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DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS  
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## WELCOME JULY!

Hello July and welcome summer! The month of July is a time where our region becomes the place for outdoor fun with lots of festivals and activities for residents to check out. I encourage you to keep an eye out on your [Civic Events webpage](#) to stay up to date on all things happening across the municipality!

July also marks the official opening of municipal beaches and pools for the season! I hope you find some time to enjoy our beautiful local lakes this summer.

Keep reading to learn more about Halifax Transit service updates, blue green algae, and weekly green cart service updates.

If you have questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902.579.7164 or by email at [Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca](mailto:Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca).

## 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](#).





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### 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](#).

### HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICES DISRUPTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality are 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

**TRANSIT CHANGES**  
Coming to Scotia Square Terminal  
June 17, 2024

**Scotia Square Bus Bay Relocations**

<p><b>BAY 1</b> GRANVILLE ST BEFORE DUKE ST</p> <p>101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200</p>	<p><b>BAY 3</b> ALBEMARLE ST BEFORE DUKE ST</p> <p>101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200</p>
<p><b>BAY 2</b> BARRINGTON ST BEFORE GEORGE ST</p> <p>101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200</p>	<p><b>BAY 4</b> BARRINGTON ST BEFORE PRINCE ST</p> <p>101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200</p>

HALIFAX TRANSIT cogswell DISTRICT

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



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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.

More information about these traffic changes will be shared in the coming months.

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

### 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](http://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

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### WEEKLY GREEN CART

Weekly green cart collection will begin in all communities across the Halifax Regional Municipality on Saturday, June 29.

The weekly green cart collection will be in effect for the months of 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](#).





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### 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.



### 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](https://halifaxpride.com/calendar).

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





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### 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.

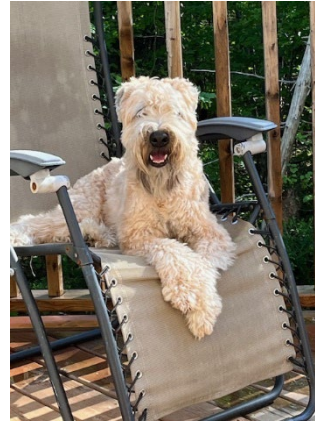
If you are not able to leave your furry friends at home, consider some alternatives to leaving them in the vehicle:

- 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 902-490-5020 and take directions from the call taker.



### 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.



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### 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, will open for the season on Monday, July 1.

The new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility [opened](#) on Saturday, June 15, and 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](#).



### NATAL DAY PARADE- 2024 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration has opened 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.

Parade registration is now open! [Application forms](#) will be accepted until Friday, July 19, 2024.

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





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## ROAD SAFETY STATS IN DISTRICT 14

**RCMP Road Safety Stats**  
 May 2024, District 14  
 Middle-Upper Sackville / Beaverbank / Lucasville

- 260 Calls for Service (including self-generated) in May 2024 - Up 18.7% over same period in 2023
- 10 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 6 in May 2023)  
 1 Speeding, 3 Unregistered Vehicle, 6 Other MVA
- 50 Proactive Assignments (vs. 51 in May 2023)  
 13 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements
- 54 Traffic Stops (vs. 16 conducted in May 2023)  
 0 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. same as May 2023)  
 1 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. none in May 2023)
- 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 4 reported in same period in 2023)  
 • 2 of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as May 2023)

**Please Drive Safely!**



Proud to attend the recent awards ceremony for the Beaver Bank Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department

## IN THE COMMUNITY

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

# SUMMER DAY CAMP

**JULY 2- AUG 23, 2024**  
 AGES 5-12  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY  
 8:30AM - 4:30PM

\$160/WEEK PER CHILD  
 902-865-5114

REGISTRATION FORMS AT  
 WWW.BBKCC.CA  
 902-865-5114



It was a damp but successful Rotary Recycle Your Cycle. Dozens of kids got new bikes for the summer!



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With Councillor Paul Russell and Sackville Heights Community Center’s Heather Coffin celebrating 20 years of service to the community.



Having a laugh with the Chair of the Lucasville Greenway Society at the recent community walk and fun day





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- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners

## HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY’S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### 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 and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

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:

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