

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

#### **WELCOME JULY!**

Happy Canada Day! As we enter the summer season, let's remember to celebrate our shared past and envision an even brighter future. With everything going on in the world today, we should all be grateful to live in a country that values the voices of its people. You can find out more about the festivities below along with many more great summer activities.

Something I'm particularly excited about is hosting the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). This sporting and cultural event will be from July 15 to 23 bringing together more than 5,000 athletes from across the continent. Make sure to check out the details below.

I hope to see you out and about in the community and wish you a very happy summer season!



#### **BIENVENUE JUILLET!**

Bonne fête du Canada! Alors que l'été vient d'arriver, n'oublions pas de célébrer notre passé commun et d'envisager un avenir encore plus radieux. Avec tout ce qui se passe dans le monde aujourd'hui, nous devrions tous être reconnaissants de vivre dans un pays qui valorise la voix de son peuple. Vous trouverez ci-dessous les détails sur les festivités ainsi que beaucoup d'autres excellentes activités estivales.

Je suis particulièrement enthousiaste à l'idée d'accueillir les Jeux autochtones de l'Amérique du Nord (JAAN). Cet événement sportif et culturel se déroulera du 15 au 23 juillet et rassemblera plus de 5 000 athlètes de partout sur le continent. N'oubliez pas d'en consulter les détails ci-dessous.

J'espère vous voir dans la collectivité et je vous souhaite un très bon été!





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#### NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES







The Halifax Regional Muncipality is hosting the 10th North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) from July 15 to 23. There will be 16 sport competitions in 21 venues across Kjipuktuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik.

NAIG 2023 will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from over 756 Indigenous Nations. It's a time to celebrate, share and reconnect through sport and culture. Make sure to check out the games, you can view the schedule of sporting events here.

Celebrating culture is a large part of the Games. NAIG 2023 will incorporate Mi'kmaw values, customs and traditions into all spaces of events taking place.

Throughout the Games, a <u>cultural village</u> will be set up in the Halifax Common. Stop by to get engaged and learn more about Mi'kmaw culture.

To make an event this scale a success, they will need the help of about 3,000 volunteers. You can get involved too! Check out the volunteer opportunities <u>here</u>.

Since time immemorial, Nova Scotia has been home to the Mi'kmaw people. Mi'kmaw and First Nations people have enriched this province with their oral history, legends, art, music, spirituality, and language. I hope to see you there!

#### **DARTMOUTH SUNSHINE SERIES**

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in the **Dartmouth Sunshine Series** – a free, seven-week concert and entertainment series at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park.

The Dartmouth Sunshine Series will include 24 family friendly community concerts and events for all residents to enjoy. Community concerts will bring together a diverse mix of sounds – including urban, gospel, classic rock, blues, folk, acoustic and more. Children and youth entertainment will include the Mother Goose Festival, a Halifax Jazz Festival showcase and multicultural celebrations.

Visit <u>our website</u> for the full Dartmouth Sunshine Series schedule.

# SPLASHPADS AND OUTDOOR SWIMMING NOW OPEN!

Bring on summer... splashpads, beaches, and outdoor pools are now open for the season! Cool off with the whole family at one of our splash pads our outdoor pools.

You can find the full schedule and more information here.

# MCINTOSH RUN COMMUNITY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

On July 17, we will begin work on the stormwater infrastructure on the McIntosh Run Community Trail.

The infrastructure will be installed across and alongside the trail on the section 100 meters north of Honeygold Drive.

The trail will remain open during this work, spotters, signage, delineation around the work area, and trial escorts will be used to mitigate trail users from entering into the Dexter Construction work area.

We expect to have this project completed by Sunday, August 6.



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#### **KANA'TA: CANADA DAY 2023**

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 on Saturday, July 1.

Introduced last year, the KANA'TA: Canada Day format was developed in collaboration with Indigenous communities to create programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home.

This re-envisioned format for Canada Day will offer residents across the region a variety of cultural, musical and family-oriented events. Fireworks are planned to occur at 10 p.m. and the municipality is working closely with Halifax Fire and Emergency to put measures in place to ensure fireworks are used in a safe manner and in accordance with fire regulations. As always, the status of fireworks for events is subject to change. Notification of changes will be shared via the municipality's Civic Events' Facebook page and Twitter channel.

Halifax Transit's Alderney Ferry service will be free on Saturday, July 1.

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will also perform an aerial display on Saturday, July 1 at 12 p.m. This will be followed by live musical performances on both the Halifax and Dartmouth waterfronts. Residents are advised that a marine exclusion zone will be in place. For more information on the exclusion zone see our website.

