



COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE

DISTRICT 13 ONLINE NEWS

HAMMONDS PLAINS – ST. MARGARET'S

WELCOME JULY!

Hello Summer Fun and welcome the start of summer weather! Summer is always a busy time filled with outdoor fun, family, and quiet days! July marks the official opening of our municipal pools and beaches. It also marks the beginning of the Halifax Rec Van visits to District 13. This is a free service that provides access to recreation equipment for over fifty different activities.

Halifax Pride will be held from July 18 to July 28. Pride is a time for us to celebrate and demonstrate support and allyship to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community here in Halifax. I encourage you to check out the different events happening throughout the region.

I know many of residents of District 13 enjoy camping and holding bonfires during the summer months. I just want to remind everyone to continue to be fire smart. Make sure to always check that it is safe to have a fire and remember that the Halifax Regional Municipality does not allow burning after midnight.

There will be tons of fun festivals and activities happening throughout the summer months. Keep an eye out on your [Civic Events webpage](#) to stay up to date on all things happening across the municipality!

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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JULY MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The North West Community Council (NWCC) reviewed the following matters at their June 27 meeting:

[PLANAPP-2024-00177: Rezoning of 749 Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank](#)

A staff report for the planned rezoning was presented during the Community Council meeting. Community Council completed the first reading to consider the approval of the proposed amendments to the Land-Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville. This would rezone 749 Windgate Drive from MU-1 (Mixed Use 1) to I-1 (Mixed Industrial) a public hearing is scheduled for July 15. For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, [click here](#).

CURRENT D13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A new development proposal for affordable seniors housing is being considered by staff. Details are available here:

[PLANAPP 2024-00385 - 2361 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains](#)

COGSWELL PROJECT TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT DISRUPTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising of traffic and transit impacts due to the Cogswell District project. On June 17, crews began realigning and regrading Barrington Street, installing underground services and building a new Halifax Transit Hub. Crews will also be removing the last overpass of the former Cogswell Interchange, marking another major project milestone. This work will take place for approximately six months.

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Halifax Transit users will be significantly impacted during this period, as the four bus bays in front of Scotia Square have been relocated, resulting in 30 routes passing through Barrington Street and surrounding now being rerouted. You can find the map where the new stops are located [here](#).

Barrington Street, from Upper Water Street to Duke Street, is now fully closed. A section of the new Cogswell Street is temporarily connected to Barrington Street at Upper Water Street, which allows for the re-opening of Albemarle Street, reconnecting a key east-west corridor downtown. With the closure of Barrington Street, access to Hotel Halifax will be from a new driveway off Cogswell Street. Access for loading and deliveries has been coordinated with abutting property owners.

It is anticipated the new Halifax Transit hub on Barrington Street will open by the end of the year and will include new heated shelters, additional seating space, wider sidewalks and layover space for passengers and buses. The new permanent Cogswell Street from Brunswick Street to Upper Water Street is expected to open, replacing the overpass that was previously demolished. Additionally, it is projected the new permanent Barrington Street from the roundabout at Nora Bernard Street and Barrington Street to Duke Street will open, including access to Valour Way.

For more information on the service disruptions, visit our [website](#) or contact 311. For project updates, visit the [Cogswell Project website](#).



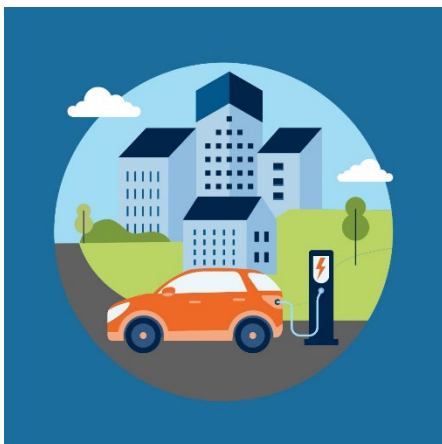
EV TEST DRIVE EVENTS

The Halifax Regional Municipality has partnered with Next Ride and the Clean Foundation to offer a number of free electric vehicle (EV) test drive events to residents across the municipality, including in rural, urban and suburban areas. These events will take place from June to August.

During each test drive event, residents can expect a free test drive in an electric vehicle and information on electric vehicles, electric vehicle rebates, and the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Many of the events will take place next to the locations of the municipality's EV chargers – a project currently underway to install public EV chargers across the region. Both the EV test drive events and EV charger installation are in support of the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy and efforts to support the decarbonization of transportation.

Visit our [website](#) for the event schedule. Registration for each event will open approximately two weeks before the event date. Residents are encouraged to register online to guarantee your test drive. Limited walk-in spots may be available.



HALIFAX PRIDE

Pride is a time to celebrate and demonstrate our continued allyship and support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. There are many barriers still faced by community members today.

Internationally, June is celebrated as Pride Month, commemorating the June 1969 Stonewall Rebellion.

