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DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

I can't believe it is November already! I hope you all had a fun, spooky and safe Halloween.

Remembrance Day is almost here, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our veterans and those who serve for their bravery and sacrifice for our country. A friendly reminder that there will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at Caen Legion in Eastern Passage on Remembrance Day starting at 11 a.m. I hope you to see you there!

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Christmas and holiday events in our community that begin this month and go on to the end of December. Details can be found in this newsletter.

We will soon be beginning budget deliberations for the 2024/25 fiscal year. I encourage you to reach out to me should you have any questions about the budget process or concerns or inquiries about items being discussed.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any of your municipal questions or concerns.

Warmly,

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.





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ON NOVEMBER 11, WE REMEMBER

Thank you to our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a cenotaph ceremony on November 11th and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

The poppy is a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Royal Canadian Legion has now launched the annual Poppy Campaign, so please keep an eye out for Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute poppies to the community or poppy boxes placed throughout our communities.



RCMP TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be an RCMP town hall meeting taking place on Wednesday November 8 from 6-8p.m. at the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lion's Club. I hope to see you there!



Halifax District RCMP
Town Hall

Wednesday, November 8, from 6-8 p.m.
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club
65 Hornes Road, Eastern Passage

SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.

The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing. Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- ✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;

✓ The participant may not be a landlord. The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist. Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2023/2024 application package [here](#).

Completed applications may be faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal
Community YMCA
2269 Gottingen Street
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7



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HALIFAX TRANSIT LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE FARE PAYMENT APPLICATION – HFXGO



HRM has launched a new Halifax Transit mobile fare payment application, allowing customers to purchase and use fare products from the convenience of their smartphones.

HFXGO is a Halifax Transit branded version of Masabi's JustRide app, which has been implemented by transit agencies of all sizes worldwide.

HFXGO is officially available for iOS and Android devices. Users of the app simply need to purchase their desired ticket or pass, activate the ticket or pass, and show it to the Transit Operator or ferry security staff just prior to boarding. Passengers can still purchase paper tickets and passes at a [retail partner](#), or use cash fare.

Key features of the HFXGO mobile app include:

- Secure and easy to use
- Ability to maintain a balance within the app for quick purchases
- Exclusive new pass options
- Option to easily top up a ticket for access to Regional Express routes
- Paper transfers no longer required

This project involves two phases, phase 1 being the mobile app, and phase 2 being the installation of onboard validators.

This app is available for free download in the [App Store \(iOS\)](#) and the [Google Play Store \(Android\)](#).

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



I had the pleasure of attending the Change of Command ceremony to officially welcome Assistant Commissioner Dennis Daley as the new Commanding Officer of the RCMP in Nova Scotia



Longtime K9 unit dog Casey officially retired on October 16



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TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM 2023-2024

Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now accepting applications for 2024-2025.

Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Thursday, November 30, 2023.



The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application forms is available online on the program's [website](https://www.halifax.ca/non-profit-tax) or by e-mailing non-profittax@halifax.ca.

HRM AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Are you a non-profit or charitable organization looking for financial help with the development, renovation or purchase (including land) of affordable housing units? Be sure to apply for the 2023 Affordable Housing Grant Program. 🏠



The program is now accepting applications until December 1, 2023. Apply and learn more [here](#).

VENDORS WANTED!
Contact jessicamanuel@outlook.com

\$2 ADMISSION

Mount Edward Elementary
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
SAT. NOVEMBER 18
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3 Windward Ave.
Dartmouth, NS

District 3 | Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Join Councillor Becky Kent

to discuss community matters related to Bell Lake Parkland

Woodlawn Public Library

Tuesday, December 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register, please contact Emily at 902-490-7177 or smithem@halifax.ca



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MUNICIPALITY RECRUITS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions. Applications are available [here](#) and will be accepted until Thursday, November 30.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees, or staff – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

The following committees, boards and commissions are seeking new members:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)
- [African Descent Advisory Committee](#)
- [Board of Police Commissioners](#)
- [Design Review Committee](#)
- [Grants Committee](#)
- [Heritage Advisory Committee](#)
- [License Appeal Committee](#)
- [Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee](#)
- [Regional Watersheds Advisory Board](#)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee](#)
- [Women's Advisory Committee](#)
- [Youth Advisory Committee](#)

Additionally, five external bodies are seeking new members:

- [Community Monitoring Committee](#)
- [Events East Board of Directors](#)
- [Halifax Harbour Bridges Commission](#)
- [Halifax Water Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Shubenacadie Canal Commission](#)

Information on each board, committee and commission – including a terms of reference, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas, and reports – can be found on our [website](#).

Applicants are encouraged to review these resources before applying to learn more about the role and typical work performed by each board, committee and commission.

The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the municipality. The municipality encourages applicants from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, visit halifax.ca/serve. Residents can also contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.



