



COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE
DISTRICT 13 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME APRIL

Happy April and Welcome Spring!

The 54th celebration of Earth Day will be taking place on April 22. The theme for Earth Day Canada this year is “Earth Day is Leg Day”. Individuals are encouraged to skip driving their car and instead walk or bike to their destinations on April 22!

April will be busy for your Regional Council with the municipal budget being finalized on April 23. There will continue to be opportunities for public engagement this month as I will be hosting a private road owners meeting at Shining Waters Marina along with an another general community discussion at St. John’s Anglican Church. More details can be found in this newsletter!

If you have questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902.225.4624 or by email at pam.lovelace@halifax.ca.

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

- Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 23 at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 30 at 10 a.m.- if required

Budget Committee

- Tuesday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m.- Contingency
- Tuesday April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).



EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

Did you know that it has been 54 years since April 22 was declared as Earth Day? In 1970, it mobilized millions of citizens to lobby for the protection of the planet. The first Earth Day is accredited with launching the modern environmental movement and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

The 2024 international campaign theme is "Planet vs. Plastics" demonstrating their unwavering commitment to end plastic production for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60 per cent reduction by 2040. What will you do to reduce the amount of plastics in your home and community?

Did you know that 43% of greenhouse gas emissions originate from the transportation sector and a rise in car usage?

You can take part in helping to make a difference this Earth Day (and every day!) by:

- Using active transportation (walking, cycling, running...)
- Trying out a new public transportation mode (bus, subway, train...)
- Suggest carpooling or opt for it!

Learn more about Earth Day 2024 by visiting the official Earth Day [website](#).



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APRIL COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN DISTRICT 13

Meeting for Property Owners on Private Roads

Do you live on a private road and have questions about upgrading and maintaining your road? Please join me for a conversation on how property owners can work together to ensure safe passage on private road property.

The meeting will be held on April 7 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Shining Waters Marina which is located at 148 Nautical Way in Tantallon.

To learn more about the municipalities' private road maintenance policy please visit our [website](#).

Community Meeting with Councillor Lovelace

I will be hosting a community meeting on Tuesday, April 16th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church located at 2187 Larry Uteck Blvd.



NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The North West Community Council met on March 18th, 2024 where the following items were discussed:

[PLANAPP 2023-01145-644 Bedford Highway, Halifax](#)

A public hearing for 644 Bedford Highway was held during the committee meeting for amendments to their development agreement to add two additional units instead of interior parking spaces. A presentation about the development was given by HRM Planning staff and the applicant addressed the Community Council. After the public hearing the North West Community Council voted and approved the application. Six interior parking spaces will be converted into two residential units increasing the number of residential units in the building to 54.

[PLANAPP 2023-00912: 15 Sackville Cross Road, Lower Sackville](#)

A public hearing was held during the committee meeting for the recycling depot on Sackville Drive. A presentation about the development was given by HRM Planning staff and the applicant addressed the Community Council. After the public hearing the North West Community Council voted and approved a development agreement to permit an addition to the existing recycling facility at 15 Sackville Cross Road.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, bringing awareness to the urgent issues of sexual assault, to the creation of spaces free of sexual and gender-based violence, and to amplify conversations about consent and support for survivors.

Sexual Violence occurs when someone forces or manipulates someone else into any unwanted act of sexual nature either physical or non-physical without their consent. Sexual violence includes but is not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual exploitation.

Sexualized and gender-based violence can happen to anyone, however some women are at a higher-risk because of age, income, ability, race, sexuality and/or gender expression. Sexualized violence can happen anywhere, including at work, online and in public spaces. **It is never okay.**

We each have a role to play in creating spaces where everyone feels safe and respected.



HRM TAX BILL DUE APRIL 30

The Halifax Regional Municipality sends out its tax bills to all property owners twice a year. The interim bill was mailed mid-March and is due on Tuesday, April 30. The final bill will be due October 31. If you have any inquiries about your tax bill, please call the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or reach out online by visiting our [website](#).

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL REGISTRY

In June 2023, HRM passed By-law R-400 that required property owners to register their residential rental properties by April 1, 2024.

Only rental properties that are located within HRM need to be registered. The Residential Rental Registry will provide a clearer picture of the rental landscape in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Currently, the accuracy and detail of available building information is limited. A complete record of rental properties is expected to provide significant benefits for residents occupying these buildings by enhancing the municipality's ability to provide services where needed. Over time, the registry will help the municipality proactively identify maintenance issues, reduce complaints and non-compliance, and improve the safety and overall living conditions for renters across the region.

More details can be found on our [website](#).

WELCOMING LYCÉE INTERNATIONAL FRANÇAIS DES PROVINCES ATLANTIQUES (LIFPA) DON BOSCO HALIFAX

On March 20, I had the pleasure of hosting the announcement for the opening of the new Lycée International Français des Provinces Atlantiques (LIFPA) Don Bosco Halifax at Halifax Hall.

The new international French school, the first in Atlantic Canada, will open its doors to students in September. The campus will be located in the Bayers Road Centre.



The announcement was held on March 20 which was a special day for the French community of HRM - la Journée Internationale de la Francophonie. La Journée Internationale de la Francophonie is a day to recognize and celebrate both the French language and the contributions that the Francophone communities of Halifax and around the world have made to our culture and heritage.

LUCASVILLE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

As part of the municipality's 2024/2025 Capital Plan the Lucasville Bridge will undergo repair and upgrades beginning mid-April 2024. The work is expected to be completed by January 2025.

This work is necessary to ensure the continued use of the bridge and the modernization of some features in alignment with current construction standards.

