

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME APRIL!

We have started to get a glimpse of Spring weather and tennis and pickleball nets will be going up in our public parks this month. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you out and about as things continue to warm up!

The Junos last month were a huge success and I'm looking forward to hosting some more exciting events this summer!

This month, Regional Council will be approving the final operating budget for the municipality after an extensive process of reviewing each department's budget proposals. More information is below.

Finally, I'm looking forward to celebrating our volunteer award winners this month as we celebrate National Volunteer Week from April 14 to 20. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!



ACCUEILLONS LE MOIS D'AVRIL!

Nous avons commencé à avoir un aperçu d'une température printanière, les filets de tennis et de pickleball seront installés dans nos parcs publics ce moisci et j'ai hâte de vous voir de plus en plus souvent à mesure que le temps continue de se réchauffer! Les prix Juno du mois dernier ont connu un énorme succès, et je suis impatient d'accueillir d'autres événements passionnants cet été!

Ce mois-ci, le Conseil régional approuvera le budget de fonctionnement définitif de la municipalité après un processus exhaustif d'examen des propositions budgétaires de chaque service. De plus amples renseignements suivront.

Enfin, j'ai hâte de célébrer les lauréats de nos Prix du bénévolat ce mois-ci, à l'occasion de la Semaine nationale du bénévole, qui se déroulera du 14 avril au 20 avril. Merci à tous nos bénévoles extraordinaires!



The winners of Atlantic Canada's Top Employers for 2024 have been announced and the municipality has been honoured for the third

year in a row as a top employer!



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STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP COURSE

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.

The next session begins April 16. You can learn more <u>here</u>!



A free, five-day celebration of the life-giving power of nature and the many **people**, from all walks of life, who are **protecting nature** and **taking action on climate**.

Earth Fest events will take place from April 18 until Earth Day on April 22. It will include dozens of workshops, events and programs led by community organizations across the municipality.

Find out more at **halifax.ca/earthfest**



NEIGHBOURHOOD SEED KITS

Apply now for a chance to receive free seeds for 20 households in your neighbourhood. Applications are due April 15. Learn more and apply on our <u>website</u>.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVAL

At the April 23 meeting of Regional Council, councillors are scheduled to provide final approval for the municipal operating and capital budgets.

This has been an extremely difficult process this year as we've reviewed each department's budget plans and have worked to find efficiencies. The municipality has faced ongoing inflationary pressures and population growth, all causing significant cost increases in the 2024/25 Municipal Budget.

After the most recent debate reviewing any additions or cuts to the budgets, the proposed total tax bill increase will be 6.3 per cent. This tax bill increase would allow all municipal services, projects and initiatives to continue as planned and budgeted for in past years. You can find out more <u>here</u>.

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22!

In 1970, April 22 was declared Earth Day, mobilizing millions of citizens to lobby for the protection of the planet. The first Earth Day is accredited with launching the modern environmental movement and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

The 2024 campaign theme is "Planet vs. Plastics" demonstrating an unwavering commitment to end plastic production for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60 per cent reduction by 2040. Learn more on their <u>website</u>. What will you do to reduce the amount of plastics in your home and community?

Celebrating Earth Day provides a unique opportunity to take action for the environment. Explore our suggestions for activities to do at home and within your community, and discover events near you through the official Earth Day campaign online <u>calendar</u>!

Learn more at www.earthday.ca





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ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The municipality is seeking feedback on accessibility across the Halifax region to help inform an update of the <u>Accessibility Strategy</u>, approved by Halifax Regional Council in May 2021. The strategy outlines 30 actions for improving accessibility and representation for individuals with disabilities and aligns with the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act. The update is expected to be complete by the end of 2024.

