



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy July District 4!

Summer is in full swing. I hope you have the opportunity to take some time off and connect with friends and family over the summer months.

I want to share that on Sunday July 21, the Colby Sailfish will be having a swim meet at the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool. The pool will be closed to the public that day and there will be increased traffic on Colby Drive. I wish them all the best in this upcoming competition!

Our outdoor pools and splashpads are open for the season! These are wonderful facilities for our communities and a great place to cool off on a hot, humid day.

A friendly reminder that weekly green cart collection has begun and will run through to the end of September. More details can be found below in 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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COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

The following Community Drop-In session is planned for the month of August. 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, August 9, 10 to 11 a.m.

OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES OPEN FOR 2024 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.

The new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility [opened](#) on Saturday, June 15, and the pool schedule can be found [here](#).

Swim passes can be purchased [online](#) for both the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools. Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can also be purchased in-person at the LeBrun Recreation Centre. Memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased in-person at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

The Bayers-Westwood, Cole Harbour, Halifax Common, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Sackville, and Westmount and Shirley's splashpads opened for the 2024 season on Friday, June 14.

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

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



BURN BAN

Check before you burn!

March 15 through October 15 is wildfire risk season. Help reduce wildfire risk by following all considerations within the municipality's Open Air Burning By-Law and reviewing provincial restrictions.



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



COMMUNITY CORNER: JULY UPDATE

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. Unfortunately, there has been some unforeseen challenges. The new date for Caldwell Road phase 2 completion has been pushed out to 2025.

Sherwood Development:

Several residents have asked to see the site plans for the Sherwood Development to know the placement of the buildings on the land. Staff have not received the site plans yet from the developer, but the planner will let me know when they do arrive.

Astral Drive:

I would like to take the opportunity to give a BIG thank you to Jason Tobin, our District 4 Public Works supervisor who arranged for Astral Drive to get a little TLC to hold us over until the recapitalization project due in a couple of years. Thank you!

Ross Road Intersection:

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

Westphal, Cherry Brook, and Lake Loon Community Meeting:

MLA Twila Grosse has arranged for a community town hall meeting to be held at the Henry Bauld Centre on Thursday July 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. to discuss community matters. Premier Tim Houston will be in attendance.

Halifax Water Community Meeting:

Halifax Water has graciously agreed to a community meeting where residents will be able to learn about the impacts of proposed and approved developments in our district, the capacity of existing HW infrastructure, and plans to address increased density in our district. The tentative date for this meeting is Monday September 16 at 6 p.m. More information will be available closer to the date.

Bissett Road Old Rehab Lands as a Secondary Encampment Site:

Staff recommended the potential encampment locations based on certain criteria – how far it is from a school, playground, daycare, etc. And how close it is to services, transit, and amenities. Bissett Road is not a primary location but a secondary one, for the reasons stated above. It is not suitable as it has no services or stores within walking distance and no transit. The staff report highlights this as well.

I am meeting with our two local MLA's and HRM's Director of Homelessness Max Chauvin next week to reiterate how unsuitable the site is for an encampment. I voted against all of the newly proposed municipal parks as encampment sites.



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Cole Harbour Commons Pickleball Equipment available for free:

If you have been wanting to try pickleball but do not own the equipment needed, we have partnered with the Dartmouth Pickleball Association to provide the equipment on site, free of charge! There will be an access code given upon request, in a reasonable amount of time, by either messaging the [Cole Harbour Place Outdoor Pickleball Facebook](#) page, or by calling 311. There will also be a briefing on site on Friday July 19 at 6 p.m. for all who are interested.



Karen Drive Development:

There is another provincial land-for-housing development in District 4 on Karen Drive. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Public Information Meetings last month. Affirmative Ventures is the developer, and because the criteria did not quite meet the Housing Accelerator Fund requirements, this proposal is going through the traditional planning process.

We expect the Development Agreement to make its way to Community Council (HEMDCC) sometime in the near future. There will be another opportunity for public participation at the public hearing if it passes first reading.

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BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are naturally found in freshwater environments like lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. They thrive in warm water and can be harmful to people and fatal for pets.

Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface. Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

Watch for advisories by visiting our [website](#) and following [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter/X. Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.

Learn more [here](#).





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MUNICIPALITY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HALIFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD AND AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Applications for the Halifax Regional Library Board will close on Monday, July 29 at 11:59 p.m. Applications for the African Descent Advisory Board will close on Monday, September 9 at 11:59 p.m. – but is subject to extension based on the number of applications received. Notice of the extension will be posted [here](#).

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

Information on each board, committee and commission – including a terms of reference, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas and reports – can be found on halifax.ca. 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 our [website](#). Residents can also contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION HAS BEGUN

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that effective Saturday, June 29, weekly green cart collection has begun in all communities across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The summer weekly 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. To ensure collection, residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#).

The last day for weekly green cart collection is Friday, September 27. Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, September 30.

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FREE ELECTRIC VEHICLE TEST DRIVE EVENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality has partnered with Next Ride and the Clean Foundation to offer a number of free electric vehicle (EV) test drive events to residents across the municipality, including in rural, urban and suburban areas. These events will take place from June to August.

During each test drive event, residents can expect a free test drive in an electric vehicle, information on electric vehicles, electric vehicle rebates, and the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Many of the events will take place next to the locations of the municipality's EV chargers – a project currently underway to install public EV chargers across the region. Both the EV test drive events and EV charger installation are in support of the [Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy](#) and efforts to support the decarbonization of transportation.

