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WELCOME MARCH 2026!



March “roars in like a lion, out like a lamb,” or so the saying goes. It’s a poetic take on weather swings. March straddles

the line between winter’s last grasp and spring’s grand entrance. In early March, you start to feel the shift: the days are longer, the air softens, and suddenly you’re googling “garden plans.”

This month we welcome spring and the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, celebrate International Women’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day and the end of Ramadan! It’s also when Regional Council will finalize the 2026/27 capital and operating budgets.

Keep reading for updates on the Fall River Water Extension, Secondary Units Incentive Program and the Windsor Street Exchange project; and much more on what’s happening in and around the community.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phoning 902-717-2718 or by email: deaglec@halifax.ca.

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MARCH MEETING DATES

March meetings will be held on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Monday, March 10 at 10 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Tuesday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday March 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

Monday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee:

Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee:

Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

Executive Standing Committee:

Monday, March 30 at 10 a.m.

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

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DID YOU KNOW...

March is Irish Heritage month and Francophonie month.

March 2 is World Teen Mental Wellness Day

March 6 is Employee Appreciation Day

March 8 Daylight Saving Time Starts

March 8 is International Women’s Day

March 9 is Commonwealth Day

March 14 is Pi Day

March 15 is International Day to Combat Islamophobia

March 16 – 20 Spring Break for HRCE Schools

March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day

March 18 to 24 is Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Week

March 19 is Last Day of Ramadan (expected)

March 20 is French Language Day

March 20 is First Day of Spring

March 21 is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 26 is Purple Day in support of Epilepsy

March 28 is Earth Hour

March 31 is International Transgender Day of Visibility

March 31 is National Indigenous Languages Day

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DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS



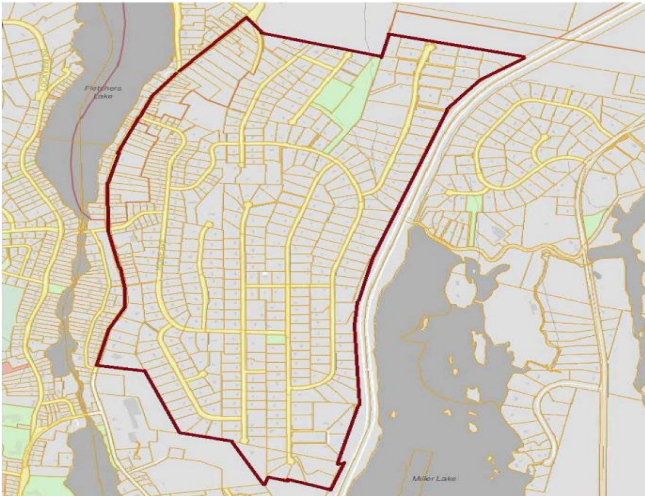
Daylight Saving Time will begin on **Sunday, March 8** at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, when clocks are moved forward by one hour to 3:00 a.m. Don’t forget to change the batteries in smoke detectors too!



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FALL RIVER WATER EXTENSION UPDATE



On November 23, 2021, Regional Council directed staff to complete a cost and feasibility study for extension of the water service boundary in Fall River along Highway 2 to include the Schwartzwald Subdivision, located between Highway 2 and Highway 102. Council also requested a staff report summarizing the study's findings and recommendations.

In June 2025, a qualified engineering consulting firm completed the study, and staff provided a report at the January 13 meeting of Regional Council.

Staff will now include the extension of the water service boundary in Fall River to the Schwartzwald Subdivision as part of Phase 5 of the Regional Plan Review project. When this returns to Council, staff will provide the timing, process and consideration of the earliest possible delivery for the addition of the Schwartzwald extension. For more information, check out the full staff report [here](#).

HALIFAX REGIONAL RCMP – NORTH CENTRAL TOWN HALL MEETING



Halifax Regional RCMP will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in Carrolls Corner on **March 26 at the Carrolls Corner Community Centre.**

9 Milford Road, Carrolls Corner. The public are invited to attend. There will be opportunities for discussion on policing and priorities. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM FUNDING

The municipality received notice from the Province of Nova Scotia that the funding for the HRM Student transit pass pilot program from the Department of Early Education and Early Childhood Development has been discontinued.

This program is primarily funded by the provincial government. The province currently contributes \$1.2 million towards this program, an additional \$600,000 of funding comes from the Municipality.

