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ENJOYING AUGUST

We've had an amazing August so far – celebrating Natal Day, enjoying the East Dartmouth Community Barbecue and of course the beautiful sunny days!

This will be my last district newsletter before the municipal election on October 19, to keep up to date on municipal news in the meantime, make sure to follow us on [Twitter \(X\)](#) or check out our Public Service Announcements [here](#).

I had the opportunity to bring together staff and representatives from the Bancroft area community and businesses to address concerns about the new proposed encampment site on Bancroft Lane. In this newsletter, you'll find updates on that meeting, the new district boundaries, an update on the Parks of Lake Charles and much more. Please continue to reach out any time with questions or concerns about municipal programs and services.

PROFITONS D'AOÛT

Nous avons passé un mois d'août incroyable jusqu'à présent - en célébrant la Fête de la fondation, en profitant du barbecue communautaire d'East Dartmouth et bien sûr des belles journées ensoleillées!

Ce sera ma dernière lettre d'information de district avant l'élection municipale du 19 octobre. Pour rester à jour sur les nouvelles de la MRH en attendant, assurez-vous de nous suivre sur [Twitter \(X\)](#) ou consultez nos annonces [ici](#). J'ai eu l'occasion de réunir le personnel et les représentants de la communauté et des entreprises de la région de Bancroft afin de discuter des préoccupations concernant le nouveau site de campement proposé sur la voie Bancroft. Dans ce bulletin d'information, vous trouverez des mises à jour sur cette réunion, les nouvelles limites du district, une mise à jour sur les parcs de Lake Charles et bien plus encore. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter à tout moment si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations concernant les programmes et les services municipaux.



Horse-drawn Natal Day floats from an early Dartmouth parade. The Archives estimates this photo was taken around 1917.





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RECREATION FALL PROGRAMMING

Registration is now open for fall 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.

Many programs are available at [local community centres](#), which can help limit travel time. A full list of all programs can be found on our [website](#). Residents can register through their [MyRec account](#).

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FEEDBACK

The Halifax Regional Municipality invites residents to share their feedback to shape the [Urban Forest Management Plan](#). The Urban Forest Management Plan is a 10-year strategic plan that guides the municipality’s approach to the urban forest management framework, methods and planning principles, and environmental and economic impacts.

Residents may share their feedback on the Urban Forest Management Plan through this online [survey](#) available until September 13, an online open house [the evening of August 28](#) or by attending one of our [Guided tree tours](#).

Feedback is important as it helps municipal staff understand how the community values the urban forest and it informs management and investment considerations.



Rock the Harbour, a classic rock festival, was a huge success – thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT EVENTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to the following upcoming mobile household special waste depot events:

When: Saturday, August 24

Where: Oyster Pond Academy, 10583 Nova Scotia Trunk 7, Lake Charlotte

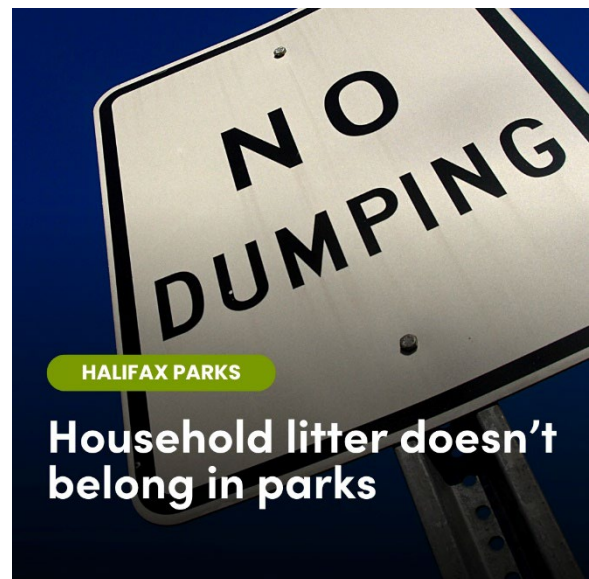
When: Saturday, August 31

Where: Harold T Barrett Jr High, 862 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

When: Saturday, September 7

Where: Auburn Drive High School, 300 Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. Business waste is not permitted.



In November 2021, HRM solid waste resources began enforcement of new illegal dumping regulations. Municipal staff enforce enhanced measures related to illegal dumping and litter, including in parks. Household litter does not belong in parks. Penalties range from



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MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Election day is coming – and there are several ways that you can have your say. Every four years, the Halifax Regional Municipality holds a general election for both Regional Council and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial's (CSAP) Halifax-area school board members. Your municipal representatives can make a huge impact on your day-to-day lives – making decisions about policing, fire and emergency services, neighbourhood streets, community recreation, snow clearing, garbage collection and so much more.

