

# COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE

DISTRICT 10  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST



## FARMERS MARKET RETURNS



The Fairview Clayton Park Farmers Market is back for its fourth season at Centennial Arena. The market offers fresh local produce, baked goods, crafts, and international foods. It started on June 6, 2024, and will run until October 31, 2024. Every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m., rain or shine, the market will be open in the community room and parking lot of the Centennial Arena at 27 Vimy Avenue, just off Lacewood.

This year, there are three dozen vendors, including Vegetorium, Common Roots, Stone Hearth, and Mount Densen Blueberries, providing plenty of options to choose from. Additionally, there will be free face painting and balloon animals for the kids.

The Fairview market is run by volunteers. Each week a table will be available for non-profit community groups (pre-registration required). Don't forget to [enter](#) to win a weekly gift package.

## MEET WITH A LEGAL AID LAWYER AT THE FAIRVIEW RESOURCE CENTRE

The Fairview Resource Centre is launching a free legal aid program starting July 29, 2024.

In-person drop-in sessions are available on the last Monday of each month for a free consultation with a family law lawyer from Nova Scotia Legal Aid. For more information email [info@frcns.com](mailto:info@frcns.com).



### MEET WITH A LEGAL AID LAWYER AT THE FRC

Do you have questions regarding family law and your rights? Topics can include child custody, divorce and child protection cases

Meet with a lawyer from Nova Scotia Legal Aid who specializes in family law and child protection situations. The lawyer can provide general information to all, and assist eligible participants with applying for full legal representation.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:  
EMAIL [INFO@FRCNS.COM](mailto:INFO@FRCNS.COM)  
OR CALL (902)-443-9569  
EXT 0 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

PROGRAM  
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## SPEED HUMPS PENDING

Traffic calming measures will be installed on Adelaide, Convoy, Coronation, Frederick, Rosedale and Rufus Avenues over the summer. The work is expected to take about six weeks. The speed humps are intended to reduce speeding near schools and on streets that have partial sidewalks or no sidewalks.

## BEDFORD HIGHWAY TO GET REPAIRS

I'm happy to report the Bedford Highway will be repaved in two sections. The first section to be repaired is approximately from 44 Bedford Highway to Flamingo Drive. This project will involve curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs, as well as asphalt milling and asphalt overlay. Further repairs for this area will be done as part of the Windsor Street Exchange project.

The second section of the Bedford Highway to be repaved is from Kearney Lake Road to 50 meters south of Shaunslieve Drive near Prince's Lodge. This project will mainly involve asphalt milling and asphalt overlay.

Residents will get notice of project timing and impacts to parking and driveway access before construction. These upgrades are planned for the 2024 construction season but exact dates are to be determined.

## NATAL DAY 2024

The 127th Pepsi Natal Day Parade will take place on Monday, August 5 at 10 a.m. This annual event attracts thousands of residents from across the region.

The first celebration was a single city celebration held in Dartmouth in 1895. The Annual Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day has continued to grow and provide residents, sponsors and countless visitors with a multi-day celebration that features live entertainment and family activities throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Registration is open for parade participants until Friday, July 19. For more information, including application forms and a full schedule of programming, visit our website.

## EV TEST DRIVE EVENTS

Halifax Regional Municipality has partnered with Next Ride and the Clean Foundation to offer several free electric vehicle (EV) test drive events to residents across the municipality.



**Join us for an electric vehicle test drive!**

August 12 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Centennial Arena

[halifax.ca/EV](http://halifax.ca/EV)

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The test drives have started and will run until August. The next event in District 10 is on August 12, 2024, at the Centennial Arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Both the EV test drive events and EV charger installation are in support of the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Visit our [website](#) for more details and more events.

## CLAYTON PARK WEST MAY HOST NEW SCHOOL

In June the provincial Department of Public Works asked School Advisory Councils at Halifax West feeder schools to provide feedback on Radcliffe Drive as the future site of a new junior high school in our area. The proposed configuration is a grade 6-9 school for up to 1000 students.

The recommended site is 7 acres of forested park land in Clayton Park West. The site borders the Mainland Trail



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and the sports field for Park West School. NS Public Works reviewed eleven other sites but only asked for feedback on the Radcliffe Drive site. Plans are still preliminary and if this school is built, it's not clear what impact it will have on existing schools in Fairview, Clayton Park and Rockingham.

### PROGRESS ON HOMELESSNESS

On June 4, Regional Council debated an important motion related to homelessness. As of May 2024, the list of those self-identifying as homeless in the Halifax Regional Municipality had 1,257 names, a number growing at a rate of four percent a month. While most find temporary shelter, it's expected about 300 people will be sleeping rough (outdoors) in the Halifax Regional Municipality this summer. If trends continue, it is anticipated that about 400 will be sleeping rough in the summer of 2025.

To address these growing needs, Regional Council has made a formal request to the provincial government to provide necessary support services for the unhoused. This includes a request for the establishment of day centers, single room occupancy shelters, single room housing, and a wet shelter (a shelter that accepts people using drugs and alcohol).

Council has asked the provincial government to provide increased and ongoing mental health care and addictions services, as well as host a housing and homelessness summit in the fall of 2024 with all levels of government engaged and at the table.

Because it's expected these solutions, if approved, will take the Province some time to set up, Council also discussed shorter term approaches such as a \$600,000 contribution to Shelter Nova Scotia; designating additional encampment locations in municipal parks; and developing civilian-led response teams (rather than tasking police) to assist the unhoused.

Read the full [report](#) here.

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### HALIFAX COMMON AQUATICS FACILITY OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Halifax Common Aquatics Facility opened for the 2024 summer season on June 15.

The 350-person pool holds over 60 free public swims weekly during the summer months. There is also a multi-purpose room, which includes a kitchenette, and a modular stage that provides a versatile space to accommodate a range of programs and events year-round.

For the facility's schedule, visit [our website](#).

### REDESIGN OF THE TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

A redesign of the municipality's Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations Program was approved by Regional Council on April 23, 2024, and Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM is now in effect.

Tax relief is a form of annual operating grant provided by taxpayers of the municipality. The level of assistance varies by the type of program or service.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

### E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

If you'd like to keep up to date with Di'strict 10 and Regional Council news, please get in touch with my Council Constituency Coordinator [Sarah Edjemudiare to subscribe to this newsletter](#).



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Thursday, July 4

4:30 p.m. Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

4:30 p.m. Women's Advisory Committee

6 p.m. Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

### Tuesday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Halifax Regional Council

### Thursday, July 11

10 a.m. Appeals Standing Committee

5 p.m. If required - Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

6 p.m. African Descent Advisory Committee

### Monday, July 15

4 p.m. Accessibility Advisory Committee

7 p.m. North West Community Council

## ALONG WITH SERVING ON REGIONAL COUNCIL, I AM ALSO SERVING ON:

- Halifax and West Community Council
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Canada Games Centre Board
- Centennial Arena Board

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