The student transit pass pilot program was launched in 2021 and provides free transit passes to all HRCE and CSAP students in grades 7 to 12.

Staff will be assessing the future of the program during budget discussions this month. You can learn more about this program [here](#).

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YOUTH WORX APPLICATIONS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting youth aged 16 to 24 who face

employment barriers to apply for Youth WORX, a professional development and skill-building program.

Youth WORX offers up to 24 weeks of paid full-time employment. Participants gain hands-on experience in the service industry in a supportive space for those who have anxiety and other barriers to finding employment.

Participants who complete the full 24-week program may also earn a Grade 11 elective personal development credit toward high school graduation.

Applications for the spring session close on **April 10**.

For more information on how to apply, or attend an upcoming information session, visit [our website](#).

RAMADAN 2026



From Feb. 17 to Mar. 19, Muslim families across the municipality have been observing

Ramadan, a month of fasting, communal prayer, reflection and community. Find out more about Ramadan [here](#).

2026/27 MUNICIPAL BUDGET



Budget Committee has completed their review of each business unit's budget and business plan and have moved any changes to the draft

budget to the Budget Adjustment List (BAL) that will be debated beginning on March 3.

Residents can attend any budget meeting to tune in to the debate online.

We expect to complete final budget approval at the March 31 meeting, but dates are subject to change.

You can find all of the proposed budget documents, details about the process and much more on our [website](#).

OLDFIELD CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK

We are planning to replace the playground at Oldfield Consolidated School in the 2026/27 fiscal year

The tenders for the project have been publicly advertised but the project will be subject to the Capital Budget approval.

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GRANTS TO PROFESSIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is now accepting applications for the 2026/27 Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. This program supports the operating and artistic capacity of producing and

presenting art organizations in the region that advance the profile of the local arts sector, with an overarching goal to foster broad public access to professional art. There are two funding streams:

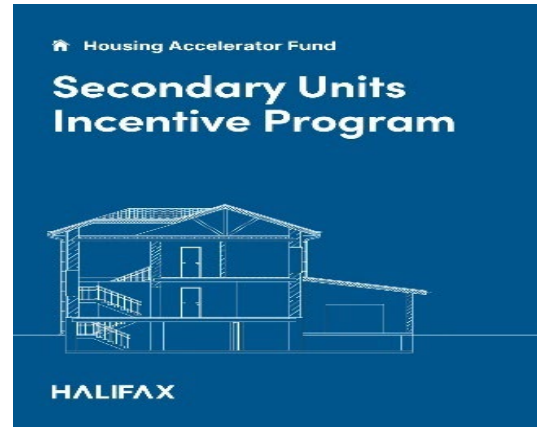
- *Operating assistance
- *Project assistance

The municipality provides up to three-year funding agreements towards the operating funds of eligible groups and annual funding agreements supporting distinct artistic projects.

For more information about the program or to discuss your project or eligibility, groups are invited to book a virtual meeting. Contact Lindsay Cory, Community Developer (Public Arts), at lindsay.cory@halifax.ca.

The deadline for the applications is **Tuesday, March 31**. To learn more and apply, visit [our website](#).

ELIGIBILITY & TIMELINES EXPANDED FOR SECONDARY UNITS INCENTIVE PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality has expanded the Secondary Suite Incentive Grant Program eligibility and timelines to support the creation of more small-scale housing options across the region. Under new changes to the program, more than one secondary unit per property may now be eligible for funding (subject to land use requirements). Non-profit organizations and housing co-operatives are also now eligible to apply for funding.

The program offers eligible residents up to \$13,000 per unit to help reduce building expenses related to water and wastewater. The Secondary Units Incentive Program offers non-repayable grants to help offset certain costs associated with building new secondary units, including backyard suites and internal conversions.

The application deadline has been extended from June 1, 2026, to October 11, 2026. The construction completion deadline has been extended from October 11, 2026, to April 1, 2027.

For more details on the program and how to apply, visit our [website](#).

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2025 ANTI-BLACK RACISM GRANT AWARDS



Halifax Regional Council has approved 16 project-based grants totaling \$100,000 through

the Anti-Black Racism Grants Program, following a recommendation from the Grants Committee.

The approved projects support community-led initiatives that address systemic anti-Black racism across the municipality, including efforts focused on historic omission, racial segregation, lack of recognition, systemic expropriation and negative portrayals in media and literature. Funded initiatives align with Regional Council priorities and are intended to strengthen community capacity, equity and inclusion.

