



COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD
DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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FALL WELCOME!

As the leaves start to change colours and a crisp autumn breeze fills the air, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and exciting events happening in our community this Fall.

With Halloween approaching, we want to remind everyone to prioritize safety. Make sure your little ones have reflective clothing, carry a flashlight, and check all treats before consuming them. If you're decorating your home, please consider using LED candles and lights to reduce fire risks.

I want to send a reminder to any community groups which are doing big projects to consider applying for District 12 Capital grants. More information can be found on [Halifax.ca](https://www.halifax.ca).

It's my honour to continue serving as your municipal councillor. Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone (902.240.7926) or email (iona.stoddard@halifax.ca) to discuss municipal programs or services.

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meetings of Halifax Regional Council and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, November 28 at 10 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, November 21 at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on our [website](https://www.halifax.ca) as they are subject to change.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT APPROVED FOR VOLUNTEER GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS

Regional Council has approved the award of three Operating Grants, totaling \$25,212.55, for three



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Volunteer Ground Search and Rescue Teams (GSAR) in the municipality, in addition to a one-time operating grant to the Sheet Harbour GSAR of \$33,352.23.

Traditionally, GSAR teams have aided government authorities in the event of a missing person, notably in wilderness areas and/or severe weather. Increasingly, this role has expanded to include pre-emptive evacuation or evacuation following a natural or human-induced disaster, wellness checks (post disaster recovery or in support of the homeless), and searches for persons with a cognitive disability or mental illness.

The 2023/24 budget for the grants to GSAR/emergency management organizations is \$141,300, which has not increased in the past decade, while costs have continued to rise. Although GSAR searches were predominately located in rural locations, the scope of GSAR operations has grown exponentially during the past few years into the suburban and urban areas. Furthermore, Regional Council was supportive of an increase in funding to volunteer emergency service providers for consideration in the fiscal 2024/25 budget process.

RENAMING OF CORNWALLIS STREET TO NORA BERNARD STREET

On December 13, 2022, Regional Council approved the renaming of Cornwallis Street to Nora Bernard Street. The new street name will come into effect on Monday, October 30, 2023.

Residents are invited to attend an upcoming recognition event to honour this important step towards reconciliation:

When: Monday, October 30 beginning at 10 a.m.

Where: The Emera Oval, 5775 Cogswell St, Halifax

Details: This rain-or-shine event will include a traditional smudging ceremony performed by an Indigenous Elder, an Indigenous drumming

performance and remarks from Nora Bernard's living family members. No registration required.

HAZARD, RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



To keep improving how we make decisions, understand community vulnerabilities, and mitigate emergency risks and hazards, the Halifax Regional Municipality Emergency Management Division is conducting a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA), starting spring 2023.

Divided into four phases, the HRVA program will establish profiles and recommendations for action for each of the municipality's districts. Informed through comprehensive public engagement, these profiles will increase our understanding of human-, natural- or conflict-caused hazards that exist and how they increase community vulnerability. The recommendations will then be put into use and adapted based on continual review of HRVA profiles. You can find more information [here](#).



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VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



The Volunteer Conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills to build stronger volunteer capacity throughout the municipality.

Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops, networking activities, enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal.

This year's workshops will cover topics such as: treasurer 101, inclusion, meeting changing community needs, self-care, funding, being an active neighbour, cultural awareness, working together in partnerships, project management, and building better teams.

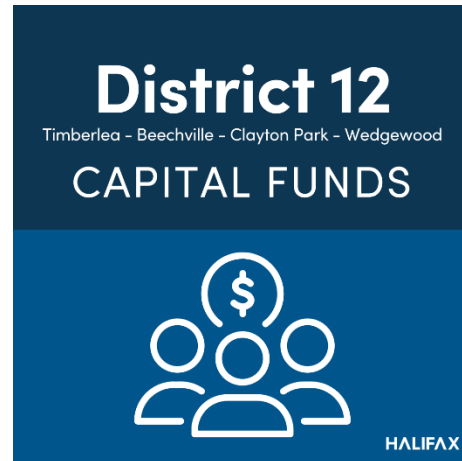
When: Friday, November 17, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Delta Hotel, 240 Brownlow Ave, Dartmouth, NS

Cost: \$35.00

Register online at halifax.ca/myREC using course code 00077457 or call the registration line at 902.490.6666.

DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS



Each fiscal year, all districts are allocated District Funds that Councillors have the ability to designate for community benefit. If you and your group have a project you would like to have considered, please reach out to me.

Some groups and projects which have been supported with capital funds are:

- Signage for Beechville
- Soccer Nova Scotia
- Adsum House
- Mainland Common Upgrades
- Saint Benedict's Church
- Beautification projects around the district
- Easter Seals
- Walk and Roll Safety Halifax
- Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society
- Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank
- Greenwood Heights Park
- BLT Community Gardening Association
- Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization
- Pride Crosswalks
- Beechville Baptist Church
- MacDonald Memorial Legion



IN THE COMMUNITY

I have had a great fall in our community, taking part and visiting a variety of events!

