



## COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

### DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy October District 4!

Fall is in the air and colder weather is on its way. I hope your fall is off to a great start. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy thanksgiving spent with family and friends.

There are some upcoming events that I would like to draw your attention to. I will be hosting a **Senior's Tea Social on Friday October 20 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Cole Harbour Fire Hall.** The topic will be community safety with special guest speaker, Bill Moore! Bill will be speaking about the municipality's new Community Safety office and how it is relevant to seniors in our community. I look forward to seeing you there!

There will also be a **Town Hall on Tuesday October 24 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Cole Harbour Place.** I encourage you to attend and share your municipal concerns, ideas and suggestions with me.

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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### CELEBRATING MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to commemorate the rich history, proud culture and important contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage.

Treaty Day, October 1, officially kicks-off a month of celebrations. This year's theme is *Mi'kmaw Traditional Games & Sports*.

Below are some ways you can recognize Treaty Day and Mi'kmaq History Month. Be sure to check out their [website](#) for more information and a full list of events:

- In honour of Treaty Day, October 1, the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre in partnership with the municipality will host a traditional salmon meal from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., with a vendor market beginning at 11 a.m. More details are available [online](#).
- A church service at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Spring Garden Road will take place on October 1 at 10:30 a.m.
- On October 2 at 10 a.m., attend the flag raising event at Grand Parade, which will include a reading of the Treaty Day Proclamation by Mayor Mike Savage.
- Throughout the month of October, show your support of Indigenous communities by wearing orange.

- Halifax Public Libraries have a number of [events and resources](#) dedicated to Mi'kmaq History Month, and the [Mi'kmaw History & Culture virtual portal](#) to explore.



### COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

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

#### **Cole Harbour Heritage Farm**

Friday October 13, 10 – 11 a.m.

#### **Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway**

Friday October 13, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

#### **Opus Café, Wilfred Jackson Way**

Friday October 13, 1 – 2 p.m.





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# You're invited!

**District 14 | Cole Harbour-  
Westphal-Lake Loon-Cherry Brook**

## Join Councillor Trish Purdy's Senior's Tea Social

**Friday, October 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
Cole Harbour Fire Hall  
115 Cole Harbour Road**

**To register, please contact Emily:  
[smithem@halifax.ca](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca)  
or call 902.490.7177**



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## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that applications have opened for the [Neighbourhood Placemaking Program](#).

This annual program supports initiatives encouraging neighbours to connect with one another through a community project. Recipients receive training, guidance, and up to \$1,500 in funding for their neighbourhood project. Projects may include street paintings, neighbourhood benches, community film screenings, and more. This work aligns with [the municipality's vision](#) of supporting welcoming and liveable communities.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Placemaking Program, including this year's application form and eligibility criteria, please visit [our website](#). The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2023**.



Brand new Welcome to Cole Harbour sign on Forest Hills Parkway. The original sign was damaged during hurricane Fiona.

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### REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW OPEN HOUSE

The municipality is inviting residents to participate in the Regional Plan Review through several engagement opportunities taking place from now until the end of October 2023.

The Regional Plan sets out a common vision and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place. It was adopted in 2006 and is reviewed approximately every five years to ensure that the plan still reflects the municipality's goals for growth and development.

Have your say in the growth of our region at the following Open House engagement event being held in our community:

**Cole Harbour Place (Harbour Room)  
51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour**

**Thursday, October 26**

**Session 1: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Session 2: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Drop in to either session at any time. There will not be a formal presentation and each session will provide the same information.

Open House events are organized meetings where staff invite residents to come to learn more about the Draft Regional Plan and the Suburban Plan process.

Staff are also available to meet with interested community and stakeholder groups by request, by emailing [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca) or calling 902-943-3248. The Regional Plan Review engagement period runs until October 27, 2023.

Residents who would like to attend an event and require accommodation for accessibility are asked to please contact Planning Staff by emailing [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca) or calling 902-943-3248.

