



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy August District 4!

I trust your summer has been going well despite the very rainy start to the season. I hope you have had the opportunity to take a much-deserved vacation and spend time with friends and family.

My heart goes out to everyone who has been impacted by the recent devastating floods. A special thank you to our first responders who assisted residents getting to safety and our municipal staff who have been working tirelessly to repair damaged infrastructure and clean up.

There are many summer events and celebrations yet to come for August! Natal Day, the Buskers, the Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition and more! Details for these events and more 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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2023 BUSKERS FEST IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Don't miss the extravaganza! Join us at the 2023 Buskers Festival in Halifax from August 2-7 for an unforgettable experience with hundreds of performances across the Dartmouth and Halifax waterfronts!

Witness FREE jaw-dropping performances, laugh until your sides ache, and immerse yourself in a world of artistry and entertainment. The festival promises a captivating lineup of international talents, sure to leave you amazed and inspired. Come together with friends and family to enjoy this celebration of live entertainment and support emerging artists.

All performances are free, however tipping the buskers is encouraged. Mark your calendars and head to their [website](#) for all the details on show schedules, locations, and more. You can also follow the official festival page on Instagram [@buskershfx](#).



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NATAL DAY 2023



Natal Day is almost here and we have some amazing events planned all weekend long!

- The Crescendo Outdoor Fashion Show on Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m.
- Crescendo Main Event Concert on Saturday, August 5 at 5 p.m.
- Natal Day Harbour Fireworks on Saturday, August 5 at 10 p.m.
- African Nova Scotian Music Association 'Freedom Festival' on Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m.
- Natal Day & Buskers Festival's All-Star Showcase on Sunday, August 6 at 9 p.m.
- Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race on Monday, August 7 at 8 a.m.
- The 126th Pepsi Natal Day Parade on Aug 7 at 10 a.m.
- Lake Banook Fireworks on Monday, August 7 at 9:30 pm.

For detailed event information, click [here](#).

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SOLID WASTE UPDATE (FLOOD DEBRIS)

Until Friday, August 4, garbage set out limits will temporarily be increased from 6 to 8 bags of garbage.



Each bag of garbage may be substituted for one bundle of flood related debris.

Normal collection requirements still apply, including bundle weight (up to 75 pounds) and size (less than 4 feet) limits, and the collection of one bulky item (e.g. couch), one privacy bag (with the remainder being clear bags) per garbage collection cycle.

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

NO BURNING AFTER MIDNIGHT

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2:00 p.m. The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, check for bans every time before you burn. They are posted 2 p.m. every day [here](#).



For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations visit our [website](#).

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CLAM HARBOUR BEACH SANDCASTLE COMPETITION IS BACK!

During August, head out to the Eastern Shore to enjoy this summer tradition once again... the Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition is back on Sunday, August 13! This beloved event is now in its 43rd year.

The sandcastle and sand sculpturing contest attracts over 10,000 people every year to the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia. There is an on-site bus shuttle service to transport people to and from the beach after the park opens at 9 a.m. Only registered service dogs are permitted on the buses.

This event is rain or shine. Bring sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, water, snacks, and appropriate beach attire. Various food vendors will be on-site.

For full details, visit our [website](#).

See you at the beach!



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CELEBRATING ONE YEAR IN SERVICE: EXTRA CARE TAXI

Congratulations to Extra Care Taxi on their first year in service! This partnership with the Halifax Regional

Municipality has helped to provide more accessible transportation options to residents throughout the region. Since July 2022, Extra Care Taxi has completed more than 11,000 trips.



Currently, Extra Care Taxi is completing an average of 48 trips per day, a 600 per cent increase in service compared to their first month in operation!

Learn more by visiting their [website](#).

REC VAN 2023

The REC van is stocked with equipment for many activities including: baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping and more.



Check out our daily stops scheduled every Monday through Thursday until August 25.

Visit our [website](#) for schedule updates and weather cancellations.

WEEKLY GREEN CART SERVICE

HRM's summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September.

Solid waste collection may extend until 6 p.m. during the months of July, August, and September due to increased demand on waste collectors. Residents are reminded that collection can start as early as 7 a.m. but may not happen at the same time each week. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#).

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 2.

RCMP Road Safety Stats

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

- 509 Calls for Service in June 2023 - Down 27.8% over same period in 2022
- 48 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 124 issued in June 2022)
1 seatbelt, 6 aggressive driving, 11 unregistered vehicle, 14 speeding, 16 other MVA (e.g., no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 81 Proactive Assignments (vs. 206 in June 2022)
- 12 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 83 Traffic Stops (vs. 166 in June 2022)
2 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 2 in June 2022)
3 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 2 in June 2022)
- 24 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 23 in June 2022)
• none of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as June 2022)
• 1 accident resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!

