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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

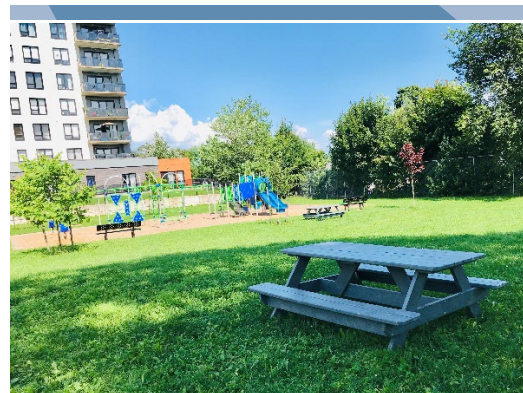


SIGNAL CHANGES AT CLAYTON PARK INTERSECTION

The traffic lights at the intersection of Lacewood and Dunbrack were changed earlier this month. Green arrows were installed to separate the pedestrian crossings from left-turning vehicles. This will make the intersection safer for everyone, especially those on foot. Lacewood and Dunbrack certainly feels safer to me - both when walking and driving through it. This intersection hasn't changed much over the years and some drivers may be on auto-pilot, so best to be cautious as everyone becomes familiar with the arrows.

The intersection of Lacewood and Dunbrack was chosen for this signal change because it's located in a commercial area, it has high volumes of pedestrians and vehicles, and it's located on several bus routes. It's also ranked in the top twenty HRM intersections for collisions. You may recall last fall green markers and rubber bumps were set up here for several weeks. Cameras were set up at the same time. Information collected from that project was used to determine how best to make a permanent change to the traffic lights, which were seeing now. The arrows took some time to install because they required rewiring and investment. It's just one example of improvements being made under HRM's Strategic Road Safety Framework, available [online](#).

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New picnic tables for Coronation Avenue Park.

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FEEDBACK WELCOMED ON SUBURBAN PLAN

In July, Regional Council voted to move forward on the Suburban Plan. The current suburban zoning and planning rules are fragmented and haven't been updated for more than 40 years (with a few exceptions) so an update is overdue. The Suburban Plan will bring changes to the planning rules for District 10 and other suburban districts. Overall, HRM's suburbs will be getting denser over the next 20 years as the city grows at a faster rate than ever before.

Given the housing crisis and the growth in HRM, planners are working on ways to streamline approvals and speed up housing construction. But they won't be doing this randomly: there is a plan for the Suburban Plan! The basic principle will be to connect housing and public transit so that in the future residents of suburban communities are not completely reliant on cars to get around. In general, suburban areas within walking distance (800 m) to major bus routes will be zoned for increased density. Underused shopping malls and parking lots will also be permitted to be redeveloped for housing and mixed uses. Areas that are within walking distance to grocery stores, schools, parks and services will be encouraged through zoning changes to get denser.

The Suburban Plan will bring big changes, but they won't be quick changes. Public engagement will continue for the next few months and there will be a report to council next spring. The first draft of the Suburban Plan is scheduled for late 2024 and the final phase for June 2027. In the meantime, HRM planners have highlighted specific suburban housing projects that may get more immediate attention such as the Clayton Park Sobey's project that I've mentioned previously, a number of projects proposed on the Bedford Highway, and an 18-storey residential building proposed at the strip mall at the corner of Lacewood and Glenforest. Questions? Contact me or see HRM's [Shape Your City webpage](#) for more details.

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, help with housing, 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 assistance 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 at 902-443-9569 ext. 105, or by dropping by and talking to their friendly staff. In the photo: Anna Lopez-McLean, Deborah Odell, George Petru (volunteer), and Naime Mert



HRM SEEKING COMMENTS ON MAIN AVE HOUSING PROJECT



HRM planners are inviting comments on a new housing project in Fairview at 44-48 Main Avenue. A local developer is applying for a building of four storeys, with 70 apartments, in a mix of one and two bedrooms. Because there will be transit at the front door, literally, sixteen parking spaces are proposed. This is the type of "infill housing" that we will likely see more of in District 10 as houses and small apartment buildings are replaced in older neighbourhoods. Main Avenue is a good location to add more apartments because residents will be on a transit route which can make living more affordable. They will also be living in a "complete community" where stores, restaurants, parks, schools and services are within walking distance. The goal is to expand HRM's housing supply and to offer a wider variety of housing options where residents can get more of what they need closer to home. Feedback about the Main Avenue project is invited until the end of July. Complete the survey on the [Shape Your City webpage](#) or contact Dean MacDougall, the municipal planner managing the application, at dean.macdougall@halifax.ca or 902-240-7085. A report about this project will go to Regional Council later this year.

