

2018 HRM CITIZEN SURVEY

By participating in the 2018 Citizen Survey, residents of the Halifax Region will have the opportunity to let us know what their priorities are, what they think of municipal service delivery, and help us make informed decisions as we move toward a better future. An invitation-based survey was already sent out across the municipality. From July 30th to August 19th, approximately 12,000 randomly-selected households received invitations that could be filled out the survey on-line, in written form, or over the telephone. Once the invitation-based survey closes, HRM will then be 'opening' up the survey to all residents. From August 20th to September 16th, residents will be able to complete the on-line survey. The same questions will be asked, but results will be tabulated separately from the invitation-based results, and will be used to provide additional information to HRM Council and municipal staff about the needs and expectations of our residents. PRA Inc., a national research firm is conducting the surveys on the municipality's behalf. Final results will be shared. Feel free to take the survey or to view results from previous surveys, please go to this link: www.halifax.ca/city-hall/accountability-transparency/citizen-survey. If you have any questions about the survey, then please contact: Michael Pappas, at 902.490.5534 or by e-mail at pappasm@halifax.ca.

REC PROGRAMS ONLINE REGISTRY

HRM has launched an online registration system for recreation memberships, programming, and facility bookings. Residents are now encouraged to access this new, online recreation service and create an account in advance of Fall registration. This enhanced system which offers a more modern, user-friendly interface and will streamline the registration process across municipally-operated recreation facilities. To explore the new system and create a new account, visit www.halifax.ca/myREC. Residents who normally register for programming over the phone will still have the option to do so, however, an online user profile must still be created as old accounts will no longer be valid. For assistance, please call (902) 490-6666.

RECREATION ACCESS FUNDING

The HRM Funding Access Program is in place to provide recreation opportunities to children, youth and adults in financial need. Individuals are eligible for support for one program per season, pertaining to Fall/Winter/Spring seasons. This application form is for all Recreation Programs in the Halifax Recreation Catalogue. You can download the application online: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/recreation/programs-activities/FundingAccess-Application%202018.pdf Please drop off your application and financial information at the HRM Recreation Facility closest to you. Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing. For questions concerning your application, contact: accessfunding@halifax.ca

50 MILE YARD SALE - SEPT. 8

The annual 50 Mile Yard Sale along Highway #7 and Rte #357 in Musquodoboit Harbour to Musquodoboit Valley will be occurring Saturday, Sept. 8th. Also, the Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club will be having a gigantic flea market and sale in the rink that same day as part of the bargain trail. Be aware of the pedestrian traffic and parked cars but please, for your safety, respect the 'No Parking' signs.

WHERE'S THAT SCHOOL BUS?

Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) has a new communication tool for school bus transportation. "Bus-Planner" will provide everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive e-mail notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations. Go to the BusPlanner web-page at <https://hrce.mybusplanner.ca/> and click on the Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account. You will need a valid e-mail address to create an account. To obtain specific bussing information for your child, you must know their 10-digit Student ID Number. This number can be found on their report card. For further assistance, there are YouTube instructional videos on how to access your child's transportation information or call the HRCE Student Transportation staff at 902-464-2000 ext. 2871.

JEM-JAMBOREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFO

The Eastern Shore Joint Emergency Management (JEM) Team that serves the area from Cole Harbour to Ship Harbour; will be conducting the twelfth annual 'JEM Jamboree' at the Porters Lake Atlantic Superstore parking lot on Saturday, September 22nd from 10AM - 1PM. Their plan is to continue promoting awareness efforts in Emergency Preparedness (EP), training & community readiness. Everyone should be prepared and able to take care of themselves for a 72-hour period from any potential harm caused by a significant weather event or incident. Our JEM Teams are also looking for volunteers. For more details about volunteering during an emergency please go to: www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/volunteer-during-emergency Here are some web-sites about EP information: www.GetPrepared.ca, www.publicsafety.gc.ca, <http://novascotia.ca/dma/emo>, @nsemo, or www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness-checklists or on Twitter @HRM_EMO

38TH ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

Back in 1980, Terry took his Marathon of Hope through our communities along Highway #7. Now we can keep his dream alive that cancer can be beaten. There will be 3 local runs on Sunday, Sept. 16th: One is at the Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum from 10 AM - 1 PM. Another will take place from 12 Noon - 2 PM at the Lake Echo Community Centre. The third run is at the Sheet Harbour Lion's Centre from 1 PM - 3:30 PM. If you can't make it to a run, please sponsor someone who will be participating. You can text "terryfox" to 45678 to donate \$5. Also, the Terry Fox National School Run Day will be on Thursday, Sept. 27th. If your school wants to get involved, then please check out this link for more details: www.terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/

NATIONAL TREE DAY - SEPT. 26

National Tree Day will serve as a celebration for all Canadians to appreciate the great benefits that trees provide us - clean air, wildlife habitat, reducing energy demand and connecting with nature. Sign up for Tree Canada's "tree-mail" and get notifications when there are updates on grants, awards, program launches, Tree Canada news, National Tree Day event details and more ways you can get involved. Go to: <https://treecanada.ca> for more information.

CRAIG'S CAUSE 12th ANNUAL TREK

Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society will have its 12th Annual NS Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Walk - Run - Bike Trek, in support of Pancreatic Cancer education, awareness and research. Come out to the Porters Lake Provincial Park on Saturday, September 29th. Registration opens at 9 AM; the event starts at 10 AM. This bike tour trek event is for all ages and abilities. There are various distances and routes to choose from. For more details, go to www.craigscase.ca or to register for the event: <https://sna.etapestry.com/fundraiser/CraigsCausePancreaticCancerSo/Awareness-bikewalk/>

WEEKLY GREEN CARTS CONCLUDES

Just a reminder that HRM extended its weekly organic green cart collection program for the summer but that will conclude at the end of September. For more information please go to: www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/green-carts-leaf-yard-material Be 'Green' & Source Separate.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 'POT' - SEPT. 18

In light of the upcoming legalization of cannabis, HRM has to make various Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments and Land-Use Bylaw Changes regarding appropriate zones and land use controls for commercial cannabis production facilities and dispensaries that strive to balance economic development opportunities with concerns related to impacts on neighbouring properties. These new rules are intended to regulate the commercial and personal cultivation; Consumption in public spaces; enabling Municipal Authority to enforce federal and provincial rules for retailing; Advertising, sponsorship, signage; etc. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 6PM in City Hall. For more details, please refer to: www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/regional-plan/commercial-cannabis-production-facilities I would welcome your input on these proposed 'Pot' laws.

LAKE ECHO BEACH PARK PLAN INPUT

HRM will be having an initial Public Engagement session during the Lake Echo Lions Community Boil & Blast event on Saturday, Sept. 29th to garner people's ideas and opinions on how best to utilize the old Irving gas station property as parkland in association with the adjacent community centre and Orenda Canoe Club. There will also be other public workshop meetings in October as proposals for the Lake Echo Beach park plan evolve. If you have some suggestions, then please contact me or HRM Landscape Architect - Stephen Cushing at: cushins@halifax.ca

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

I like to welcome all students back to school. Your education is important for you to succeed in life. All motorists need to be extra careful with students walking, cycling or travelling by school bus. Stay alert & be safe!



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