In order to participate in the Municipal Election, you must be 18 or older, have lived in Nova Scotia for six months and have been a resident of the Halifax Regional Municipality since the first polling day and be a Canadian Citizen. **Make sure to check that you are on the voters list before August 30 by visiting our [website](#).** If you're not on the list, just dial 902-490- VOTE(8683) to be added. If a resident is not on the elector's list, they can swear an oath at a polling location in their electoral district on advance voting days or on election day to participate in the election.

Election Day is Saturday, October 19 but you can also cast your vote online or over the phone using your pin from your voter card from October 8 to 16, and can vote in person in advance from October 12 to 15. Voter information letters will be sent out in late September with a unique personal identification number. If you have lost your voter information letter, please contact the voter helpline at 902-490-VOTE (8683). Another letter will be sent to you, and the personal identification number associated with your previous letter will be destroyed.

The municipality is currently recruiting more than 1,200 election workers to serve in various temporary roles to ensure a fair, accessible and efficient election. Find out the details on our [website](#).

Schools Écoles Plus
YOU'RE INVITED TO
BEDTIME STORIES
TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH
6:00-8:00
SUE LEBLANC GUEST READER
FREE FOOD
FREE PRIZES (BOOKS & BACKPACKS)
TAKE ACTION GARDEN
BEHIND HARBOUR VIEW ELEMENTARY (25 ALFRED ST)
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
IF RAINING EVENT CANCELLED
EMAIL EHAMMOND@HRCE.CA IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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PLANNING REGULATION FEEDBACK

Planning staff are inviting residents to provide feedback on several site-specific requests in the [Regional Centre](#) and [Suburban Area](#) as well as housekeeping changes to the [Suburban Housing Accelerator \(SHA\) Plan](#).

Information regarding the sites being considered and initial recommendations is available [here](#).

This planning process is in the **public consultation stage**. Questions and comments may be submitted to haf@halifax.ca and will be accepted until Friday, September 20. Following public feedback, staff will return to Regional Council in early 2025 with their final recommendation.



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DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW UPDATE

On August 6, a report was presented to Regional Council with updated district descriptions and proposed new district names that will come into effect after the October Municipal Election. District 6's proposed new name is Dartmouth East – Woodlawn – Burnside, pending public consultation.

Here is a detailed overview at what will encompass the new District 6 Boundary:

The new District 6 encompasses Burnside and Port Wallace. It begins at the intersection of Highway 118 and Highway 107. It then proceeds to follow Highway 107 southeasterly to Forest Hills Parkway. It travels through Cranberry Lake, proceeding southerly to Gregory Drive. It follows the Dartmouth community boundary from Gregory Drive through Settle Lake Park and into Settle Lake. It proceeds south along the Dartmouth community boundary to Cole Harbour Road, and then west along the Dartmouth community boundary, along Portland Street. It continues along Portland Street to Manor Drive and then northwest along Manor Drive to Peddars Way. The boundary then travels through Oathill Lake Park and Oat Hill Lake, emerging between Wheatstone Heights and Cranston Avenue. It proceeds northwest before turning northeasterly, encompassing the properties along Celtic Drive, Glenwood Avenue, Regent Drive, and Curley Drive before reaching Prince Albert Road. It travels northeast, following Prince Albert Road to Harris Road before proceeding to the intersection of Highway 111 and Main Street. It then follows Highway 111 to the MacKay Bridge, circumventing Ocean Breeze Village. It proceeds northwesterly through the Halifax Harbour before proceeding northeast along the Dartmouth community boundary. It continues along the Dartmouth community boundary to the intersection of Highway 118 and Highway 107. The new District 6 has a population of 26,822. Dartmouth North will become part of District 5.

You can find out more about the new boundaries including a map of the new and old boundaries [here](#).

PARKS OF LAKE CHARLES DEVELOPMENT – TRAFFIC UPDATE

The Parks of Lake Charles Development including 4,900 new single family homes, townhouses and apartments is well underway.

This development was approved by the Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister in January 2023. During public consultation, residents raised concerns about the additional traffic strain this development could cause.

The municipality has approved adding right hand turning lanes on Waverley Road to Montebello and Breeze Drives and the province has approved twinning the 107 and adding an additional exit and connection to the highway from Avenue du Portage to help alleviate these concerns.





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ANTI-BLACK RACISM GRANTS PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality has established a new Anti-Black Racism (ABR) Grants program to increase the African descent community’s capacity to address anti-Black racism through grassroots projects and initiatives.

