



## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### WELCOME APRIL

It may not quite feel like it yet, but Spring is officially here and the end of cool temperatures, snow and ice is on the horizon. I'm seeing a lot more residents getting outside to enjoy our beautiful parks and trails – keep an eye out for more opportunities to get active outdoors as the weather continues to improve!

This month is also a special time for our diverse faith communities celebrating Ramadan, Easter and Passover. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths; we wish each community a special time celebrating with their family and friends during these sacred times.

Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns about municipal issues – we're happy to help!

### 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Regional Council will be approving the final operating and capital budgets on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> after an extensive process of reviewing each department's budget proposals, working to keep the tax increase as low as possible while maintaining the services we need and investing in our future. There will be time set aside for public participation during the meeting, you can find out more about the budget process so far [here](#).

### ACCUEILLONS LE MOIS D'AVRIL

On n'en est peut-être pas encore là, mais le printemps est officiellement arrivé et la fin des températures fraîches, de la neige et de la glace se profile à l'horizon. Je constate que de plus en plus de résidents sortent pour profiter de nos magnifiques parcs et sentiers. Gardez l'œil ouvert pour d'autres occasions de faire de l'activité physique en plein air à mesure que le temps s'améliore!

Ce mois-ci est également une période spéciale pour nos diverses communautés religieuses qui célèbrent le Ramadan, Pâques et la Pâque juive. Notre diversité est l'une de nos plus grandes forces, et nous souhaitons à chaque communauté de passer un moment spécial avec sa famille et ses amis pendant ces périodes sacrées.

N'hésitez pas à nous faire part de vos questions ou de vos préoccupations concernant les questions municipales – nous nous ferons un plaisir de vous aider!





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### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

We have so many amazing volunteers and volunteer organizations in Dartmouth. From April 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate National Volunteer Week. The theme for 2023 is "Volunteering Weaves us Together".

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to our amazing volunteers, whose individual and collective actions can create strong, interconnected and vibrant communities. Take the time to thank volunteers in your life this month. For more information about volunteering in HRM, see our [website](#).

### STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY



Mayor Mike Savage delivered his annual State of the Municipality Address on April 5<sup>th</sup>. I'm so proud to live in a municipality that is growing – with a plan to not simply be bigger but better.

I'm grateful to be part of a Regional Council who are committed to promoting sustainable growth, reducing red tape and honouring our diversity.

We have some significant challenges to overcome, but we are doing everything we can to foster a prosperous economy, inclusive communities, integrated mobility and to be leaders in climate change action. Thank you, Mayor Savage for your leadership!

### DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are putting the finishing touches on the Dartmouth North Community Centre renovations and hoping to open to the public again soon! Renovations look great and have included creating a new entry way, adding universal washrooms, creating larger programming rooms and converting to more environmentally sustainable systems for heating and HVAC.

### SPEED LIMIT CHANGES FOR BURNSIDE DR

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the speed limit will be reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h on Burnside Drive in Dartmouth. The reduced speed zone is between the Highway 111 interchange and Akerley Boulevard.

Crews will be posting the new signage this week.

This change is a result of an assessment of the corridor, related to changes in conditions and activities along the roadway.

This effort supports the municipality's *Strategic Road Safety Plan*, which aims to reduce fatal and injury collisions on municipal roadways. For more information about the Strategic Road Safety Plan and other road safety countermeasures, visit our [website](#).

### CLIMATE CHANGE FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

HalifACT, our region's first comprehensive climate action plan, and the Halifax Public Libraries have partnered on an engagement campaign to get your feedback on adapting and mitigating for climate change.

This month, we are asking residents their thoughts on how we should slow climate change. You can find out more [here](#).

You can participate [online](#) or by going to your local library.

### DISTRICT 6 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Staff have created a list of proposed capital road work projects for District 6. These projects are subject to budget approval and staff capacity.

