



**COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD**  
**DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS**  
**TIMBERLEA - BEECHVILLE - CLAYTON PARK - WEDGEWOOD**

**WELCOME JUNE!**

Joyeux Juin/ Happy June!

As we say goodbye to spring and hello to summer and the coming of the end of the school year, please be cautious of more children on the streets and sidewalks.

I would also like to recognize that June is National Indigenous History Month in Nova Scotia and around Canada, and an invitation for us to educate ourselves on the lives, teachings, diversity, resilience and culture of the first people of Mi'kma'ki, and Indigenous communities across the country.

I would also like to wish Happy Father's Day to all Fathers. Including stepfathers, adopted fathers, father figures and fathers who are no longer with us.

Have a safe and happy summer!

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June 2024

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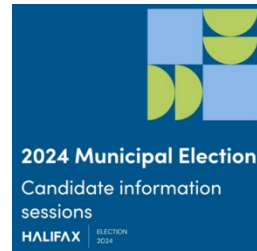
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

Wednesday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m.

- Western Common Ad Committee

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

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS - MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Residents interested in running in the 2024 [Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial \(CSAP\) Election](#) are invited to attend an upcoming candidate information session. These sessions are

designed to help equip potential candidates with important information and resources about running in the 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election.

Registration is not required to attend the [in-person information sessions](#), but is required for the Wednesday, June 5 [virtual session](#) on Zoom. Attendees are encouraged to contact the Election Office in advance to inquire about specific accommodation requests. A closed-captioned recording of the online session will be made available on [halifax.ca/election](http://halifax.ca/election). For more information, click [here](#).

## JUNE MEETINGS

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

### Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18 at 10a.m.

### Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

### Standing Committees:

Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m.

- Appeals Standing Committee

Wednesday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee

Thursday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m.

## MUNICIPAL TREE PRUNING PROGRAM

The municipality's cyclical tree pruning program is now underway. Proactive tree pruning



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activities, as outlined in the [Urban Forest Master Plan](#), improve the health of the urban canopy of street trees, ensuring longer-lived trees, while reducing damage to trees and local infrastructure due to weather events.

Crews will complete the tree pruning program according to best practices regarding tree health and infrastructure clearances (e.g. considerations relating to roads, sidewalks, power lines, and signage). Municipal trees are assessed for maintenance and removal on an individual basis. If removal is deemed necessary, a new tree will be planted in its place.

To learn when tree pruning may take place in your area, visit our [website](#) to view detailed schedules and maps. Work schedules are approximate and weather-dependent. The tree pruning program is expected to be completed in March 2024. There may be temporary street and sidewalk closures while work is underway.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

## HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Every spring, Halifax Regional Municipality hosts the Citizenship Awards ceremony to recognize grade nine students throughout the municipality who exemplifies qualities of leadership in, and service to, their school and community, while maintaining commendable academic performance.

This year we were pleased to honor 9 Grade 12 students with the Citizenship Award. A ceremony and awards presentation took place on May 7 as part of a special presentation at

[June 2024](#)

Halifax Regional Council.

Congratulations to District 9 Citizenship Award Recipients Bhumik Kalra, Yousef Fathalla, and Freya Neilson.





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### VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. This annual event puts a spotlight on amazing people who give of their time in our municipality.

This year's recipients for District 12: Aniq Jalal, Fares Siddiqui, Nicole McDonald, Olivis Liu, and Taskeen Ashmed.



You can see the full ceremony at: [2024 Municipal Volunteer Awards \(youtube.com\)](#)



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### SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY

With spring in full bloom, our neighbourhood streets are busy with people out and about enjoying the warmer weather. Halifax Regional Police is encouraging everyone to do their part to safely share our roadways.

#### Motorists:

- Avoid distractions and focus on driving.
- Drive within the posted speed limit and for the conditions.
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians, particularly near crosswalks, traffic lights and intersections.
- Keep an eye out for cyclists and ensure you allow for 1-metre clearance when passing them.
- Yield to pedestrians who are in a crosswalk. Remember that not all crosswalks are marked, and any intersection of streets is considered to be a crosswalk.
- Only pass cyclists if it's safe to do so.
- Always park your vehicle so it doesn't cause a safety issue, block in other vehicles or make roads impassable for traffic or emergency vehicles. Never block driveways, or park on private property or in no parking zones.
- When parking on the street, use your mirrors and turn around to check for cyclists before opening your door.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing their seatbelts.