Anti-Black racism is a form of discrimination uniquely rooted in the particular history of Black people which is informed by the legacies of enslavement and colonization and experienced by Black people every day across the municipality and the world.

Project grants are available to support community-based initiatives developed and delivered at the local level. Applicants must demonstrate how their project aligns with the municipality’s commitment to support communities in addressing one or more of the following negative impacts of anti-Black racism:

- racial segregation
- historic omission
- lack of recognition
- systemic expropriation
- negative portrayal in the media and literature

The municipality will be accepting applications for the ABR Grants program from September 1 to October 31, 2024. More information, including eligibility criteria, is available [here](#).



MOBILE FOOD MARKET

NORTH DARTMOUTH
COMMUNITY MARKET

Home of Mobile Food Market
26 Courtney Rd
4:30 PM-7:30 PM
Every Tuesday



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Healthy food. Good prices.
Strong communities.

Please bring your reusable bags - Accept Cash, Debit, Credit

AFFORDABLE ACCESS TRANSIT PROGRAM

Regional Council has approved the removal of the current 2,000-participant limit on the number of participants eligible for the Affordable Access Transit Pass Program making the program more equitable and accessible and will respond to the increased number of eligible applicants.

The program allows eligible residents to receive a 50 per cent discount on the regular price of a Halifax Transit adult monthly pass.

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



Congratulations to one of Dartmouth’s finest people and my friend Claudia Currie for being inducted into the 2024 Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada Hall of Fame!



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HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

The housing and homelessness crisis is continuing to impact us at the municipal level. As a temporary response to the homelessness crisis, Regional Council recently approved nine additional sites that could potentially be designated locations for encampments if the need arises.

The municipality does not support encampments or tenting as a solution for those experiencing homelessness, but this list will allow us to adjust to the changing levels of demand if needed. We cannot legally remove people experiencing homelessness from their tents unless an alternative housing option is available to them. If any sites are opened as designated locations, it would be a temporary measure until appropriate sheltering and housing options become available from the Province of Nova Scotia.

Information will be shared publicly, including the specific section or area permitted for sleeping rough if any of these sites become designated. To open any of the potential designated sites, detailed site preparation will first need to be completed by municipal staff including preparation of supports to people sleeping rough and mitigation of potential community impacts.

The municipality has also explored other options, including privately owned land and sought other space for encampments from provincial and federal governments.

Municipal staff have recommended initiating five Civilian Led Response Teams (CLRT), a proven model used in other jurisdictions to respond to people experiencing a behavioural health crisis. The CLRTs would include a mental health professional, a social worker, a civilian compliance officer and a peer support worker that would be able to provide 24/7 support. As a result of my motion, the municipality has made a request that the province cover the estimated \$3,200,000 cost for the CLRT and we are awaiting their response. Designated sites are regularly visited by municipal compliance as

well as municipal outreach team members who continue to work with people experiencing homelessness to address concerns. Criminal behaviour should be reported to police for action.

We are hoping to find more creative solutions, such as the extended opening of the Shubie Park campgrounds where people were able to shelter in their trailers last winter.

Update On Bancroft and Marketplace Potential Encampment Site

Staff are currently preparing a new site in Dartmouth at the intersection of Bancroft Lane and Marketplace Drive. The new site will provide approximately 3,000 square meters of space for tents and other site facilities, such as toilets and garbage disposal.

The project will involve clearing bushes and trees, grading the site, and preparing access roads and pathways. Concrete pads will be created for site structures such as bathroom facilities. The location of the site provides easy access to Halifax Transit and other amenities and will be fenced on three sides, with permanent fencing allowing access only from Bancroft Lane. Vegetative buffers will be left in place to provide privacy for the site and businesses that are nearby. Preliminary design is ongoing, and staff will be seeking a contractor to complete the work. It is anticipated that the site will be ready for use in September. The preparation of this site as a designated location will also include \$50,000 of clean up to an adjacent site also owned by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

I hosted a meeting for staff and representatives from the adjacent businesses and residences to discuss their concerns last week where we addressed concerns. We have a list of action items that staff and I are following up on, at the top of the list You can find the stream [here](#).



