



## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### WELCOME DECEMBER!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!  
buon Natale e Felice Anno nuovo!

There are many exciting things planned for this month: the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion memorial events, the annual Shubie Park Tree Lighting and the swearing-in of Halifax Regional Police's newest Canine Service Dog, Morgan. It is also time to nominate a dedicated volunteer for the 2018 Volunteer Awards. See more information on these items in this E-newsletter.

You will also find some helpful tips on dealing with the winter weather. Our crews are prepared – are you?

It remains an honour to be your municipal representative. I thank you for your phone calls, text messages and emails keeping me informed of concerns and issues where I may assist. Working together we are continuing to build a safe, healthy, active community.

### TD DARTMOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>



Come on out to Alderney Landing on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. for the TD Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting! Hot chocolate, music and a visit from Santa Claus will delight young and young at heart.



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### 2018 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Volunteers are invaluable; without them, many of our wonderful community events would not take place. Do you know a deserving volunteer group or individual? Why not [nominate](#) them for a Volunteer Award?

Every year, Mayor Savage and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who have volunteered their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

**Deadline for nominations is Dec. 15, 2017.**

The tentative date for the 2018 Volunteer Award Ceremony is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

For more information, please contact Shawna Shirley at 902.869.4202 or email [shirles@halifax.ca](mailto:shirles@halifax.ca).

### DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST



Local service organizations in the Dartmouth area have been seeking a fresh idea for fundraising, and are

pleased to launch the first [Dartmouth Community Chest](#). The weekly 50/50 draw is based on the highly successful Bay Treasure Chest from St. Margaret's Bay. Five local non-profits have already partnered with the Dartmouth Community Chest Society to launch this long-term fundraising program. The weekly

50/50 draw costs only a toonie a week, per registered number. The winner receives 50% of the week's revenue, plus any roll-over amount from the previous week (if applicable). The balance of the funds will be shared by the participating nonprofit organizations.

Visit [dartmouthcommunitychest.ca](http://dartmouthcommunitychest.ca) to find out more details about how and where to play, and to learn more about the Dartmouth Community Chest Society and our Partners.

### URBAN HUMAN / WILDLIFE INTERACTION ISSUES



On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the provincial [Department of Natural Resources](#) provided a [presentation](#) to the [Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee](#) regarding intentional /

unintentional feeding of wildlife. For more information on how to deal with wildlife (deer, racoons, beavers, coyotes, etc.) please go to the very helpful provincial Department of Natural Resources website by clicking [here](#).

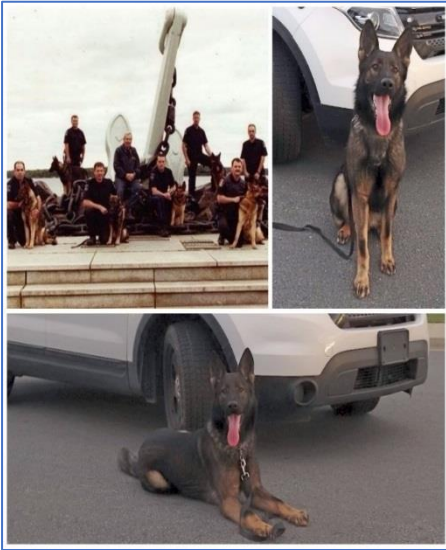




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### MEET MORGAN – NEWEST MEMBER OF THE HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE FORCE



Morgan, the namesake of the late Cst. Joseph Ronald (Ron) Morgan - a certified trainer and handler of police dogs - will serve alongside his partner, Cst. Phil

MacDonald, whose current canine, Steeler, is retiring at the end of the year. Morgan, a one-year old German Shepherd, will graduate training this month and be sworn-in as a full-time general Canine Service Dog with a specialty in explosives detection.

*“The service dogs in the K-9 Unit are truly an integral part of our police service, searching for both people and evidence in a multitude of scenarios,” said Chief Blais. “We’re so proud that he has the name of one of our retired officers. It’s a way to honour the memory of Cst. Ron Morgan and share a little history about his service with the police.”*

Congratulations Morgan and happy retirement Steeler!

### TIPS FOR WINTER WEATHER



It’s important to remember that winter can be unpredictable and both staff and residents must be ready for any

type of weather we may receive.

We have listened to your concerns and have learned valuable lessons from past winters. Each year we continue to make improvements to enhance our winter operations efforts.

Safety is our priority, first and foremost, and it is a **shared responsibility**. I ask for your continued co-operation and diligence during times when the winter parking ban is in effect. Please think twice before you park: where and when you park can have a big impact on snow clearing. It is important to ensure that all obstacles (e.g. vehicles, green bins, garbage containers, and basketball & hockey nets) are removed from the roadway and sidewalks to allow crews to properly clear snow and ice.



- Never plow or shovel snow from your driveway onto the street or sidewalk. It is against By-Law S-300 and can cause serious problems for pedestrians, particularly those with mobility issues. The municipality



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has enhanced enforcement in place to address non-compliance with the By-Law.

