



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy April District 4!

Spring has officially sprung! The days are getting longer and warmer temperatures are on the horizon. This month we experienced a solar eclipse (which we have not seen since 1979)! I hope many of you were able to enjoy this rare occasion!

I have many community updates to share so be sure to check them out under the **community corner** section below in this newsletter.

Budget deliberations have concluded with final budget approval coming to Regional Council on April 23. You can learn more about the budget and process [here](#). Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

I hope to see you this month at my Councillor Drop-Ins! Dates and locations can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with your municipal questions or concerns. I love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Trish Purdy





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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

Have you applied for Neighbourhood Seed Kits yet? Apply by April 15 for a chance to receive free seeds for 20 households in your neighbourhood!

Learn more and apply now [here](#).

COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

The following Community Drop-In sessions are planned for the month of April. Please feel free to drop by to discuss any municipal concerns or questions, I would love to see you!

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway

Friday, April 26, 10 to 11 a.m.

Selby's Bunker, Cole Harbour Road

Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ZEBRA CROSSWALKS/ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUND

Have you noticed zebra crosswalks popping up at more intersections? Zebra crosswalks are a series of horizontal lines instead of two parallel lines. In an effort to improve visibility of pedestrians at signalized intersections, we've added zebra crosswalks



to twelve locations as part of pilot projects in 2022 and 2023. Our most recent project to examine the effectiveness of the markings has been funded through the Federal Active Transportation Fund. Results will be shared this spring, stay tuned!

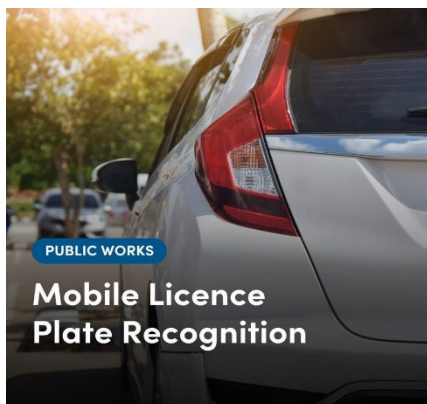
Learn more [here](#).



MOBILE LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Starting this month the municipality is launching a Mobile License Plate Recognition program to enhance parking enforcement by introducing new photo technology to our compliance vehicles.

Learn about the Mobile License Plate Recognition program by visiting our [website](#).





**COMMUNITY CORNER:
APRIL UPDATE**

New Development Application for 1226 Cole Harbour Road and 77 Bissett Road:

Thank you to everyone who came out to the public information meeting at Cole Harbour Place to learn more about the development and to share concerns. The big concerns were stormwater management, Halifax Water infrastructure, and traffic management.

Melissa Eavis is the planner for this file and is available for questions and comments at 902.237.1216 or email at eavism@halifax.ca

Amending Development Agreement for PLANAPP 2023-01187- Montague Road, Lake Loon:

Thank you to everyone who came out to this information meeting. We will be working with staff on holding a follow up meeting to address the issues that were raised. Stay tuned for the date and location.

Claire Tusz is the planner for this file and is available for questions and comments at 902.430.0645 or email at tuszcz@halifax.ca.

Public feedback is open until April 12, so please feel free to reach out with any further questions or comments you may have.

Caldwell Road – Phase 2:

There has been a delay in the construction of the second phase of the Caldwell Road recapitalization project. HRM is waiting on NS Power for the relocation of the power poles.

There have been some unforeseen challenges unfortunately. The new date for Caldwell Road phase 2 completion has been pushed out to 2025.

Astral Drive:

Astral Drive is the next big recapitalization project to be started after Caldwell Road is completed, so tentatively that looks to be 2026. Staff are going to planer patch the road in the meantime as it is not in good condition and needs some TLC to hold it over for the next couple of years. Staff did try to see if an overlay could be done to the street last summer, but because it has been overlaid in the past, a new overlay would change the elevation of the street to such a degree that it could cause flooding issues. So, in the interest of not causing more harm, they decided not to go ahead with that overlay. Thank you to everyone for your continued patience.

Ross Road Intersection:

We are still waiting for the negotiations to conclude in order to move ahead with the realignment plans of Ross Road with the Lake Major intersection.

