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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS

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### ATLANTIC CHAMPIONS FROM DISTRICT 10

There are some incredible athletes quietly training in District 10 and knocking it out of the park. About 120 paddlers from the Maskwa Aquatic Club at Kearney Lake competed this summer in the Atlantic Canadian Canoe/Kayak Championships and took home the title! This is the third year in a row Maskwa has beaten eight other Atlantic Division Teams to come home with gold. The young athletes --the majority are between 13 and 23 -- were outstanding in singles, two-person, four-person

canoe and kayak and C-15 (war canoe) events. Four Atlantic records were set and one of Maskwa's C4 women's canoe crews even set a new Lake Banook record!

Maskwa Commodore Brian Smith attributes the club's success to a very dedicated coaching staff, led by head coach Christian Hall, along with the team's incredible commitment to their sport and to helping each other. Some of the older athletes start training at 6:30 a.m., then coach the younger ones from 9-4 p.m., and then train again in the evening. They set a high bar!

Along with the club's third Atlantic Canadian Championship win, more than 100 of Maskwa's paddlers qualified to compete in the upcoming Canoe Kayak Canada Sprint National Championships at Lake Banook in Dartmouth in late August. As the biggest and one of the most successful canoe clubs in Atlantic Canada, Maskwa is positioned to do very well at the nationals.

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### FAIRVIEW RESOURCE CENTRE REOPENS

After several months of renovations, the Fairview Resource Centre has reopened at 6 Titus Street with a brand-new look. The front entrance and several offices have expanded, and the building is now more accessible. There is a plan to add additional space next year. The Family Resource Centre offers on-site parenting classes, counselling, health and wellness clinics, a seniors' club, and many other types of supports, all free.

The building is a base of operations for resource centre staff who make home visits throughout Fairview, Clayton Park, Rockingham, Beechville and Tantallon. They provide help with all kinds of family challenges and provide support for parents of newborns, young children, pre-teens and teens. English and Arabic are spoken at the centre and translation services are available for many other languages.

Check the centre out [online](#), by phone 902-443-9569, or drop by and talk to their friendly staff.

### DISTRICT 10 PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

In the warmer months playgrounds across the city are assessed for wear and tear and possible replacement. Typically, HRM replaces playgrounds every 15-20 years depending on the condition of the equipment. Whenever possible the new playgrounds are rebuilt with similar swings, slides and play equipment that was on the site previously. If playgrounds have equipment of different ages, only the oldest equipment is replaced. It's all handled through a public tender process.

In July I visited some District 10 playgrounds with HRM Parks staff to see things through their eyes. We looked at the DJ Butler Park playground on Flamingo Drive and the Burton Ettinger Elementary School playground on Central Avenue. I shared feedback I've heard from residents and parents with parks staff. Both playgrounds are well-loved but visibly worn. There are also accessibility challenges at both playgrounds.

Going forward, any HRM playground that is being replaced is upgraded to be more inclusive and accessible. Some of the older playgrounds in our district have barriers such as gravel or raised platforms (or raised platforms covered in gravel) but in the newer playgrounds, wheelchairs and other devices can often roll right up to the playground. It's all about making sure everyone is included.

It's too soon to say if the playgrounds at Burton Ettinger and DJ Butler Park will be replaced next year but they are definitely being considered for full or partial replacement.





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### UPDATES FOR 210 WILLETT DEVELOPMENT

The housing project at 210 Willett is one of the largest residential construction projects in HRM.

Last year blasting at the site went on for several months for the underground parking. That phase is over now, and the foundation is in place. The next phase involves pouring and finishing the concrete floors. Unfortunately, the concrete finishing process can be very noisy.

Regional Council reduced the permitted hours of construction noise last year, but there is a specific exemption for concrete finishing because it is time-sensitive, weather-dependent, and essential for the construction of the building. Once crews start the cement slab work it has to be finished within a certain time or the floors will not set properly.

Lindsay Construction tells me they make every effort to complete the cement finishing work before 8:30 p.m. but sometimes things happen – recently a crane broke down in the middle of a cement pour for example – and the work goes later. Other times they know the finishing will need to be done late at night. If you live near 210 Willett you may want to get on Lindsay’s email update list in order to be notified in advance of construction noise that will be happening outside regular hours of 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m. I recognize it will still be a disruption, but at least residents on the mailing list will know about the noise in advance and can plan for it.

To get added to the list, contact:

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### HRM'S RENTAL REGISTRY NOW OPEN

A few months ago, Regional Council approved new legislation requiring all rental properties to be registered with HRM. The rental registry is now available online.

