



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy November District 4!

I trust everyone's fall season has been off to a great start. The days are getting colder, and winter will soon be upon us.

Remembrance Day is almost here, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at Cole Harbour Place starting at 11 a.m. I hope to see you there!

I want to thank everyone who came out to my town hall meeting in October. We had a great discussion and I received a lot of feedback on various concerns throughout our district. I am always happy to hear from you.

I also want to thank everyone who came out for my Senior's Tea Social at the Cole Harbour fire hall. It was a lovely event, and I was so pleased to see all your smiling faces.

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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ON NOVEMBER 11, WE REMEMBER

Thank you to our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a cenotaph ceremony on November 11 and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

The poppy is a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Royal Canadian Legion has now launched the annual Poppy Campaign, so please keep an eye out for Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute poppies to the community or poppy boxes placed throughout our communities.



COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

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

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway

Wednesday November 22, 10 to 11 a.m.

Opus Café, Wilfred Jackson Way

Wednesday November 22, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Selby's Bunker, Cole Harbour Road

Wednesday November 22, 1 to 2 p.m.

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ACCESSABILITY TOWN HALL

Join us for the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall!

The [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)'s Annual Town Hall is an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality staff to provide updates to the community on current accessibility initiatives at the municipal level and receive questions, feedback, and input from residents. Staff from various Business Units at Halifax Regional Municipality will be present at this year's event to give an overview of the successes, challenges, and updates on accessibility-related projects that business units have undertaken since the 2022 Town Hall.

Join the Town Hall on November 21, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attend in person at the Halifax Central Library, join virtually in Zoom or watch the livestream on YouTube. Register [here](#).

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

Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall

Envisioning an accessible, inclusive
Halifax Regional Municipality, together.

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Join in person at the Paul O'Regan Hall in the Halifax Central Library or join online by preregistering on Zoom.

For more information and to register for virtual participation, visit halifax.ca/accessibility-town-hall or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210.



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.



The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing. Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- ✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- ✓ The participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist. Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2023/2024 application package [here](#).

Completed applications may be faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal
Community YMCA
2269 Gottingen Street
Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM 2023-2024

Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now accepting applications for 2024-2025. Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Thursday, November 30, 2023.

The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application forms is available online on the program's [website](https://www.halifax.ca/non-profit-tax-relief) or by e-mailing non-profittax@halifax.ca.





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HALIFAX TRANSIT LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE FARE PAYMENT APPLICATION – HFXGO



The municipality has launched a new Halifax Transit mobile fare payment application, allowing customers to purchase and use fare products from the convenience of their smartphones.

HFXGO is a Halifax Transit branded version of Masabi's JustRide app, which has been implemented by transit agencies of all sizes worldwide.

HFXGO is officially available for iOS and Android devices. Users of the app simply need to purchase their desired ticket or pass, activate the ticket or pass, and show it to the Transit Operator or ferry security staff just prior to boarding. Passengers can still purchase paper tickets and passes at a [retail partner](#), or use cash fare.

Key features of the HFXGO mobile app include:

- Secure and easy to use
- Ability to maintain a balance within the app for quick purchases
- Exclusive new pass options
- Option to easily top up a ticket for access to Regional Express routes
- Paper transfers no longer required

This project involves two phases, phase 1 being the mobile app, and phase 2 being the installation of onboard validators.

This app is available for free download in the [App Store \(iOS\)](#) and the [Google Play Store \(Android\)](#). For more information, visit our [website](#).

COLE HARBOUR TREE LIGHTING

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Join our community gathering at the Cole Harbour Fire Department (1150 Cole Harbour Road) for one of our favourite CHABA events - the Cole Harbour Christmas Tree Lighting.



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MUNICIPALITY RECRUITS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions. Applications are available [here](#) and will be accepted until Thursday, November 30.

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

The following committees, boards and commissions are seeking new members:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)
- [African Descent Advisory Committee](#)
- [Board of Police Commissioners](#)
- [Design Review Committee](#)
- [Grants Committee](#)
- [Heritage Advisory Committee](#)
- [License Appeal Committee](#)
- [Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee](#)
- [Regional Watersheds Advisory Board](#)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee](#)
- [Women's Advisory Committee](#)
- [Youth Advisory Committee](#)

Additionally, five external bodies are seeking new members:

- [Community Monitoring Committee](#)
- [Events East Board of Directors](#)
- [Halifax Harbour Bridges Commission](#)
- [Halifax Water Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Shubenacadie Canal Commission](#)

Information on each board, committee and commission – including a terms of reference, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas, and reports – can be found on our [website](#).

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 halifax.ca/serve. Residents can also contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.





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HRM AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Are you a non-profit or charitable organization looking for financial help with the development, renovation or purchase (including land) of affordable housing units? Be sure to apply for the 2023 Affordable Housing Grant Program. 🏡



The program is now accepting applications until December 1, 2023. Apply and learn more [here](#).

DOWNLOAD THE HALIFAX RECYCLES APP

Download the Halifax Recycles app to:

- Search the name of a material to find out where it goes in the waste stream
- Get a custom collection calendar
- Set up collection notifications

No smartphone? No problem! Use the [web browser](#) and access collection schedules, waste wizard, and more!



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2024 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. This annual event puts a spotlight on amazing people who give of their time in our Municipality.

There are three categories in which to nominate deserving volunteers: Youth, Adult, or Group. You can download the form or nominate online. Both versions of the forms can be found [here](#). Please select the appropriate form and returned to volunteerhelp@halifax.ca by **January 11, 2024**.

This is a scored process. Please provide as much information on your nominee as possible. If you require any clarification or to find out if nominees have received the award in the past, please contact Darren Hirtle at 902-476-1184. Learn more [here](#).





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FALL YARD WASTE TIP

Any leaf and yard waste that doesn't fit in your green cart belongs in large paper bags. Large paper bags go to the curb the same day as your green cart.



Reminder! Grass clippings do not belong in the green bin. Lower the blade on your mower and try mulch mowing.

Mulch mowing finely chops grass clippings and leaves and spread the material on the lawn. This lets clippings break down quickly. Pile leaves around plants and trees for moisture conservation, weed control and insulation.

Learn more [here](#).

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- November 14
- November 28

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

September 2023, District 4
Cole Harbour - Westphal - Lake Loon - Cherry Brook

- 638 Calls for Service in September 2023 - Up 0.9% over same period in 2022
- 64 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 37 issued in September 2022)
4 cell phone, 10 aggressive driving, 7 speeding, 43 other MVA (e.g., fail to display drivers license, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 132 Proactive Assignments (vs. 166 in August 2022)
32 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/
Radar Enforcement
- 106 Traffic Stops (vs. 103 in September 2022)
2 Impaired Driving Charges (same as September 2022)
5 Impaired Driving Suspension (same as September 2022)
- 30 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 20 in September 2022)
• one of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as September 2022)
• did not result in injury

Please Drive Safely!



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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 December 7.

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](#).

Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR)

The VVPR is a voluntary self-referral list intended for municipal residents who may require more support during emergency situations.

The VVPR provides important information to first responders and Emergency Management staff and volunteers to help appropriately respond to resident needs in situations like sustained power outages, severe storms and more.

Where can I learn more or register for the VVPR?

Registering for the VVPR is easy and starts by completing a self-referral intake form. To get started, you can scan the QR code, visit the link below, or call **311**.

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halifax.ca/vvpr

