



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Happy Summer everyone! A time of vacations, backyard BBQ's, fresh cut grass and time spent with family and friends. I hope you have the opportunity to take a well-deserved break this summer with those you love.

I want to express my congratulations to all graduates and students who have completed another year of education. There are great opportunities for you graduates and I hope you will be bold and write your own story for your future. You are unique and individual and deserve to be true to yourself and your dreams. I wish you great success.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that The Woodlawn Resident's Association will be celebrating their first anniversary on August 28th. Congratulations on your first year as an association and thank you for you all you do for the community. Well done!

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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OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES ARE OPEN FOR THE 2023 SEASON



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, as well as all supervised municipal beaches, are now open for the season.

As of July 6th, the new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility is open.

Bookings are required for the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, and can be completed on [our website](#).

Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Lebrun Recreation Centre, and memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

The Bayers-Westwood, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Cole Harbour, Shirley's, Westmount, and Sackville splashpads opened for the 2023 season on Saturday, June 17th.

The municipality has begun testing water quality for bacteria levels and monitoring for blue-green algae at all supervised beaches. Testing will continue until Thursday, August 31st.

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

In the event of a closure due to high bacteria levels, staff will continue testing the water and reopen the beach when the results are within recreational guidelines for swimming. In the event of a closure due to a possible cyanobacteria bloom, 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](#).

WEEKLY GREENCART SERVICE BEGINS

The summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September. Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#). For more information on curbside collection, visit our [website](#).

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 2.





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EASTERN PASSAGE-COW BAY SUMMER CARINVAL 2023

The EPCB Summer Carnival will take place from August 6th-13th.

There will be tons of family friendly events including the teddy bear picnic, sand castle contest, parade, fireworks and much more! Check the event [website](#) for full schedule of events and details.

Hope to see you there!



I had the opportunity recently to participate in a ride-along with HRP Sergeant Perry Astephen. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn about HRP's day-to-day operations and procedures. Thank you, Sergeant Astephen!



Brave firefighters who took on the recent Tantallon wildfires. Words are not enough to express our sincere gratitude for your service and effort to get these wildfires under control. Your dedication to your work and community is unparalleled. Thank you to all first responders who responded to this tragedy.





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UPCOMING WASTE DISPOSAL EVENTS

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 events:

When: Saturday, July 8

Where: BMO Centre (61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford)

When: Saturday, July 15

Where: Brookside Jr High (2239 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake)

When: Saturday, July 22

Where: Horizon Community School (168 Redoubt Way, Eastern Passage)

When: Saturday, July 29

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.

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

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are most Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The household special waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Business waste is not permitted.

For more information on Halifax's solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please visit our [website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.

DARTMOUTH SUNSHINES SERIES

You're invited to the Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series – there will be 7 weeks of FREE live entertainment at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit our [website](#).

All events are free of charge, and tickets are not required for attendance.

As of Friday July 1st, Halifax Transit began offering free transit service as part of the municipality's Free Fares Fridays & Free Sail Saturdays program.



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Mawita'jik Competition Pow Wow at Zaxman Sportsplex

FIRE SAFETY – BARBECUES



To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic “fire safety” ingredients in your barbecue recipes.

Whether fueled by charcoal or gas, barbecues are approved for **outdoor use only** – they emit **carbon monoxide**. **Never barbecue in your garage, tent or other enclosed space.**

Read and **follow all manufacturers instructions.**

Place your barbecue on a **solid surface** so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance **from anything that can burn** - we've all seen the results of a barbecue that was used too close to vinyl siding. Remember too that since barbecues do get very hot you need to keep children and pets away as well.

Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always **stay with your barbecue when it's being used.**

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer, visit our [website](#).



Station 16 Volunteer Capitan Shelby Lendrum with new volunteer recruits headed for Station 16!



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BLUE GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are plant-like bacterial organisms naturally found in many types of water systems including ponds, lakes, rivers and wetlands. Blue-green algae are naturally present in small numbers. Under the right conditions (warm, slow moving, shallow water with enough sunlight and nutrients), blue-green algae can grow quickly and form blooms. Blue-green algae can be floating on the surface or grow along the bottom of a waterbody in what is called a mat. In large quantities, some types of blue-green algae produce toxins, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

The municipality monitors our supervised beaches for fecal bacteria, blue-green algae, and other waterborne contaminants between July 1 – August 31 annually. If a suspected blue-green bloom is observed at one of our supervised beaches, the beach is closed immediately and water samples are analyzed for toxins. The beach is not reopened until analysis confirms toxin levels are within safe limits for recreation. When a bloom is reported to the province in a lake where the municipality supervises a beach, municipal staff conduct follow-up monitoring to ensure water quality is safe for recreational use.