Halifax Transit ferry service will also be paused from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 1 to accommodate the demonstration. Further details will be shared on Halifax Transit's service disruptions page.

Residents should be advised of the following municipal program and service level adjustments for the upcoming Canada Day long weekend, with a statutory holiday on Monday, July 3:

 Collection services will not be affected by the statutory holiday. Regular collection services will occur on Monday, July 3.

- The Household Special Waste (HSW) Depot in Bayers Lake will be closed on Saturday, July 1 but will be open on Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Otter Lake Waste Management Facility and Materials Recovery Facility will be closed on Saturday, July 1 but will be open on Monday, July 3 for regular business hours.
- Halifax Transit buses will be operating on <u>Holiday</u>
   <u>Service</u> on Saturday, July 1. Further details is available on <u>Halifax Transit's service disruptions</u>
   <u>page</u>.
- Many municipal-operated recreation facilities will be closed on Saturday, July 1 and Monday, July 3. Please call your <u>local Recreation Centre</u> for further information.
- The 311 Contact Centre will be closed Saturday, July 1 for full service. However, urgent calls can still be reported. Regular operations will resume on Sunday, July 2.
- In-person Customer Service Centres will be closed on Monday, July 3. Customer Service Centres will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, July 4.

Residents are asked to celebrate safely this weekend and consider attending professional fireworks displays instead of using consumer fireworks. Residents should also check <u>burning restrictions guidelines</u> (updated at 2 p.m. daily) for the latest guidance. If a burn ban is in place, fireworks will not be permitted. For more information on the municipality's KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 programming, visit <u>hrmcanadaday.ca</u>. Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.





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#### BURN BANS

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2 p.m.

The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, check for bans every time before you burn. They are posted 2 p.m. every day here.

# JULY ROAD SAFETY FOCUS – CONSTRUCTION ZONES

Summer's warm temperatures make it the ideal time for safety improvements to our streets and sidewalks. The July Road Safety Focus is **Construction Zones.** 

Always watch for crews in construction zones and respect speed limits. Keep the following tips in mind to safely navigate through construction zones:

- If construction is happening on roads you frequently travel, consider taking another route and avoid the area.
- Always obey the posted speed limit and signage when driving through construction zones. Speeding in a construction zone will result in a fine that is double that of a normal speeding ticket.
- Pay close attention to sign flaggers and obey their instructions.
- Stay extra focused and alert when driving; take note of where construction zones begin and end.
- Always be prepared to stop suddenly when driving through construction zones.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers' equipment and vehicles.
- As always, avoid driving while distracted.
- Stay calm and be flexible when encountering traffic delays.

Construction crews working on roads are counting on you to work with them to ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day.

#### **WEED HARVESTING**



The Halifax Regional
Municipality's Lake Weed
Harvesting Program will
begin this month and run
until the end of
September. The goal of
the program is to maintain

obstruction free water in Lake Banook and Lake Micmac for competitive paddling during the summer months.

Nuisance aquatic weed growth was first reported in Lake Banook and Lake Micmac in 2009. The municipality approved a pilot project in 2015 for weed harvesting. The pilot was successful, and the municipality

implemented the program after that.

The program is limited to only three species of "pondweeds" which are native to both lakes, but



have been identified as a disruption to paddling.

Additionally, the lake weed harvester vessel is unable to operate in shallow waters so weeds cannot safely be harvested around the shoreline.



Residents with concerns about weeds in Lake Banook and Lake Micmac should call 311.

More information about the project is available on the website.

#### **NORTH GROVE JULY PROGRAMS**

It's officially summer and there are all kinds of fun summer programs happening at The North Grove this July, including weekly visits from the Art Bikers, a new Farm to Table cooking program for kids, Art Under the Tent and much more! Check out their calendar here.





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#### TRANSIT STOP IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the annual service plan changes to Route 51 and 72, and ongoing bus stop improvement program to address deficiencies and accessibility at bus stops, the following construction is planned at stops within your District for 2023:

