



## COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT

DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS

DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

### MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Happy May everyone! I hope your spring is off to a good start. With the days getting longer and warmer, I hope you can get out and enjoy our beautiful municipal parks here in District 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's 2023 District 3 Volunteer Award recipients. Well done! Thank you for all the work you do to make our community a great place to live.

I am pleased to announce that the 2023/24 budget has been passed by Regional Council. I have included a list of planned capital and parks capital projects for this year for our district below in this newsletter.

I am happy to share that I have been appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee. I am looking forward to serving on this committee and can't wait to get to work!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish a very happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Mom's out there! We appreciate all that you do.

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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### ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich culture, history and lived experiences of peoples of Asian descent.

Over the past two centuries, individuals and families have immigrated to the Halifax region from East Asia, Southern Asia, as well as Western and Southeast Asia, representing a wealth of languages, ethnicities, and religious and cultural traditions.

For more information, click [here](#).

### NEW CROSSWALKS AND CROSSWALK UPGRADES

Below is a list of the approved crosswalk installations and crosswalk upgrades to include Reflective Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) for 2023/24:

**Shore Road at Government Wharf Road (New RRFB Crosswalk)**

**Cow Bay Road near Civic 33 (New RRFB Crosswalk)**

**Caldwell Rd at Sheawater Flyer Trail (New RRFB Crosswalk)**

**Cow Bay Rd at Briarwood Dr (Upgrade to RRFB)**

**Cow Bay Rd at Civic 86 (Upgrade to RRFB)**

### 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



#### Congratulations to our 2023 Volunteer Awards recipients!

This annual event puts a spotlight on residents that have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services. The 2023 Volunteer Awards marked the largest volunteer appreciation event ever hosted by the municipality – with nearly 100 awards distributed and over 200 attendees!

Thank you to all of the volunteers throughout the municipality who contribute their time, talent, and energy to help build amazing communities!

You can learn more about the municipality's programs offered through Parks & Recreation's [Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services](#), and the Community Developers who help our municipality thrive.

For a full list of the 2023 Volunteer Awards recipients, visit [our website](#).



## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS: INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

As Chair of the Board of Police Commission (BoPC), I was pleased to see a motion go forward to commission an independent civilian review of the issues relating to the Board's oversight, governance and policy responsibilities that arose out of the response by Halifax Regional Police (HRP) to protests on August 18, 2021.

On August 18, 2021, tent occupants in various public spaces, including municipal parks, were directed to remove their encampments, with the assistance or participation of municipal compliance officers, Parks & Recreation staff and HRP. Concerns have been expressed about the role and involvement of Halifax Regional Police in the eviction of unhoused and/or underhoused individuals and in its handling of the related protests.

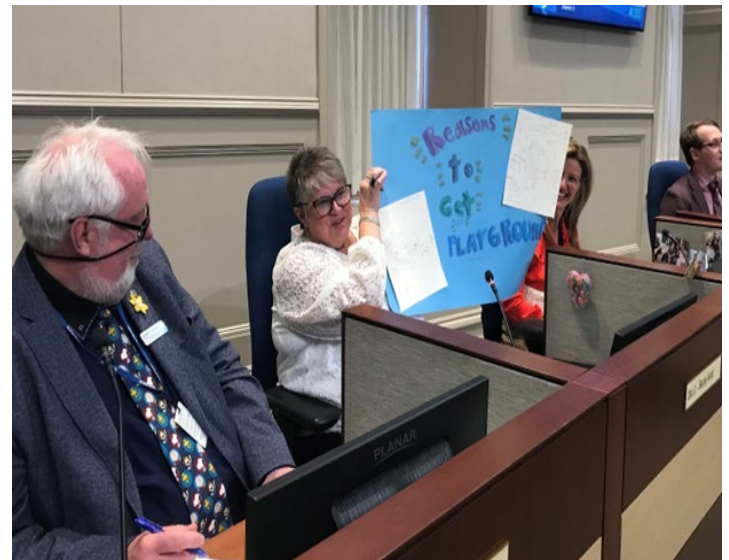
The Board has retained Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Schwartzenruber LLP ("the Reviewer") to conduct an independent civilian review. The Reviewer's members have served as reviewers, senior counsel or advisors in over 20 independent systemic reviews, public inquiries or systemic investigations, including independent civilian reviews of a number of police services.

The review is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2023 and culminate in a public report, to include systemic findings and recommendations to be completed on or before May 31, 2024.

Following the completion of the report, the Board will examine the systemic findings and recommendations made by the Reviewer and develop a strategic plan to address the issues identified.

For more information regarding the Board of Police Commissioners and the independent review [visit the website](#). The Reviewer will also establish a website in the near future to facilitate outreach and engagement.

## **YOUNG LEADERS IN THE MAKING!**



Mable Chisholm and Rebecca Adams are residents of District 3. They are 11 and 10 years old respectively. They have collected 32 names on a petition to develop a community playground and garden in the Himmelman and Sydney Crescent area. I met with them at Tim Hortons where they did a presentation for me and presented a petition.

It was so great. Young female leaders in the making!





