

COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER

Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SUMMER 2023



DEAR RESIDENTS,

It's been a difficult few months for us here in HRM, thank you to all of our first responders, Emergency Management staff and everyone who helped to mitigate the effects of the wildfires and

recent flooding.

We just finished hosting one of the largest sporting competitions in HRM, the 2023 North American Indigenous Games, and celebrating Pride Week. There is so much to celebrate living in our growing municipality. I'm thankful we live in a place that celebrates our diversity and all the unique cultures and backgrounds of our people.

For more regular updates on what's happening in Dartmouth and around the municipality, sign up for my monthly e-newsletter delivered right to your inbox. You can subscribe by contacting Laura at nooyela@halifax.ca.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue representing you on Regional Council. Please feel free to reach out with your questions or concerns contact information below.

Merci, thank you, welo'lin,

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ELLENVALE RUN WOODLAWN

Design is underway for both the Wanda Lane and Landrace Park sections of the Ellenvale Run project. Halifax Water's intent is to begin construction on the Wanda Lane section next year. The design of the Landrace Park Section will also begin next year. The plan is to daylight the Ellenvale Run in Landrace Park. Halifax Water has not scheduled the daylighting project construction yet, but it will be no earlier than the 2025 construction season. See their website for details: halifaxwater.ca/project/ellenvale-run-rehabilitation-project-phase-2.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Municipal Government Act requires that all municipalities in Nova Scotia conduct a review of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality on a regular basis. The final decision on municipal polling districts and boundaries is made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) and is binding on the municipality.

The 2022 District Boundary Review Study for the Halifax Regional Municipality is complete, and an application has been submitted to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, proposing some significant changes to District 6. The new District 6 will include all of Woodlawn up to Wildwood Boulevard. It will go to Celtic Drive and Peddars Way and extend past Barry's Run and include Craighburn all the way up to Spider Lake. Dartmouth North will become part of District 5. A public hearing will be held by the NSUARB on September 7. Find out more here: nsuarb.novascotia.ca/ and searching M10924.

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TRANSPORTATION

TRANSIT SAFETY

The municipality has heard from transit operators and citizens about safety on transit buses, in terminals and on ferries. I submitted a 3-part motion designed to promote the safety and comfort of passengers and employees with the following initiatives:

- 1) Currently hiring four supervisors to be stationed at the Dartmouth Bridge and Mumford Road terminals, dealing with incidents that may impact public safety and assisting with customer service. They will also be riding the bus periodically.
- 2) Create a by-law that will allow police to remove non-compliant people and ban them from transit facilities and buses. The by-law is being worked on now and will soon be in place.
- 3) Hire and train transit safety officers as soon as the new by-law is in place.

Regional Council has also approved driver protection shields for all buses with a cost of \$3.3M, launched the Halifax Transit Safety Campaign and there is more to come.

NEW BURNSIDE ROUTES

Halifax Transit are planning some changes for three routes servicing Burnside and Dartmouth Crossing. These updated routes will be coming into effect in November. Route 51 A/B Windmill will provide service between the Bridget Terminal, BIO, Oceanbreeze and Wrights Cove Terminal. Route 56 Dartmouth Crossing will be extending service through Burnside to service the future Wrights Cove Terminal and Route 72 Portland Hills and will provide service from the Portland Hills Terminal in Dartmouth Crossing, to Ikea and Kent. Full details will be available on our website closer to implementation.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer for all road users and is an important part of building healthy walkable communities. This means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by installing measures such as speed humps, speed tables, curb extensions, etc. There are 12 streets in District 6 on the list to receive traffic calming this year:

School Zones

Andover St
Brule St
Christopher Ave
Fourth St
Glencoe Dr
Major St
Pinecrest Dr

Vertical Deflections

Belle Vista Dr – Woodlawn to Spring
Day Ave – Woodlawn to Clifford
Ellenvale Ave – Woodlawn to Spring
Walters St – Ellenvale to Day
Wanda Lane – Mount Edward to Belle Vista

You can find out more at halifax.ca/trafficcalming.

PAVING PROJECTS

It's construction season, and many of our streets are receiving recapitalization, asphalt overlay and crack sealing treatment. To view the map of street work for our district visit halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

There are a lot of exciting new developments happening in Dartmouth. You can find more information about many of these applications on our website halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications.

174 MAIN ST, DARTMOUTH

Construction at the Old Garden View Restaurant Site is expected to begin in Fall 2024 for a 7 storey building with 70 residential units and a commercial ground floor.

PORT WALLACE DEVELOPMENT

The Parks of Lake Charles is well underway with roads opening to the public in August. This first phase consists of 65 homes of varying sizes and sites for two apartment buildings. They expect home foundations to begin mid-August. Construction crews are working to complete Phase 1b (which will also include a mix of housing designs and price points) by the end of the 2023 construction season and be ready for building construction to start by the end of the year.

When the development is complete, there will be up to 4,900 new residential units as well as roads and parkland. Visit our website for more information: halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/regional-plan/port-wallace.



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SHANNON PARK

The Shannon Park development agreement was approved by Council in February 2023. The project will include a mixed-use community containing 3,000 residential units, a collector road between Windmill and Princess Margaret for Transit and AAA Bike Lanes, walkways, trails and space for two public parks.