The purpose of the registry is to improve safety and living conditions for renters and to help HRM plan for future housing. Through this registry, city staff will have a clearer picture of how much rental housing HRM has, where it is, and what condition it's in. This information will help staff identify housing gaps and housing needs going forward. Although HRM does not build housing, HRM planners and Regional Council can influence housing through zoning and other regulations.

The rental registry will involve all types of properties: large and small apartment buildings, single rooms, secondary and backyard suites and short-term rentals. Under the registry and By-law R-400, rental property owners are required to have an updated maintenance plan for their rental properties.



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Property owners must register their rental properties by April 1, 2024. The registry is free but after April 1 owners of unregistered rental properties may face fines of up to \$10,000. For details and registration forms visit our [website](#).

### Process

**Review:** Our dedicated municipal staff will meticulously review each registration. Should further information be deemed necessary, applicants will be promptly contacted.

**Confirmation:** Following successful review, the municipality will issue a unique registration number to each rental property owner, confirming their compliance with the By-law R-400 mandate.

It is crucial to understand that registration within the framework of By-law R-400 serves as an administrative commitment and does not confer authorization for the operation of a rental property. Furthermore, By-law R-400 stipulates the necessity for rental property owners to maintain an up-to-date maintenance plan for their respective properties, incorporating all elements regulated by By-law M-200, Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies. A maintenance plan template, facilitating adherence to this requirement, is readily accessible [online](#).

Your participation in the Halifax Residential Rental Registry contributes to a more prosperous and secure rental environment for all!



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### **AUGUST ROAD SAFETY THEME: PREVENTING IMPAIRED DRIVING**

This August, road safety takes center stage with a crucial theme - Impaired Driving. Throughout this month, we emphasize the importance of making responsible choices before getting behind the wheel. The key messaging is clear: Never drive impaired, always plan ahead, and consider options like having a designated driver, using public transportation, or staying overnight. For more details, check out the additional [resource link](#).

Recognizing the signs of an impaired driver can be instrumental in preventing potential accidents. Watch out for erratic driving behavior such as speeding, drifting between lanes, tailgating, and making unusually wide turns. If you suspect an impaired driver on the road, don't hesitate to report it by calling 911.

In addition to raising awareness about impaired driving, the road safety initiatives are making noteworthy progress. Left-Turn Traffic Calming is being reintroduced to five locations this summer,



employing temporary speed bumps to slow down left-turning vehicles. When navigating these calming measures, approach the intersection with caution, wait for a clear crosswalk, and drive carefully around the speed bumps.

The municipality is committed to a "Towards Zero" approach, aiming for a 20% reduction in fatal and injury collisions by the end of 2023, as per the Council-approved Strategic Road Safety Framework.

Investments in road safety continue to be a priority as the municipality strives towards zero fatalities. Every year, traffic calming, and control measures are identified and implemented, improving the safety of our roads for all users. For more insights into these initiatives, visit our [website](#).

If you're eager to learn more about road safety progress and collision data in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), the Road Safety Dashboard provides a comprehensive overview of ongoing initiatives and achievements. It enables users to track the municipality's progress on various road safety goals, reinforcing the collaborative effort to achieve our "Towards Zero" objectives. You can find collision details on the [Open Data Catalogue](#).

Let's make August a month of heightened road safety awareness and action. By uniting against impaired driving and embracing responsible road habits, we can collectively create safer streets for everyone in HRM and beyond. Together, let's drive towards a future of zero accidents and safer journeys for all! Road safety is a shared responsibility, encompassing all road users, whether they are walking, cycling, rolling, or driving.



### MOWING CONTRACT UPDATES

Back in 2007, concerns arose about inconsistent mowing along arterial streets, prompting Regional Council to include certain areas in municipal mowing contracts. This decision aimed to ensure the upkeep of grass between the curb and side along these streets, especially since many property owners in those areas were non-residential. As part of Regional Council direction at the November 13, 2007, meeting (Item 12.1.6), select areas were included in mowing contracts managed by the municipality with an approximate yearly cost of \$50,000. These areas were reviewed and confirmed by Regional Council during 2011/12 budgeting process.

While S-300, By-Law Respecting Streets (Streets By-Law) outlines that property owners are responsible for maintaining right of way (ROW) frontage abutting their property, the discussion in 2007 related to concerns mainly expressed with the state and consistency of mowing along arterial streets.

The 2023/2024 Budget has directed a \$50,00 reduction for these mowing contracts; therefore residents and commercial property owners are now responsible for the maintenance and mowing of the right of way frontage of their properties including any grass between the curb and sidewalk. More information on the decision can be located [here](#).



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While the municipality will still handle maintenance in certain areas, such as those owned by the municipality, center medians, and islands, we urge you to embrace this opportunity to contribute to the beauty and consistency of our city's main routes.