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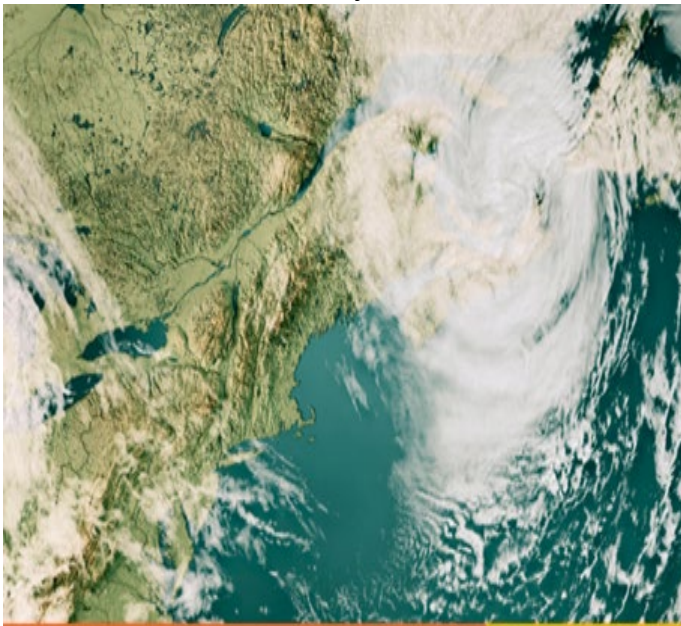


UPCOMING DISTRICT 3 HRVA SESSION

Are you concerned about how emergencies and disasters could impact your community?

The municipality is seeking input from residents on hazards, risks and vulnerabilities across communities. Feedback will inform the development of a comprehensive Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. For complete details, visit our [website](#).

To take the HRVA Survey, click [here](#).



**Contribute to the Hazard, Risk
and Vulnerability Assessment**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m.

South Woodside Community Centre
(230 Pleasant, Dartmouth, NS)

2024 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. This annual event puts a spotlight on amazing people who give of their time in our Municipality.

There are three categories in which to nominate deserving volunteers: Youth, Adult, or Group. You can download the form or nominate online. Both versions of the forms can be found [here](#). Please select the appropriate form and returned to volunteerhelp@halifax.ca by **January 11, 2024**.

This is a scored process. Please provide as much information on your nominee as possible. If you require any clarification or to find out if nominees have received the award in the past, please contact Darren Hirtle at 902-476-1184. Learn more [here](#).

*we ♥ our
Volunteers*



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Halifax Police Horse Jewelz was sworn-in on October 16



Eastern Passage Cow Bay Firefighters Association Open House at Station 16!

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for November. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- November 14
- November 28

I look forward to participating in these meetings, and I hope you can join us – in person or by tuning in on YouTube! Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees [here](#).

Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM's [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for December 7.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS IN DISTRICT 3

The Makings of Me Holiday Market

Mark your calendars for the Makings of Me Holiday Market taking place at Island View High School (1853 Caldwell Road) on Saturday November 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2. There will be over 100 crafts, makers and artisans! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support local!

Christmas at Fisherman's Cove

Mark your Calendar for all of the craft shows taking place at the Fisherman's Cove Heritage Centre:

Early Bird Craft Show

November 18th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All Things Holiday hosted by The Mom Market Collective Inc. Halifax

November 26th 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Craft Show

December 2nd 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Creative Cove Kids Market hosted by The Good Anchor

December 10th 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Last Chance Craft Show

December 16th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Quigley's Corner Tree Lighting

Head on down to Quigley's Corner on Saturday December 3rd from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for the annual tree lighting event. I hope to see you there!

WINTER GREEN CART TIPS

Our Solid Waste Resources team has some helpful tips for dealing with our green carts in winter.

When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers. To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, they suggest some of these helpful tips:

- Line the bottom of the green cart with newspaper or boxboard, like a cereal box or yard waste bag, and line your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day, then deposited in your green cart just before collection
- Place your green cart in an area where the sun can reach it, if possible (to avoid freezing!)
- Wrap food scraps in newspaper, boxboard, or a paper bag
- Put out your green cart to the curb for every collection, even if the cart is not full

More information on green carts can be found on the Halifax [webpage](#).





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PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3 "Please Drive Slowly" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.



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CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at becky.kent@halifax.ca or 902-478-5368. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311.

To reach my office, please call Emily Simonov at 902-490-7177.

To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).

RCMP Road Safety Stats

September 2023, District 3
Eastern Passage

- 198 Calls for Service in September 2023 - Down 15.7% over same period in 2022
- 9 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 11 in September 2022)
2 speeding, 3 aggressive driving, 4 other MVA (e.g., no insurance, no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 57 Proactive Assignments (vs. 65 in September 2022)
- 8 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/
Radar Enforcement
- 15 Traffic Stops (vs. 36 in September 2022)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charges (same as September 2022)
- 2 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs 0 in September 2022)
- 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 4 in September 2022)
 - none of these accidents resulted in injury
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as September 2022)

Please Drive Safely!