, **May 7, 2021**.

Funding for this project was partially provided through the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) by Transport Canada.

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY – MAY 24TH



Victoria Day is Canada's oldest non-religious

holiday. It marks the birthday of Queen Victoria (1837-1901). Following the death of Queen Victoria, May 24th was decreed as Empire Day across the British Empire. Today, Canada is the only country who still has a holiday on the day.



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GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK ME 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, it has provided supplies and support at no-cost to its participants. Benefits are instant with improved appearance of our communities, the environment is aided, and tourism is strengthened.

There are [contests and prizes](#) for the 2021 season! Register today, you will not regret it!

REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

Report a pothole or sinkhole on a municipally-owned street or sidewalk by calling 311 or visit our municipal [website to log the location](#).



Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of a road has deteriorated from the top,

but you can still see asphalt underneath.

To report potholes on a 100-series highway including ramps leading to and from the highway and overpasses, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal: TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca.



Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into the hole you cannot see any

pavement.

To learn more about the municipal roadway and sidewalk maintenance program, [click here](#).

POLICING SERVICES REVIEW



On April 6th, Regional Council requested a report, based 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 RCMP in their capacity as Nova Scotia Provincial Police.



AFRICVILLE VISIONING PROCESS



Photo courtesy of Eric Wynn, Chronicle-Herald.

On April 6th, Regional Council approved a motion requesting a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process to create an Africville Visioning Process that should include, but not be limited to:

1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM, community partners and organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.
2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government 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 commitments met, where further action is required, and whether 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, surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect 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, work with partners 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 ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.



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SIDEWALK CAFÉ FEES WAIVED



On April 6th, Regional Council approved amendments to [Administrative Order 15](#) regarding sidewalk patio fees to waive the fees for the 2021 season from April 7th to December 31st. The amount of the fee for proprietors who paid during the period of January 1, 2020 and April 6, 2021 will be applied to a subsequent application made prior to 4:15 pm on March 31, 2025.

DISTRICT 9 – 2021/22 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

The following is a list of proposed capital projects for District 9 in 2021/22. The projects are subject to budget approval.

Street Recapitalization

Blink Bonnie Ave – Churchill to MacDonald
Cork St – Oxford to Connaught
Flinn St – MacDonald to Quinn
Melville Ave – Winchester to End (Carryover)
Patricia St – Churchill to MacDonald

Multi-Modal Projects

Bayers Rd – Halifax Shopping Center to Connaught (Carryover)

Asphalt Overlays

Arlington Ave – Springvale to Milsom
Crown Dr – St. Margaret's to Finch
Herring Cove Rd – Cowie Hill to Old Sambro
Purcell's Cove Rd – Williams Lake to Boulderwood
St. Margaret's Bay Rd – Armdale Rotary to Balcomes

Sidewalk Renewals

Arlington Ave – Springvale to Brook (S)
Quarry Rd – St. Margaret's Bay to Edgehill (E) (Carryover)

Active Transportation

Dunbrack Greenway (Partial Carryover)

Retaining Walls

31 Fairmount Rd – Investigation and Inspection
Quarry Rd – St Margaret's to Edgehill (Carryover)

Guiderails

Quarry Rd – St Margaret's to Edgehill (Carryover)

Planer Patching

Herring Cove Rd – Armdale Rotary to Cowie Hill
Purcell's Cove Rd – Herring Cove to Williams Lake

Proposed Crack Sealing

Almon St – Oxford to Connaught
Chebucto Rd – Armdale Rotary to North Connaught Ave (N) – Quinpool to Bayers
Cowie Hill Rd – Herring Cove to Civic 237
Glenora Ave – Herring Cove to Bridgeview
Herring Cove Rd – Old Sambro to Williams Lake

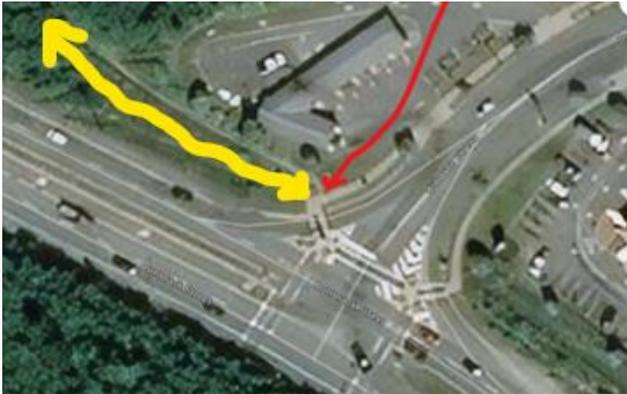


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MacDonald St – Quinpool to Chebucto
McAlpine Ave – Federal to Chisholm
Oxford St – Bayers to Edgewood
Pepperell St – Oxford to Beech

WALTER HAVILL DRIVE TRAIL CONNECTOR



The Walter Havill Drive trail connector, adjacent to Dunbrack Street, will be completed this construction season with a paved pathway.