Let's work together to ensure the beauty and upkeep of our community. It's time for property owners to play their part in maintaining our right of way. Together, we can create a cleaner and more vibrant city!



## SOLAR CITY

Since the Solar City Program launched in May of 2016, thousands of property owners across the municipality have shown interest in solar energy by registering their property for consideration.

**Program Details:** With guidance from the program administrators, property owners individually select their preferred solar energy system and solar contractor. The administrator provides a level of review and due diligence to ensure that installed solar energy systems meet industry standards and will provide energy and cost savings over the lifetime of the installation then the funds for the installation are financed through a solar collector account.

The program is offered to the following property owners:

- Residential
- Not for profits
- Places of Worship
- Charities

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Property owners can install one or more of the following technologies:

### Solar Electric (Photovoltaic)

- Generates clean electricity to be used throughout the building when needed.
- Over generated electricity is credited at the purchasing rate to be used at a later date.
- Off-grid systems also eligible for financing
- Average system costs of \$25,000
- Average lifespan of 25 years
- May be eligible for the [SolarHomes Rebate](#) through Efficiency nova Scotia

### Solar Hot Water

- Reduces energy costs associated with heating hot water.
- Can be applied to all water-based pre-heating needs including swimming pools, space heating and domestic hot water
- Average system costs of \$8,000-\$10,000
- Average lifespan of 25 years
- May be eligible for \$1,000 [Green Heat Rebate](#) through Efficiency Nova Scotia

### Solar Hot Air

- Reduces energy costs associated with space heating
- Can simply be installed in tandem with any existing space heating system
- Average system costs of \$3,000-\$5,000
- Average lifespan of 15 years
- May be eligible for \$400 [Green Heat Rebate](#) through Efficiency Nova Scotia





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757 Solar City Participant Agreements have been executed as of December 31st, 2022, totalling \$20 million in financing committed to the installation of solar energy technologies. These systems are expected to save property owners a total of \$1.43 million annually in utility costs and reduce annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the community by approximately 6,080 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e). To date, the Solar City Program has enabled the installation of 7.30 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy in the municipality. ⚡

For more information visit our [website](#) or check out the Frequently Asked Questions, [click here](#).



### VIBRANCY FESTIVAL - 2023

Experience the most electrifying memories of electronic music in Halifax August 18 and 19 as two days and two nights transform into an unforgettable high octane journey featuring WALKER & ROYCE, JUSTIN JAY, TIGA, TAIKI NULIGHT, GENE FARRIS, HIROKO YAMAMURA + More! Immerse yourself in a

multi-venue festival with a world class entertainment lineup that combines open-air euphoria during the day and underground bunkers pulsating with energy at night.

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Brace yourself for over 20+ hours of music, featuring six unique events compressed into one exhilarating weekend.

Prepare to be captivated by the vibrant electronic music community that thrives in Halifax, a city that is a hub for emerging stars in the electronic music scene. The Vibrancy Festival has been meticulously crafted to showcase why this genre has ensnared the hearts of millions. It's an opportunity for those who are ready to be inspired by the breathtaking sights and soul-stirring sounds created by world-class DJs, producers, and VJs.

At Vibrancy Fest, the achievements of both local music producers and international pioneers, are celebrated, bringing them together on a single stage. This weekend is a testament to the dedication of individuals in the electronic music industry throughout Atlantic Canada. It's a time to connect with old friends and make new ones who share your passion.

Join us once again to support the vibrant dance music scene and the community that inspires both locals and newcomers alike!

For more information, visit the [official event page](#).



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## HELMET SAFETY

Don't forget your helmet! Halifax Regional Police is reminding everyone to fasten on your helmet before hopping on your bike, strapping on your rollerblades or pushing off on your scooter.

The Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act requires a helmet to be worn for all wheeled activities, whether on public or private lands and roads, skate parks or playgrounds.

Wheeled activities include:

- bicycles
- skateboards
- rollerblades/skates
- scooters (both self-propelled and motorized)
- Segways

A proper helmet should:

- Fit comfortably on top of your head and sit low on your forehead, just above the eyebrow.
- Not move if you shake your head.
- Have an outer shell, inner protective liner, chin straps that hold the helmet firmly in place and adjustable sizing pads.
- Meet CPSC, CSA or Snell standards.

More information on helmet safety is available at:

[August 2023](#)

- [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#)
- [Child Safety Link](#)
- [Parachute Canada](#)



## HALIFAX RECYCLING

I often get questions from residents about sorting recyclables, but also about what happens to your recyclables once they get picked up at the curb.

