



COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Happy July District 4!

Welcome Summer! The season of backyard barbecues, fresh cut grass and time with family and friends. I hope you are able to take a well-deserved break this summer with those you love.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all graduates and students who have completed another year of education. There are endless opportunities and possibilities out there for you to explore. The world is your oyster! I wish you all great success in your future endeavors.

I'm pleased to advise that the Cole Harbour outdoor pool and splash pad are now open for the season. I encourage you to check out these great community features while you cool off on a hot day!

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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NO BURNING AFTER MIDNIGHT

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2:00 pm. 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](#).

REC VAN 2023

Stay tuned! The REC Van is coming to a location near you.

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 25th.

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



COUNCILLOR DROP-IN

The following Community Drop-In sessions are planned for the month of July. 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 July 28th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Opus Café, Wilfred Jackson Way
Friday July 28th, 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Selby's Bunker, Cole Harbour Road
Friday July 28th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

WEEKLY GREENCART SERVICE

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

Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. 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 2nd.

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





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TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE

The municipality is partnering with [Next Ride](#) and the [Clean Foundation](#) to host 18 free electric vehicle test drive events in communities throughout the municipality between May and July, 2023. Our team will be on hand to answer questions and share information about electric vehicles, available rebates and what to expect from the municipality's electric vehicle strategy. Interested? Find information below for the upcoming events in our District!

DATE: July 14th, 2023

ADDRESS: Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Secure your spot by registering for a free test drive event near you in advance. Limited walk-in spots will be available. Links to register will become available approximately two weeks before each event. To register, [visit Next Ride's webpage](#) and scroll down to find our municipal test drive events as they become available. You can see the full list of event dates and locations by visiting our [website](#).



July 2023

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 space.**

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](#).



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OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES ARE OPEN FOR THE 2023 SEASON



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, as well as all supervised municipal beaches, are now open for the season.

As of July 6th, the new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility is open.

Bookings are required for the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, and can be completed on [our website](#).

Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Lebrun Recreation Centre, and memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

The Bayers-Westwood, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Cole Harbour, Shirley's, Westmount, and Sackville splashpads opened for the 2023 season on Saturday, June 17th.

The municipality has begun testing water quality for bacteria levels and monitoring for blue-green algae at all supervised beaches. Testing will continue until Thursday, August 31st.

High bacteria levels can be caused by a number of factors, including dogs, birds, wildlife and impacts from climate change such as high temperatures, lower water levels and decreased rainfall.

In the event of a closure due to high bacteria levels, staff will continue testing the water and reopen the beach when the results are within recreational guidelines for swimming. In the event of a closure due to a possible cyanobacteria bloom, staff will investigate the bloom and reopen the beach when the risk of high levels of blue-green algae toxins has passed.

**DARTMOUTH
SUNSHINE
SERIES**

SATURDAY | JULY 8

MAURA WHITMAN
STARTS AT 2PM

BROOKLYN BLACKMORE
STARTS AT 3PM

SUNDAY | JULY 9

CED, MARTY & DAVE
STARTS AT 1:30PM

MORGAN DAVIS
STARTS AT 2:45PM

FERRY TERMINAL PARK

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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)
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)

UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

- July 11th

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.



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BLUE GREEN ALGAE



Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are plant-like bacterial organisms naturally found in many types of water systems including ponds, lakes, rivers and wetlands. Blue-green algae are naturally present in small numbers. Under the right conditions (warm, slow moving, shallow water with enough sunlight and nutrients), blue-green algae can grow quickly and form blooms. Blue-green algae can be floating on the surface or grow along the bottom of a waterbody in what is called a mat. In large quantities, some types of blue-green algae produce toxins, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

The municipality monitors our supervised beaches for fecal bacteria, blue-green algae, and other waterborne contaminants between July 1st – August 31st annually. If a suspected blue-green bloom is observed at one of our supervised beaches, the beach is closed immediately and water samples are analyzed for toxins. The beach is not reopened until analysis confirms toxin levels are within safe limits for recreation.