78 Sherwood:

We are waiting for this report to come to Regional Council for first reading. We were told to expect the report this spring. The report will be public and available online at halifax.ca.



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Halifax Water:

In response to the concerns raised at the public information meeting for 1226 Cole Harbour Road and 77 Bissett Road from residents concerning historic flooding issues, I reached out to Halifax Water to request a community meeting where Halifax Water will let residents know the impact of new development on existing infrastructure, and any plans and timelines for upgrades/improvements, and existing sewer capacity. They have agreed to meet with us, so stay tuned for more information. The date and location has not been set yet, but I will include it in the next newsletter and share it on Facebook.

Gateway Public Hearing:

There will be a Public Hearing for the Gateway expansion proposal at Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council on Thursday May 2 (Alderney Gate Council Chamber – across the hall from the library). The Community Council meeting starts at 6 p.m. If you would like to sign up to speak at the public hearing you may email clerks@halifax.ca or call 902.490.4210.

STEP UP TO SPRING

Join our Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services team for their Step up to Leadership course this spring! The course was developed by volunteers, for volunteers and covers a wide range of topics to help participants develop leadership skills and build strong communities.

Learn more about the spring 2024 sessions [here](#).

BRIDGING THE GAP PROGRAM

The municipality is offering paid 18-month internships for new graduates interested in a career in municipal public service. The Bridging the Gap program provides training and development opportunities to candidates who have graduated from a recognized post-secondary institution within the last 24 months including those who are scheduled to graduate before the internship start date.

The program is designed to provide experiential learning and maximum professional exposure to interns in their chosen field of study, while exploring the benefits of working for the municipality. Candidates will learn about government policy, operations, administration, services and planning.

Additional information about the Bridging the Gap program can be found [here](#).



Bridging the Gap program

We are hiring recent graduates for paid internship roles



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PORTLAND STREET – COLE HARBOUR ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLANNING STUDY UPDATE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning on making incremental changes to Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road from Alderney Drive /Prince Albert Road to Bissett Road. A study has been undertaken to develop a future vision for this street that seeks to:

- Provide high quality transportation options;
- Improve people-moving capacity;
- Build Complete Streets and with an emphasis on the pedestrian realm and placemaking;
- Improve road safety and areas of previous collisions.

This includes considerations like bus rapid transit implementation, wider sidewalks and boulevards, continuous off-road cycling facilities, and intersection improvements to help enhance the comfort, convenience, and safety of all road users with a Complete Streets lens.

Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road are an important gateway and link between communities of Dartmouth and Cole Harbour with the rest of the Municipality. It is estimated that upwards of 40,000 people travel along this corridor every day. More details about the project can be found [here](#).

Figure 1: Map of Study Area



The second phase of the Portland Street – Cole Harbour Road Functional Planning Study has been initiated with a revised scope and deliverables towards project completion by summer 2024.

The next phase of public engagement for the project is planned in the next 5-6 weeks and we want you to have your say!

Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

Phase Two of public engagement will take place in April and May 2024. Have your say by participating in one of our public open house events or filling out the online survey. More details are below:

Public Open House #1

Monday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Cole Harbour Place (51 Forest Hills Parkway)

Public Open House #2

Wednesday, May 8 6 to 8 p.m.
Micmac Aquatic Club (192 Prince Albert Road)
Drop-in style with display boards and breakout tables for themed discussion. There will be opportunity to review two design scenarios and ask questions of HRM staff. A major focus is on evaluation of trade offs. Which scenario best meets project objectives and matches your vision for the future of these streets?

Online Survey

Open April 29 through May 13
Hosted on this [webpage](#), at the bottom.
Survey material will reflect what was presented at the Open House sessions including questions on the concept scenarios, trade offs, and future vision for the street.