<b>Bus Stop Location</b>	Scope of Work
Braemar Dr Before	New concrete shelter pad.
Creelman Dr (6312)	
Cutler Ave After	New concrete pad between curb
Civic 245	and sidewalk.
Cutler Ave After	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
Higney Ave (2282)	
Cutler Ave After	New concrete pad between curb
Higney Ave (2294)	and sidewalk.
Cutler Ave After Jim	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
Connors Ave (2281)	
Cutler Ave At Civic	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
89 (2283)	N
Cutler Ave At Civic	New concrete pad between curb
90 (2293)	and sidewalk.
Cutler Ave Before	New concrete pad between curb
Civic 680 (2296)	and sidewalk.
Cutler Ave Before	New concrete pad between curb
Jim Connors (2295)	and sidewalk.  New concrete pad between curb
Hudson Way At Civic 10 (2297)	and sidewalk.
Hudson Way Before	New concrete pad between curb
Princess Margaret	and sidewalk.
Blvd (2298)	allu siuewaik.
Ilsley Ave At Civic	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
121 (6958)	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
Ilsley Ave Before	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
MacDonald Ave	Now concrete pad and claewant.
(6959)	
Ilsley Ave Opposite	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
Halifax Transit	·
(6949)	
Jennett Ave After	New concrete pad between curb
Guildford Ave	and sidewalk.
(2289)	
Jennett Ave After	New concrete pad between curb
John Savage Ave	and sidewalk.
(2288)	
Jennett Ave Before	New concrete pad between curb
Wilkinson Ave	and sidewalk.
(2290)	N
John Savage Ave	New concrete pad between curb
After Wright Ave	and sidewalk.
(2287)	New concrete aid
Leaman Dr Before	New concrete sidewalk
Crystal Dr (2251)	

Marketplace Dr After Bancroft Ln (2034)	Slight relocation - new concrete pad between curb and sidewalk. Remove old concrete and reinstate sod.
Princess Margaret Blvd After Windmill Rd (8075)	New concrete pad and sidewalk.
Princess Margaret Blvd Before Windmill Rd (8078)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Wilkinson Ave After Cutler Ave (2284)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Wilkinson Ave After Jennett Ave (2286)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Wilkinson Ave At Civic 795 (2291)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Wilkinson Ave Before Cutler Ave (2292)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Wilkinson Ave Opposite Civic 763 (2285)	New concrete pad between curb and sidewalk.
Windmill Rd After Civic 520 (8535)	Slight relocation - new concrete pad and new sidewalk with ped ramp.
Windmill Rd Before Wright Ave (8532)	Slight relocation - new concrete pad between curb and sidewalk, new concrete shelter pad. Remove old concrete and reinstate sod
Woodlawn Rd After Mt Edward Rd (8590)	Slight relocation - new concrete pad between curb and sidewalk. Remove old concrete and reinstate sod.

The work typically includes installation of a concrete pad and sidewalk connection to nearest intersections. We expect work to commence in the coming weeks and is anticipated to be complete by the end of construction season. Check out our website for more information.

#### **OPEN DATA**

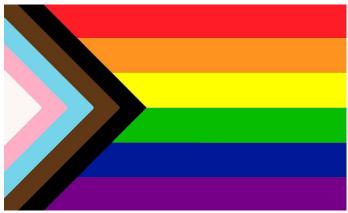
The Halifax Regional Municipality has released nine new datasets on <u>Open Data</u>, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality.

The new datasets include information about Permitting, Planning, Licensing & Compliance and traffic collisions. A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates.



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#### **HALIFAX PRIDE WEEK**



<u>Halifax Pride week</u> will be running from July 20 to 30, celebrating the history, culture, activism, and perseverance of the queer community.

Check out the parade or one of the other 150 community events by viewing the schedule <a href="here.">here.</a>

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

Regional Council recently approved funding for eight non-profit housing projects across the region.

The Affordable Housing Grant Program (AHGP) is an annual program of project-specific cash grants for developments by non-profit housing providers. The money for these grants is generated through the incentive or bonus zoning program for affordable housing projects in the Regional Centre.

For the 2022/23 program, municipal staff prioritized projects that will create new or support renovations to existing deeply affordable housing, and projects that are likely to start construction within the next 12 months.

Regional Council approved staff recommendations to fund eight of the of the projects that were submitted by non-profit housing organizations, which totals approximately \$1.43 million.

For more information on the affordable housing projects selected, read the staff report <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE TEST DRIVES**

The municipality is partnering with <u>Next Ride</u> and the <u>Clean Foundation</u> to host free electric vehicle test drive events in communities throughout the municipality between May and July, 2023. Our team will be on hand to answer questions and share information about electric vehicles, available rebates and what to expect from the municipality's electric vehicle strategy.

Secure your spot by registering for a free test drive event near you in advance. Limited walk-in spots will be available. Links to register will become available approximately two weeks before each event. To register, visit Next Ride's webpage and scroll down to find our municipal test drive events as they become available.