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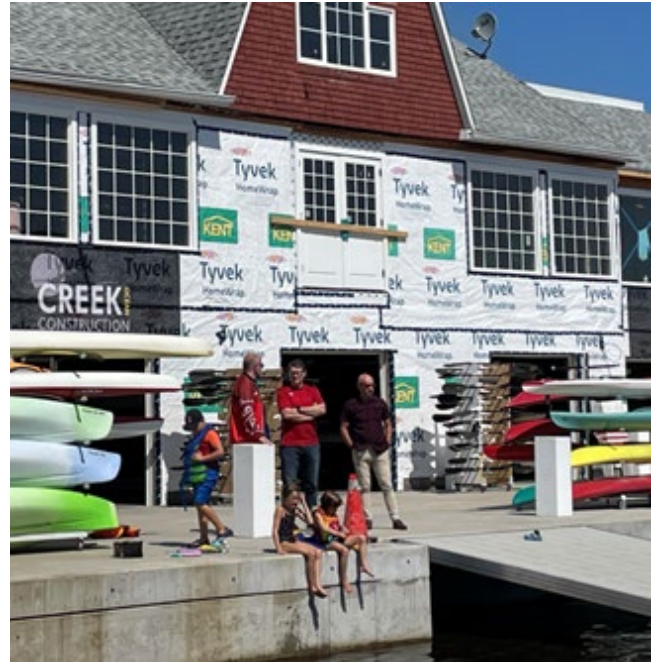
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LAKEWATCHERS PROGRAM UPDATE

The LakeWatchers Program is in its second year of operation and I want to thank all the staff and volunteers for the amazing work you are doing to provide quality monitoring of our beautiful lakes. This program was reinstated in 2022 after I submitted a motion regarding the importance of water quality. The program enlists the help of volunteer teams to collect and monitor data from vulnerable lakes across the municipality. There are seven lakes within District 6 that are monitored through the LakeWatchers Program: Albro Lake, Lake Charles, Lake Micmac, Lemont Lake, Oathill Lake, Penhorn Lake and Topsail Lake. You can find the data they are collecting on the [Open Data](#) portal.

For the Spring Sampling, which occurred in April/May, 38 of 73 identified vulnerable lakes were sampled with the help of volunteers, but this number is looking like it will grow to over 40 during the Summer Sampling scheduled for this month.

A summary report on the health of our lakes will be presented to Regional Council in October using the data collected in the LakeWatchers program. You can find out more and sign up to volunteer [here](#). Our lakes must continue to be a top priority!



Checking out the Banook Canoe Club revitalization project

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS FOR JULY

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

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 driving suspensions for operation of 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 and give the call taker your location along with a description of the vehicle.



What an amazing time at the Dartmouth East Community Barbecue.

Thank you Kiwanis Club Dartmouth, the team at the East Dartmouth Community Centre, MP Fisher, MLA Halman, MLA Grosse, the Dartmouth Pickleball Association, Halifax Fire, Halifax

Search & Rescue and the Boys and Girls Club.



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ACADIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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Acadian Days
August 10th & 11th

*Presentations, music,
food and more!*

Journées acadiennes
10 et 11 août

*Présentations, musique,
nourriture et plus!*

Special displays
August 10th to 18th

Expos temporaires
10 au 18 août

National Acadian Day
August 15th

*Hats & tea
and Graveyard tour*

Fête des Acadiens
15 août

*Chapeaux et thé
Visite guidée du cimetière*

Book launch
August 30th

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book on Chezzetcook*

Lancement de livre
30 août

*Nouveau livre de Ronald
Labelle sur Chezzetcook*

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NEW POLICE CHIEF

On August 6, Halifax Regional Council approved the recommendation by the Board of Police Commissioners to appoint Don MacLean as the next Halifax Regional Police Chief after a nation-wide search. Mr. MacLean, who is currently Acting Chief of Police for the Halifax Regional Municipality, assumed his new role on August 12.

Chief MacLean has more than 31 years of experience with Halifax Regional Police. Since 2020 he has held the position of Deputy Chief of Operations, overseeing both the patrol and criminal investigation divisions. Prior to serving as Deputy Chief, he was the Superintendent of the Patrol Division. MacLean served as the first Diversity Officer for Halifax Regional Police from 2004 to 2006 and went on to become the Executive Officer to the Chief and later the Human Resources Officer. Congratulations Don and we thank you for your service!

TRANSIT FARE INCREASE

Halifax Regional Council approved a Halifax Transit fare increase of 25 cents for Adult and Senior and Youth cash fares. In addition to cash fares, the cost of tickets and passes will also increase.

Starting September 1, 2024, the cash fare for adult single ride trips on Conventional bus, Ferry, and Access-A-Bus will increase from \$2.75 to \$3. Senior and youth fares will increase from \$2 to \$2.25. For a complete fare table for all transit fare products, visit our [website](#).

New electronic Regional Express 10 Ride, 20 Ride, 1, 2 and 7 Day passes will be introduced, available exclusively on the HFXGO app. Monthly Regional Express passes will continue to be available on HFXGO and at transit retailers. In addition, UPass and Student Transit Pass holders will no longer be required to an additional top-up fee to ride Regional Express service.