Residents are invited to share their feedback at a series ten in-person and virtual engagement sessions available across the Halifax region. The same information will be presented at all sessions:

- Wednesday, April 17, 1 to 3 p.m. via Zoom (virtual session)
- Wednesday, April 17, 6 to 8 p.m. at Alderney Library (2 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth) in the Helen Creighton Room
- Thursday, April 18, 6 to 9 p.m. at Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, Mumford Professional Building (Suite 2120, 6960 Mumford Road, Halifax), Classroom 18
- Wednesday, April 24, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre (2021 Brunswick Street, Halifax), in the Joan Gloade Room
- Wednesday, April 24, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax), in the BMO Room
- Thursday, April 25, 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom (virtual session)
- Wednesday, May 1, 1 to 3 p.m. via Zoom (virtual session)
- Wednesday, May 1, 6 to 8 p.m. AKOMA Bauld Centre (1018 Main Street, Westphal)
- Thursday, May 2, 1 to 3 p.m. via Zoom (virtual session)
- Thursday, May 2, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax), in the BMO Room

Registration is not required, except for virtual sessions,

where residents are asked to email accessibility@halifax.ca to receive a link to participate.

At these engagement sessions, residents will be invited to provide feedback on the strategy's actions, which fall under five key areas: Built Environment, Goods & Services, Information & Communication, Employment and Public Transportation & Transportation Infrastructure. A formal presentation will be delivered at each session and multiple formats will be available for attendees to share feedback, including written and verbal. Municipal staff will be available to answer questions at each session.

For those unable to attend the in-person or virtual community engagement sessions but would like to provide their feedback on accessibility across the Halifax region, please contact 311 by May 2, 2024.

Feedback will be summarized in a *What We Heard* report and you can find out more about the strategy and read the final report when it's completed on the <u>project</u> webpage.



Bridging the Gap program

Each year the municipality hires students that have graduated within the past 24-months as part of our Bridging the Gap program. These positions are fully paid 18-month terms to provide graduates with essential work experience in their chosen field.

Benefits for the internship include:

competitive paid experience in your field of expertise



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107 HIGHWAY TWINNING PROJECT



A number of folks have reached out to me asking about the trees being cut near the Shubie Park entrance off Waverley Road.

This is part of a provincial 107 highway project where the overhead roads are being separated and twinned to improve road safety. The area is not part of the Shubie Park land, they are only working on the Provincial property. I understand this project will require the province to reconstruct a parking area beside the Waverley Rd and a new entrance across the canal in a new location, replacing the existing wooden walk over in this area.

Staff just recently found out about this highway work and had an insight meeting about what the municipal needs are for a park entrance. Staff are hoping that a new entrance allowing for controlled vehicle access may lead to easier maintenance access for Shubie Park work.



Early design of the Highway 107 Highway twinning

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, bringing awareness to the urgent issues of sexual assault, to the creation of spaces free of sexual and gender-based violence, and to amplify conversations about consent and support for survivors.

Sexual Violence occurs when someone forces or manipulates someone else into any unwanted act of sexual nature either physical or non-physical without their consent. Sexual violence includes but is not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual exploitation.

<u>Reporting a sexual assault</u> to anyone, let alone police, can be difficult. It's common for victims to fear that they won't be believed or taken seriously and that they'll be made to feel ashamed. In 2017, Halifax Regional Police took the <u>Start by Believing pledge</u> - commit to continuing to provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where victims of sexualized violence are listened to and supported so they can make informed decisions and access services and supports. Find out more about reporting and preventing sexual assault <u>here</u>.

<u>Avalon Sexual Assault Centre</u> offers free services to women 16 years and older who have experienced sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, or sexual harassment. They also provide counselling to non-offending parents of sexually abused children. Call them at **902.422.4240**.

For male victims of sexual assault, there are various resources available. Please contact Halifax Regional Police Victim Services (**902.490.5300**) for more information.

The province of Nova Scotia offers the <u>Independent Legal</u> <u>Advice Program</u> for legal advice for sexual assault survivors. Call **211** to register.

We each have a role to play in creating spaces where everyone feels safe and respected!





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OCEAN BREEZE VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

Neighbourhood speed limit reductions are part of the municipality's ongoing initiatives to improve road safety. Through the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), the province legislates speed limits on public roadways to a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The province allows municipalities to request posted speed limits below this for streets that meet certain criteria. To date, over 20 neighbourhoods have been signed at 40km/h within HRM.

Crews recently began work to reduce the speed from 50 to 40 km/hr in the Ocean Breeze Village in Dartmouth including Princess Margaret Boulevard, Killkee Gate and Ryan Gate.

To learn more about the municipality's commitment to road safety, including how streets are considered for neighbourhood street speed limit reduction, visit our <u>website</u>.