Municipal staff monitor and report on the status of 18 beaches across the municipality. Watch for advisories by visiting our [website](#) and following [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter. Updates can also be found on the Government of Nova Scotia [website](#) as well.

Blue-green algae poses significant dangers to human health and the environment. **If a beach is closed this summer, do not swim or engage in any other recreational activity that may involve contact with water** (e.g., paddling). Keep children and pets away from the water. Do not drink the lake water and please note that boiling water will not remove toxins. I encourage everyone to follow beach rules and restrictions to be safe when visiting the beaches.



NO BURNING AFTER MIDNIGHT

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of

midnight and 2:00 pm. The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, check for bans every time before you burn. They are posted 2 p.m. every day [here](#).

For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations visit our [website](#).





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WHAT GARBAGE GOES WHERE?

I often get questions from residents about sorting recyclables, but also about what happens to your recyclables once they get picked up at the curb.

Where does our recycling go?

- All blue bag material is collected and taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located in Bayers Lake.
- Approximately 80-90% of what is recyclable in the blue bag is sent from the MRF to market for recycling.
- Most of the residue produced from the MRF (i.e., material that is landfilled) is non-recyclable material, including materials that should have been placed in the garbage.
- Approximately 50% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Nova Scotia
- Approximately 80% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Canada
- Approximately 20% of materials were shipped to international markets

How are these items recycled? Here are some examples:

- Newspaper/Writing Paper: - made into products such as paper plates and paper cup holders here in Nova Scotia
- Corrugated Cardboard - made into products such as new cardboard boxes, liner board for corrugated cardboard, and paper egg cartons in Canada
- Steel/Aluminum Food Cans - processed as scrap metal locally and used to make new metal products

- Laundry Detergent and Shampoo Containers – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Canada and then used to make new plastic products
- Stewardship Programs Managed by Divert NS:
 - Glass Bottles – some are crushed and used as aggregate feedstock for concrete here in Nova Scotia
 - Plastic Bottles – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Nova Scotia and then used to make new plastic products.

Despite best efforts to recycle and reuse – reduction of single use plastics can go a long way, and we are all making a collective effort to do this.

Questions?

To learn more about recycling and waste collection in our municipality, visit our [website](#).

You can find out information about What Goes Where, sign up for weekly reminders and service alerts, or print a calendar customized for your address. You can also download the free Halifax Recycles app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand!



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is one Regional Council meeting scheduled for July. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- July 11th

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 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 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.



Lions Club Dinner!

HEMDCC NOW STREAMED ONLINE

As part of continued efforts to support open and accessible meetings, webcasts will now be available from the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council Chamber (60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth), thanks to some recent technical upgrades. This means that all Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (HEMDCC) meetings that take place at that location will be streamed online for residents to watch. This follows a soft launch webcast pilot that occurred at the HEMDCC meeting on January 12th. This pilot was a success and the [video from this meeting can be found here](#).

Where to watch:

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 August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

6th Annual Highway of Heroes Tribute
19 August 2023

From: Value Village, Dartmouth
To: Truro Power Centre
Departure Time: 12:00

ROUTE: 111 → 118 → 102



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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](#).



I had the pleasure of attend the 2023 International Nova Scotia Tattoo performance. Wow! What a show. Well done!

RCMP Road Safety Stats

May 2023, District 3
Eastern Passage

- 218 Calls for Service in May 2023 - Down 28.3% over same period in 2022
- 4 Summary Offence Tickets (same issued in May 2022)
1 speeding, 3 other MVA (e.g., no insurance, no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 37 Proactive Assignments (vs. 76 in May 2022)
11 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/
Radar Enforcement
- 29 Traffic Stops (vs. 73 in May 2022)
2 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 1 in May 2022)
0 Impaired Driving Suspension (same as May 2022)
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents (same as May 2022)
• none of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as May 2022)
• did not result in injuries

Please Drive Safely!

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