



COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE

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WELCOME JUNE!

Happy June! To the graduates of the **Class of 2024**, congratulate on all your accomplishments to date! I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. You did it!!

The month of May was busy at Regional Council with the public hearing for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) zoning changes. Council approved these changes unanimously. To learn more about what these changes mean please keep reading.

June 12 is **Father's Day**. Thank you to all the dads, stepdads, father figures, and grandfathers for what you do! I hope you take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the father figures in your life.

June is **National Indigenous History Month**. Which is a time for use to recognize and celebrate the contributions, stories, and achievements of the Indigenous population across both the Municipality and Canada.

June is also **Pride Month** a time to celebrate and recognize the resilience and contributions of the 2LGBTQI+ community.

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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JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

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

JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is **National Indigenous History Month** in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements, and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.

The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017.

Each week throughout the month of June, the Federal government will be highlighting specific aspects of Indigenous history, cultures, and perspectives. Explore [learning resources](#) on each theme:

- June 1 to 9: Environment, traditional knowledge and territory
- June 10 to 16: Children and youth
- June 17 to 23: Languages, cultures and arts
- June 24 to 30: Women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people

More information on how the municipality will be acknowledging National Indigenous History month can be found on our website, join us for the flag raising, Mawita'jik Pow Wow and more by checking our [website](#) for more information.

June 2024

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution.

View the United Nations Refugee Agency resource [Are Refugees Good for Canada: A Look at Canadian Refugee Integration](#), to learn more about how refugees integrate and contribute to Canadian society and the economy.

Look out for more municipal announcements coming soon to acknowledge this day.



NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

[PLANAPP 2023-00382: Development Agreement for 1562 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville \(former Case 24327\)](#)

A public hearing was held for this planning application. The proposed development agreement to allow a six story residential building with 98 units at 1562 Sackville Drive in Middle Sackville was approved during the meeting.

During the public hearing traffic calming measures and well water impacts were highlighted as concerns for residents. Councillor Blackburn indicated that they would investigate these issues and recommended that neighboring properties have their water tested to have a baseline in case any issues should arise.

[Case 20507: Amending Development Agreement for Bedford Village/Paper Mill Lake, Bedford](#)

A staff report was presented during the meeting for amendments to the development agreement to allow for a 214-unit residential subdivision development in Bedford Village/Paper Mill Lake. Community Council decided to defer the consideration of the staff report until supplementary reports are available. For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, [click here](#).

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 2060.

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](#).



COGSWELL PROJECT TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising of upcoming traffic and transit impacts due to the Cogswell District project. Beginning on June 17 for approximately six months, crews will be realigning and regrading Barrington Street, installing underground services and building a new Halifax Transit hub. Crews will also remove the last overpass of the former Cogswell Interchange, marking another major project milestone.

Halifax Transit users will be significantly impacted as the four bus bays in front of Scotia Square will be relocated. As a result, 30 routes passing through Barrington Street and surrounding area will be rerouted. You can find the map where the new stops will be located [here](#).

Barrington Street, from Upper Water Street to Duke Street, will be fully closed. A section of the new Cogswell Street will be temporarily connected to Barrington Street at Upper Water Street, which will allow for the re-opening of Albemarle Street and will reconnect 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

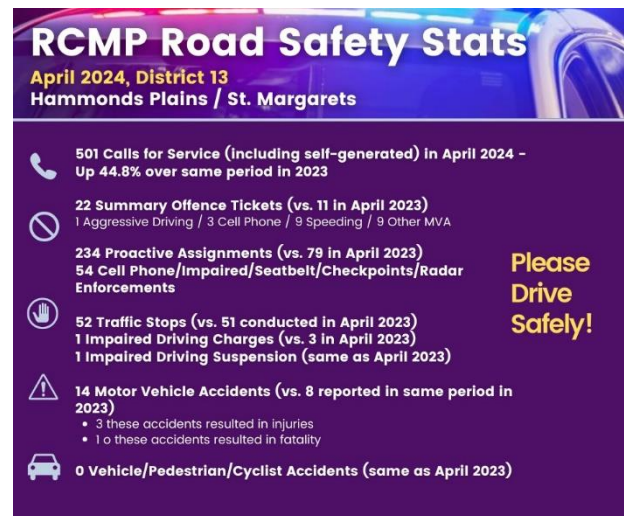
Street to Upper Water Street is expected to open, replacing the overpass that was previously demolished. Additionally, it is projected the new permanent Barrington Street from the roundabout at Nora Bernard Street and Barrington Street to Duke Street will open, including access to Valour Way.

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



HALIFAX TRANSIT cogswell DISTRICT

D13 ROAD SAFETY STATS



FUNDING FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Regional Council has directed the Chief Administration Officer to allocate \$6.1 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund to support affordable housing projects in the regional centre. Council has also directed the Chief Administrative Officer for additional funding for project grants in the suburban area of the municipality.

Grants would support renovations or repairs to shared housing and apartments rented at below market value and grants to support new construction. A grant would support the purchase of an existing building to be used for affordable housing.

This funding will allow the municipality to support the current and urgent need for affordable housing for its residents.

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

ACCELERATING HOUSING

Regional Council has approved amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and applicable municipal and land use by-laws to support more options for housing across the region and advance their application under the Housing Accelerator Fund.

The Halifax region has experienced unprecedented growth, largely due to an increase in immigration, and is expected to reach a population of one million residents by 2050. These changes will help respond to our growing population and the urgent need for housing among our residents.