#### Cyclists

- Check your bike to make sure brakes, reflectors and lights are in working order.
- Always wear a helmet.

- Ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride in single file.
- Obey all road signs and traffic signals.
- Signal your intentions before turning or stopping.

#### Pedestrians:

- Stay alert for vehicles and cyclists, particularly when no sidewalk is available.
- Use crosswalk lights when available and obey traffic light signals.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road. Make eye contact with vehicle driver and make sure the vehicle has come to a stop before crossing.
- Consider wearing reflective bright clothing to be more visible.

### ROAD SAFETY STATS

**RCMP Road Safety Stats**  
**April 2024, District 12**  
**Timberlea / Beechville**

- 433 Calls for Service (including self-generated) in April 2024 - Up 22% over same period in 2023
- 24 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 41 in April 2023)  
 5 No Insurance / 8 Speeding / 11 Other MVA
- 140 Proactive Assignments (vs. 63 in April 2023)  
 30 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt, Checkpoints, Radar Enforcements
- 81 Traffic Stops (vs. 123 conducted in April 2023)
- 3 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in April 2023)  
 4 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 0 as April 2023)
- 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 6 reported in same period in 2023)  
 • 1 these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as April 2023)

**Please Drive Safely!**



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### DATES TO NOTE IN JUNE

June is National Indigenous History Month

Italian Heritage Month

Filipino Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month

Launch of Pride Season

June 16 – Father’s Day

June 20 – World Refugee Day

June 20 – First Day of Summer

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 28 – Last Day of School

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Halifax Regional Council has approved a revised Community Engagement Strategy that will provide a framework for employees for the effective delivery of community engagement efforts.

The landscape in the municipality has changed since the previous Community Engagement Strategy was developed in 2008. The Halifax region has experienced unprecedented growth over the last 16 years, largely due to an increase in immigration, and is expected to reach a population of one million residents by 2050. A new approach to community engagement will allow the municipality to leverage technology and new methods to

engage with residents to ensure programs and services meet the needs of our vibrant and diverse communities.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).

### PETS IN PARKED VEHICLES



With the arrival of the hot weather, Halifax Regional Police reminds citizens to not leave their pets in parked vehicles.

On a warm day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes like a furnace and presents potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside. With warm temperatures expected in the forecast, we encourage pet owners to not leave their pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few minutes.

If you are not able to leave your furry friends at home, consider some alternatives to leaving them in the vehicle:

- Remember the drive-thru and curbside pickup. Your pet can sit comfortably with you in your car while you wait for your meal or service. Many businesses have a



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drive-thru window and curbside pickup options.

- Bring a friend. If you know that you have to make stops where pets are not allowed, bring a friend along who can keep your pet company. Have your friend walk your dog, give them water or stay in the shade until you return.
- Shop pet friendly. More and more stores allow pets inside. If you are unsure about a retailer's rule on pets, just ask. Most pet stores allow you to bring your pooch with you, as do many other types of businesses. Make sure your dog is on a leash and well-behaved before you take them along with you.

Also, as a reminder, a summary offence ticket for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle in conditions that could cause distress carries a fine of \$697.50.

If you see a pet in immediate distress, call 902-490-5020 and take directions from the call taker.

## HALIFAX REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

Student enrolment throughout the Halifax Regional Centre for Education continues to grow each year. This is especially true at Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Senior Elementary and Ridgecliff Middle School.

There will be two portable classrooms required to help ease enrolment pressures at Ridgecliff Middle School and one portable classroom

installed at Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Senior Elementary for the 2024-25 school year.

The portables will be placed on site this summer. Once in place, any repair work required will be completed to ensure there is safe access and clear paths to the main school building. Please be assured that the portable classrooms will be safe and welcoming spaces, ready to accommodate students and staff in September.

If you have any questions, please contact HRCE's Operations Services team at [hrceoperations@hrce.ca](mailto:hrceoperations@hrce.ca).