### **Street Recapitalization**

Albro Lake Rd – Pinecrest to Ernest (Integrated Traffic Calming)  
Charlotte Dr – Brigadoon to Jayden  
Gurholt Dr – Mosher to Vidito  
Ilsey Ave – Ronald Smith to Cul De Sac (Carryover)  
Jayden Dr – Elwin to Cul De Sac  
Ronald Smith Ave – Burnside to Ilsey (Carryover)

### **Asphalt Overlay**

Windmill Rd – Albro Lake to Fernhill

### **Microsurfacing**

Finlay Dr – Wright to Commodore  
Wright Ave – 100m E of Williams to 60m W of Finlay

### **Sidewalk Renewals**

Albro Lake Rd – Victoria to Catherine (N)

### **New Sidewalk**

Ilsey Ave – Ronald Smith to Burnside Transit Centre  
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### **Traffic Calming**

Andover St (School Zone)  
Belle Vista Dr – Woodlawn to Spring (Vertical Deflections)  
Brule St (School Zone)  
Christopher Ave (School Zone)  
Day Ave – Woodlawn to Clifford (Vertical Deflections)  
Ellenvale Ave – Woodlawn to Spring (Vertical Deflections)  
Fourth St (School Zone)  
Glencoe Dr (School Zone)  
Major St (School Zone)  
Pinecrest Dr (School Zone)  
Walters St – Ellenvale to Day (Vertical Deflections)  
Wanda Lane – Mount Edward to Belle Vista (Vertical Deflections)

### **Planer Patching**

Gourok Ave – Gourok to Culrain  
Kincardine Dr – Inverary to Dumbarton

### **Proposed Crack Sealing**

Albro Lake Rd – Pinehill to Windmill  
Alfred St – Courtney to End (Carryover)  
Booth St – Kennedy to Main  
Breeze Dr – Waverley to Montebello  
Burnside Dr – Commodore to Akerley  
Courtney Rd – Alfred to Windmill (Carryover)  
Farquharson St – Shawinigan to End (Carryover)  
Gordon Ave – Hwy 111 to Main (Carryover)  
Helene Ave – Lakecrest to End  
Jackson Rd – Leaman to Victoria  
Lawson Ave – Athorpe to Valleyfield  
Mountain Ave – Lakecrest to Plymouth  
Saratoga Dr – Lexington to Walnut Hall  
Windmill Rd – Akerley to Victoria

You can find out more about our street and sidewalk priorities [here](#).

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Attending an Iftar with some of our Muslim community!

### **RAMADAN**

Ramadan began on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue until sundown on April 20<sup>th</sup>. During this time, people who practice the Muslim faith participate in community gatherings and fast and pray from dawn until dusk.

*Ramadan Kareem* to those celebrating Ramadan!





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### TRAFFIC CALMING IN SCHOOL ZONES



Speed humps are being installed in some school zones to help increase safety for our children and school staff. The school zones around Admiral Westphal Elementary School (Fourth Street and Major Street) and around John Martin Junior High School (Pinecrest Drive) are on the list.

Speed tables encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds, and there is no effect on resident access or on-street parking. Transit buses also can traverse speed tables with minimal impact. With the construction of speed tables on Pinecrest, Fourth and Major, we hope to step up the safety for our school community!

### MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, HRM submitted its application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) for the 2022 District Boundary Review. You can find the proposed new boundaries [here](#). There are significant changes to our district that would take effect for the October 2024 election. The NSUARB has the final say on whether these changes will take effect or more adjustments need to be made.

They have scheduled a public hearing for May 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Board Offices, 1601 Lower Water Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Board hearings are open to the public and you can register to speak to the board or send written correspondence to the [clerk](#) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. A copy of our application and any timetable for this matter may be viewed on the NSUARB's [website](#).

### FUNDING FOR SKILLED LABOUR IMMIGRATION

Regional Council has approved a funding commitment of \$208,572 to the Halifax Partnership to undertake enhanced and targeted international recruitment of skilled tradespeople and labourers specifically needed by the construction industry to build housing, and to identify how local employers can help address the housing needs of its employees.