Changes would enable a minimum of four units per lot in all residential zones within urban areas. Changes would also allow smaller, faster building, with a focus on more middle housing and more housing near transit.

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

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Regional Council has requested that Mayor Mike Savage write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging the adoption of the proposed Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations.

The Province of Nova Scotia had previously announced a delay to the adoption of the building code regulations that would guide the sector toward net-zero emissions. These regulations would mandate minimum standards for the construction of new buildings. A delay in these regulations will delay the municipality's ability to accomplish our ambitious climate change objectives. These regulations represent a positive step towards decarbonizing Nova Scotia's building sector while keeping the municipality on track for its own emission reduction objectives through HalifACT.

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



PETS IN 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 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.

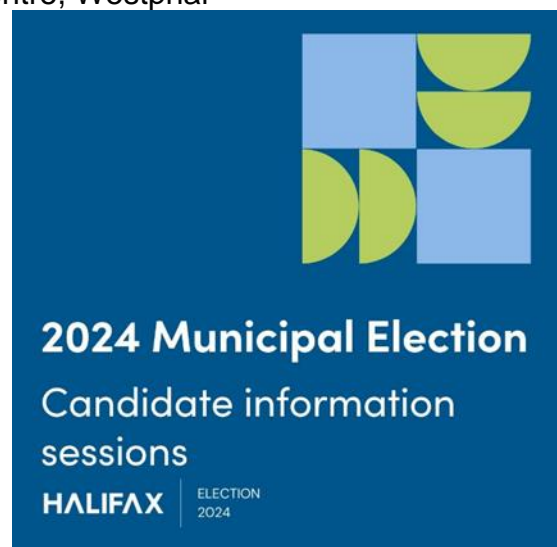
If you see a pet in immediate distress, call police non-emergency at 902-490-5020 and take directions from the call taker.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Interested in running in the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Election? You're invited to attend an upcoming candidate information session.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday June 20 | 2 and 6 p.m. | Dartmouth North Community Centre
- Wednesday July 10 | 6 p.m. | Prospect Road Community Centre
- Monday August 12 | 6 p.m. | Henry G. Bauld Centre, Westphal



NEW AI 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 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
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For more information, visit the Halifax Fire [webpage](#)



DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS

To increase municipal recreation services for Deaf and hard of hearing community members throughout the region, an 18-month pilot program has been actioned by Parks & Recreation. The program's goal is to increase access to interpreters and technology for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Engagement event details:

- **June 11** | 6 - 8 p.m. | Halifax Common Aquatic Facility, Multi-purpose room (1999 Bell Rd.)
- **June 18** | 6 - 8 p.m. | The Findlay Centre (26 Elliot St.)

Deaf and hard of hearing community consultation sessions

Halifax Parks & Recreation is looking to provide recreation opportunities to the **Deaf and hard of hearing community**. **Through this pilot project, we hope to:**

- increase access to interpreters when participating in recreation programming
- provide more services to the deaf and hard of hearing community

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PLEASE NOTE: ASL Interpreters will be on-site at each session

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2024 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Annual Citizenship Awards were hosted at City Hall on May 7. The Citizenship Awards are presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in the HRM. Each school chooses one recipient based on the following criteria:

- Qualities of leadership and service in the school and community
- Commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled

The District 13 award recipients for 2024 were Charlotte Manthorne and Semilore Olaoye. Congratulations to you both!



IN THE COMMUNITY



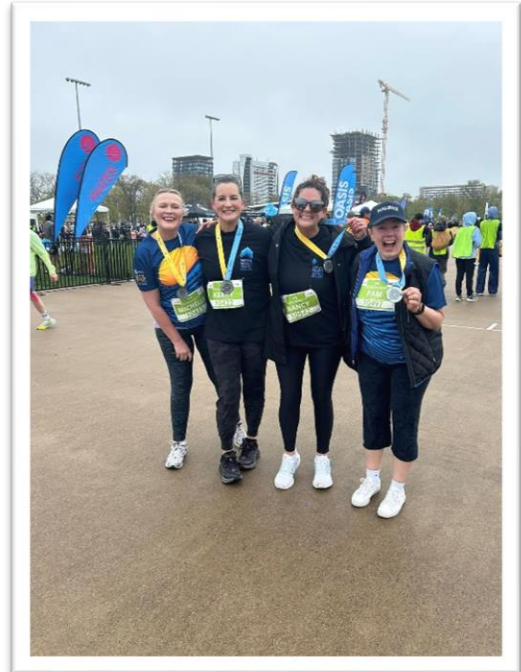
Proud to support the Shel Drake Lake Homeowners Association from the District 13 capital fund for the planned upgrades in their community park.



Had a great time at the Eastern Shore Joint Emergency Management Jamboree!!



Attended the Chancellors Dinner at Mount St. Vincent University- congratulations to all the new grads and Honorary Doctorate recipients!



Proud to run the Bluenose 10km for Team Shelter Movers Nova Scotia!



Attended the third annual *Taste of Asia 2024* Event on the Halifax Waterfront.



Attended the S.S. Atlantic AGM and learned about this quilt designed to commemorate the loss of lives at sea in Hatchett Lake.



Had a lovely lunch at the Opus Café and Catering to celebrate the 2024 ByBlacks Restaurant Week.

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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Congrats to Echelon Wellness, West Bedford, dedicated to personalized healthcare to Veterans and former RCMP service members. Nice to see former MP Peter Stoffer.

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Working the Road Toll with St. Margarets Bay Lions Club.

COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE

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



Celebrating 180th anniversary of First Baptist Church Hammonds Plains.