Traffic will be impacted as a result of the construction. The bridge will not be closed during the period of construction it will require reducing the bridge to one line through construction. Crossing of the bridge will be facilitated through signal lights that will be operating 24 hours-a-day, seven-days a week during the project.

Motorist should expect delays and are asked to take alternative routes whenever possible.



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WILDFIRE SEASON STARTED MARCH 15

Wildfire season began on March 15. During wildfire risk season no domestic brush burning or campfires are allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The provincial website is update daily at 2 p.m. to let resident know whether or not it is safe to burn that day.

Remember prevention is the best way to reduce the risk of wildfires. For more information on safe burning please click [here](#).



SIDEWALKS AND MULTI-USE PATHWAYS IN HUBBARDS AND UPPER TANTALLON

HRM is conducting community engagement sessions on the implementation of sidewalks or multi-use pathways around the community centers of Hubbards and Upper Tantallon. Sidewalks and multi-use pathways (MUPs) provide users a safe place to walk, cycle, roll and access amenities the community has to offer. They contribute to the community's growth and to residents' wellbeing.

The purpose of these public engagements is for staff to:

- Determine support for sidewalks or multi-use pathways around rural community centers;
- Determine community perspectives on the potential addition of an area rate tax to become eligible for sidewalks or multi-use pathways;
- Learn how communities identified in the preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback are using the community centers of Hubbards and Upper Tantallon.

Property owners, business and residents located within preliminary area rate boundaries identified for community feedback in Hubbards area and Upper Tantallon area are invited to participate in one of the following ways:

1. Provide feedback by filling out an online survey found on the Shape Your City [website](#). The online survey for Hubbards is now open and feedback can be provided until April 15. The online survey

for Upper Tantallon opened on March 1, and feedback can be provided until April 21.

2. Pick up a paper copy of the survey at one of the in-person engagement sessions or contact Emma Martin, Project Manager to request a paper copy of the survey by calling 902-490-4920 or by emailing martinem@halifax.ca. Return the completed survey to a public library or Halifax recreation centre to be included in the internal mail or send by Canada Post **before April 15**.

Feedback received from public engagement will be included in a final report for Halifax Regional Council to decide on the implementation of sidewalks or multi-use pathways in rural communities. If supported by communities, and approved by Regional Council, planning and design phases would begin to determine a priority list.

To learn more about the role sidewalks and multi-use pathways play in the municipality's transportation network, visit our [website](#).

You can also visit the Shape Your City to learn more about the Sidewalks and Multi-Use Pathways around Rural Community Centers project by clicking [here](#).

MILL COVE FERRY ANNOUCMENT

On March 4, I attended the funding announcement for the new high-speed ferry that will travel between Mill Cove in Bedford and Downtown Halifax.

This project is a joint partnership between the Federal Government, the Province and the Municipality. The project will include the purchase of two new electric ferries along with the construction of two new net-zero ferry terminals.

This project is expected to be complete in the 2027-2028 fiscal year.



JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (JRTA) VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The JRTA is hard at work on the Regional Transportation Plan.

They're working to better connect communities and prepare the transportation system for future growth. The plan will focus on safe and efficient movement of people and goods, and the infrastructure needed to make that possible.

They recently held a recorded a virtual session to discuss the plan. You can find a recording of the session [here](#). If you would like to learn more about the JRTA's final vision, goals, and principles visit their [website](#).

Questions? Get in touch through email here info@jrta.ca



BRIDGING THE GAP - 2024 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The municipality is offering paid 18-month internships for new graduates interested in a career in municipal public service. The Bridging the Gap program provides training and development opportunities to candidates who have graduated from a recognized post-secondary institution within the last 24 months including those who are scheduled to graduate before the internship start date.

The program is designed to provide experiential learning and maximum professional exposure to interns in their chosen field of study, while exploring the benefits of working for the municipality. Candidates will learn about government policy, operations, administration, services and planning.

Additional Information about the Bridging the Gap program can be found on our [website](#). All available roles have been posted to our employment [website](#).



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FINAL STAGES OF LATEST ECONOMIC STRATEGY APPROVED

The municipality will continue to work closely with the Halifax Partnership to drive inclusive economic growth in our region. The action plan for years three to five of [People. Planet. Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy](#) has been approved by Regional Council.

The strategy is a shared roadmap for economic development and will continue to build on promoting and maximizing sustainable growth, attracting and retaining talent, and making Halifax a better place to live and work. For more information, read the [staff report](#)

JUNO AWARDS

On March 24 Halifax hosted the Juno Awards. It was a fun filled week celebrating amazing Canadian Music. There were 50 live music performances showcasing over 200 Canadian Musicians during the weeklong celebration. Congratulations to all the Juno Award winners!! I would also like to thank our Halifax Regional Municipality Special Events team whose hard work and dedication made the event so successful.



Pam and Maestro Fresh Wes

IN THE COMMUNITY



I had the pleasure of attending the flag raising for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st.



During Regional Council on March 26th, my council colleagues and I wore purple for Purple Day, a day dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide.



Proud to support the St. Margaret's Bay Garden Club at their annual Seedy Saturday event.



Joined NSCC students to celebrate their first Pride Week.



Proud to provide a District Capital Fund contribution towards the new West Bedford High School Football team. Go Wolves!



Meeting with St. Margaret's Bay Recreation Association members and provided a contribution for their work on the Boutilliers Point Outdoor Rink.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The Municipality acknowledges the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.



Celebrating Canadian Music during the Junos!
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Pam currently serves on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council:

- Chair, North West Community Council
- Chair, Transportation Standing Committee
- Vice Chair, Transit Management Board, Canadian Urban Transit Association
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Official Liaison between Halifax Council and the Acadian and Francophone Community in HRM