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DISTRICT 4 – 2024/25 PLANNED PPAM CAPITAL WORK

Below you will find a list of the proposed planned capital work for 2024/25 in District 4. **Please be advised that this is not yet final and is subject to change pending Council's final approval of the 2024/25 budget.**

Street Recapitalization

Boling Green Cres – Colby to Colby
Gregory Dr – Flying Cloud to Wildwood (Re-Instate Traffic Calming)

Asphalt Overlays

Broom Rd – Highway 7 to End (Integrated Traffic Calming)
Cole Harbour Rd – Caldwell to Cumberland
Lundy Dr – Bradorian to Hillsboro (Re-Instate Traffic Calming)

Microsurfacing

Monague Rd – Serpentine to Vaughn

New Sidewalk

Gregory Dr / Flying Cloud – Sidewalk Connection for traffic stop moving to Flying Cloud

Active Transportation

Perron/Arklow/Amaranth MUP – Cole Harbour Rd to Forest Hills Trailhead

Walkways

58 Boling Green Cres to 54A Attwood Cres
Gregory Dr – School to End of Asphalt

Guiderails

158 Cherry Brook Rd
633 Bissett Rd

Bridges

Lake Major at Long Lake

Traffic Management Projects

Traffic Calming

- Circassion Dr (corridor)
- Cherry Brook Rd (school area)
- Evergreen Dr (school area)
- Hugh Allen Rd (school area)

New RRFB Crosswalk

- Caldwell Rd at Millbrook Ave

Existing Crosswalk Upgrade to RRFB

- Ross Rd at Greenvale Dr

Accessible Pedestrian Signals

- Main St at Lake Major Rd

Planer Patching

Colby Dr – Briarlynn S to Greenwich
Flying Cloud Dr – Forest Hills to Forest Hills
Maplewood Dr – Astral to Stratford
Montague Rd – Vaughn to Civic 1206

Proposed Crack Sealing

Allison Dr – Brookfield to Spence
Armbro Ln – Cole Harbour to End
Bradorian Dr – Auburn to Auburn
Cumberland Dr – Cole Harbour to Colby
Forest Hills Pkwy – Civic 9 to Cole Harbour
Kirtland Crt – Circassion to Cul de Sac
Pernix Crt – Arklow to End
Savona Crt - Circassion to End



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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

On April 28, Nova Scotians will join with Canadians across the nation, and over 100 countries around the world, to recognize the National Day of Mourning.

This day has been designated as a time when workers, families, employers and others come together to remember those who have died or been injured at work.

According to recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC), there were just over 270,000 accepted claims for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease in Canada in 2019, and sadly, 925 workplace fatalities.

On this important day, we pause to remember those who have died or been injured on the job, and take time to collectively renew our commitment to making safety a top priority in our individual workplaces.

Learn more about the National Day of Mourning [here](#).



April 2024

HRM TAX BILL DUE APRIL 30

The Halifax Regional Municipality sends out its tax bills to all property owners twice a year. The Interim bill was mailed mid-March and is due on Tuesday, April 30. The final bill will be due October 31. If you have any enquiries about your tax bill, please call the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or online by visiting our [website](#).

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT SURVEY

The municipality has begun the recruitment process for the next Chief of Police.

Residents are welcome to share their feedback on the ideal candidate for the future Chief of Police, via a [public online survey](#). Survey responses will shape the ideal candidate profile and recruitment process.

The survey was designed to collect insight from all members of the municipality and takes less than five minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous – only the project consulting firm have access to the responses. **The survey will close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.**

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

As Councillor, I am also a Commissioner of Oaths. While in office, I may administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations within the Province for use within the Province.

If you require a Commissioner of Oaths, please contact me.



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TOP EMPLOYER AWARD

The municipality is proud to be selected as one of [Nova Scotia's Top Employers](#) for the third year in a row.

The Top Employers designations recognize employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work and progressive employee programs and policies.

The municipality was acknowledged for its in-house wellness programming, mental health coverage, flexible work opportunities, paid sick days, strong benefits package and diverse learning and development opportunities.

[Click here](#) to view full details and reasons for selection.

Do you know someone who may be interested in working at the municipality?

We're always looking to grow our team and provide ongoing opportunities for our employees to develop in their careers. Visit our [website](#) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and view the weekly Career Opportunities email for the latest job postings.



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- April 23
- April 30 (if required)

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.



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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 May 2.

CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca or **902-240-3067**.

For routine municipal matters, please call our **Citizen Contact Centre at 311**.

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

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