## NATAL DAY PARADE REGISTRATION

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# natal day

Since 1895

Monday, August 5th, 2024  
Starts at 10:00 am

127th  natal day parade

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The poster features a stylized illustration of a coastal cityscape with buildings, wind turbines, and sailboats on the water. A large orange sun is in the background. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'natal day' in large blue letters. A circular badge on the right says 'Since 1895'. At the bottom, it says '127th PEPSI natal day parade' and 'HALIFAX'.



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The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration is now open for participants in the annual Natal Day parade.

The 127<sup>th</sup> Pepsi Natal Day Parade will take place on Monday, August 5 at 10 a.m. This annual event attracts hundreds of residents and is a key piece of the municipality's annual Natal Day programming.

[Application forms](#) will be accepted until Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, click [here](#).

## HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL



The Halifax Pride Festival will be held from July 18 to 28, 2024.

There will be a new parade route for 2024. The parade will be held on July 20 starting at 12 p.m.

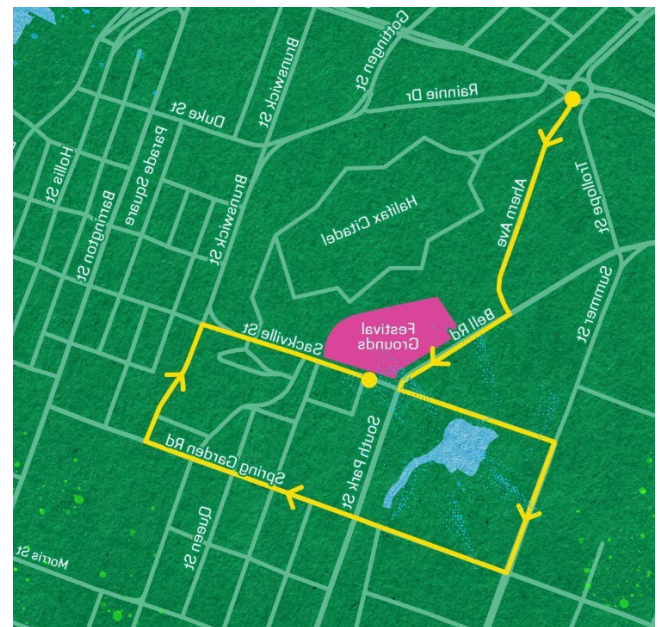
## BURN BAN



Check before you burn!

March 15 through October 15 is wildfire risk reason. Help reduce wildfire risk by following all considerations within the municipality's Open Air Burning By-Law and reviewing provincial restrictions.

For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>.







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### DARTMOUTH FESTIVAL SERIES

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to share the schedule of events for the Dartmouth Festival Series.

Throughout the summer, the municipality will be working with our signature festival partners to provide free programming at Ferry Terminal Park.

The Series will begin on Friday, June 21 with National Indigenous Peoples Day programming and conclude Sunday, August 11. There will be a mix of nighttime concerts and daytime events for the whole family. Concert programming this summer will include a matinee with Joel Plaskett, Dartmouth PRIDE with Priyanka, The Desi Summer Fest, Halifax's very own Vibrancy Festival and more.

Family event highlights will include the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SpongeBob SquarePants with a "Under The Sea" theme and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles with a fantasy themed event. This will be the new home for the municipality's Canada Day and Natal Day main events as well. For a full list of events and evening including fireworks, visit [our website](#).

The municipality would like to thank our 2024 event partners: Halifax Pride, Discover Halifax, Wave Makers, Music Nova Scotia, the Halifax Jazz Festival, Crescendo Fest, Vibrancy Festival, the African Nova Scotian Music Association and the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission.

For more information, visit: [halifax.ca/festivalseries](http://halifax.ca/festivalseries).

### PILOT PROGRAM USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO DETECT WILDFIRES



In partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a pilot program using artificial intelligence (AI) software to detect wildfires in three areas across the municipality.

Specialized cameras have been placed on provincial communications towers in Hammonds Plains, Musquodoboit Harbour and Middle Sackville. AI software monitors the imagery for signs of smoke. When smoke is detected, an alert is sent to Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency for assessment and action.

The cameras run 24/7 and offer a 360-degree view of their area, enhancing wildfire safety through early detection and accuracy.