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### AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

With the Halifax Regional Municipality's **Affordable Access Program** you only need one application to apply for:

- Affordable Transit Pass (applications open mid-May and processed on a first-come, first-served basis)
- Recreation programming funding (applications are open year-round with no deadline)
- Property tax payment assistance (deadline of August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill)

To learn more, to see if you qualify, or to apply, call 311 or visit our [website](#).

### COW BAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

There will asphalt and shoulder repair on the Cow Bay Road, between Dyke and Bissett Roads and Bissett Road and the Rainbow Haven Park Bridge. This project supports the [2021-25](#)

[Regional Council Strategic Priorities](#)

[Plan](#) to establish a safe and accessible integrated mobility network.



**The work is expected to be complete by June 12.** Stop-and-go traffic will be in place while work is underway. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to take alternative routes whenever possible.

### GUIDED BIRD WALK IN DISTRICT 3

In honour of Bird Week, the Bird Friendly Halifax Coalition is hosting several guided bird walks around the municipality. I encourage you to sign up for the bird walk taking place in District 3 on May 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. To register, click [here](#).

Hope to see you there!



**Guided Bird Walk**  
Shearwater Flyer Trail,  
District 3, Cole Harbour



Wed. May 17th  
8am-10am  
Please register online

### CANADA SUMMER JOBS NOW AVAILABLE

Youth 15-30 can now apply for the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs program, as the hiring period for 2023 has launched! This is your chance to gain experience and put your skills to use to help your community!

Canada Summer Jobs aims to help younger Canadians develop the skills and experience to transition successfully into the labour market.

Keep an eye out here for the many opportunities that will be posted [here](#).



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### DISTRICT 3 – 2023/24 PLANNED PPAM CAPITAL WORK

Below is a list of the capital work that is scheduled to be completed in the 2023/24 season:

#### **Street Recapitalization**

Cow Bay Rd – Dyke to Bissett (Carryover)  
Lucien Dr – Owen to Dorothea (Integrated Traffic Calming)  
Pauline Cres – Stephen Cross to Belle Vista

#### **Asphalt Overlay**

Bayswater Rd – Regal to Regal (Integrated Traffic Calming)

#### **Walkways**

15 Bayswater Rd to 82 Regal Rd  
18 Bayswater Rd to Lake  
55 Lucien Dr to 36 Steed Crt  
65 Lucien Dr to 15 Carlson Crt

#### **Guiderails**

Cow Bay Rd at Dyke Rd Intersection (Carryover)  
Cow Bay Rd near Rainbow Haven (Carryover)  
Pauline Cres (Near Belle Vista)

#### **Bridges**

Hornes Rd (Replacement)

#### **Traffic Calming**

Belle Vista Dr – Spring to Mount Edward (Vertical Deflections)  
Oceanlea Dr (School Zone)

#### **Planer Patching**

Locations TBD

#### **Proposed Crack Sealing**

Brompton St – Elswick to End (Carryover)  
Everette St – Pleasant to Elswick (Carryover)  
Londra Crt – Cranberry to Cul De Sac  
Portland Hills Dr – Portland to Bellbrook (Carryover)  
Topsail Blvd – Mount Edward to Dorothea

### DISTRICT 3 2023/24 PARKS OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS

#### **Eastern Passage Common Park Plan**

Implementation - Phase 1 detailed design (carry forward project)

**Eastern Passage Common Park** - skatepark replacement

**Russell Lake Park** - walkway rehabilitation (carry forward project)

**Flandrum Hill Road Park** - playground replacement

**Mount Edward Elementary School Park** – ball diamond - playing field rehabilitation

**Shearwater Flyer Park** - off-leash dog park (design)





## HRM LAKEWATCHERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM



Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean.

The program will involve community teams to:

- ✓ Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- ✓ Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.
- ✓ Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#).

### You can get involved!

Data collection will take place twice yearly through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

Interested in getting involved? Learn more [here](#).

\*Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1 to August 31.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Did you know the municipality has a team of community developers to support your local volunteer efforts?

Our team of community developers are here to support:

- Volunteers
- Neighbourhood Associations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Residents trying to start a community project.

Your local [community developer](#) will help you reach your goal and make a difference in your community. To learn more about their services, visit our [website](#).







## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- May 23

I look forward to participating in this meeting, 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Other webcast opportunities:

Due to the ability to webcast in this room, this space will also be available to other meeting bodies. Other meetings may take place there in the future, and if they do, they may also be webcasted. For example, Regional Centre Community Council also uses this space. Community Councils that do not use this space will not have a webcast, aside from Halifax and West Community Council (meetings occur in Council Chambers, which also has the capacity to webcast).



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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.



### CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at [becky.kent@halifax.ca](mailto: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](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca).

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

### RCMP Road Safety Stats

March 2023, District 3  
Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage

- 256 Calls for Service in March 2023 - Down 1.9% over same period in 2022**
- 18 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 10 in March 2022)**  
2 cell phone, 1 seatbelt, 3 speeding, 2 aggressive driving, 10 other MVA (e.g., no insurance, no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 61 Proactive Assignments (vs. 80 in March 2022)**  
10 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 67 Traffic Stops (vs. 60 in March 2022)**  
**2 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 0 in March 2022)**  
**2 Impaired Driving Suspension (same as March 2022)**
- 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 17 in March 2022)**
  - all of these accidents resulted in non-injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as March 2022)**

**Please  
Drive  
Safely!**