#### **HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOTS**

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, July 8

Where: BMO Centre (61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford)

When: Saturday, July 15 Where: Brookside Jr High

When: Saturday, July 22

Where: Horizon Community School

When: Saturday, July 29

Where: George P Vanier Jr High School

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. For more information on Halifax's solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please visit our website, download the Halifax Recycles app or call 311.



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#### LAKEWATCHERS PROGRAM

Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean.

The program will involve community teams to conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality, collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health and share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's Open Data Portal.

Data collection will take place twice yearly through a year through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

Interested in getting involved? Learn more here.

#### **WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION**



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that weekly green cart collection will begin on Monday, July 3.

The summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September. Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. For more information on curbside collection, visit our <u>website</u>.

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Regional Council has passed By-law U-113, an amendment to By-law U100 - *Electric Charging Vehicle Fees* addressing current gaps in the public charging network.

The Electric Charging Vehicle Fees By-law originates from the *Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy*, which aims to support the municipality's transition to electric vehicles (EVs). It also seeks to address vehicle range anxiety (the concern that the vehicle's battery will run out before finding a charging site) by facilitating the installation of public EV charging infrastructure.

The municipality plans to install approximately 18 charging sites across the region over the next two years. Eight initial charging sites have been confirmed and the remaining sites are currently being identified.

These sites will include 127 KW fast chargers and 7.2 KW Level 2 chargers for longer stays. The Level 2 charging type will cost 0.03\$ per minute/\$1.80 per hour, and the Fast Charger will cost \$0.75 per minute/\$45 per hour. The recommended fees for fast charging were determined based on stakeholder consultation and the average rate of fast chargers in Nova Scotia.

For more information, read the full staff report.

#### **BARBECUE SAFETY**

To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic "fire safety" ingredients in your barbecue recipes.

- Both Charcoal and Gas barbecues should only be used outdoors, they can emit carbon monoxide.
- Read and follow all manufacturers instructions.
- Place your barbecue on a solid surface so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance from anything that can burn
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance.
- Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always stay with your barbecue when it's being used.

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer, visit our <u>website</u>.



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#### **BLUE GREEN ALGAE**



Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are plant-like bacterial organisms naturally found in many types of water systems including ponds, lakes, rivers and wetlands. Blue-green algae are naturally present in small numbers but under the right conditions (warm, slow moving, shallow water with enough sunlight and nutrients), blue-green algae can grow quickly and form blooms. Blue-green algae can be floating on the surface or grow along the bottom of a waterbody in what is called a mat. In large quantities, some types of blue-green algae produce toxins, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

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. When a bloom is reported to the province in a lake where the municipality supervises a beach, municipal staff conduct follow-up monitoring to ensure water quality is safe for recreational use.

Municipal staff monitor and report on the status of 18 beaches across the municipality. Watch for advisories by visiting our website and following @hfxgov on Twitter. Updates can also be found at the province's website here. If you spot potential blue green algae blooms, contact 1-877-936-8476 and 311 to report.

#### **2023 URBAN DESIGN AWARDS**

The municipality hosted the <u>2023 Urban Design Awards</u> ceremony on Monday, June 26 at Paul O'Regan Hall in the Halifax Central Library.

The ceremony celebrated urban design excellence in the region, including accomplishments in urban development and architecture, heritage restoration and adaptive reuse, housing solutions, civic improvement projects, community initiatives, and student projects completed after January 1, 2018.

Thank you to everyone that attended the ceremony. Congratulations to the following winners, who were selected by an independent jury:

Urban Architecture Category - The George, Dexel Architecture Ltd.

Landscape Architecture and Civic Design Projects Category - Queen's Marque, Fathom Studio -Peggy's Cove Viewing Deck, Omar Gandhi Architects

Housing Solutions Category - Sprout Dwellings, Sprout Dwellings Inc. - Diamond Bailey Healing Centre, Fathom Studio

Urban Elements Category - Halifax Explosion Markers, RHAD Architects

Community Connections & Initiatives Category Reimagining Gottingen Street Seating, OSO Planning + Design, FBM Architecture, Omar Gandhi Architect, Peter Henry Architect

Heritage Adaptive Re-Use Projects Category - Kinney Place, T.A Scott Architecture + Design

Student Projects Category - FOOD ACTIVISM: Fighting for Affordable Living and Food Justice, Tai Nguyen Ha, Dalhousie University School of Architecture

Further information can be found online.



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#### **VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY**

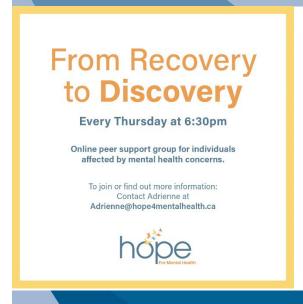
Regional Council have directed staff to develop a Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR).