As we experienced last year, wildfires pose a very serious risk to our communities. Residents



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are encouraged to prepare for wildfire season (March 15 to October 15), by:

- Staying informed about weather conditions and [fire restrictions](#)
- Planning an evacuation route
- Having an [emergency kit](#)
- Learning about the [FireSmart](#) program, which helps protect residents, their homes, neighbourhoods, critical infrastructure and vital natural resources from wildfire

For more information, visit: [halifax.ca/fire](http://halifax.ca/fire).

## ELECTRIC VECHILCE TEST



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

We're partnering with Next Ride and the Clean Foundation to host electric vehicle test drive events in communities throughout the municipality.

Our team will be on hand to answer questions and share information about electric vehicles, available rebates and what to expect from the municipality's electric vehicle strategy.

To register in advance for your free test drive, head to [halifax.ca/EV](http://halifax.ca/EV).

#### Test Drive Dates

- June 6 – Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 7 – Captain William Spry Community Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 14 – Wallace Lucas Community Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 15 – Canada Games Centre, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Electric Avenue event)
- June 20 – Sackville Sports Stadium, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 6 – Point Pleasant Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 7 – Bicentennial Theatre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 18 – Horizon Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 20 – RBC Centre, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Electric Avenue event)
- July 23 – Musquodoboit Harbour Public Library and Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 26 – Halifax Forum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 27 – St. Margarets Bay Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 12 – Centennial Arena, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 15 – Cole Harbour Place, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 19 – Greenfoot Energy Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 22 – Alderney Gate, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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



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## FLAG RAISINGS



Multiple Sclerosis Awareness - May 7, 2024



Health & Safety Week – May 8

## BEECHVILLE LAKESIDE TIMBERLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE

It is with great excitement that I can share the basketball court at the Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Community Centre will be opened in



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late May or early June - just in time for summer break and I am sure it will get lots of use.

Another exciting announcement is the tennis court will also open in late June or early July. The courts will have the added pickleball lines to make it multi-use. I am confident this will be a welcomed addition with how fast the sport is growing.

Once open, the nets can be accessed at the Community Centre. The tennis court takes longer to complete as an acrylic surface is required and this cannot be installed until a few weeks after the asphalt is installed.

What a wonderful addition to the Centre.

### EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP – HALIFAX WEST HIGH SCHOOL





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### ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED CAPITAL FUNDING 2023/2024

The District Capital Fund provides larger grants to non-profit organizations for projects that benefit our community. For more information, see my [website](#).

- Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society
- Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank
- BLT Community Garden Association
- Lake City Woodworkers
- Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization
- Crosswalk painting
- The North Grove
- Beechville Baptist Church
- Hubbards Area Recreation Association
- MacDonald Memorial Legion Branch 156
- Halifax Meals on Wheels
- Halifax Christian Church
- Souls Harbour Rescue Mission
- Freedom Foundation
- HeART Youth Programs
- Ronald MacDonald House Charities
- Wonder'neath Art Society
- AIDs Coalition of Nova Scotia
- Birch Cove Baptist Church
- Upper Hammonds Plains Community Land Trust
- Ridgecliff Middle School
- Adsum Association for Women & Children – Sunflower Project
- Camp Courage
- Salil Able
- North Grove
- Nova Multifest
- Keshan Goodman Library

### BLT COMMUNITY CENTRE

The old community centre is coming down. So glad to witness it with construction crew and HRM staff.





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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council

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

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Halifax West High School

# CLASS OF 1974

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 50 YEAR REUNION

**FRI 12 JULY** ASHBURN GOLF CLUB  
3250 JOSEPH HOWE DR., HALIFAX  
REGISTRATION: \$125 PER PERSON

**LET'S ENJOY:** RECEPTION, DINNER, DANCE STARTING AT 5:00 p.m.  
LIVE MUSIC WITH *MILES FROM NOWHERE* FEATURING OUR OWN MARTIN SAMPSON

**THURS 11 JULY** DINE AROUND DINNERS HOSTED BY REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**SAT 13 JULY** PHOTO OP & BRIEF CEREMONY AT NEW HWHS, CLAYTON PARK WEST BESIDE THE BRICKS FROM OLD HWHS!

Photo Credit: Allan Cook

Design: Pat Sword

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