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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
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increase in the overall sidewalk budget. I know there are many more sidewalks needed in our communities and I will continue working to make District 10 more pedestrian friendly.

The Main Avenue project is expected to wrap up by late August. Until then, residents can expect delays on Main when driving or whenever possible, use Highway 102.



### SECOND SIDEWALK SECTION FOR MAIN

It's great to see the sidewalk construction project underway on Main Avenue between Hillcrest and Alex. This sidewalk is badly needed. Not only does Main Avenue have a lot of foot traffic, it has some of District 10's heaviest bus traffic. The new sidewalk will make transit more accessible and safer. This project also includes new asphalt, a bump out for traffic calming and curb and street light replacements.

Although municipal staff make the final decisions where new sidewalks are built, I have been advocating for more sidewalks along major transit routes and I was successful at spearheading an

### SHAPE OUR CITY: ONE MILLION HALIGONIANS

The blueprint for how our city grows is the Regional Plan. It gets updated every five years and overhauled every decade or so. The municipality has a new Draft Regional Plan and over the next few months there will be opportunities for residents to comment and provide feedback on the plan. When it's finalized, this plan will shape our city for years to come, so your participation in upcoming engagement is highly encouraged. This Regional Plan has a special focus on addressing HRM's population growth and housing needs, while improving access to parks and adapting to climate change.



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City planners are assuming the high rate of growth of the last few years will continue, which means the municipality is on track to double its current population to approximately 1 million people in the next 25 to 30 years. Planners are asking: What will Halifax look like as a region of one million people? Through the Regional Plan, HRM staff and council will direct housing, jobs, and community infrastructure in ways that support our goals for healthy, connected, inclusive and affordable communities.

Along with managing the region's growth, this plan will build in quality-of-life priorities, based on plans previously approved by Regional Council. This includes plans for more efficient transportation, protection of natural areas and wildlife habitats, celebrating our rich heritage and culture and for more sustainable economic development. Council and municipal planners want to hear from you. Starting on July 12, over the next four months, public feedback will be collected to refine the current draft plan. There are a variety of ways you can get involved. You can join 'pop-up' events in libraries, farmers' markets, and shopping malls for face-to-face discussions. There will also be open houses in some communities where you can share your thoughts and ideas on the plan.

The most convenient way to contribute is through the municipality's engagement platform, the Shape Your City webpage. You can participate by email, phone, or by submitting your feedback in writing. I hope you will take the opportunity over the next few months to share your thoughts and make your feedback count to help shape the impact and future of our city.



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### A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR NATIONAL URBAN PARK

In May at the Maskwa Aquatic Club at Kearney Lake, Parks Canada and Member of Parliament Lena Diab announced \$2.1 million to fund the next important step in creating a National Urban Park in Halifax. It's a significant milestone for Friends of Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, CPAWS, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust and their supporters and volunteers, who have worked tirelessly for more than a decade to protect this amazing wilderness area. It's also a big step forward for Regional Council, who have supported this project with funding and staff resources for several years. Although Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes has not been designated a National Urban Park just yet, this project now moves from the study phase into the actual planning phase.

With its new urban park program, the federal government has three main goals: to conserve nature, to connect people with nature, and to advance reconciliation with First Nations. Led by Parks Canada, a plan will be developed for Blue Mountain in collaboration with partners which include the Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia Nature Trust, the Province of Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia (KMK), and Sipekne'katik First Nation.





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Blue Mountain's Park boundaries are still being determined however about 2300 hectares, located between Bayers Lake, Kingswood, and Tantallon, have already been purchased and protected. Once designated, this beautiful park will provide access to wilderness recreation right in our backyard and may also become a model for similar urban parks across Canada. To keep the momentum going, consider joining Friends of Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes or Nova Scotia Nature Trust.

*Blue Mountain photo by Irwin Barrett*

### FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS NEXT WEEK

The weekly Fairview/Clayton Park Farmers' Market is back, starting June 1 and running until October. Every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m., rain or shine, you will find the market in the multi-purpose room and parking lot of the Centennial Arena (27 Vimy Avenue). Visit the Fairview Clayton Park Farmers' Market on Facebook and enter the Grand Opening MEGA Contest. The winner will take home \$500 worth of prizes donated by the vendors.

### REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH A TREE OR PARK BENCH

The municipality's civic gift program offers an opportunity to commemorate a person or event in a way that also leaves a legacy for the whole community. The gifts usually take the form of a tree or a bench for a municipal park. Applications are being accepted until June 6. For more information and to apply:

<https://www.halifax.ca/.../parks-civic-support-program>



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### FIRE SAFETY - BARBEQUES

To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic "fire safety" ingredients in your barbecue recipes.

Whether fueled by [charcoal](#) or [gas](#), barbecues are approved for outdoor use only – they emit carbon monoxide. Never barbecue in your garage, tent, or other enclosed space.

Read and follow all manufacturers instructions.

Place your barbecue on a solid surface so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance from anything that can burn - we've all seen the results of a barbecue that was used too close to vinyl siding. Remember too that since barbecues do get very hot you need to keep children and pets away as well.

Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always stay with your barbecue when it's being used.

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/fire-prevention-safety/barbecue-safety>.



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### Let's Connect

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### HFX FIRE - No Burning After Midnight

#### Municipal Burning Rules and Regulations



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. <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/.../burn.../burning-rules-regulations> and <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/burning-information/burning-rules-regulations>



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### HRM LAKEWATCHERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean. 🌿

The program will involve community teams to:

- ✓ Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- ✓ Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.
- ✓ Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](https://catalogue-hrm.opendata.arcgis.com/) (<https://catalogue-hrm.opendata.arcgis.com/>)

### You can get involved!

Data collection will take place twice yearly through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

Interested in getting involved? Learn more: <https://halifax.ca/lakewatchers>



\*Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1 to August 31.

### BLUE GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are plant-like bacterial organisms naturally found in many types of water systems including ponds, lakes, rivers and wetlands. Blue-green algae are naturally present in small numbers. Under the right conditions (warm, slow moving, shallow water with enough sunlight and nutrients), blue-green algae can grow quickly and form blooms. Blue-green algae can be floating on the surface or grow along the bottom of a waterbody in what is called a mat. In large quantities, some types of blue-green algae produce toxins, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

The municipality monitors our supervised beaches for fecal bacteria, blue-green algae, and other waterborne contaminants between July 1 to August 31 annually. If a suspected blue-green bloom is observed at one of our supervised beaches, the beach is closed immediately, and water samples are analyzed for toxins. The beach is not reopened until analysis confirms toxin levels are within safe limits for recreation. When a bloom is reported to the province in a lake where the municipality supervises a beach, municipal staff conduct follow-up monitoring to ensure water quality is safe for recreational use.

Municipal staff monitor and report on the status of 18 beaches across the municipality. Watch for advisories by visiting [halifax.ca/beaches](https://halifax.ca/beaches) and

following [@hfxgov](https://twitter.com/hfxgov) on Twitter. Updates can also be found at [www.NovaScotia.ca/Blue-Green-Algae](https://www.NovaScotia.ca/Blue-Green-Algae).

Blue-green algae poses significant dangers to human health and the environment. **If a beach is closed this summer, do not swim or engage in any other recreational activity that may involve contact with water** (e.g., paddling). Keep children and pets away from the water. Do not drink the lake water and please note that boiling water will not remove toxins. I encourage everyone to follow beach rules and restrictions to be safe when visiting the beaches.

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are naturally found in freshwater environments like lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. They thrive in warm water and can be harmful to people and fatal for pets. ⚠️

Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface. Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

Here are some tips for staying safe this summer:

- When visiting a lake, river, stream, or pond, always scan the water and shoreline before entering the water or letting children or pets play in it.
- Pets may be attracted to the smell of algae mats.
- Do not allow pets to play with or eat algae mats, as it could be fatal.
- If a beach is closed, do not swim or play near the water.
- Swimming in contaminated water may cause itchy and irritated eyes and skin, including hives, rashes, or blisters.
- People or animals that consume contaminated water are at risk of headaches, fever, diarrhea,



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vomiting, cramps, muscle, joint pain, and liver damage.