### Where does our recycling go?

- All blue bag material is collected and taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located in Bayers Lake.
- Approximately 80-90% of what is recyclable in the blue bag is sent from the MRF to market for recycling.
- Most of the residue produced from the MRF (i.e., material that is landfilled) is non-recyclable material, including materials that should have been placed in the garbage.
- Approximately 80% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Canada, including 50% of materials to markets right here within Nova Scotia
- Approximately 20% of materials were shipped to international markets.





### How are these items recycled? Here are some examples:

- Newspaper/Writing Paper - made into products such as paper plates and paper cup holders here in Nova Scotia
- Corrugated Cardboard - made into products such as new cardboard boxes, liner board for corrugated cardboard, and paper egg cartons in Canada.
- Steel/Aluminum Food Cans - processed as scrap metal locally and used to make new metal products.
- Laundry Detergent and Shampoo Containers – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Canada and then used to make new plastic products.
- Stewardship Programs Managed by Divert NS:
  - Glass Bottles – some are crushed and used as aggregate feedstock for concrete here in Nova Scotia
  - Plastic Bottles – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Nova Scotia and then used to make new plastic products.

Despite best efforts to recycle and reuse – reduction of single use plastics can go a long way, and we are all making a collective effort to do this.

### Here are some facts to provide a bigger picture look at plastic waste reduction efforts:

On June 20, 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada and Health Canada published final regulations to prohibit single-use plastics, including checkout bags, cutlery, food-service ware made from or containing plastics that are hard to recycle, ring carriers, stir sticks, and straws (with some exceptions). Over the next decade, it is estimated that these Regulations will eliminate over 1.3 million tonnes of hard-to-recycle plastic waste and more

than 22,000 tonnes of plastic pollution. Other key elements of Canada’s approach toward reducing plastic pollution include establishing performance standards to increase the use of recycled content in certain plastic products and ensuring that manufacturers, importers, and sellers of plastic products and packaging are responsible for collecting and recycling them. Regional Council sent a supporting letter in response to consultation conducted in 2020.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) was recently expanded here in Nova Scotia. This will completely change the approach to recycling in Nova Scotia and will facilitate a transition to a circular economy approach by making brand owners responsible for their products. Regional Council has supported this on multiple occasions in the past. The Nova Scotia government announced new extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs for batteries, lamps, and small household electric appliances, as well as packaging, paper products and other blue bag materials on August 2.

### Questions?

To learn more about recycling and waste collection in our municipality, visit our [website](#).



#### HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

##### WE ACCEPT

- Paint (including empty paint cans)
- Used motor oil
- Paint thinners
- Gasoline
- Transmission fluid
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Wood preservatives
- Herbicides
- Drain cleaners
- Paint strippers
- Metal polish
- Rust removers
- Oven cleaners
- Batteries
- Degreasers
- Pharmaceuticals
- Furniture polish & wax
- Pool chemicals
- BBQ propane tanks
- And more with hazardous symbols

##### WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- Materials containing PCB's (Polychlorinated biphenyls)
- Bio-medical waste
- Asbestos
- Radioactive waste
- Unidentified compress gas cylinders
- Explosives including ammunition
- Unidentifiable material
- Commercial, industrial, business, or institutional waste

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Thursday, 24 August

13:00

Transportation Standing Committee

### Monday, 28 August

10:00

Executive Standing Committee

### Wednesday, 6 September

16:00

Board of Police Commissioners

### Thursday, 7 September

10:00

Appeals Standing Committee

13:00

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

16:30

Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

16:30

Women's Advisory Committee

18:00

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

### Monday, 11 September

10:00

Grants Committee

12:00

Investment Policy Advisory Committee

### Tuesday, 12 September

10:00

Halifax Regional Council

### Wednesday, 13 September

09:30

Special Events Advisory Committee

### Thursday, 14 September

10:00

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

### Monday, 18 September

16:00

Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM

19:00

### Northwest Community Council

### Tuesday, 19 September

18:00

Halifax and West Community Council

### Wednesday, 20 September

10:00

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

16:00

Board of Police Commissioners

16:30

License Appeal Committee

### Thursday, 21 September

16:30

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

17:00

Youth Advisory Committee

### Monday, 25 September

10:00

Executive Standing Committee

### Tuesday, 26 September

10:00

Halifax Regional Council

### Wednesday, 27 September

15:00

Heritage Advisory Committee

18:00

Regional Centre Community Council

18:30

Western Common Advisory Committee

### Thursday, 28 September

13:00

Transportation Standing Committee

10:00

If Required - Appeals Standing Committee

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



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### MOBILE FOOD MARKET FAIRVIEW

June 3, 17

July 15, 29

Aug 12, 26

Sep 9, 23

Oct 7, 21

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### E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

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