HUBBARDS TO HOST 49^{ER}, 49^{ERFX}, AND NACRA 17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2022



Hubbards Sailing Club will host the event in wonderful St. Margaret's Bay. We expect more than 400 sailors from 35 countries to attend the regatta which will be held from September 6th -

11th, 2022. This will be the first world championships in Nova Scotia since the 2014 Disabled Sailing World Championships.

RURAL RECREATION STRATEGY SURVEY



I encourage you to take part in the Rural Recreation Strategy survey 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 Bay, Upper Sackville and Sambro.

The deadline for completing this survey is Sunday, May 23, 2021. Take the [survey](#)



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ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT



On April 6th, Regional Council gave second reading to [Proposed By-law S-](#)

[612, an Amendment to By-law S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law – Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement](#) and adopted By-Law S-612.

The goals of the amendments are to:

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



REGIONAL AND RURAL TRANSIT



On April 6th, Regional Council requested a staff report outlining options regarding:

- Moving funding of the ferry system to the Local Transit Tax Area from the Regional Transportation Tax;
- Funding cooperative rural transit from the Regional Transportation Tax;
- Establishing a new Regional Transportation Tax boundary to apply to those within:
 - 3kms of a Regional Express stop,
 - 1km of a conventional or rural bus stop, or
 - within a Rural Transit Funded service area, and,
- Expanding the Rural Transit Funding Program to include share in capital funding.





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STUDENT TRANSIT PILOT PROJECT



On April 20th, Regional Council gave first reading to proposed By-Law U-108, amending By-Law U-100 Respecting User Charges for expanded 2021-22 Student Transit Pass Pilot to enable the program.

Expanded participation will include approximately 2400 students, an increase of 350% over the original planned uptake of approximately 530 students for Pilot Phase 1. Students are distributed as per Table 1 below.

School	Number of Students by Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Dartmouth High	118	259	291	311	979
Prince Andrew High	0	225	225	295	745
École Mosaique	88	71	56	86	301
École du Sommet	103	82	84	93	362

In August 2019, Halifax Regional Council, supported by the [Integrated Mobility Plan's Action 57: Encourage young people to use transit and active transportation](#), directed Halifax Transit to engage with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) to develop a program that would provide free transit service to students.

REVIEW OF STREET LIGHTING PROCEDURES

On April 20th, Regional Council requested a staff report to review street lighting procedures and policies across HRM. The report is to include consideration to adopt a mechanism for street light removal and a policy on under / over illumination.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP



On April 23rd, municipal staff transitioned to annual spring cleanup activities across the region, now that the winter season has wrapped up.

Crews are working in all areas to address litter, remove downed branches and other winter debris, while taking appropriate precautions to reduce the likelihood of contributing to the spread of COVID-19.

The municipality has deployed its eight vacuum street sweepers and two tandem broom trucks for an initial cleaning of approximately 1,500



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kilometres of roadway and 3,000 kilometres of curb in the core areas of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford.

Clearing debris from the region's bicycle lanes will take place in tandem with the street cleaning work.

Overnight Street Cleaning Program



The municipality's [Overnight Street Cleaning Program](#) began on the Halifax Peninsula on Monday, April 26 at 12:01 a.m.

Halifax Peninsula street cleaning takes place on weekdays between 12:05 a.m. and 8 a.m., to minimize the impact on daytime traffic and parking. All other areas scheduled for street cleaning are completed during daytime hours. Crews cycle through the neighbourhoods, so residents should **refer to on-street parking signage for their service day**.

This substantial street cleaning program takes place each year between April and October, to wash away remaining salt and brine, and to ensure the streets are kept reasonably clear of

debris for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. As a preventative measure, the program also helps decrease the amount of debris and sediment entering the storm drain system.

For more information or to find out when your street will be serviced, please call 311.

Spring Cleanup on Personal Property



Leaf and yard waste can be placed in the green bin, but no grass clippings. Any excess leaf and yard waste can be placed in large paper bags – **not plastic** – for curbside organics collection. Material must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on collection day to ensure pickup.

Please report turf, curb, or other damage sustained from snow clearing operations to 311 or contactus@311.halifax.ca.

For more information on the annual spring cleanup, please visit our [website](#).



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BAYERS ROAD CLOSURE

A section of Bayers Road, from Vaughn Avenue to Connaught Avenue, will be closed from April 26th until late July. Construction crews will be on site weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. as part of Phase 1 of the [Bayers Road Transit Priority Corridor](#) project.

The work involves the widening of this section of Bayers Road to add dedicated bus lanes in both directions. Once complete, the dedicated bus lanes will allow residents to travel more conveniently and efficiently through this corridor.



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

- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership



There is no way
to be a
perfect mother,
but a million ways
to be a
good one.