On March 26 Regional Council we recognized Purple Day which is dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. Purple Day was started by Cassidy Megan in 2008. We are very proud of you Cassidy!

APRIL AT THE NORTH GROVE

Check out the North Grove's <u>April calendar</u> for all the exciting programs happening this month including celebrations for Volunteer Week!

The need for blood doesn't pause. Patients need you to donate blood.

The need for blood is constant all winter

Blood donors are needed **now**. Book today.



MOUNT EDWARD PUMP TRACK UPGRADES

Last year, we opened the new Mount Edward Road Dirt Pump tracks, starting this month we are adding some additional upgrades.

If you haven't checked out the Mount Edward or Shubie Park pump tracks yet, they include multiple "rollers" (smooth dirt or paved mounds) that you ride without pedaling. The dirt pump track opened in September 2023 and has been a popular spot for increasing bike handling skills for younger riders, and for the whole family to enjoy cycling fun in a safe, traffic free environment!

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

According to recent statistics, there were just over 270,000 accepted claims for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease in Canada in 2019, and sadly, 925 workplace fatalities.

On April 28, we join Canadians everywhere in recognizing the National Day of Mourning, pausing to remember them. Learn more about the National Day of Mourning <u>here.</u>





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DISTRICT 6 PAVING, CURBS, SIDEWALKS

AND TRAFFIC CALMING

Here are some of the upcoming capital projects we are looking to complete in the 2024-25 budget year, subject to final budget approval: **Street Recapitalization** Albro Lake Dr – Pinecrest to Ernest (Carryover, Integrated Traffic Calming) Appian Way – Montebello to Civic 33 (Integrated Traffic Calming) Avery Ave – Bowser to End (HW Integration) Bowser Ave – Lawson to Oakwood (HW Integration) Charlotte Dr – Brigadoon to Jayden (Carryover, HW Integration) Jayden Dr – Elwin to Cul De Sac (Carryover, HW Integration) Ilsley Ave – Ronald Smith to Cul De Sac (Carryover) Pinecrest Dr – Crystal to Brule (Integrated Traffic Calming) Raymond Dr – Plymouth to First (Integrated Traffic Calming, HW Project) Ronald Smith Ave – Burnside to Ilsley (Carryover) Walker St – Fourth to First (HW Project)

<u>Asphalt Overlay</u> Windmill Rd – Akerley to HRM Limits

<u>Sidewalk Renewals</u> Albro Lake Rd – Victoria to Catherine (Carryover) Raymond St – First to Plymouth (N) Pinecrest Dr – Brule to Crystal

<u>New Sidewalk</u> Appian Way – Montebello to Civic 33

Ilsley Ave – Ronald Smith to Burnside Transit Terminal (Carryover) Ronald Smith Ave – Ilsley to Burnside (Carryover)

<u>Walkways</u>

9 Bowser Ave to 82 Charlottetown Way

<u>Guiderails</u>

333 Windmill Rd

<u>Planer Patching</u> Breeeze Dr -Waverley to Montebello Crystal Dr – Pinecrest to Leaman Guildford Ave – Jennett to End

Higney Ave – Cutler to Civic 360

Proposed Crack Sealing

Akerley – Joseph Zatzman to John Savage Athorpe Dr – Woodlawn to Bowser Colonna PI – Appian to Montebello Cutler Ave – Wilkinson to Jim Connors Mt Edward Rd – Spring to Belle Vista Tobin Dr – Wanda to End Wanda Lane – Belle Vista to Mt Edward

Traffic Management Projects

Traffic Calming

- Appian Way
- Booth St
- Fader St
- Kennedy Dr
- Lakecrest Dr
- Roleika Dr
- Settle St
- Leaman Dr (school area)
- Monique Ave (school area)
- Pinecrest Dr (school area)
- Valleyford Ave (school area)

Existing Crosswalk Upgrade to RRFB

- Caledonia Rd at Kennedy Dr
- Mount Edward Rd at Brigadoon Ave

Installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

- Commodore Dr at Countryview Dr
- Commodore Dr at Finlay Dr
- Countryview Dr at Finlay Dr
- Countryview Dr at Shubie Dr
- Finlay Dr at McClure Cl
- Finlay Dr at Shubie Dr
- Main St at Ridgecrest Dr
- Windmill Rd at Ralston Ave
- Wright Ave at Williams Ave / Garland Ave





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APRIL ROAD SAFETY – AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

The road safety theme for the month of April is Aggressive Driving. Aggressive driving includes behaviours like speeding, following too close, disobeying traffic control, improper passing and more.