The Anti-Black Racism Grants Program provides one-time funding of up to \$10,000 per project to eligible non-profit organizations and charities.

Successful applicants will be required to report on project outcomes by Oct. 31, 2026.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).



REGIONAL PLAN APPROVAL



The province has released a Notice of Approval for the planning document amendments HRM had submitted in order to comply

with provincial "Minimum Planning Requirements," (MPRs).

The Regional Plan sets out a common vision, principles, and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when and how future growth and development should take place. The Municipality has been working on amendments to the plan that were approved by Regional Council in June 2025; however the province rejected the plan so further changes were required. You can find out what's changing and more information about this process, check out our website [here](#).

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On March 8, we celebrate International Women's Day, honouring the achievements of

women across social, economic, cultural and political aspects of life and advocating for gender equality. This International Women's Day, celebrate the women and girls in your life and share their stories. You can learn more and find out how to get involved [here](#).



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HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality is accepting applications for the [2026 Community Grants Program](#).

The application deadline is Tues. March 31.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered nonprofit organizations and charities located throughout the region. The program ensures organizations across the municipality have equal opportunities to seek funding for projects that help make their community a great place to live and work for all residents.

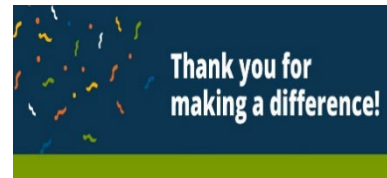
There are two types of grants available: a project grant of up to \$5,000 and a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Funding is available for projects in the following categories:

- Community arts
- Diversity and accessibility
- Environment and climate change
- Emergency assistance and public safety
- Community histories
- Leisure
- Recreation

Applicants are encouraged to review the [Program Guidebook](#) before applying. First-time applicants should contact staff for guidance prior to submission by email at nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or by phone at 902-497-0479. **The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 31, 2026.** For more information, including how to apply, visit our [website](#).

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EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



On March 6, we celebrate Employee Appreciation Day, a day dedicated to

recognizing and expressing gratitude for the hard work, dedication, and contributions of our employees!

Thank you to those serving our municipality - your hard work to make our communities thrive and a better place to live, work and play does not go unnoticed!

ASSAULT-STYLE FIREARMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Police will be participating in the federal government's Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program. The federal government has recently prohibited over 2,500 makes and models of Assault Style Firearms. Now that these firearms are prohibited, the Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program allows gunowners to declare their prohibited firearm and receive payment for their disposal or deactivation. All gunowners who do not participate in the program must still dispose of or permanently deactivate their prohibited firearms before Oct. 30, 2026.

Owners in possession of a prohibited firearm following this date could face the loss of their possession and acquisition licence, as well as criminal liability. Gunowners must declare their intent to participate in the compensation program by March 31. For more information on the Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program, visit their [website](#).



DANGEROUS ANIMAL POLICIES

On Jan. 27, Regional Council unanimously supported a motion to request Provincial action on strengthening animal control policies. The motion was brought forward in response to a presentation from a local family who survived a severe dog attack in November. The Mayor will be writing a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs urging consideration of strengthened policies for dangerous animals, including:

1. Transferring dangerous dog legislation to the provincial level or mandating inter-jurisdictional communication on animal control to prevent relocation of dangerous dogs between municipalities.
2. Providing authority for immediate seizure of animals following a serious attack to ensure public safety during investigations.
3. Implementing stronger preventative measures, including higher penalties for owners who fail to control their dogs.

For more information, check out the motion [here](#).

RIDESHARE OVERSIGHT



At the January 27 meeting of Regional Council, Council considered amendments to By-law T-1008 and Administrative Order 39 to modernize fare regulations for taxis, accessible taxis, and

limousines and the licensing of Transportation Network Company (TNC) drivers.

Halifax Regional Council voted down by-law changes and instead supported a motion to prepare a staff report with input from a temporary working committee composed of representatives from the Halifax Regional Municipality TNC Operators, and Taxi industry to review the Municipality's public policy objectives against the best practices from across Canada, with a particular focus on training, audit, approaches to licensure, and compliance models used by municipal and provincial regulators.

Council did approve changes in the regulations for fares, meter technology requirements, and online applications. You can find the staff report [here](#).

HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE PILOT REPORT

At the Feb. 10 meeting of Regional Council, Mayor Fillmore introduced a motion for staff to investigate and provide recommendations on a potential pilot project for High Occupancy Vehicle lanes in current bus only lanes. A staff report will return to Council in June reviewing potential impacts to transit, enforcement opportunities, effectiveness, and feasibility on congested corridors in HRM.

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AIRPORT PARKING CHANGES

Halifax Stanfield have updated their parking rates. The Exterior Lot will now be priced for long-term parking, with a minimum charge of \$25 applied to all stays, regardless of duration. Those who need short-term or hourly parking can continue to use the parkade.

Full parking details are available on their [website](#).



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BIKE LANE STANDARDS REPORT



On Tuesday, Feb. 10, Regional Council passed a motion requesting a staff report reviewing bike lane standards for future projects.

The current bike lane standards are designed for people of all ages and abilities (AAA), consisting of protected bike lanes, multi-use pathways and local street bikeways.

The motion aims to identify cost saving opportunities by considering alternatives to the proposed all ages and abilities (AAA) bikeway network that do not meet the AAA standard for projects planned for construction in 2028/2029 and 2029/2030 and identify opportunities to prioritize network implementation that closes gaps in the network, rather than upgrading existing segments.

On Jan. 27, Regional Council reviewed a report on all AAA Bike Network capital projects between 2026 and 2029.

Council voted to proceed with initiating the functional planning for two proposed alternative projects on (i) Novalea Drive and (ii) Welsford Street, subject to capital budget approval. They rejected proceeding with functional planning for an alternative project to the proposed bikeway on Highfield Park Drive. Council also voted to pursue federal and provincial funding opportunities for Council-approved AAA bikeway network projects whenever application intakes are announced.

You can find the motion [here](#). The report will return to Regional Council for deliberation.

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TRANSIT CORE SERVICE PLAN



At the Feb. 9 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, Halifax Transit presented their new Strategic Roadmap and Core Service Plan. As ridership is increasing across our transit network,

especially in developing communities and in suburban communities, Transit is working to meet the needs of our growing community. The Core Service Plan aims to invest in increasing service where ridership demand exceeds service levels, a more reliable network and strategically supporting growth.

The report will now go to Regional Council for review and approval. You can find details [here](#).

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HIAA - BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to the Halifax International Airport Authority for receiving the Halifax Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Business of

the Year award.

With 57 non-stop flights operating in 2026, Halifax Stanfield's expanding air service network continues to play a vital role in supporting tourism, enabling global trade, attracting investment, and helping local businesses compete on the world stage.



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RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION



Halifax Rec have programs for all ages and abilities. Check out upcoming Spring programs on our website and get ready for registration coming up this month!

Spring recreation program registration will begin on March 10 at 10 a.m. Swimming and skating program registration will begin March 24 at 10 a.m. If you haven't registered for an HRM program in a while, make sure to have your account ready in our new system. Check out our [website](#) for program guidebooks, registration information and more.

SUMMER RECREATION JOBS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is recruiting applicants for summer positions in aquatics, inclusion and recreation programming across the region.

These are ideal job opportunities for teenagers and students with wages ranging between \$17.75 and \$24.75 per hour. Visit our [website](#) for more information on dates and locations, as well as a list of job openings.

INTERCHANGE PUBLIC ART GALLERY



Halifax Regional Municipality and IOTA Studios are issuing an open call for expressions of interest to participate in the interCHANGE public art program within the newly redeveloped Cogswell District.

The installations include vinyl murals on the Granville Park Gallery Walkway, a banner program and vinyl wraps at the transit terminal shelters. This is the 2nd year we will be hosting this temporary public art program. Artists must be based in Canada and will be required to provide a vector-based digital file of their artwork. For more information on the types of projects, and artist fees and application process, visit their [website](#). The deadline is March 11, 11:59 p.m.

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FRANCOPHONIE MONTH



March is Francophonie Month, a time to commemorate the French language and the diverse

Francophone cultures found throughout our region and around the world.

This year's celebrations embrace the 2026 theme of "Active ta francophonie," encouraging residents to engage and celebrate Francophone culture.

As part of these celebrations, International Francophonie Day will be observed on March 20,



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recognizing the global Francophone community and the cultural connections shared across nations.

Throughout March, residents are encouraged to learn more about the valuable role Francophones play in contributing to cultural, social, and economic development within the Halifax region and across Nova Scotia.

