

COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER

*Cole Harbour - Westphal -
Lake Loon - Cherry Brook*



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPRING 2024

DEAR RESIDENTS,



Happy March District 4! I know this winter has been one for the books but brighter days are on the horizon – spring is almost here! I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

I am currently planning a summer senior's tea social so keep an eye out for the date and details. I will be posting this information on my Facebook page as well as in my monthly e-newsletter. Stay tuned!

If you would like to receive my monthly e-newsletter, please send an email to my Coordinator, Emily (smithem@halifax.ca) asking to be put on the distribution list.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss any municipal concerns. It is always good to hear from you!

The following Community Drop-In sessions are planned for this month:

Tim Hortons, Forest Hills Parkway
Friday, March 22 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Opus Café, Wilfred Jackson Way
Friday, March 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

REC FEES CHANGING

Parks and Recreation fees are changing on April 1, 2024. In 2022, changes to the Parks & Recreation fee structure for recreation programs, services, rentals, drop-ins and membership fees were announced. In accordance with the five-year fee structure changes,

Parks & Recreation fees, including membership fees, will be increasing effective April 1, 2024. Please see the full list of changes by visiting <https://brnw.ch/21wGvUU>.

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CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

I share regular updates on Facebook and invite you to follow me there:



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Westphal/Lake Loon/Cherry Brook**

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Update on 78 Sherwood Drive:

In order to qualify for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), HRM are updating some of our planning regulations and are reviewing specific development proposals including 78 Sherwood. The proposal for this location includes three 3-storey multi-unit buildings and 8 townhouse units. Staff have concluded public engagement and a report will come to Regional Council this Spring with recommendations.

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New Development Application for 1226 Cole Harbour Road and 77 Bissett Road:

There has been a Development Application for a long-term care facility and four apartment buildings for this location.

There will be a Public Information Meeting at Cole Harbour Place for interested residents on Monday, March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. HRM planning staff will be in attendance to answer questions. Melissa Eavis is the planner for this file and is available for questions and comments via phone at 902.237.1216 or email at eavism@halifax.ca

Caldwell Road – Phase 2:

There has been a delay in the construction of the second phase of the Caldwell Road recapitalization project. HRM is waiting on Nova Scotia Power for the relocation of the power poles. There have been some unforeseen challenges and the new date for Caldwell Road phase 2 completion has been pushed out to 2025.

Planning Application 2023-001187-Montague Road, Lake Loon:

Fathom Studio on behalf of the property owner is applying to amend an existing development agreement to allow for shared housing with special care use directed at retirement living on Montague Road, Lake Loon.

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, April 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cole Harbour Place in the Westphal Room. HRM Planning staff will be in attendance to answer questions. The planner for this file is Claire Tusz. She is available for questions and comments at 902.430.0645 or via email at tuszc@halifax.ca.

SOCIAL VALUE CATERING LIST

The municipality is seeking applications from catering businesses who meet *Social Value Guidelines* for inclusion for a Social Value Catering List. We are looking for businesses who are owned, operated by:

- Women
- African Nova Scotians / African Descent

- Indigenous peoples
- Veterans
- Recent immigrants
- People with disabilities
- Social enterprises

Learn more and apply at halifax.ca/socialvaluecatering.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program has begun accepting applications from registered non-profits and charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The application deadline is April 1, 2024.

Application forms for the Community Grants Program are available from:

- Our website at halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-non-profit-resources/community-grants
- Visiting one of our Customer Service Centres:
 - Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, - Dartmouth, 1st floor
 - Musquodoboit Harbour Strip Mall, Corner of Hwy #7 & East Petpeswick Road
 - Bayers Road, 7071 Bayers Road, 2nd floor
- Contacting 311
- Emailing nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca

Organizations considering an application to the program are encouraged to review the guidebook. For further information, please email nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 902.497.0479.

COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2024

Are you interested in starting a community garden for your non-profit group? Applicants must submit an application before the March 30 deadline. Program details can also be found at halifax.ca/communitygardens. Applicants can learn more about Community Gardens by reviewing the program handbook online. Completed applications can be sent to Jasmine Du, Community Developer at 902.471.3417 or via email at jasmine.du@halifax.ca.