Unprecedented population growth observed in the municipality in recent years has changed the needs for housing development. The municipality has been focused on enabling new growth through intensification of the downtown and urban core and expansion in key locations close to existing services in the centre and suburban communities. Through the adoption of the [Centre Plan](#), [Downtown Plan](#) and the [Regional Plan](#), the municipality is committed to strengthening and supporting the growth of our region.

With the proposed funding in place, the Halifax Partnership will be able to hire a resource to recruit nationally and internationally, and identify how local employers can help address the housing needs of their employees by convening Halifax employers facing critical labour shortages where access to affordable/attainable housing is having a negative impact on their talent recruitment and attraction efforts.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).

### DARTMOUTH NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dartmouth North Public Library was hit hard by the winter weather. A pipe burst during the extreme cold snap and there was significant damage from flooding.

We have been able to operate partial programming since March, however repairs should be completed by early May which will give everyone full access to the branch again!



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### 247 MAIN STREET PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The municipality have received an application from JHAL Ltd. To develop a 14-storey mixed use building containing 148 residential units and two ground floor commercial units at 247 Main Street.

The proposal includes four levels of underground parking for 144 vehicles and 70 bicycle spaces and would have access off Kuhn Road. Staff from Development Engineering including Traffic Services, Building Standards, Civic Addressing, Transit, Parking Services, and Fire Protection Services as well as external sources including Halifax Water, Nova Scotia Power, and Halifax Regional Centre for Education are currently reviewing the application and then there will be opportunities for public engagement.

See our [website](#) for more details about this proposed development.

### FARRELL STREET PARK UPGRADES

The municipality and Nova Scotia Power worked together between 2018 and 2021 to clean up Farrell Street Park, improve safety and accessibility for the pathway and create a beautiful reflection area in memory of 18-year-old Chelsie Probert.

We will now be adding flower beds to the Chelsie Probert Reflection Area. I hope this space continues to provide a place to enjoy our beautiful park and remember Chelsie.

I want to thank everyone involved in this project for their hard work in creating this lovely reflection area in Chelsie's memory.

*"Our adventures are not over,  
there are so many more reasons to smile,  
for now, enjoy the rise and set of the sun  
you'll see me in a while."*

— Excerpt from poem by Kayley Dixon, in loving memory of Chelsie Jymy "Bean" Probert

### POLICING SERVICES REVIEW

Two years ago, I requested an independent review of the current model of delivering policing services in Halifax Regional Municipality.

The report is expected to come back to Regional Council this month at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Regional Council, providing an evaluation and making recommendations regarding the of the current division of policing responsibilities in HRM between the Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP.

The report will be available the Friday before the meeting [here](#).



Congratulations to Dartmouth's own Cam Russell for being named GM of Hockey Canada's U18 program.

### SHUBIE CAMPGROUND OPENING

Exciting adventures await at Shubie Campground! May 19<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner and the Shubie experience will be back in full swing! Scenic hikes, kayak rides and roasted marshmallows will all be here in the heart of Nova Scotia. Check out their [website](#) to book your Shubie experience today!



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### FUNDING FOR BANOOK CANOE CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

Regional Council has awarded a \$267,500 grant for capital improvements to the Banook Canoe Club facility to improve safety and accessibility.

The Banook Canoe Club is located on the shoreline of what is now referred to as “Lake Banook”, an anglicised version of the Mi’kmaw word Panuk meaning “at the first opening.” The current facility operates year-round with seasonal recreational and competitive paddling, regattas, facility and boat storage rentals, off-season “dry-land” training and exercise classes. For more information, read the [staff report](#).