Aggressive driving puts you and everyone on the road at risk. It's one of the leading causes of fatal and injury collisions in HRM. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- Allow more travel time to get to your destination. It reduces stress dramatically.
- Come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs. Never try to beat a yellow light.
- Let other drivers merge with you.
- Obey posted speed limits.
- Don't ever follow other drivers too closely.
- Resist temptation to teach someone "a lesson."
- Concentrate on driving, not on cell phones, radio, passengers or other distractions.
- Remember that you can't control traffic, but you can control yourself, your driving, and your emotions.

There is a direct correlation between vehicle speed and the likelihood of crash occurrence, seriousness of injury, and the odds of a fatality. Slow down, stay safe!





A great turnout last month to hear about becoming a Lake Watcher volunteer.

PHONE SCAM SAFETY

A phone scam, or mass-market fraud, is when fraudsters call or text potential victims and attempt to trick them into giving up personal information or sending money.

- 1. **Cell phone plan:** Fraudster claims to be a Bell-Aliant employee and offers a deal on cell phone plans. This scam is used to collect personal information and can end with fraudsters opening cellphone accounts in victim's names.
- 2. **Power bill:** Fraudster demands immediate payment for an overdue power bill with Nova Scotia Power, often by cash or e-Transfer.
- 3. Emergency or grandparent scam: Fraudster pretends to be someone you know and asks for money for some sort of emergency. The most common scenario is a child or grandchild in legal trouble that needs money to avoid criminal charges.

Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, especially if there is a sense of urgency or secrecy. One of the best ways to protect yourself is just by hanging up and calling the company, government agency, or family member initiate the call, you do not know who you are talking to. Trust your instincts and do not give out personal information. If it feels like a scam, it probably is.

If you or someone you know is the victim of a scam, report it to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. For more information visit their <u>website</u>.





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ZEBRA CROSSWALKS

Have you noticed zebra crosswalks popping up at more intersections? Zebra crosswalks are a series of horizontal lines instead of two parallel lines.

In an effort to improve visibility of pedestrians at signalized intersections, we've added zebra crosswalks to twelve locations as part of pilot projects in 2022 and 2023.

Our most recent project to examine the effectiveness of the markings has been funded through the <u>Federal</u> <u>Active Transportation Fund</u>.

Results will be shared this spring, stay tuned! Learn more <u>here</u>.

POLICE CHIEF SURVEY

As we search for the next Chief of Police, the Halifax Regional Municipality are looking for your feedback.

We are seeking public input on the preferred leadership qualities, attributes and experience for the future Chief of Police.

Share your feedback via a five-minute online survey and help define the ideal candidate profile.

Learn more about the recruitment process and take the survey visit our <u>website</u>.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – CRYSTAL/LEAMAN

There is an application for a 50 unit building at the corner of Crystal and Leaman.

The application is still under review by planning staff, but the proposal includes bachelor to three-bedroom units and is proposed to be five storeys.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Wondering if your home and property is prepared for wildfire season? Wildfire mitigation can help!

Residents can register to receive a wildfire risk assessment for their property using the FireSmart standard. Residents will be given a report of their homes and recommendations for reducing the risk of interface fire on their property structures.

FireSmart information, including a link to sign up for a Home Assessment is on our <u>website</u>.



CHARLOTTE AND JAYDEN DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

The Halifax Regional Municipality will be carrying out construction work replacing existing asphalt pavement, replacement of existing curb and gutter, narrowing of Charlotte Dr. & Watermain Renewal on Charlotte and Jayden Drive in July. Parking may occasionally be restricted but notice will be provided to the area residents prior to parking restrictions.





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REMEMBERING CAPTAIN BILLY MARR



My deepest condolences to the friends, family and coworkers of Captain Billy Marr, a Dartmouth firefighter.