- Do not drink or cook with water where blue-green algae are present. Boiling water will not remove toxins. 🚫

Watch for advisories by visiting [halifax.ca/beaches](https://halifax.ca/beaches) and following @hfxgov on Twitter. Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.



## JUNE IS RECREATION MONTH

### Celebrate Recreation Month

Did you know that June is Recreation Month?

Visit our website for a great list of Recreation Day celebrations in communities across the municipality for all ages! The Recreation Month spotlight series will showcase the wide array of programs and activities we have to offer for all ages in communities across the municipality.

Learn more and see the full list by visiting <https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/recreation-day?fbclid=IwAR1G6WV5j->

[otvidIZgxlx6kn025M4GZFj0kBXERUFDYSPKdwbjdH6wbi7js](https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/outdoor-recreation/emera-oval).

## THE EMERA OVAL IS OPEN

On June 3 the Emera Oval opened for residents and guests to enjoy in-line skating, roller skates, biking, skateboarding and more.

The Emera Oval offers:

- Free equipment rentals (with valid government issued ID)
- Public washrooms
- First aid

The Emera Oval includes an accessible washroom, on street accessible parking, and wheelchair access on the surface (outside lane only).

Before heading over, please check the schedule below in case of closures due to weather issues, surface condition closures or special events.

[Group bookings](https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/outdoor-recreation/emera-oval) are available for 20 people or more with advance registration. Learn more by visiting <https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/outdoor-recreation/emera-oval>.

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR READY FOR SUMMER REC

Register now for Ready for Rec summer programs for youth 13-18.

### ☀️ Ready for Rec youth summer program ☀️

**Date:** Weeks of July 4, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 and August 8

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Central Spryfield Elementary School, 364 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield





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This fun summer program is designed for youth with disabilities aged 13-18. Participants will explore the community and learn new things along the way. The focus is healthy living through fun recreation activities. Participants should be able to be in a group of two or three campers to one staff.

### Ready for Rec youth outdoor fun

**Date:** Weeks of Aug. 14 and Aug. 21

**Time:** 10 a.m.- to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Shubie Park (drop off by the Fairbanks Centre)

The Ready for Rec Outdoor Camp offers an inclusive and supported environment for youth (13-18) with disabilities to learn and explore nature. Participants will engage in a combination of structured and unstructured seasonal activities, such as nature walks, scavenger hunts, creative expression and free play. This program offers one-to-one staffing if needed.

To register for Ready for Rec youth programs, please contact [inclusion@halifax.ca](mailto:inclusion@halifax.ca)

- To learn more about our Ready for Rec programs, visit:



**Bring on summer... some splashpads, beaches, and outdoor pools are now open for the season!**

June 2023

### Open NOW (as of June 17):

- ~ Bayers-Westwood splashpad
- ~ George Dixon splashpad
- ~ Isleville Street splashpad
- ~ Cole Harbour
- ~ Shirley's
- ~ Westmount & Sackville splashpads

### Opening July 1

- ~ Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools
- ~ Supervised municipal beaches
- ~ Plus, FREE indoor swims at the Needham pool all summer long!

Bookings are required for the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, and can be completed on [our website](#).

Visit [halifax.ca/beaches](http://halifax.ca/beaches) for full schedule and details!

Due to [construction of the new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility](#), the Halifax Common outdoor pool will remain closed for the 2022 season.





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Join us for KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 celebrations on Saturday, July 1, 2023. This re-envisioned format for Canada Day offers a variety of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy.

Developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities, KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 offers programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home.

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 programming will include the Mawio'mi on the Halifax Waterfront, a Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series free concert, a Multi-Stage experience on the Halifax Waterfront featuring multiple genres of music – and the day time and night time headliners will take to the SKY! For the first time ever, the Canadian Forces (CF) Snowbirds will host an Air Show at lunch time over the Halifax Harbour.

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 is partnering with The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and the Halifax Citadel National Historic site to offer free admission on Saturday, July 1.