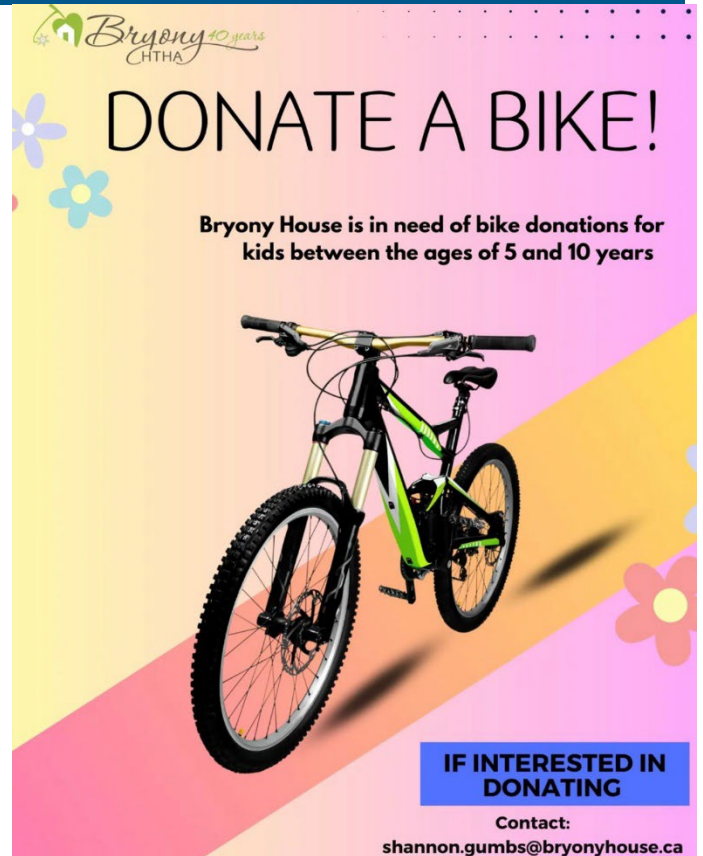
### ON STREET PARKING MAP

The Halifax Regional Municipality’s on-street parking payment service provider, HotSpot, is now providing a new real-time web and mobile application map that will allow drivers to plan ahead for on-street parking options.

The real-time map will help drivers plan their trip by identifying potentially available on-street paid parking locations before they begin their trip, making it easier to get to where they’re going. Rather than displaying individual spots, the map will display parking availability by total number within a paid parking zone. The map can be accessed through the HotSpot app, or by visiting [the website](#).

### NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) will be hosted in HRM July 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be high level sporting competitions with athletes attending from across the country. This is also an opportunity to showcase Mi’kmaw culture. There will be a cultural village set up on the Halifax Common and cultural elements will be interwoven into the sporting events – particularly within the traditional Indigenous sports – canoe/kayak, lacrosse and 3D archery. The Halifax Regional Municipality has been a proud sponsor for the event and I’m looking forward to attending and learning more about our Mi’kmaw heritage. Find out more about the event [here](#).



### HALIFACT UPDATE

HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada and we’re committed to keeping residents informed of the ways we’re leading, collaborating and supporting the movement in the region. Since our last update in the fall, the municipality continues to navigate the impacts of Hurricane Fiona in September 2022, with approximately \$2.3 million spent to date on repairs and rebuilding. Significant weather events such as this are a stark reminder of the urgency for climate action in our region.

We're taking action by transitioning to electric buses and fleet vehicles, retrofitting municipal buildings for energy efficiency, and investing in emergency preparedness, storm water protection, and food security. Learn more about recent efforts, as well as opportunities to get engaged and take meaningful steps to support HalifACT [here](#).

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### SHUBIE PARK DEDICATION PROGRAM

The Shubenacadie Canal Commission's dedication program was created to provide individuals and organizations the opportunity to commemorate a person, place or event, while at the same time enhancing the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway for all. You can find out more about donating for a commemorative bench or Hart Bridge plaque [here](#).

### MORASH PARK WOMENS SAFETY ASSESSMENT REPORT



In November 2022 a Women's Safety Assessment (WSA) was done on Morash Park in Woodlawn. Staff and a number of Woodlawn residents were involved in completing this WSA and have created a list of recommendations to improve safety in the park.