- National Day of Truth & Reconciliation September - 29
- Nigeria Flag Raising - September 30
- Treaty Day and Indigenous National Month Celebration - October 2
- Emergency Preparedness meeting - October 5
- 4th Annual Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax Breakfast - October 4
- Walking tour of Cogswell Project - October 6
- Famous 5 Marquett National Leadership tour at MSVU - October 11
- N. S. Leadership Breakfast - October 5
- Black Cultural Centre 40th Anniversary - October 23
- Provincial Law Amendments Committee re: Bill 329 - October 16
- Meeting with RCMP - October 19
- Akoma Building East Preston unveiling - October 23



Fallen Peace Officers memorial Service



A visit to the Boys and Girls club at Thanksgiving



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A wonderful time at the Nigerian Flag raising event.



Attending the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Flag Raising at City Hall

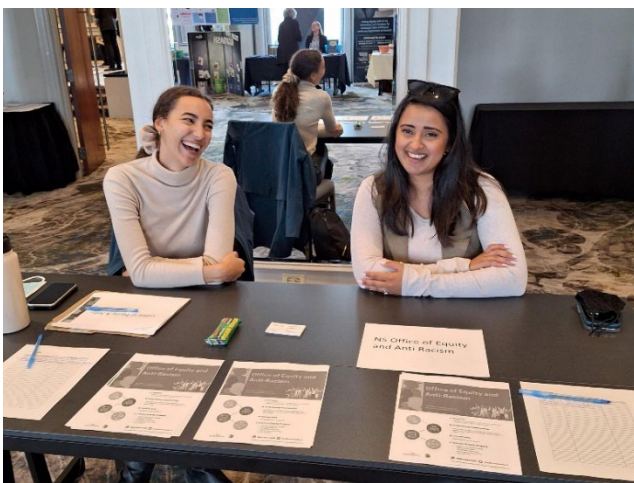


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I had a great time at the Know your Municipality event on October 14!





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DID YOU KNOW? | ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

Online crime reporting

gives Nova Scotians in areas of RCMP jurisdiction a way to report certain non-emergency crimes online.

Online crime reporting is not meant to replace other forms of reporting crime. Always call 911 in an emergency.

RCMP non-emergency line is 1-800-440-1323.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



The easy-to-use website guides you through a series of questions to give police information about your incident.



You will receive an email confirmation with an incident number and a report, which can be used for insurance purposes.



The online reporting process takes about 15 minutes.



All reports submitted online are reviewed by the RCMP and are entered into our record management system.



A police officer will contact you if more information is required.

WHAT CAN I REPORT ONLINE?

- Mischief/damage to property under \$5,000**
*Including in-vehicle items age under \$5,000 in vehicle
- Theft under \$5,000**
*Including theft of bicycle and theft from vehicle under \$5,000
- Lost property**
*Including license plates and registration tags

WHY SHOULD I REPORT ONLINE?

- Available 24/7
- No need to visit or call a detachment.
- Provides a report that can be used for insurance purposes.
- Contributes important information to assess crime trends.

DO NOT REPORT ONLINE IF:

- Stolen property includes firearms, credit cards, or personal identification (e.g. driver's licence or passport).
- The value of stolen or damaged property exceeds \$5,000.
- There are witnesses, suspects or video evidence of the crime.
- Incidents that do not meet the criteria are directed to the RCMP's non-emergency line: 1-800-440-1323.
- Call police or 911 immediately if the incident is still in progress, or if it is an emergency.

VISIT [RCMP-GRC.GC.CA/NS](https://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns) and click on report a crime online.

FILING A FALSE POLICE REPORT IS A CRIME





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Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall

Envisioning an accessible, inclusive Halifax Regional Municipality, together.

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Join in person at the Paul O'Regan Hall in the Halifax Central Library or join online by preregistering on Zoom.

For more information and to register for virtual participation, visit halifax.ca/accessibility-town-hall or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210.



JOIN US FOR THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL TOWN HALL

Join us November 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.! Attend in person at the Halifax Central Library, join virtually in Zoom or watch the livestream on YouTube. For more information, visit the webpage on Halifax.ca.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In an emergency, please always call 911. For the RCMP Non-Emergency Line, call police dispatch at 902-490-5020 24 hrs/day.

311 – HRM'S CALL CENTRE

The municipality's Call Centre is open 7 days a week, Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to respond to routine inquiries and complaints from HRM residents. For more information please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/311/>.

PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTRE

The provincial Operations Contact Centre is open 24/7 and can be reached 1-844-696-7737 or by email dpw-occ@novascotia.ca.

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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Western Common Community Council
- Halifax & West Community Council
- CMC (Community Monitoring Committee) re Otter Lake Landfill
- African Descent Advisory Committee

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