The municipality remains committed to advancing French-language initiatives and strengthening relationships with Francophone residents. Residents can also explore local Francophonie events and activities throughout the month by visiting our [website](#).

2026 YOUTH POET LAUREATE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce that Daniel Park has been selected as the municipality's 2026 Youth Poet Laureate.

The Youth Poet Laureate program provides young writers with mentorship, public platforms and opportunities to explore issues that matter to them and to residents across the municipality.

Daniel will serve a one-year term from January to December 2026 and receive a \$1,000 honorarium for the role. He will create new works of poetry, present at select Regional Council meetings, and advocate for poetry, language, arts and young writers through community events and speaking engagements. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the municipality's Poet Laureate programs.

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BLASTING AND GRADING BY-LAWS REVIEW

On Jan. 27, Regional Council approved a motion to review by-laws B-600 and G-200 that includes:

- An evaluation of the overall effectiveness of both by-laws in achieving their intended policy goals;
- A summary of the number and nature of resident complaints received in relation to these by-laws over a reasonable timeframe;
- A comparison of enforcement outcomes versus the volume of complaints; and
- Recommendations for potential amendments, repeals, or enhancements to improve the efficiency and clarity of said by-laws.

Staff are also working on a report on a recent incident in Timberlea related to blasting and will be providing recommendations for a communications protocol for blasting incidents impacting community safety. You can find the current blasting by-law [here](#).

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PROVINCIAL BUSINESS NAVIGATORS PROGRAM

The Nova Scotia Business Navigator program provides one-on-one guidance on permits, licensing, and registration for new businesses. Business Navigators help entrepreneurs better understand regulatory requirements and connect them with resources related to financing, taxes, staffing, and start-up funding.

You can get help for your business [here](#).



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SAFETY AROUND EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding drivers to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. When an emergency vehicle is stopped on the side of a roadway and has lights flashing, other drivers must slow down to 60 km/h or drive at the speed limit if it is lower than 60 km/h. On a road with two or more lanes in the same direction, drivers must also move into another lane farther away from the stopped vehicle if safe to do so. This requirement applies to a range of emergency vehicles, including ambulances, police and fire vehicles, tow trucks when they are operating at a scene, and vehicles of other peace officers like conservation officers, sheriffs, and vehicle inspection officers. For more information about slow down, move over laws in Nova Scotia, visit the [Nova Scotia Department of Public Works](#).

HOMESHARE PROGRAM

The Government of Nova Scotia has launched HomeShare, a new supported living option for Nova Scotians with disabilities. This Program provides people with disabilities with more choice, independence, and community connection, while also offering meaningful benefits to HomeShare providers. Providers receive funding and the opportunity to build a supportive living arrangement that can enrich everyday life for both parties. For more information visit their [website](#).

HRCE SPRING BREAK

The week of March 16 to 20 is Spring Break for all [Halifax Regional Centre for Education](#) (HRCE) schools. Check out the many programs being offered at your local library or recreation centre during spring break.

REPORTING POTHoles



Our road operations crews are always on the lookout for potholes, but we also rely heavily on residents to report any problematic

potholes and sinkholes so they can be assessed and fixed as soon as possible. To report a pothole in your area, just call 311 or you can report online. Depending on the location and depth of the pothole, the repair will be planned and prioritized. You can find out more about pothole repairs [here](#).

LAKEWATCHERS PROGRAM

Last month, Regional Council received a report from our LakeWatchers team on the state of our lakes. The municipality is home to over 1,000 lakes, each with their own challenges and surrounding land use patterns. Lakes are not only popular destinations for swimming, hiking, canoeing, fishing and other recreational activities, but play an essential ecological role and provide many ecosystem services including wildlife habitat and flood mitigation.

LakeWatchers gathers water quality data that helps us understand the health of our lakes and how they are changing. Data collected will inform planning policies for future growth and development. We're always looking for more volunteers for the program. Please contact the LakeWatcher Program Coordinator at water@halifax.ca to find out more about roles and expectations of LakeWatcher Monitoring Teams and when the next round of training and sampling will take place. You can find the report [here](#).



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GREEN NETWORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The municipality is continuing to implement the Green Network Plan, land management and community design direction to protect ecologically and culturally important lands, promotes sustainable use of open spaces and guides the planning of parks and green corridors across the region.

At the Tuesday, Feb. 10 meeting, Regional Council received an information report on progress implementing the Halifax Green Network Plan, the municipality's strategy for open space. Implementation to date has focused on integrating the plan into municipal programs and projects, with actions at varying stages of completion.