The short-term actions they hope to implement this summer are leveling the trail, adding crusher dust and rolling the path to accommodate strollers etc., cutting back the invasive shrubbery around the path, adding additional benches and picnic tables and increasing the lighting in the corner by the pickleball courts. There were also some long-term recommendations such as paving the main trail, adding steps to main entrances etc. You can find the final report [here](#).

Thank you to the residents and staff involved in doing the safety assessment!

### SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

I'm already looking forward to warmer temperatures and lots of community events – we have begun our planning for the East Dartmouth Community Barbecue on August 12<sup>th</sup> and Canada Day and Natal Day celebrations will be in full swing.

If you have a community event you'd like to promote, please feel free to send the details to me and I can include it in upcoming newsletters!

### EXTORTION SCAM

Halifax Regional Police have recently received several reports in relation to a new extortion scam in the Halifax area.

Scammers call or text victims, accuse them of attempting to use an escort service and demand payment. The scammers then claim to be members of a "cartel" and send graphic photos depicting violence. They threaten to harm the victim or their loved ones if they do not respond and/or deliver the money. Police believe the scammers are randomly contacting people and the people targeted have not necessarily contacted an escort service. This scam, which has circulated in other parts of the country, is an attempt to intimidate and pressure people into providing money. Police advise anyone who receives a similar call or text to not respond or provide any money or personal information. Police also recommend you block the number and avoid opening unsolicited text messages from unfamiliar numbers.

You should contact police at 902-490-5020 to file a report if you are concerned for your safety or have lost money as a result of this scam. You can report a scam where you haven't been a victim to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by calling 1-888-495-8501.

More information and scam prevention tips are available with the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) and on our [Halifax Regional Police fraud prevention](#) site.



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### PARKING PERMIT CHANGES

Changes to annual parking permit fees, visitor parking permits, commuter permits, carshare parking and the ability to purchase second permits are now in effect.

- Annual parking permit fees will increase from \$40/year to \$75/year.
- Residents can purchase a second annual parking permit for \$175/year.
- Annual visitor parking permits will shift to pay-per-use:
  - One day: \$15
  - Two days: \$25
  - Seven days: \$35
- Carshare vehicles will be able to park at any on-street paid parking location.
- Commuter permits will see price increases or price decreases, depending on the zone. Student commuter permits will change from a flat rate of \$35/month to \$10/month discount off the regular zone price.
- All permits will shift to a digital format, removing the need for replacement fees.

These changes, supported by amendments to [By-law P-1200](#) and approved by Regional Council, will streamline purchases, increase flexibility and create efficiencies in a new digital format. All current parking permits will remain valid until they expire. For more details, visit our [website](#).

### NEW PROCUREMENT PLATFORM

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the municipality will be launching a new digital procurement platform, [bids&tenders](#) for vendors who do work for the municipality.

In preparation of the new system's launch, [bids&tenders](#) will host an optional virtual training session for external vendors. The training will be delivered live from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more or to sign-up for the virtual training session, visit our [website](#).

### EXPANSION OF CROSSWALK GRAPHICS



The [Crosswalk Graphics Program](#) will be permanently expanded to enable the painting of Pan-African colours in historic African Nova Scotian communities. As depicted on the Pan-African flag, the design

consists of a sequence of red, black, green, and yellow to make a block of four colours. These colours are used by many Pan-African organizations and movements as a symbol of global solidarity for people of African descent. Community members that were engaged in the pilot project viewed the Pan African crosswalk art installation as a focal point in celebrating and telling the story of the area as a historic African Nova Scotian community.

Like the Pride crosswalk graphics, the Pan-African paint markings are installed with strict adherence to a proven design approach that does not impact the safety of the crosswalks. For more information, refer to the [staff report](#).

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#### Currently serving on:

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

Halifax Regional Library Board

Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council

Solid Waste Regional Chairs Committee

Regional Centre Community Council

Shubenacadie Canal Commission

Special Events Advisory Committee