Halifax Pride Festival

This year's [Halifax Pride Festival](#) takes place from July 18 to 28. The festival honours the first Pride march in Halifax, which took place in July 1988. This year's theme is Then. Now. Forever.

See the full calendar of Halifax Pride Festival events at halifaxpride.com/calendar.

Visit our [website](#) to view the new parade route for 2024.



WEEKLY GREEN CART

Weekly green cart collection has begun in all communities across the Halifax Regional Municipality as of June 29.

The weekly green cart collection is in effect for July, August and September. Residents are reminded that collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. To ensure collection, residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. To find your collection day please visit our [website](#)

MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to the following upcoming mobile Household Special Waste Depot event:

When: Saturday, July 27

Where: George P Vanier Jr High School, 1410 Fall River Road, Fall River

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. Business waste is not permitted.

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- fuel oil and used motor oil (or find a [collection site](#) with Atlantic Used Oil Management Association)

- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs (or [return to pharmacy](#))
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit [call2recycle.ca](#) for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries)
- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit [their website](#) for locations and hours of operation)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs



Household Mobile Special Waste Depots

OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES OPENING FOR 2024 SEASON

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, as well as all supervised municipal beaches have opened for the season as of Monday, July 1.

The new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility [opened](#) on Saturday, June 15. The pool schedule can be found [here](#).

Swim passes can be purchased [online](#) for both the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools. Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can also be purchased in-person at the LeBrun Recreation Centre, and memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased in-person at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

The Bayers-Westwood, Cole Harbour, Halifax Common, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Sackville, and Westmount and Shirley's splashpads opened for the 2024 season on Friday, June 14.

The municipality will also begin testing water quality for bacteria levels and monitoring for blue-green algae at all municipally supervised beaches on Monday, July 1. Testing will continue until Saturday, August 31.

High bacteria levels can be caused by a number of factors, including dogs, birds, wildlife, heavy rainfall and impacts from climate change such as high temperatures, lower water levels and decreased rainfall.

In the event of a recreational water quality advisory due to high bacteria levels, staff will continue testing the water and lift the recreational water quality advisory when the

results are within Health Canada guidelines for swimming. In the event of a closure due to a possible blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) bloom or mat, staff will investigate the bloom and reopen the beach when the risk of high levels of blue-green algae toxins has passed.

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



BURN BAN

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

Please remember that in the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning cannot take place after midnight. For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>.

JULY ROAD SAFETY: CONSTRUCTION ZONES

It's summer, which means it's also construction season. Summer's warm temperatures make it

the ideal time for safety improvements to our streets and sidewalks. Watch for crews in construction zones and respect speed limits.

Summer is a peak time for construction projects. Without a doubt, you'll come across a construction crew on our roads in your travels. Crews working on roads are counting on you to work with them to ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day. Keep the following tips in mind to safely navigate through construction zones:

- If construction is happening on roads you frequently travel, consider taking another route and avoid the area.
- Always obey the posted speed limit and signage when driving through construction zones. Speeding in a construction zone will result in a fine that is double that of a normal speeding ticket.
- Pay close attention to sign flaggers and obey their instructions.
- Stay extra focused and alert when driving; take note of where construction zones begin and end.
- Always be prepared to stop suddenly when driving through construction zones.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers' equipment and vehicles.
- As always, avoid driving while distracted.

Stay calm and be flexible when encountering traffic delays.

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

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HALIFAX REC VAN IS BACK !

Get excited - the REC Van is back and visiting a location near you until August 23!

The REC van is stocked with equipment for many activities including: baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping and more.

Check out our [website](#) to find our daily stops scheduled every Monday through Thursday from July 2 to August 23.



ABOUT BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

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, 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 our [website](#) or

following our [Twitter/X](#). Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Residents considering running in the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Election are invited to learn more about becoming a candidate.

Municipal government plays an important role in delivering essential services and addressing the unique needs of our community. By running for a position on Regional Council, you'll have the opportunity to lead, advocate for your community and contribute to the growth of the municipality.

The 2024 Municipal Election will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19.

All the information you need to know can be found on our [website](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



Attended the 49th Annual General Meeting of Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada and the 2024 Boreal Awards ceremony.



Great to meet with Lacey from LungNSPEI about the impacts of Radon Posioning in our homes.



Attended the 23rd annual German Settlers Day Celebrations in Dartmouth.



Congratulations to Nova Scotia Nature Trust on reaching their goal of protecing an additional 6,000 hectares of land across Nova Scotia



Excited to attend the launch of Halifax Tids FC, Halifax's first professional Womens's Football Club



Honored to present a scroll to Shelter Nova Scotia in honour of their 5th birthday ! So proud of all the volunteers



Attended the 1st Annual Bravie's Awards ! Congratulations to all the Special Olympics athletes.



Attended the Open House for the new rink in Spryfield. Lots of good discussion about what this facility could look like.

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.

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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