Weekly green
cart collection
begins on
Monday, July 3.

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The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that weekly green cart collection has now begun.

The summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September.

Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#).

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 2.

For more information on curbside collection, 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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Find out about upcoming Mobile Special Waste Depot special events [here](#). Our Household Special Waste permanent depot is open most Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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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 50% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Nova Scotia
- Approximately 80% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Canada.
- 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.

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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.

It is anticipated that the Province of Nova Scotia will likely enact Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation in the next 6 months. This will completely change the approach to recycling in Nova Scotia and will facilitate a transition to a circular economy approach by



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making brand owners responsible for their products. Regional Council has supported this on multiple occasions in the past.

Questions?

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

You can find out information about What Goes Where, sign up for weekly reminders and service alerts, or print a calendar customized for your address. You can also download the free Halifax Recycles app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand!

Municipal Burning Rules and Regulations

No Burning After Midnight!

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2 p.m. The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, check for bans every time before you burn. They are posted 2 p.m. every day [here](#).

For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations visit our [website](#).

Mowing in the Right of Way

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Back in 2007, concerns arose about inconsistent mowing along arterial streets, prompting Regional Council to include certain areas in municipal mowing contracts. 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. 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.

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

As non-residential property owners constitute a significant portion along these streets, maintaining consistency is crucial along our main routes. Remember, By-law S-300 requires all property owners to maintain the grass abutting their property.



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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!



The municipality's annual tree planting program ensures the continued health of our urban forest and contributes to our climate action goals.

Beginning in mid-May, the Halifax Regional Municipality will plant approximately 2,500 trees throughout right-of-way spaces and other municipally owned land.

Tree planting supports Regional Council-approved initiatives, including the Urban Forest Management Plan and HalifACT. Learn more about our tree planting program [here](#).



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Residents can participate in the following activities taking place throughout the municipality over the Natal Day weekend:

- Natal Day Kickoff - The Crescendo Outdoor Fashion Show on Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m.
- Crescendo Main Event Concert on Saturday, August 5 at 5 p.m.
- Natal Day Harbour Fireworks on Saturday, August 5 at 10 p.m.
- African Nova Scotian Music Association 'Freedom Festival' on Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m.
- Natal Day & Buskers Festival's All-Star Showcase on Sunday, August 6 at 9 p.m.
- Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race on Monday, August 7 at 8 a.m.
- Natal Day Parade on Monday, August 7 at 10 a.m.
- Lake Banook Natal Day Fireworks on Monday, August 7 at 9:30 p.m.



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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, 26 July

15:00

Heritage Advisory Committee

Thursday, 27 July

13:00

Transportation Standing Committee

Wednesday, 2 August

16:30

If Required - Board of Police Commissioners

Thursday, 3 August

18:00

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

Tuesday, 8 August

10:00

Cancelled - Halifax Regional Council

Thursday, 10 August

10:00

If Required - Appeals Standing Committee

17:00

If Required - Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

Wednesday, 16 August

10:00

If Required - Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Thursday, 17 August

10:00

If Required - Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

Monday, 21 August

16:00

If Required - Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM

Tuesday, 22 August

10:00

Halifax Regional Council

Wednesday, 23 August

15:00

If Required - Heritage Advisory Committee

Thursday, 24 August

13:00

Transportation Standing Committee

Monday, 28 August

10:00

Executive Standing Committee

10:00

If Required - Appeals Standing Committee

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

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

1 August 2022

Natal Day ([Stay tuned for on-going updates on the 2023 Natal Day Weekend](#))

Emancipation Day

15 August 2022

National Acadian Day

Let's Connect

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MOBILE FOOD MARKET FAIRVIEW

June 3, 17
July 15, 29
Aug 12, 26
Sep 9, 23
Oct 7, 21

Titus Smith Memorial Park
44 Vimy Avenue
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Every other Saturday
Cash, debit and credit

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More accessible entrance for DJ Butler Park