Visit our [website](#) for the event schedule. Registration for each event will open approximately two weeks before the event date. Residents are encouraged to [register online](#) to guarantee your test drive. Limited walk-in spots may be available.



Join us for an electric vehicle test drive!

August 15 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cole Harbour Place

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Next Ride HALIFAX

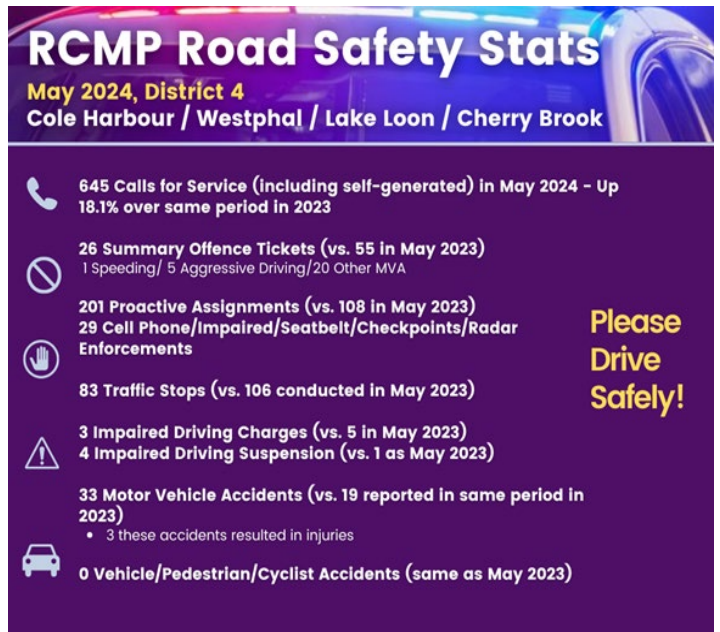
MUNICIPALITY RECRUITING WORKERS FOR THE 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Halifax Regional Municipality is recruiting over 1,200 workers for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election.

Election workers will have the opportunity to play a direct role in ensuring a fair, accessible and efficient election. These positions offer a unique opportunity for professional growth – gaining valuable expertise in project management, public administration and community outreach.

Temporary election workers are needed to support advance voting (Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15) and election day voting (Saturday, October 19) at voting locations across the municipality's [16 electoral districts](#).

For more information – including job descriptions, compensation and the online application – visit our [website](#).



RCMP Road Safety Stats
May 2024, District 4
Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

- 645 Calls for Service (including self-generated) in May 2024 - Up 18.1% over same period in 2023
- 26 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 55 in May 2023)
1 Speeding / 5 Aggressive Driving / 20 Other MVA
- 201 Proactive Assignments (vs. 108 in May 2023)
29 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements
- 83 Traffic Stops (vs. 106 conducted in May 2023)
- 3 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 5 in May 2023)
4 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 1 as May 2023)
- 33 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 19 reported in same period in 2023)
• 3 these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as May 2023)

Please Drive Safely!

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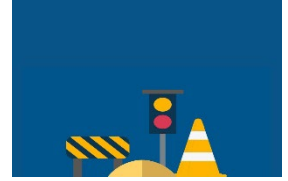
REC VAN 2024

The Rec Van is visiting communities throughout the municipality, each Monday through Thursday until August 23. The REC Van is stacked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping and much more!

[Click here](#) for schedule updates and weather cancellations.

JULY ROAD SAFETY FOCUS

Summer is a peak time for construction projects. Without a doubt, you'll come across a construction crew on our roads in your travels. Crews working on roads are counting on you to work with them to ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day. Keep the following tips in mind to safely navigate through construction zones:



- If construction is happening on roads you frequently travel, consider taking another route and avoid the area.
- Always obey the posted speed limit and signage when driving through construction zones. Speeding in a construction zone will result in a fine that is double that of a normal speeding ticket.
- Pay close attention to sign flaggers and obey their instructions.
- Stay extra focused and alert when driving; take note of where construction zones begin and end.
- Always be prepared to stop suddenly when driving through construction zones.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers' equipment and vehicles.
- As always, avoid driving while distracted.
- Stay calm and be flexible when encountering traffic delays.

Rec Van EASTERN REGION

The REC van is visiting communities throughout the municipality all summer long — stacked with equipment for over 50 activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping and much more!

JULY 2 - AUGUST 23

MONDAYS

- North Preston Community Centre
10 a.m. to noon
44 Serebecs Road, North Preston
- Bennett Park Minerville
1 to 3 p.m.
351 Minerville Road

TUESDAYS

- Moser River Park and Playground
10 a.m. to noon
7885P Highway 7, Moser River
- Sheet Harbour Lions Club Playground
1 to 3 p.m.
22740 Highway 7, Sheet Harbour

WEDNESDAYS

- Carrol's Corner Community Centre
10 a.m. to noon
9 Millard Road, Carrol's Corner
Rain day location: Musquodoboit Harbour
2000, 1011E 40th St, Musquodoboit
- Big Wooden Playground
1 to 3 p.m.
5765 NS 224, Upper Musquodoboit

THURSDAYS

- Musquodoboit Harbour Peace Park
10 a.m. to noon
67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour
- Oyster Pond Academy Field
1 to 3 p.m.
10583 Highway 7, Jeddore Oyster Ponds

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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA



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

- August 6
- August 20

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.

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.

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 Wednesday August 1 (if required).

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](#).