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PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We're inviting residents to provide feedback on the Draft Regional Plan, both [online](#) and through [in-person](#) public engagement events. The public engagement period will run until October 27.

Feedback received will be summarized in a *What We Heard* report and used to refine key regional policy directions.

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. The Regional Plan was adopted in 2006 and is reviewed approximately every five years to ensure it is reflective of the municipality's goals for growth and development.

The Draft Regional Plan is responding to the Halifax region's population growth and need for housing, the need to act on climate and equity, as well as updating policies to reflect Priority Plans.

Residents may submit feedback at any time on the Draft Regional Plan, including any requests for site-specific amendments.

For a full schedule of public engagement events, visit our [website](#). For any questions, contact 902.943.3248 or regionalplan@halifax.ca.

DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET

Halifax Regional Police is reminding everyone to fasten on your helmet before hopping on your bike, strapping on your rollerblades or pushing off on your scooter.



The Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act requires a helmet to be worn for all wheeled activities, whether on public or private lands and roads, skate parks or playgrounds.

Wheeled activities include:

- bicycles
- skateboards
- rollerblades/skates
- scooters (both self-propelled and motorized)
- Segways

A proper helmet should:

- Fit comfortably on top of your head and sit low on your forehead, just above the eyebrow.
- Not move if you shake your head.
- Have an outer shell, inner protective liner, chin straps that hold the helmet firmly in place and adjustable sizing pads.
- Meet CPSC, CSA or Snell standards.

More information on helmet safety is available at:

- [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#)
- [Child Safety Link](#)
- [Parachute Canada](#)



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UPCOMING WASTE DISPOSAL EVENTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste, not acceptable for curbside collection, can bring their materials to the following upcoming mobile household special waste depot events from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

When: Saturday, August 5

Where: Saint Mary's University, 960 Tower Road, Halifax

When: Saturday, August 12

Where: Marine Drive Academy, 479 Church Point Road, Sheet Harbour

When: Saturday, August 19

Where: St Margaret's Bay Elementary, 24 Ridgewood Drive, Head of St Margarets Bay

When: Saturday, August 26

Where: Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- fuel oil and used motor oil (or find a [collection site](#) with Atlantic Used Oil Management Association)
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs (or [return to pharmacy](#))

- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit call2recycle.ca for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries)
- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit [their website](#) for locations and hours of operation)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are most Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The household special waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Business waste is not permitted.

For more information on Halifax's solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please visit our [website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.



HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT

WE ACCEPT

- Paint (including empty paint cans)
- Used motor oil
- Paint thinners
- Gasoline
- Transmission fluid
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Wood preservatives
- Herbicides
- Drain cleaners
- Paint strippers
- Metal polish
- Rust removers
- Oven cleaners
- Batteries
- Degreasers
- Pharmaceuticals
- Furniture polish & wax
- Pool chemicals
- BBQ propane tanks
- And more with hazardous symbols

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- Materials containing PCB's (Polychlorinated biphenyls)
- Bio-medical waste
- Asbestos
- Radioactive waste
- Unidentified compress gas cylinders
- Explosives including ammunition
- Unidentifiable material
- Commercial, industrial, business, or institutional waste

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FIRE SAFETY – BARBECUES



To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic “fire safety” ingredients in your barbecue recipes.

Whether fueled by charcoal or gas, barbecues are approved for **outdoor use only** – they emit **carbon monoxide**. Never barbecue in your garage, tent or other **enclosed spaces**.

Read and **follow all manufacturers instructions**.

Place your barbecue on a **solid surface** so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance **from anything that can burn** - we've all seen the results of a barbecue that was used too close to vinyl siding.

Remember too that since barbecues do get very hot you need to keep children and pets away as well.

Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always **stay with your barbecue when it's being used**.

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer, visit our [website](#).

HRM LAKEWATCHERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean.

The program will involve community teams to:

- ✓ Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- ✓ Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.
- ✓ Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#).

You can get involved!

Data collection will take place twice yearly through a year through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

Interested in getting involved? Learn more [here](#).

*Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1 to August 31.





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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- August 22nd

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.

HEMDCC NOW STREAMED ONLINE

As part of continued efforts to support open and accessible meetings, webcasts are 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 August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

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](#).