To learn more about the Regional Plan Review, please visit our [website](#).

## TOWN HALL MEETING

**District 4 | Cole Harbour-Westphal-Lake Loon-Cherry Brook**

**Join Councillor Trish Purdy  
to discuss community matters**

**Thursday, October 24  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Cole Harbour Place  
(51 Forest Hills Parkway)**

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### SOLID WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW

The Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting a review of its solid waste strategy. This review will focus on strategic initiatives that need to be implemented over the next five to seven years to achieve 2030 objectives and work toward meeting 2050 objectives, including:

- Maximizing reduction, reuse, and recycling of waste resources
- Maximizing environmental and fiscal sustainability of the waste program
- Fostering public stewardship and conservation
- Aligning with [HalifACT goals](#) (new)
- Contributing to the [2022 Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act](#) (new)

Until October 31, residents will be able to provide feedback on the future of our municipality's solid waste system through a [survey](#). The survey is focused on obtaining residents' input on the proposed objectives of the strategy review, levels of service delivery, and resident satisfaction with current solid waste services.

Several options will be available for residents to access the survey:

- [Online](#)
- Printed copies (regular and large font) may be mailed to residents by contacting 311. Please note, requests for mailed copies must be received by October 25 to allow for return mail

- Printed copies will be available for pick-up at each of the municipal Customer Service Centres at Alderney Gate, Bayers Road and Musquodoboit Harbour locations.
- Solid Waste staff will be present at various events to promote and conduct surveys in person. A list of dates/locations will be updated on [Shape Your City](#).

Anyone who requires assistance completing the survey may request an in-person, online or phone meeting by calling [311](#).

This project is funded in part by the [Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund](#) – a Nova Scotia provincial grant initiative administered by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. In part, this fund supports the implementation of initiatives that avoid and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to Nova Scotia's targets for emission reduction. Through this grant, the municipality will receive up to \$306,000 towards eligible expenses associated with the strategy review (approximately 60% of the project budget).

Further questions about the Solid Waste Strategy Review may be directed to: [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca).





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### OCTOBER IS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (DEAM)

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Month (DEAM) a  
time to

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recognize the contributions of people with disabilities in the workforce. Throughout the month, DEAM initiatives aim to bring awareness to barriers experienced by those living with disabilities and encourages workplaces across country to create inclusive and accessible environments for all.

Did you know that 30 per cent of Nova Scotians over the age of 15 identify as having a disability? This number is expected to grow as our population ages, making the municipality's commitment to improving accessibility and inclusion across our organization, in our programs and services and in the communities we serve, increasingly important.

In support of this goal, and in alignment with the provincial accessibility framework, the municipality's Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO developed an [Accessibility Strategy](#) that was unanimously approved by Regional Council in May 2021.

We all play a part in working to break down the barriers that exist for people living with disabilities.

Learn more [here](#).

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### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

#### Trick-or-treaters, parents and guardians:

- Look both ways before crossing the street but try to limit criss-crossing the street (go down one side of the street and up the other). Always watch for vehicles.



- Trick-or-treat with people from your household or your close social group – never go alone.
- Ensure Halloween costumes are bright, reflective, fit well and are warm. Consider using face paint or makeup instead of a mask.
- Carry a flashlight and stay close to well-lit areas.
- Be sure an adult checks all Halloween candy before trick-or-treaters dig in.
- Trick-or-treaters should tell their parents and/or guardians their Halloween route and when they expect to be home.
- Never enter someone's home while trick-or-treating.

#### Motorists:

- Drive slowly and be careful backing up and drive with extra caution in residential areas.

#### Homeowners:

- Keep your doorway well-lit; clear of tripping hazards and open flames.
- Give out only commercially wrapped snacks.
- Keep pets inside on Halloween.



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### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration has opened for the municipality's [2023 Volunteer Conference](#). This year's conference will take place on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth (240 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth).

