



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY
DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS
COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL - LAKE LOON - CHERRY BROOK

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy June District 4!

Summer is just around the corner! The school year will soon be coming to a close and summer vacation begins. I hope you all take time this summer to rest, recharge and create memories with family, friends and loved ones.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a big congratulations to all students who are graduating this year. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

My councillor drop-in dates are back for June! Be sure to check below in this newsletter for the date and time. I hope to see you there!

I would like to wish all the dad's out there a very happy Father's Day as well. Thank you for all you do!

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

Sincerely,





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HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Every spring, Halifax Regional Municipality hosts the Citizenship Awards ceremony to recognize grade nine students throughout the municipality who exemplify the qualities of leadership in, and service to, their school and community, while maintaining commendable academic performance.

This year we were pleased to honor 39 students with the Citizenship Award. A ceremony and awards presentation took place on May 7 as part of a special presentation at Halifax Regional Council.

Congratulations to the 2024 District 4 Citizenship Award recipients Katie Corbett, Liam Le Grange and Madison Clarke.



Liam Le Grange, Astral Drive Junior High



Madison Clarke, Sir Robert Borden Junior High



Katie Corbett, Graham Creighton Junior High



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JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.

The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017.

Each week throughout the month of June, the Federal government will be highlighting specific aspects of Indigenous history, cultures and perspectives. Explore [learning resources](#) on each theme:

Please check our [website](#) for more information.



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COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

The following Community Drop-In session is planned for the month of June. 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, June 21, 10 to 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Halifax Regional Council has approved a revised

Community Engagement Strategy that will provide a framework for employees for the effective delivery of community engagement efforts.



The landscape in the municipality has changed since the previous Community Engagement Strategy was developed in 2008. The Halifax region has experienced unprecedented growth over the last 16 years, largely due to an increase in immigration, and is expected to reach a population of one million residents by 2050. A new approach to community engagement will allow the municipality to leverage technology and new methods to engage with residents to ensure programs and services meet the needs of our vibrant and diverse communities.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).



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 improve 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.

Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

Phase Two of public engagement will continue in June. 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

Thursday, June 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Micmac Aquatic Club (192 Prince Albert Road)

Public Open House #2

Monday, June 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Cole Harbour Place (51 Forest Hills Parkway)

Open houses will be 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

Will be open June 10 through 28. Hosted on this [webpage](#).

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.



COMMUNITY CORNER: JUNE UPDATE

Thefts and Vandalisms:

RCMP have increased patrols in the areas impacted by thefts and vandalisms. However, they urge residents who have been affected to please report all incidents (even attempted incidents) either by phone (902.490.5020) or [online](#).

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.

Sherwood Development:

Regional Council approved the Housing Accelerator Fund recommendations at the May 23 conclusion to the Public Hearing. I was not in attendance and voted against these changes when this came to Regional Council at first reading. The impact to the Sherwood Development is that the maximum height will be 3 stories. There are no site plans available to be shared yet as the development is proceeding as of right and will not require a development agreement process. I have asked for the ETA of the site plans for public information but have not heard back yet.

Astral Drive:

I just heard from staff that there was a delay in the planer patching originally planned for May, but it is now penciled in for early-mid June. The road will have planer patching from the bend in the road (between Selig Street and Grenadier Drive) to the entrance of Colby South. Astral Drive is the next big recapitalization project to be started after Caldwell Road is completed. Tentatively that looks to be 2026. Staff are going to planer patch the road this month as it is not in good condition and needs some TLC to hold it over for the next couple of years. Thank you to everyone for your continued patience.

Ross Road Intersection:

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

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 future plans to address increased density in our district. We are still waiting for a date for this meeting. I was hoping to have it prior to the summer, but we are looking at a fall date at this point. I will keep you updated via this newsletter and Facebook.



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BLUE GREEN ALGAE INFORMATION SESSION

The water specialists on the Environment & Climate Change team will be hosting a series of information sessions that focus on the presence of different forms of cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, in our lakes and rivers.