- If possible, don't drive during a storm. It's much safer to stay at home and wait until conditions improve.
- During a storm, major arterial routes are cleared first and salted more frequently than residential side streets and sidewalks.
- Watch for ice, especially on bridges, overpasses and in shaded areas of the roadway and sidewalks.
- Even if roads appear to be salted, remember that salt becomes much less effective in temperatures below -10 degrees Celsius.
- Adjust your speed. Wet roads can freeze even if the air temperature is above zero.
- Follow at a safe distance. It can take up to 12 times longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Never pass a plow when it is clearing snow from the road. Whiteout conditions are often created in the front of plows which reduces visibility and increases the chance of an accident.
- Keep your vehicle in top working order.
- Have a [survival kit](#) in your vehicle.
- Children should not play in the snow along the side of the road or anywhere a snow plow is likely to operate.



The municipality thanks residents in advance for their cooperation over the upcoming winter months. We can't control Mother Nature or what this winter has in store, but if we work together we can all be better prepared for whatever the season may bring.



I encourage you to contact 311 to report any obstacles impeding snow removal in your area; also, to report property damage or other incidents.

For updates on the [Winter Parking Ban](#) click [here](#). The municipal overnight winter parking ban will be in effect this season from Dec. 15, 2017, to Mar. 31, 2018. It will be enforced only during declared weather events and ongoing clearing operations. When enforced, the parking ban is in effect from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m. [throughout the Regional Centre](#) of the municipality. The easiest way to stay informed is to [register for notifications](#).\*





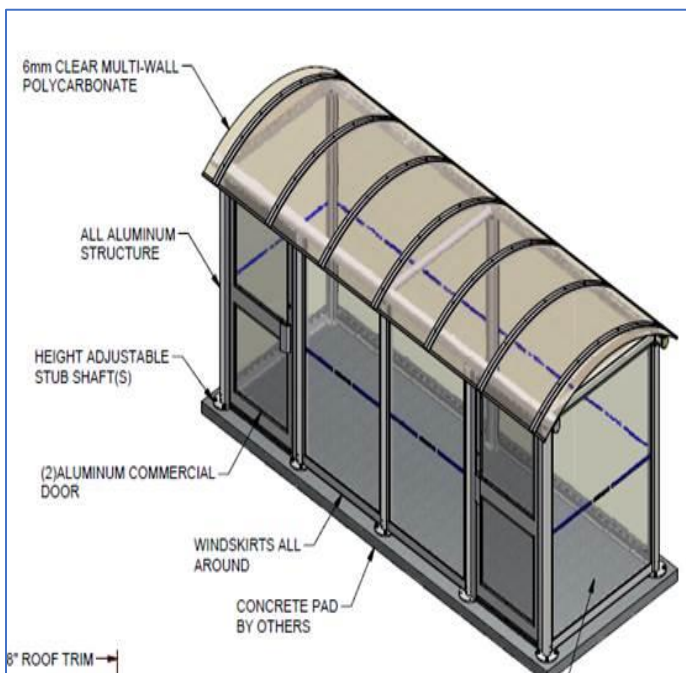
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### HEATED SHELTERS FOR HIGHFIELD TRANSIT TERMINAL



Great news, Halifax Transit has replaced the two existing shelters at Highfield Terminal with **two heated shelters**. This is a pilot project and will be the first heated shelters to be installed in HRM. The shelters will have infrared radiant heaters mounted to the roof interior enabling customers to push a button to activate the heat for approximately 5 to 10 minutes. See image below.



### NEW BRIDGE IN SHUBIE PARK



### 2017-20 REGIONAL COUNCIL MULTI-YEAR PRIORITY OUTCOME

The [priority outcomes](#) are strategic aspirations for the community that focus on medium to long term desired outcomes. These are not operational or tactical objectives; instead they describe a desired end-state sought for the overall betterment of the entire HRM community. The tactics used to advance these outcomes are developed as part of the budget and business planning process.

Once established by Council, these priority outcomes typically remain unchanged year to year. However, it is prudent to review and confirm them annually in advance of budget and business plan consideration. This annual review and validation typically occurs every November to launch the budget and business planning process.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council directed staff to adopt the Capital Plan and Budget process as outlined in the supplementary staff



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report dated November 7, 2017 and proceed with the 2018/19 Budget and Business Plan consultation as per the schedule included in the staff report with the understanding that some dates may change throughout the process. The staff report can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



## HALIFAX EXPLOSION 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mayor Mike Savage and Members of Regional Council request the pleasure of your company at the 100th anniversary Halifax Explosion memorial service.