When a bloom is reported to the province in a lake where the municipality supervises a beach, municipal staff conduct follow-up monitoring to ensure water quality is safe for recreational use.

Municipal staff monitor and report on the status of 18 beaches across the municipality. Watch for advisories by visiting our [website](#) and following [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter. Updates can also be found on the Government of Nova Scotia [website](#) as well.

Blue-green algae poses significant dangers to human health and the environment. **If a beach is closed this summer, do not swim or engage in any other recreational activity that may involve contact with water** (e.g., paddling). Keep children and pets away from the water. Do not drink the lake water and please note that boiling water will not remove toxins. I encourage everyone to follow beach rules and restrictions to be safe when visiting the beaches.





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WHAT GARBAGE GOES WHERE?

I often get questions from residents about sorting recyclables, but also about what happens to your recyclables once they get picked up at the curb.

Where does our recycling go?

- All blue bag material is collected and taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located in Bayers Lake.
- Approximately 80-90% of what is recyclable in the blue bag is sent from the MRF to market for recycling.
- Most of the residue produced from the MRF (i.e., material that is landfilled) is non-recyclable material, including materials that should have been placed in the garbage.
- Approximately 50% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Nova Scotia
- Approximately 80% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Canada
- Approximately 20% of materials were shipped to international markets

How are these items recycled? Here are some examples:

- Newspaper/Writing Paper: - made into products such as paper plates and paper cup holders here in Nova Scotia
- Corrugated Cardboard - made into products such as new cardboard boxes, liner board for corrugated cardboard, and paper egg cartons in Canada

- Steel/Aluminum Food Cans - processed as scrap metal locally and used to make new metal products
- Laundry Detergent and Shampoo Containers – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Canada and then used to make new plastic products
- Stewardship Programs Managed by Divert NS:
 - Glass Bottles – some are crushed and used as aggregate feedstock for concrete here in Nova Scotia
 - Plastic Bottles – shredded into what is known as ‘flake’ in Nova Scotia and then used to make new plastic products.

Despite best efforts to recycle and reuse – reduction of single use plastics can go a long way, and we are all making a collective effort to do this.

Questions?

To learn more about recycling and waste collection in our municipality, visit our [website](#).

You can find out information about What Goes Where, sign up for weekly reminders and service alerts, or print a calendar customized for your address. You can also download the free Halifax Recycles app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand!





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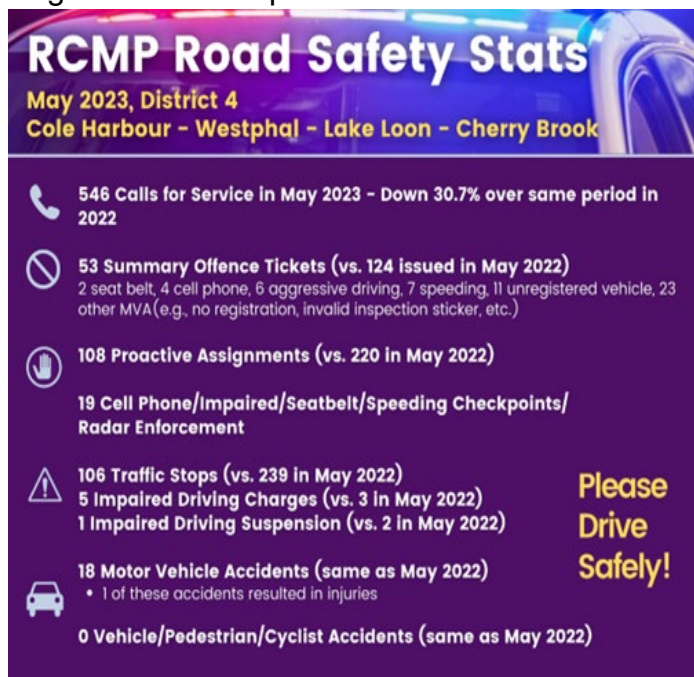
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HEMDCC NOW STREAMED ONLINE

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 August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.



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 [website](#).