Captain Marr's work to expand the list of cancers that were presumed related to firefighting work from six to 19, allowing more firefighters who have long term impacts due to the heroic work they do, will be forever remembered and appreciated!

Thank you for all the ways you served, you will be missed!

IMPAIRED DRIVER STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 29 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of February.

Of the 29 drivers, 18 were charged with impaired operation of a conveyance by alcohol, two were charged with impaired operation of a conveyance by a drug and nine drivers were issued a driving suspension for operating a conveyance while having consumed alcohol.

Of the 29 drivers, five calls were received from people who suspected impaired driving. We thank the public for reporting suspected impaired drivers and encourage anyone to call 911 immediately if they suspect someone is driving impaired!

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PILOT PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality is joining a provincewide Supplier Diversity Pilot Program, led by the Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council (CAMSC).

The Pilot Program aims to promote inclusive supply chains and support diverse local business owners.

The municipality regularly works with suppliers to deliver municipal services – including the acquisition of materials and equipment; the solicitation, facilitation and execution of contracts for goods, services and construction; and the physical control, security and distribution of materials.

The municipality's participation in the Pilot Program aligns with the municipality's *Social Value Framework*, while also increasing economic opportunities and expanding participation in the municipality's supply chain.

For more information on doing business with the municipality, visit <u>our website</u>.



Thank you to the amazing volunteers who helped pack Square Roots bundles this month! The next pick up is scheduled for Saturday, May 4.

ELLENVALE RUN UPDATE

Halifax Water are hoping to begin planning for the next phase of the Ellenvale Run project next year including a daylighting project for Landrace Park. The municipality will be looking at additional park and playground enhancements when Halifax Water does their work.





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USE OF RVS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE

Regional Council has directed staff to provide a report considering land use zoning changes to allow the use of recreational vehicles (RV's) for residential use. This report will consider the reasons for RV use as temporary accommodations, compatibility throughout the municipality and best practices from other jurisdictions where RVs are utilized for residential use. For more information, read the <u>motion</u>.



The Landrace Community Garden in Landrace Crescent Park has plots available for the 2024 growing season. Please check out our <u>Facebook page</u> or email <u>landracecommunitygarden@gmail.com</u> for an application.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE SCAMS

Online scams are one of the most commonly-reported frauds to police. Scammers will try to sell an item – often at a very cheap price – just so they can steal your payment card or personal information. They may also take your money and send you a worthless item, or sometimes nothing at all. The Nova Scotia RCMP is urging the public to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to safeguard themselves against scammers when buying, selling, or searching for a rental online. For more information, visit the anti-fraud centre <u>website</u>.

HRM TAX BILL DUE APRIL 30

The Halifax Regional Municipality sends out its tax bills to all property owners twice a year. The interim bill was mailed mid-March and is due on Tuesday, April 30. The final bill will be due October 31. If you have any enquiries about your tax bill, please call the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or online by visiting our <u>website</u>.

NEW OPEN DATA SETS

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released three new datasets on <u>Open Data</u>, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. The new datasets include:

- Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016
- <u>Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation 2021</u>
- Transportation Analysis Zones

The addition of these datasets brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 243.

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit our website.

Andy's 160km Run

in Support of of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Visionary of the Year Campaign

On May 25, 2024 at 6:00am, I will start running and will continue running until I reach 160km!! All money raised goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma's Visionary of the Year Campaign.

Please help me raise as money money as I can!! To donate use the QR code











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PORTLAND STREET/COLE HARBOUR ROAD FUNCTIONAL PLANNING STUDY UPDATE

Portland Street and Cole Harbour Road are an important gateway and link between communities of Dartmouth and Cole Harbour with the rest of the municipality. It is estimated that upwards of 40,000 people travel along this corridor every day.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning to make incremental changes to this area to:

- Provide high quality transportation options;
- Improve people-moving capacity;
- Build complete streets and with an emphasis on the pedestrian realm and placemaking;
- Improve road safety and areas of previous collisions.

This includes considerations like bus rapid transit implementation, wider sidewalks and boulevards, continuous off-road cycling facilities, and intersection improvements to help improve the comfort, convenience, and safety of all road users.