Next steps include adopting a program charter to guide governance and progress tracking, developing detailed workplans and success measures for each objective, evaluating the impacts of implementation to date and establishing a timetable for future plan review.

For more information, read the [information report](#).

NEW DATASETS ON OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released three new datasets on Open Data as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. The 1m and 2m Contours data has now been added from a 2018 airborne LiDAR DEM (Digital Elevation Model) that HRM had flown. We have also released our Parks and Recreation Arena Bookings data. Check out the full [Open Data](#) catalogue today for more information.

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MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DASHBOARD



The Halifax Regional Municipality is launching the [Planning & Development Dashboard](#), a new, interactive public tool providing updates on permit

and construction activity across the region.

The dashboard provides an accessible, visual and easy-to-use tool for residents to better understand development activities in their communities while businesses and developers can use it to stay informed about trends across the municipality.

The dashboard is updated daily, providing users with timely and accurate information. 13

For more information, visit our [website](#).

WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE PROJECT



Regional Council received its first biannual update on the Windsor Street Exchange project, a major transportation and trade infrastructure investment designed to improve safety, reliability and connectivity for people, goods and transit in the Halifax peninsula area.



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The project is currently in Phase 1 including detour road preparation, retaining walls, underground utility work, site preparation and foundation activities.

The Highway 111 ramp between the Massachusetts Avenue ramps and the Windsor Street Exchange will now be closed until the completion of the new overpass construction in 2027. There will be a marked detour in place and access from Massachusetts Avenue toward the MacKay Bridge will remain open.

For bus stop impacts and detour routing, including maps, please visit the Halifax Transit service disruptions page [here](#).

Staff confirmed that details of Phase 2 are expected to be brought to Regional Council for consideration in March. Learn more about this project and other traffic impacts that may occur [here](#).

RECYCLING UPDATE



We have good news for you: bottle caps and lids can all go in container recycling now. Tops that are the same material as the container (such as a plastic bottle cap on a plastic water bottle) can be left on for recycling.

But, if the top is a different material from the container (like a metal lid on a glass jar), it must be taken off, and then both the container and the top can go in the container recycling. For more information on What Goes Where, download the Halifax Recycles app or click [here](#).

CLEARING FIRE HYDRANTS AFTER SNOWFALL



Recent snowfalls may be blocking fire hydrants in your area.

Halifax Water crews are clearing snow from more than

8,800 hydrants, which may temporarily impact traffic. Residents who can safely clear nearby hydrants are encouraged to do so. If a hydrant is blocked and cannot be cleared safely, please contact Halifax Water so crews can be dispatched. For hydrant locations, visit the Halifax Water [website](#).

CURBSIDE COLLECTION CANCELLATIONS

Hopefully the worst of our winter weather is behind us, but in the event of significant snow falls curbside waste collection can sometimes be affected. We aim to make cancellation decisions before 6 p.m. the evening prior so residents can be notified before placing material at the curb. Timing depends on projected snowfall accumulation and when the snowfall is expected to end. The forecast does not always provide a clear answer, and because we want to avoid cancelling service unnecessarily, the final decision sometimes must wait until the morning.

In that case service alerts are sent through the app around 5:30 a.m. with social media and website updates shortly thereafter. Usually cancelled collection days are rescheduled for the following Saturday.

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During snow events, we encourage residents to delay placing material curbside until the morning. Early placement interferes with snow removal operations and often results in bags and carts being buried under snowbanks, regardless of whether collection proceeds.

Information for residents on how to manage excess waste, relaxed limits and schedule info is being shared on the [Halifax Recycles app](#), [Halifax Recycles Facebook](#) page and on our [website](#).

COYOTE SAFETY REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality reports the highest number of coyote sightings in Nova Scotia, with increased interactions in areas such as Eastern Passage and Fall River.

Coyotes are often attracted by accessible food sources, which can lead to aggressive behaviour, particularly toward pets. Wildlife officials advise keeping dogs on leashes, as off-leash dogs and smaller pets are at higher risk, especially during breeding season (late January to March) and denning season (April to May). Residents are encouraged to supervise pets, remove food attractants, and safely haze coyotes if approached.

Aggressive, injured, or sick coyotes should be reported to the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-565-2224 or to local municipal animal control or police.