Canada Lands Company, the organization that owns the Shannon Park property, is proceeding with its work in preparation for road and sewer construction. Before construction can begin however, Canada Lands will make an application for subdivision approval anticipated in late 2023 or early 2024. They are currently developing design guidelines that will outline how buildings and streetscapes will look.

CHEBUCTO FORD SITE - MAIN AND CALEDONIA

United Gulf Developments Limited are hoping to construct three towers including 1,037 residential units and 125,000 sq. ft of commercial space at 219 Main Street, the old Chebucto Ford Site. This case will be considered through the suburban plan process. Planning and Development staff are working on engagement initiatives for the Regional Plan now and the suburban plan framework is expected to be complete in 2024. We will begin to prioritize projects that fall under the suburban plan in 2025 - 2027.

96 CALEDONIA SITE

There is a development agreement and permits have been issued for this site to allow a new 64 unit 5-storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses. Excavation will be starting in mid-August and they expect it will take two years to complete the building.

THE BELLO

The Bello project on the corner of Waverley and Montebello is slated to open for occupancy in early 2024. This project includes six storeys with 42 units, indoor parking and amenities.

MAIN STREET AND KUHN ROAD

JHAL Ltd. are requesting a development agreement for 247 Main Street, Dartmouth to construct a 14-storey mixed-use building containing 148 residential units and

two commercial units. Revised plans for the site have recently been submitted and the next step for this application will be public engagement.

73 TACOMA DRIVE

A developer is looking to create an apartment building with commercial units on the ground floor. This is in early stages and nothing has been submitted to HRM yet for review.

MICMAC MALL

The M District Future Growth Node, the development of the Mic Mac Mall lands bound by Micmac Boulevard, Horizon Court, and Highway 111, includes approximately 2,200 new residential units, plus 400 units for retirement living and additional commercial office and retail space built around the existing mall. Staff are currently reviewing the feedback from Phase 1 of public engagement. Visit shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/the-m-district-development for more information.

NSCC RESIDENCE

The Nova Scotia Community College are adding new residence facilities at both their Akerley and Ivany campuses to help with the growing need for student housing. The Akerley campus will be opening their 100 bed dorms next fall and the Ivany campus will open a 200 bed residence for the 2025 school year.

TRUE NORTH AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable Housing units at 80 True North Crescent are now open and occupied! There will be 44 units in total, 12 are now complete and occupied, the remaining units will be constructed soon. Thank you to the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia and Dora Construction for providing this quality, affordable accommodation to Haligonians who otherwise would be housing insecure.

RECREATION

BLUE GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green algae are plant-like bacterial organisms that can grow quickly and form blooms, some types of blue green algae produce toxins which can be harmful to humans and animals.



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The municipality monitors our supervised beaches for fecal bacteria, blue-green algae, and other waterborne contaminants between July 1 to August 31 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. If you spot potential blue green algae blooms, contact 1-877-936-8476 and 311 to report.

WEED HARVESTING

Weed Harvesting on Lake Banook and Lake Micmac has begun. Our Lake Weed Harvesting Program is intended to maintain obstruction free water in Lake Banook and Lake Micmac to allow for competitive and recreational paddling during the summer months. The program is limited to three species of "pondweeds" which are native to both lakes. The weed harvesting vessel cannot operate in areas of shallower water as this can result in damage to the specialized harvesting equipment. More details can be found here: halifax.ca/about-halifax/energy-environment/lakes-rivers/lake-banook-lake-micmac-weed-harvesting-project.

DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE REDESIGN

The Dartmouth North Community Centre is finally open after undergoing some extensive renovations. Stop by to check out the beautiful new entry way, larger programming rooms and universal washrooms. The building is now more energy efficient and ready to better serve our Dartmouth North Community. Thanks to everyone involved in making this project a success!

LAKE MICMAC WHARF

Across from the Irving on Waverley Road, the new public wharf has been installed on Lake Micmac. This wharf will be perfect for swimming and even has a kayak launch. Check it out!

SHUBIE PUMP TRACK EXPANSION

The Shubie Park Pump Track recently received an expansion to accommodate more users. This project has been a huge success and we are so happy to expand to allow for more people to experience the pump track!

GRAY ARENA

The Dartmouth North Community Centre will be hosting some new programs at the Gray Arena this summer. Programs include roller skating, pickleball, skateboarding and tennis and could be weekly programs or camps. The arena is also available for rentals, we have lacrosse, skateboarding, pickleball courts and more. See our website halifax.ca/rec for more information.

EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

The municipality recently hosted the 2023 North American Indigenous Games from July 15 to 23. Athletes from across the continent completed in 16 sporting competitions in 21 venues across the municipality and hosted a cultural village in the Halifax Common to showcase Mi'kmaw culture. Wela'lin, thank you, to everyone who made this event a success!

NATAL DAY

August 7 is Natal Day and the 2023 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day program is now available. Celebrate our amazing province by attending the fireworks, a concert and much more. Check out natalday.org for details.

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY BBQ

Join us Saturday August 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Great East Dartmouth Community Barbecue at the East Dartmouth Community Centre. There will be bouncy castles, activities for the kids and tours of the centre for information about our renovations.

BUSKERS FESTIVAL

The Buskers will be back in Halifax and Dartmouth August 2 to 7. Check out amazing performers, the GLOW family zone and food trucks here: buskers.ca.

For municipal operational questions or concerns, contact our Contact Centre

Dial 3-1-1 between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or

Email: contactus@311.halifax.ca. Closed on statutory holidays.