The second phase of the Portland Street – Cole Harbour Road Functional Planning Study has been initiated with project completion expected by the summer. To provide your feedback, attend one of our Drop in Style Public Engagement sessions where you will find display boards and breakout tables for themed discussion. There will be opportunity to review two design scenarios and ask questions of HRM staff. A major focus is on evaluation of trade offs.

Public Open House #1

Monday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Cole Harbour Place (51 Forest Hills Parkway)

Public Open House #2

Wednesday, May 8 6 to 8 p.m. Micmac Aquatic Club (192 Prince Albert Road)



You can also complete an online survey, beginning April 29 until May 13, which will reflect what was presented at the Open House sessions including questions on the concept scenarios, trade offs, and future vision for the street.

More details about the project can be found here.

HFXGO TRANSIT APP

HFXGO is a free mobile fare payment app for Android and iOS devices that allows you to purchase Halifax Transit tickets and passes directly from your smartphone or mobile device. It's fast and easy. Simply download the app and purchase your fares anytime, anywhere. To use the app, users simply need to purchase their desired ticket or pass, activate the ticket, and show it to the operator or ferry security staff prior to boarding. For more information, visit our <u>website</u>.

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Good Luck CSAP students participating in Epelle Moi this weekend! Wishing you a bonne chance!





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HALIFAX WATER 2024/25 BUSINESS PLAN

Regional Council has approved the Halifax Water 2024/25 Business Plan. This plan highlights the importance of growth, asset renewal and regulatory compliance in delivering high-quality water, wastewater and stormwater services within the Halifax region.

The business plan includes a capital budget of over \$150 million, as part of a five-year investment of over \$1.5 billion to be invested in infrastructure that serves our residents. For more information, read the <u>staff report</u>.



Had a great evening of laughs in support of DASC Industries.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – SHELTERS

In coordination with the Province of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking options through a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for a longterm indoor shelter space to provide overnight accommodations for approximately 100 people experiencing homelessness.

The municipality will assess and provide all viable responses that meet the criteria to the Province of Nova Scotia for consideration as a replacement site for the provincially funded shelter at the Multi-Purpose Centre of the Halifax Forum. As previously stated, this facility is scheduled to return to its intended purpose for the community on August 31, 2024.

LITTER CLEAN UP

We all dislike seeing litter around our municipality. This time of year, when the snow goes away is always bad. If the litter is on or near municipal streets or in parks, playgrounds and playing fields then it is the municipalities responsibility to clean up. Crews will start this month cleaning up those areas. If you see a particular area that exceptional bad, please contact 311.

If you are seeing litter on the highways and off and on ramps that is the responsibility of the province. If you are seeing illegal dumping within the municipality, please contact 311 and a By-law officer will investigate. We have had great success tracking down those that dump illegally.

April is the start of The Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up is coordinated by the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway program and supported in part by the municipality. The Great NS Pick Me Up is a community based, volunteer driven litter clean-up program. To find out more about the program go to our <u>website</u>.



SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Registration has opened for summer recreation programs. Parks & Recreation offers a variety of innovative, cost-effective programming lead by local, passionate instructors in a judgement-free zone.

Programming is offered in a variety of fields – including health, wellness, outdoor and artistic – and is available for residents of all ages and abilities.

You can find a full list of programs here.







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LICENCE PLATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality is launching a Mobile Licence Plate Recognition program to enhance parking enforcement by introducing new technology and compliance vehicles with cameras mounted on them.

Licence plate recognition automates the process of identifying and verifying licence plates, reducing timeconsuming manual checks and increasing efficiencies.

The cameras will capture images of parked vehicles and licence plates, which will then be scanned to determine if the vehicle is in compliance. If the vehicle is not in compliance, a compliance officer is alerted to the vehicle's location.

All information collected through the licence plate recognition is encrypted to protect privacy. No other information is collected and the process for obtaining personal information to issue a ticket continues to be the same.

The municipality has begun testing and training, with the full program to be launched in June. For more information, visit our <u>website</u>.



The new sign is up at what used to be Morash Park Courts and renamed Ginny Conrad Pickleball Courts.

Ginny brought pickleball to Dartmouth!



THE RED GALA

The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia are hosting their annual Red Gala on April 20th, a fundraiser that will help them to serve health outcomes for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community all through Nova Scotia. If you're interested in buying a ticket or learning more, click <u>here</u>.

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