**When:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017

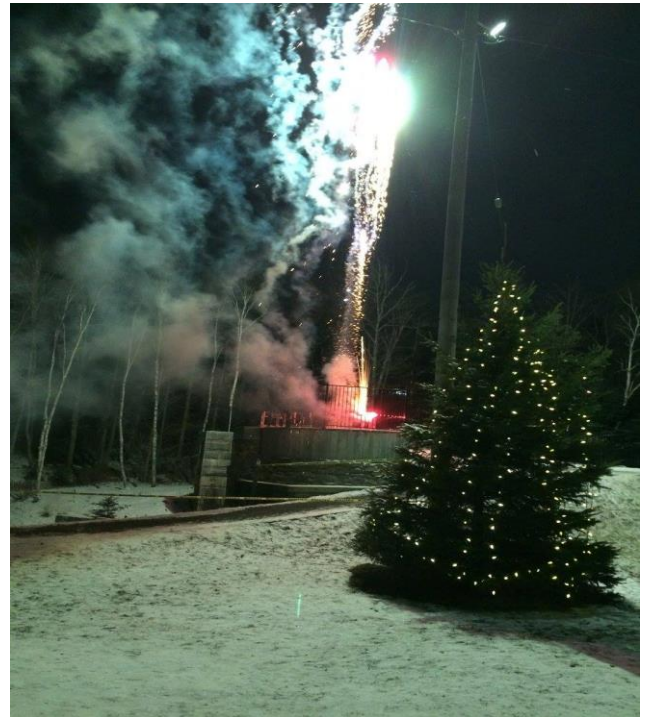
**Where:** Fort Needham Memorial Park ,3340 Union Street,  
Halifax

**Time:** 8:45 a.m.



Reception to follow at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary School, 5389 Russell St.,  
Halifax

## SHUBIE PARK TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>



I look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** for the annual Shubie Park Tree Lighting event to be held next to the Fairbanks Centre at 54 Locks Road.

Hot beverages, treats, music, toasting marshmallows by a bonfire and a visit from Father Christmas ensures a fun-filled family evening!





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### SUCCESSFUL 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BABY FREECYCLING / GIVEAWAY



Dartmouth Family Centre and the Dartmouth North Public Library thank everyone for supporting

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Freecycling / Giveaway Event held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Farrell Hall. The event was presented in partnership with the Dartmouth North Public Library, Dartmouth Family Centre, 211, Child Safety Link and the Take Action Society.

It couldn't happen without supporters like yourself. Thank you for making it a success!

### ENJOYING THE KINSMAN SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH FRIENDS SOPHIE AND ELLA HALMAN



### POLICE DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP



The Police Diversity Working Group (PDWG) was established as a working group of Halifax Regional Police and the Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The

PDWG consists of various community members representing several diverse communities. Through direct feedback and engagement, this committee serves as an important sounding board and advisor for Halifax Regional Police, Halifax District RCMP and the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners on matters related to diversity and community relationships.

More detail about the board's role can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#) (PDF).

### HALIFAX MAKES A BID FOR AMAZON HQ2



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Halifax Partnership launched the website [AmazonHFX.com](https://AmazonHFX.com). The

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website includes information on our Region's business and quality of life advantages to encourage Amazon to consider Halifax for its new headquarters.

Watch the [video](#) and read the [bid](#) to see all that we are proud to offer.

### NEW BASKETBALL COURT AND SKATE PARK AT BEAZLEY PARK



MP Darren Fisher and I announcing the opening of the new basketball court and skate board park.



### ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT – UPDATE



On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Transportation Standing Committee received a [presentation](#) from Halifax Transit staff on initiatives planned to make our transit service more accessible.

Initiatives include: 24-hour booking window for Access-a-Bus service and integration with fixed route transit, online booking option, increased maximum repeater ratio, review of eligibility criteria and future fleet expansion and, in coordination with Transportation and Public Works, improved bus stop accessibility.

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### SPIRIT AND I ENJOYING THE CHRONICLE – HERALD PARADE OF LIGHTS



### PARTICIPATING IN WE DAY 2017 WITH DEPUTY MAYOR MASON, JAHTAYA, JUNIPER, MOLLY AND ELLIOTT.



### MEETING WITH THE WOODLAWN KIWANIS CLUB



### MOBILE PAYMENT FOR PARKING LAUNCHES DEC. 4, 2017

I am pleased to share the announcement that mobile payment for parking will soon be available on all municipal meters. Soon, residents will begin to see some meters labeled with information about the mobile payment option. **All municipal meters will be activated by Monday, Dec. 4, 2017.**

NOTE: there is no charge for parking at municipal meters on weekends and holidays.



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The mobile payment for parking option can be used by downloading the HotSpot parking app. This is a third-party application managed by a Maritime-based company that is subscription based. Users download the application via their mobile device, register their license plate(s) and when they park, instead of putting coins in the meters they type in the parking meter number and the desired parking duration. For more information about the app, please visit the [HotSpot website](#).

Waterfront Development will also be adding a mobile payment for parking option via HotSpot at its parking zones. The same app can be used to pay for both municipal and Waterfront Development parking.

Mobile payment for parking app features include:

- Mobile notification indicating that a meter is close to expiring
- The option to add more time up to the maximum for that parking space
- The option to terminate a session early and be refunded for any unused time

- **NOTE:** All parking meters still accept coins

Mobile parking fees and standard coin parking rates will be the same at each individual location. There is a monthly/ annual fee to use the app.

For more information about on-street parking in the municipality, please visit the municipal website by [clicking here](#).

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What are you doing New Year's Eve?  
[Click here](#) for information on what events are planned.

**Happy New Year!! Bonne Année!**  
**Felice Anno Nuovo!**

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