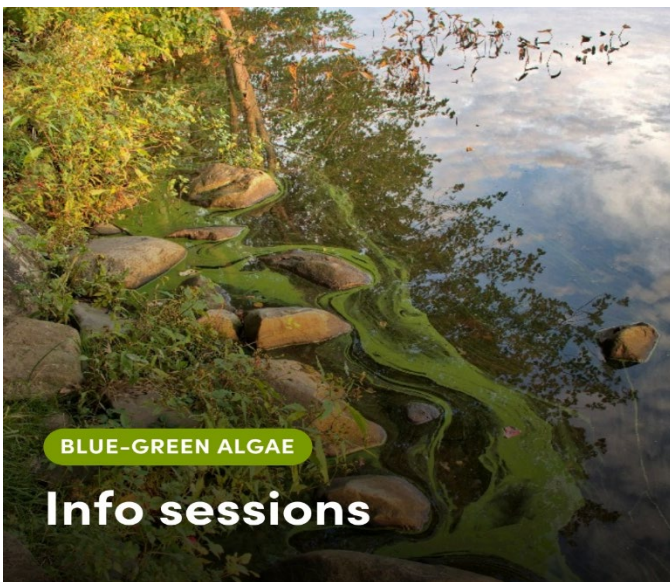
If you're concerned about algae blooms, passionate about our waterways or curious to find out more about the health of our lakes, please attend one of the below sessions:

Thursday June 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m. – Cole Harbour Public Library

Tuesday June 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m. – Sackville Public Library

Tuesday June 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tantallon Public Library

Wednesday June 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m. – Virtual
Email water@halifax.ca for the link to connect to this session.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution.

View the United Nations Refugee Agency resource, [Are Refugees Good for Canada: A Look at Canadian Refugee Integration](#), to learn more about how refugees integrate and contribute to Canadian society and the economy.

Look out for more municipal events and announcements coming soon to acknowledge this day.





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ACCELERATING ON HOUSING

Regional Council has approved amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and applicable municipal and land use by-laws to support more options for housing across the region and advance their application under the Housing Accelerator Fund.

The Halifax region has experienced unprecedented growth, largely due to an increase in immigration, and is expected to reach a population of one million residents by 2050. These changes will help respond to our growing population and the urgent need for housing among our residents.

Changes would enable a minimum of four units per lot in all residential zones within urban areas. Changes would also allow smaller, faster building, with a focus on more middle housing and more housing near transit.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).

BURN BAN

Check before you burn!

March 15 through October 15 is wildfire risk reason. 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](#).

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM REDESIGN

A redesign of the municipality's Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations Program was approved by Regional Council on April 23, 2024 and [Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM](#) is now in effect. Under the new program policy, the level of tax relief for non-profit organizations will increase or decrease for organizations already in the program and new applicants.

Communication packages have been sent by mail to current program participants and will have a [Request for Review form](#). For organizations whose property may qualify for tax relief under another Schedule, a request for review must be submitted on or before Tuesday, July 2, 2024. The program [webpage](#) has been updated with redesign information, new program FAQs and the fillable review forms for current program participants.





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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

halifax.ca/EV

Next Ride  HalifACT  HALIFAX 

June 2024

RCMP Road Safety Stats

April 2024, District 4

Cole Harbour / Westphal / Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

666 Calls for Service (including self-generated) in April 2024 - Up 32.1% over same period in 2023

21 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 41 in April 2023)
1 Speeding/ 7 Aggressive Driving/13 Other MVA

276 Proactive Assignments (vs. 123 in April 2023)
42 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Checkpoints/Radar Enforcements

71 Traffic Stops (vs. 85 conducted in April 2023)

1 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 3 in April 2023)
1 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 2 as April 2023)

19 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 18 reported in same period in 2023)
• 2 these accidents resulted in injuries

1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as April 2023)
• non-injury

Please Drive Safely!

FUNDING FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Regional Council has directed the Chief Administration Officer to allocate \$6.1 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund to support affordable housing projects in the regional centre. Council has also directed the Chief Administrative Officer for additional funding for project grants in the suburban area of the municipality.

Grants would support renovations or repairs to shared housing and apartments rented at below market value and grants to support new construction. A grant would support the purchase of an existing building to be used for affordable housing.

This funding will allow the municipality to support the current and urgent need for affordable housing for its residents.

For more information, read the [motion](#).



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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](#).

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

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 June 12.

- June 18

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](#).

CONTACT

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

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.

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

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

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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

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.