



COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME JUNE !

Happy June! To the graduating class of 2024 I want to say Congratulations - you did it! I wish you the very best in luck for whatever the future may have in store for you.

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 to moment to acknowledge and appreciate the father figures in your life.

Keep reading to learn more about National Indigenous History Month, the Housing Accelerator Fund zoning changes approved by Council, Halifax Transit service updates and more.

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.

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](#).





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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 will be announced soon. Please check back our [website](#) for more information.

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 was approved during the meeting. The North West Community Council required the agreement to be signed within 120 days of the approval, if not the approval will become void.

During the public hearing traffic calming measures and well water impacts were highlighted as concerns for residents. Councillor Blackburn indicated that they would look into these issues and suggested 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 requested during the meeting are presented.

For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, [click here](#).



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COGSWELL PROJECT TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT SERVICE 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 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.

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.

TRANSIT CHANGES
Coming to Scotia Square Terminal
June 17, 2024

Scotia Square Bus Bay Relocations

BAY 1 GRANVILLE ST BEFORE DUKE ST	BAY 3 ALBEMARLE ST BEFORE DUKE ST
BAY 2 BARRINGTON ST BEFORE GEORGE ST	BAY 4 BARRINGTON ST BEFORE PRINCE ST

HALIFAX TRANSIT | cogswell DISTRICT

ROAD SAFETY STATS IN DISTRICT 14

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

- 307 Calls for Service (including self-generated) in April 2024 - Up 22.8% over same period in 2023
- 14 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 13 in April 2023)
3 Aggressive Driving / 4 Speeding / 7 Other MVA
- 89 Proactive Assignments (vs. 51 in April 2023)
44 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements
- 67 Traffic Stops (vs. 38 conducted in April 2023)
0 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in April 2023)
2 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 0 as April 2023)
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 5 reported in same period in 2023)
• none of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as April 2023)

Please Drive Safely!



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POTHOLES

HRM crews monitor for potholes on our roads year-round, but it's also important for residents to report potholes so that crews are aware of them and can work on getting them fixed.

Q: How do I report potholes?

A: On municipal roads, please call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca. You can also fill out this online form [here](#).

However, even within the municipality the province is responsible for 100-series highways (and ramps/overpasses associated with these highways). On provincially owned roads, please contact the TIR Operations Contact Centre (OCC): tir-occ@novascotia.ca or call 1-844-696-7737

Q: What if my vehicle is damaged by a pothole?

A: If a vehicle is damaged by a pothole, it would first be important for the driver to determine who is responsible for the stretch of road the pothole is located on. You can do this by calling 311, or by searching our [interactive map](#).

For example: the province is responsible for highways, many rural roads, and highway on-ramps; the municipality is responsible for streets in the urban core.

If your road is managed by the province, call 511 for further details. If the municipality manages your road, it is advised the driver call 311 to begin the claim process. The claim process begins when residents call 311 to report an incident.

Once the 311 call is logged, the appropriate business units are notified and staff will connect in a timely manner (typically within 10 business days) to carry on the process.

Q: How long will it take to repair potholes?

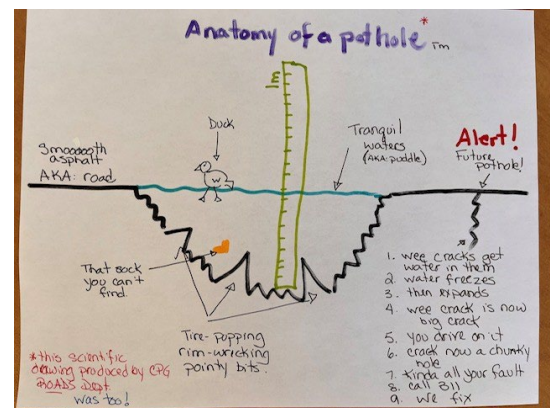
A: The time to fix a pothole can range anywhere from 7 business days to 30 business days depending on the pothole and if it is considered a priority. Crews aim to repair priority potholes on main arterial and major collector roads within 7 business days.

Q: How does the municipality decide which potholes are a priority?

Pothole priorities are determined by width and size. Priority 1 potholes are at least 25 centimeters in diameter and 8 centimeters in depth. All other potholes are considered Priority 2.

Priority 1 potholes will be addressed before Priority 2 potholes. In some circumstances, this might mean one pothole is addressed on your street before another pothole. This is done to ensure the more serious potholes throughout municipal roadways are addressed as soon as possible with service standards.

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





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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](#).

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](#).

ACCELERATING ON 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](#).





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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

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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.



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](#).



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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 events and announcements coming soon to acknowledge this day.

2024 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Halifax Regional Municipality 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 14 award recipients for 2024 were Sharthak Roy and Chinemerem Ohaegbulem. Congratulations to you both!





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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

For more information, visit the [Halifax Fire Website](#)



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:

- Wed. June 5 | 6 p.m. | Virtual session on Zoom (register to elections@halifax.ca by June 4)
- Thu. June 20 | 2 and 6 p.m. | Dartmouth North Community Centre
- Wed. July 10 | 6 p.m. | Prospect Road Community Centre
- Mon. August 12 | 6 p.m. | Henry G. Bauld Centre

Learn more [here](#).



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IN THE COMMUNITY

You are invited

Sackville Heights Community Centre celebrates

20 YEARS

2004-2024

June 13th, 6:30-8:30pm

Annual General Meeting & 20th Anniversary Celebrations

Enjoy a Saxophone Quartet (Sackville Concert Band), learn about tenant organizations of SHCC, and celebrate with cake and refreshments. Special mugs & tote bags will be available for purchase.

45 Connoly Road, Middle Sackville



At the Steps for Life fundraising walk raising money to support families in the aftermath of workplace death.

MAJESTIC SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS **\$95** PER PLAYER INCLUDES NEW TEAM JERSEY

YOUTH SUMMER DODGEBALL LEAGUE 2024

JUNE-AUGUST
TIME: 6PM/7PM START TIMES

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- ✓ PARENTS VS KIDS NIGHT
- ✓ TEAM JERSEY WITH NUMBER
- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHILE HAVING FUN AND KEEP ACTIVE
- ✓ PLAYOFFS

SPRINGFIELD LAKE REC CENTRE

Have questions? Email us Kellen@majesticsportsclub.ca

GRADES 3-5
Thursday June 20th & 27th then Wednesdays nights

GRADES 6-8
Thursday June 6th & 13th then Mondays nights

Register Online
www.majesticsportsclub.ca



It was McHappy Day in Sackville and it was a pleasure to celebrate at the local franchise!



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What a surprise to take first place at the annual Sackville Rivers Duck Run!

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HALIFAX

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

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:

June 2024