Halifax Transit has two programs to assist in ensuring transit is affordable for those in need assist those in need– the Affordable Access Transit Program, which provides a 50 per cent discount on the cost of an Adult Monthly Pass and the Department of Community Services Transit Pass, which provides free annual transit passes for Employment Support & Income Assistance clients and their families, through a partnership with the Department of Community Services. Residents can visit the Halifax Transit website or call 311 to learn more about these programs.



Thank you to the three young female entrepreneurs who were selling lemonade to the pickleball players at the Craig Blake courts - After consuming the

refreshing drinks, we got back to playing and I think everyone played better!

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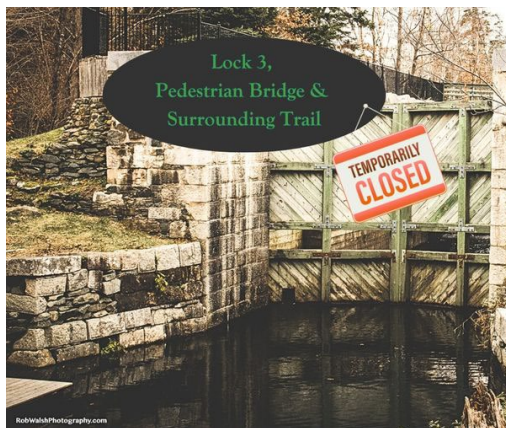
WATER QUALITY ADVISORIES

Municipal staff regularly test the water quality at all supervised municipal beaches during July and August and will issue advisories if test results indicate bacteria levels exceeding Health Canada guidelines.

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 recent heavy rainfall.

Staff will continue testing the water and will lift advisories when bacteria levels are once again within Health Canada guidelines. For more information on municipal beaches and outdoor pools across the region, please visit our [beaches page](#).

LOCK #3 CLOSURE



The Shubie Canal Commission are advising that there is a detour in place around Shubenacadie Canal Lock #3 until November 1 for essential repairs on this lock. The pedestrian crossing and some of the grassy area behind the Fairbanks Interpretive Centre will also be fenced off. Other trails will remain open during this work.

NORTH GROVE UPDATES

Explore the North Grove's [calendar](#) of events to check out some of the great programs they have on, including their Music on the Farm series. They are also releasing their [2023-24 Impact Report](#) that provides some inspiring information on all they've accomplished in the last year.

BURNSIDE EXPANSION

Construction of the civil infrastructure (i.e. asphalt, sidewalk, curbs, line markings, traffic signs, storm, sanitary, water, power, etc.) within the new streets comprising Burnside, Phase 13-1 has been substantially completed.

Currently in progress are the reviews of the construction by the various utilities, the design and construction consultants, and the municipality's subdivision process. These approvals, required as a precondition to accepting and commissioning the infrastructure, are receiving priority attention.

Once completed, existing purchase and sale transactions with purchasing companies will be finalized and the remaining inventory comprising Phase 13-1 will be available for purchase.

You can find out more about the expansion [here](#).

GRANDPARENT SCAM

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a scam where victims are being asked to provide money. Victims are contacted in what appears to be an emergency situation and asked to provide money to alleviate a bad circumstance of a loved one, such as being in jail or in a car accident.

Scammers create a sense of urgency; learn how to protect yourself against these frauds by reaching out to your loved one at a trusted number, never provide personal information to a caller and contacting the authorities.

Anyone who thinks they could be a victim or has information about these scams, is encouraged to contact police and the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#).



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A great night for baseball at Beazley Field in Dartmouth for the U22 Canadian National Baseball Championship.

KIMBERLY MCANDREW DISAPPEARANCE INVESTIGATION

It's been over 35 years since the disappearance of Kimberly Ann McAndrew and the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division continues to investigate the case.



On August 12, 1989, at approximately 4:20 p.m., 19-year-old Kimberly McAndrew left the Canadian Tire store at 6203 Quinpool Road in Halifax where she was employed as a cashier. Kimberly was later seen at the Gardenia Flower Shop in Penhorn Mall in Dartmouth.

Investigators believe that there are people who have information about what happened to Kimberly. We hope the passage of time will encourage them to do the right thing and share what they know with police. It is never too late to come forward and the smallest piece of information may be just what is needed to progress the investigation into Kimberly's disappearance. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 902-490-5020.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement.

We also acknowledge the histories and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities that have been here for more than 400 years.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

Land Acknowledgement

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

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- Executive Standing Committee**
- 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**