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DON CROOK MEMORIAL LADDER-A-THON

The Westphal Cole Harbour Firefighters Association will be hosting the Don Crook Memorial Ladder-A-Thon in the Sobeys parking lot at 2 Forest Hills Parkway on Thursday, March 28 from 4 to 8 p.m., and all day on Saturday, March 30. The Ladder-a-thon raises money for Muscular Dystrophy.

Each year, a member from the Cole Harbour Westphal Firefighters Association sits on the ladder truck for 50 hours to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. There will be boot tolls at the entrances and exits where each year people from all around HRM generously donate.



SUMMER RECREATION JOBS

Are you a student or young adult looking for a summer job that offers more than minimum wage? Check out the variety of opportunities available with Parks & Recreation. We offer:

- Fun work culture
- Wage ranges from \$17-\$20 per hour
- Free evenings and weekends (for specific jobs)
- Interesting jobs in aquatics, inclusion and recreation
- Limited travel with jobs available in urban, suburban and rural communities
- Opportunity to work outdoors and in an environment that promotes health, wellness and physical activity.

For more information, visit our website at halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/seasonal-youth-employment-recreation.

2024/25 BUDGET

Regional Council has approved the 2024/25 Capital Budget and the 2024/25 Multi-Year Capital Plan, which are the basis for staff's planning and resource preparations required to implement capital projects within the current year and next three years. The 2024/25 Operating Budget is still under review with business unit presentations.

A full review of the 2024/25 Municipal Budget and 2024/25 Capital Budget will occur on Tuesday, April 23.

Some key projects in the capital plan include the Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Recreation Centre Recapitalization, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) Headquarters and Station 1, Active Transportation, Sidewalk Recapitalization, HRFE Fleet Replacement, Burnside & City of Lakes Industrial Park and Electric Bus Procurement and municipal building retrofits as part of HalifACT.

For more information, please read the staff report at halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/240206rc1551.pdf.



STEP UP TO SPRING

Join our Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services team for their Step up to Leadership course this spring! The course was developed by volunteers, for volunteers and covers a wide range of topics to help participants develop leadership skills and build strong communities.

To learn more more, visit our website at halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/step-leadership.



Delivery Note:

Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.



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HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of the Housing Accelerator Fund, the municipality is collaborating with partners and other levels of government in a national effort to support housing. The municipality is proposing updates to planning policies to enable more density and flexible housing types in residential areas.

To learn more about the Housing Accelerator Fund and the proposed amendments, please visit halifax.ca/HAF.

Urgent changes to
planning documents for housing



VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

The Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR) is a voluntary, self-referral list for residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality who may require support during emergency situations. It is a list only for residents without 24-hour support who experience severe difficulty with any of the following:

- Mobility
- Vision impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Developmental disabilities
- Cognitive impairment
- Mental health conditions
- Any resident who requires electricity for life-sustaining equipment such as oxygen, dialysis, etc.

The VVPR is not for all residents. For example, those receiving 24-hour support or homecare aide may not be eligible. For more eligibility requirements, and if you doubt whether the VVPR is right for you, view more information online at halifax.ca/vvpr or by calling 311.

SIGN UP FOR HFXALERT

HfxALERT is a mass notification system that HRM utilizes to provide timely alerts with important urgent and non-urgent information. It will strictly issue municipal notifications. These alerts may be urgent, such as evacuations, or non-urgent, such as overnight winter parking bans. The notifications will be sent via email, automated phone call and/or text message.

Residents need to sign up to receive these alerts: Notifications will be sent by Halifax Regional Police, the Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's Emergency Management Division and HRM Corporate Communications. For more details, go to halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/hfxalert.

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Notifications
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HRM CITIZEN CONTACT CENTRE

Call 3-1-1 toll-free from anywhere throughout HRM and our agents can provide you with a wide variety of municipal information and services in over 150 languages using a telephone interpretation service. Their service includes reference numbers, which will assist you when following up.

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

I AM CURRENTLY SERVING ON...

- Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, Vice Chair
- Transportation Standing Committee, Vice Chair
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
- Cole Harbour Place

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