For all details, visit <https://hrmcanadaday.ca/>



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### ROAD SAFETY FOCUS – June 2023

Distracted driving puts you and everyone on the road at risk. It is one of the leading causes of fatal and serious injury collisions in HRM. From cellphones to loud music and other passengers, there are many distractions that can compete for a driver's attention and affect their ability to drive safely. Quickly checking your phone may seem harmless, but when you find yourself needing to stop suddenly to avoid a collision, every second counts. Stay alert, arrive alive.

- Here are some tips to help avoid distracted driving:
- Keep your cellphone out of reach. Reduce the temptation to use it by keeping it out of sight (for example, in a bag in the backseat) and turn the ringer off.
- Plan your route ahead of time. Before you get in the car, know where you're going and how you're getting there. If you use a GPS system, program your route prior to starting the car.
- Avoid eating and drinking while driving. If you need to take a drink, wait until you are stopped at a red light.





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- Keep music or radio at a reasonable volume and don't use headphones. Music should never be so loud that you would not be able to hear a siren, or the screech of brakes from another vehicle.
- Offer help. If you're a passenger and notice the driver trying to use the phone, offer to send a text or make a call for them. You can also offer to help navigate the GPS.
- Talk to new drivers. Remind them of the importance of staying focused behind the wheel and the serious risks when driving distracted.
- Model good behaviour. Kids are always watching.

## ADDITIONAL GENERAL MESSAGES:

- NEW - [Traffic Calming Assessments and Infrastructure Map](#) released:
- To check the traffic calming status of any street in the Municipality, visit: <https://hrm.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/media/index.html?appid=b0309077a2ec4f8ea769d438966c971d>. Don't see an open traffic calming assessment on your street but would like to initiate one? Contact the HRM [Contact Centre](#) to submit a new request. Have further questions? See our FAQ section [here](#).
- Central to the Council-approved [Strategic Road Safety Framework](#) is the municipality's commitment to a "Towards Zero" approach – with the goal of a 20 per cent reduction in fatal and injury collisions by the end of 2023.

- Road safety is everyone's responsibility whether you're walking, rolling, cycling, or driving.
- The municipality is investing in road safety as it moves toward zero fatalities. Each year, traffic calming and traffic control measures are identified and implemented to ensure the safety of our roads continues to improve for all users. To learn more about our initiatives visit [halifax.ca/roadsafety](https://halifax.ca/roadsafety).
- Interested in learning more about road safety in HRM and the progress we are making? The [Road Safety Dashboard](#) provides an overview of collision data and allows users to track progress the municipality is making on a number of different road safety initiatives as we work together to accomplish our Towards Zero goals. Collision details are also available on the [Open Data](#) Catalogue.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Monday, 26 June

10:00

Executive Standing Committee

19:00

Northwest Community Council

### Wednesday, 28 June

15:00

Special Heritage Advisory Committee

18:00

Regional Centre Community Council

18:30

Western Common Advisory Committee

### Tuesday, 4 July

18:00



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## Wednesday, 5 July

12:30

Rescheduled to July 12 - Board of Police Commissioners

## Thursday, 6 July

10:00

Special Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

16:30

If Required - Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

16:30

If Required - Women's Advisory Committee

18:00

If Required - Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

## Monday, 10 July

10:00

If Required - Grants Committee

16:30

Special Board of Police Commissioners

## Tuesday, 11 July

10:00

Halifax Regional Council

## Wednesday, 12 July

16:30

Board of Police Commissioners

## Thursday, 13 July

10:00

If Required - Appeals Standing Committee

## Monday, 17 July

16:00

If Required - Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM

19:00

Rescheduled to June 26 - Northwest Community Council

## Wednesday, 19 July

10:00

If Required - Audit and Finance Standing Committee

16:30

If Required - License Appeal Committee

## Thursday, 20 July

10:00

If Required - Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

16:30

If Required - Active Transportation Advisory Committee

17:00

If Required - Youth Advisory Committee

## Wednesday, 26 July

15:00

If Required - Heritage Advisory Committee

## Thursday, 27 July

13:00

If Required - Transportation Standing Committee

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

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

### 1 July 2022

Canada Day

### 20 July → 30 July 2022

Halifax Pride Festival

### 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



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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  
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