NS WAITLIST SETTLEMENT

Apply for compensation from the Nova Scotia Waitlist Settlement now

Were you on a waitlist for community-based housing support in Nova Scotia between April 1, 1998 and August 20, 2025?

You can now submit a Claim for a share of the \$32 million to \$34 million class action settlement.

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia approved the Nova Scotia Waitlist Settlement on November 12, 2025. This Settlement will pay claims from people who were waitlisted or placed in institutional, hospital or nursing home care while they were eligible for disability support services under the Nova Scotia Social Assistance Act.

Apply for yourself or apply (with authorization) for someone who passed away or who can't fill out their own Claim Form.

The deadline to submit your Claim is March 17, 2027.



Find out more and get your Claim Form: www.NSWaitlistSettlement.ca

Or call toll-free: 1-844-677-1771



NS QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY



The Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey has rolled out across the province! You can help by sharing your story. Watch for an invitation postcard in the mail with instructions on how to take the survey online.



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IN THE COMMUNITY...



The Sackville Community Arena announcement with Councillors Young and St-Amand, MLA Paul Wozney and MP Braedon Clark.

FRABA
FALL RIVER & AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
PROMOTE • SUPPORT • BE A VOICE

NETWORKING EVENT!
Thursday, March 19th
5 - 7 pm

HAPPY HOUR!
4:30-6:30 pm

The Fourth LOCK

½ Price Nachos!
\$7 Draught!
\$1 oz House Wine!

WINDSOR JUNCTION
COMMUNITY CENTRE

50/50 FUNDRAISER

WIN BIG WHILE
SUPPORTING YOUR
COMMUNITY!

50/50 Draw + BONUS prize
DRAW DATE:
MARCH 24, 2026

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

WJC

Tickets available now:
<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wjcc>

ST. PADDY'S DAY
Céilidh

WAVERLEY Legion
March 17th, 2026
5-7pm

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3X 2026 EAST COAST MUSIC AWARD NOMINEE

NOMINATED FOR:

- TD FANS CHOICE ENTERTAINER OTY
- POP RELEASE OTY
- RELEASE OTY



Together We Rise: Supporting Mental Health Initiatives

I was happy to attend the Together We Rise event in support of Mental Health initiatives at Freeman’s Little New York in Lower Sackville along with fellow council colleagues Jean St-Amand, Billy Gillis, and our spouses.

If you haven’t had the chance to vote, you can vote using this link daily:

<https://www.ecma.com/fans-choice-2026-vote/>



Lower your speed and drive carefully – lots of deer have been spotted on the Fall River Rd.



I attended the **DASC Industries** Laughability Fundraiser with presenting sponsor **Stevens Group**. I remember well how incredible this family owned third generation business took such care to build our facility. Years later, I am still appreciative of them immensely; and will forever be saying thank you! Thank you as well to my date **Tony Mancini**.

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COMMUNITY HALLS/CENTRES

District 1 is home to many community halls and non-profit organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community.

[Elderbank Recreation Club](#)

[Lemmon Hill Sports Association](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)

[Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)

Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre
(902)568-2536

[Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)

[Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)

[Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)

[Gordon R. Snow Community Centre](#)

[Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)

[Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)

[Waverley Heritage Museum](#)

[Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)

[LWF Community Hall](#)

[Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)

[Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)

[Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I may have missed, please reach out to let me know, and I will add you to the list!

Gordon R. Snow Community Centre Programs



Spring Registration

March 10th – Recreation Programs

March 24th – Aquatics & Skating

New programs for Spring:

Children

Fun & Fitness – Parent & Child

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m. – Starting April 13th

Adult

Water Colour Workshops:

- Monday, April 20th – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23rd – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For information on programs and services, please drop by or call the Gordon R Snow Community Centre 902 860-4570.

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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal District 1](#).

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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Executive Standing Committee
 - Audit and Finance Committee (Chair)
 - Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
 - Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
 - Halifax Regional Water Commission (Vice Chair)
 - Halifax Partnership
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Community Committees:
- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
 - Halifax International Airport Advisory
 - Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

The District 1 newsletters, are available on my [municipal website](#). To request to be added to the distribution list, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator, Nancy Viner at Nancy.Viner@halifax.ca.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the

importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region. The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

Believed to be the most powerful of all natural amulets, the four-leaf clover is even lucky when worn in effigy as a pin, ring, or pendant – or even on clothing items.

The first leaf is for fame, the second is for wealth, the third is for faithful love, and the fourth is for health.