

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy May District 4!

I hope everyone is having a fantastic spring so far. Flowers are popping up out of the ground and the trees are budding. I hope you have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy some of our beautiful municipal trails here in District 4.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate this years District 4 Volunteer Award winners! Thank you for everything you do for our community.

The 2023/24 budget has now been officially passed and I am pleased to share a list of the planned capital work for the 2023/24 season for our district below in this newsletter.

I also wanted to provide an update on Caldwell Road. There will be no construction for Caldwell Road recapitalization this year, other than the repositioning of the power poles to make room for the new AT walkway.

This year, planners are working on the functional plan for phase 2. Construction will take place in the 2024/25 season.

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 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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SQUARE ROOTS: MAY DATES



Square Roots is a community interest company (not-for-profit) that aims to reduce food waste and food access challenges.

We have a location change coming up in May! The NEW PICK-UP LOCATION is Cole Harbour REC on Cole Harbour Road (1216 Cole Harbour Rd). The date for May is the 26th at 6:00 p.m. Click here to sign up and find out more.

COUNCILLOR DROP IN

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

Selby's Bunker, Cole Harbour Road Saturday, May 20th, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway Wednesday, May 31st, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Opus Café, Wilfred Jackson Way Wednesday, May 31st, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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.

Stay tuned on our <u>website</u> for updated information on how you can celebrate and learn more about upcoming Asian Heritage Month events this year.

For more information, click here.



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SPRING JOB FAIR: MAY 4th

Searching for your next opportunity? Find it at the Hospitality Hiring Fair:

Visit our booth at the <u>Spring Job Fair</u> hosted by <u>Nova Scotia Works</u> to learn about the various services provided by Halifax Regional Municipality and discuss opportunities for employment.

When: May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Where: Dalplex, 6260 South Street, Halifax

For a list of all open positions and information on the benefits of working for the municipality, visit <u>our website</u>. New opportunities are posted on a weekly basis.

Follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> for the latest information about job opportunities with the municipality.



2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



District 4 2023 Volunteer Award Recipients

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!

Individuals from each of the municipality's districts were recognized by their local councillor. 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 <u>our website</u>.

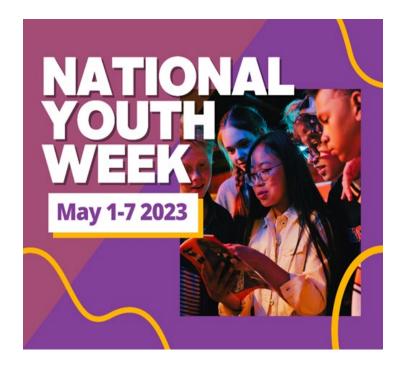
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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week takes place every year May 1st to 7th and is dedicated to the celebration of youth and their active participation in their communities.

Whether it is recreation, drama, sport, dance, civic engagement, art, volunteerism or leadership, young people are regularly engaged in meaningful activities during their discretionary time. National Youth Week is a time to honour their involvement!

This year's lineup of National Youth Week events have a variety of activities to participate in – from brunch with the Mayor, to potlucks, sports, baking, and so much more. Learn more about the schedule here.



NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS



May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

According to the National Inquiry into MMIWG, Indigenous women and girls represented 16% of all female homicides in Canada. Service agencies estimate that of the trafficked or exploited women and girls they served, 51% of were Indigenous.

In recent years, red dresses have become a symbolic representation of the more than 1,000 MMIWG across Canada. According to tradition, red is the only colour spirits can see, and is a way of calling the spirits of those missing and murdered back to their loved ones. On May 5th, wear red to not only honour the voices of these women and girls, but to show your support of survivors, community members and those affected by the intergenerational trauma of this ongoing issue.

To learn more about this important day, visit their website.



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DISTRICT 4 – 2023 PLANNED PPAM CAPITAL WORK

Street Recapitalization

Cathy Lane - Selig to End

Estate Dr – Willowdale to Spence

Otago Dr – Cole Harbour to Poplar (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Selia St – Nova to A

Selig St – Nova to Astral (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Spence Dr – Astral to Brookfield (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Willowdale Dr – Astral to Civic 25 (Integrated Traffic Calming)

New Sidewalk

Otago Dr - Poplar to Bus Stop

Active Transportation

Forest Hills Trail Recapitalization

Bridges

Morris Lake Culvert (Carryover, Inspection/Design)

Traffic Calming

Broom Rd – Giberson to Leander (Vertical Deflections)

Lake Loon Rd – Maclaughlin to Montague (Vertical Deflections)

Maclaughlin Rd – Main to Lake Loon (Vertical Deflections)

Planer Patching

John Stewart Dr – Cole Harbour to Inglewood

Proposed Crack Sealing

Bissett Rd – Cole Harbour to Former Rehab Centre

Chamberlain Dr – Lake Major to End

Gander Ave – Montague to End (Carryover)

Giberson Dr - Broom to End

John Stewart Dr – Inglewood to Auburn

Serpentine Ave – Montague to End (Carryover)

Smallwood Ave – Gander to Serpentine

(Carryover)

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 <u>community developer</u> will help you reach your goal and make a difference in your community. To learn more about their services, visit our <u>website</u>.





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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- May 9th
- May 23rd

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 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 June 1.

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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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.

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 <u>website</u>.