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops and networking activities and enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal. This year's workshops will cover topics such as: treasurer 101, inclusion, meeting changing community needs, self-care, funding, being an active neighbor, cultural awareness, working together in partnerships, project management, and building better teams.

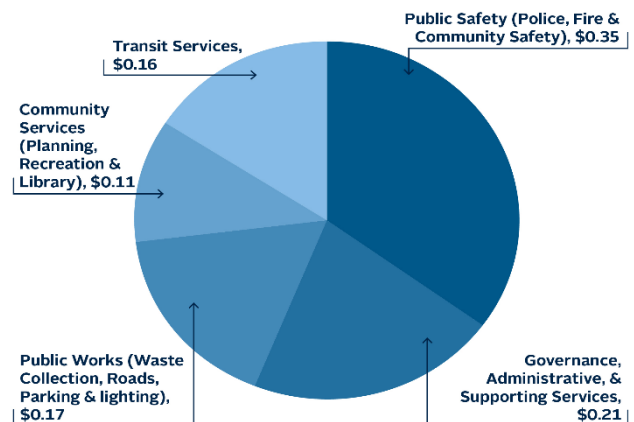
Registration will remain open until Sunday, November 12. For more information, including a complete schedule, visit [our website](#).

### PROPERTY TAXES DUE OCTOBER 31

The municipality invoices property tax bills to all property owners twice each year. The tax year covers the fiscal period of April 1 to March 31. The first tax bill was sent out (either by mail or e-post) in March and was due on the last working day of April. The second and final bill will be sent out (either by mail or e-post) in September and is due on the last working day of October (Monday, October 31). The first (or interim) invoice is based on 50 per cent of the current year's estimated taxes but based on last year's rates. The final invoice is calculated using the current assessment with the current year's tax rates, less the amount you already paid from the first invoice. The total amounts billed must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. Interest is applied daily to all outstanding taxes at a rate of 10 per cent, per annum. For more information; please call 311, or 902-490-4000 or visit HRM [website](#).

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### \$1 OF TAX SPENDING







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### RCMP Road Safety Stats

July 2023, District 4

Cole Harbour - Westphal - Lake Loon - Cherry Brook



540 Calls for Service in July 2023 - Down 9.5% over same period in 2022



41 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 66 issued in July 2022)

1 seatbelt, 3 cell phone, 3 aggressive driving, 5 speeding, 29 other MVA (e.g., no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)



64 Proactive Assignments (vs. 107 in July 2022)

9 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/  
Radar Enforcement



75 Traffic Stops (vs. 113 in July 2022)

2 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 3 in July 2022)

3 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 8 in July 2022)

**Please  
Drive  
Safely!**



26 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 22 in July 2022)

• one of these accidents resulted in injuries

0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (vs. 1 in July 2022)

### UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



**MEETING**

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There are three Regional Council meetings scheduled for October. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- October 3
- October 17
- October 31 (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.

### 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.

### RCMP Road Safety Stats

August 2023, District 4

Cole Harbour - Westphal - Lake Loon - Cherry Brook



516 Calls for Service in August 2023 - Down 6.2% over same period in 2022



43 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 48 issued in August 2022)

1 cell phone, 2 seatbelt, 6 aggressive driving, 5 speeding, 7 unregistered vehicle, 22 other MVA (e.g., fail to display drivers license, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)



83 Proactive Assignments (vs. 124 in August 2022)

14 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/  
Radar Enforcement



77 Traffic Stops (vs. 95 in August 2022)

2 Impaired Driving Charges (same as August 2022)

2 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 4 in August 2022)

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20 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 16 in August 2022)

• one of these accidents resulted in injuries

0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as August 2022)

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### HEMDCC NOW STREAMED ONLINE

As part of continued efforts to support open and accessible meetings, webcasts are now 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. Please note the meeting scheduled for October 5 at 6:00 p.m. will be held virtually.

### CONTACT

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