This voluntary registry will be used by the <a href="Emergency Management Office">Emergency Management Office</a> to support residents that are at increased risk of harm during extreme weather and other crisis events throughout the municipality. Municipal staff will use the registry to prepare emergency plans so that first responders or volunteers have access to important information about vulnerable individuals during emergency events.

Important information on specific vulnerabilities of individuals will be stored in a software provided to first responders or volunteers through designated staff during large scale emergencies for wellness checks. This would ensure that Emergency Management staff would have up to date information to help ensure the municipality can respond appropriately to the residents within a more isolated response in addition to larger scale disasters.

The program will be based on self-referral. This registry will be available to residents without access to 24-hour support and who live with conditions such as a severe impairment to mobility, vision, hearing, cognitive function or that require electricity for life-sustaining equipment.

For more information, read the full report here.



#### SHUBIE PUMP TRACK EXPANSION



Check out the new Shubie Pump track expansion!

#### TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS REMAIN

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the current Halifax Transit service reductions will remain in effect until further notice. On February 27, 2023, Halifax Transit temporarily implemented service reductions due to staffing shortages. The intention was to return to regular service levels by late summer, pending staffing availability.

While progress has been made with respect to recruitment, the February service reductions will remain in place and continue until further notice. Halifax Transit continues to actively improve staffing levels with new recruitment to alleviate the current stress on the system. As of the end of March 2023, roughly 598 of the budgeted 640 Conventional Bus Operator positions were filled, leaving 42 vacancies. Based on staffing levels, efforts to increase service capacity will be re-evaluated over the coming months as we look to return to full service. For more information, visit our website.

#### **PETS IN VEHICLES**

Police and the SPCA are encouraging all motorists to think twice before leaving your pets in your vehicle for any amount of time. Leaving your window cracked or parking in the shade makes almost no difference. Even during a quick trip into the grocery store, the inside of your vehicle can heat up quickly and become intolerable for pets. Please leave your pet at home or only visit petfriendly businesses. Let's keep our four-legged friends safe this summer!

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#### HRP IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS - MAY

Halifax Regional Police charged 36 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of May. 26 were charged with impaired operation of a vehicle by alcohol, three were charged with impaired operation of a vehicle by a drug and seven drivers were issued a suspension. 13 came from calls from people who suspected impaired drivers. We thank the public for reporting suspect impaired drivers and encourage anyone to call 911 immediately if they suspect someone is driving impaired.





#### Musical Ride Performance

Saturday, July 1 at 3:00 pm



Garrison Grounds at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site Pony rides and barn tours following the performance! ALL FREE

## Hands-on Public Workshops

July 4 - August 3

U Learn to Groom

U Learn to "Speak Horse"

() Life Lessons From Horses



#### 32nd Annual Downtown Horse Show

Sunday, July 30th, 9:00am start

1690 Bell Rd. Spectators WELCOME. FREE







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#### **EMANCIPATION DAY**

August 1 is Emancipation Day. A time to celebrate the freeing of over 800,000 enslaved Africans and their descendants.

On March 24, 2021, the House of Commons voted unanimously to officially designate August 1 Emancipation Day. It marks the actual day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 came into effect across the British Empire.

Each August 1, Canadians are invited to reflect, educate and engage in the ongoing fight against anti-Black racism and discrimination.



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#### HALIFAX RECYCLING – WHAT GOES WHERE?



I often get questions from residents about sorting recyclables, but also about what happens to your recyclables once they get picked up at the curb

#### Where does our recycling go?

- All blue bag material is collected and taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located in Bayers Lake.
- Approximately 80-90% of what is recyclable in the blue bag is sent from the MRF to market for recycling.
- Approximately 80% of materials shipped from the MRF were transported to markets within Canada, 50% stay right here in Nova Scotia.
- Approximately 20% of materials are shipped to international markets.

#### How are these items recycled?

- Corrugated Cardboard made into products such as new cardboard boxes, liner board for corrugated cardboard, and paper egg cartons in Canada.
- Newspaper/Writing Paper made into products such as paper plates and paper cup holders here in Nova Scotia
- Steel/Aluminum Food Cans processed as scrap metal locally and used to make new metal products.
- Laundry Detergent and Shampoo Containers shredded into what is known as 'flake' in Canada and then used to make new plastic products
- Glass Bottles some are crushed and used as aggregate feedstock for concrete here in Nova Scotia
- Plastic Bottles shredded into what is known as 'flake' in Nova Scotia and then used to make new plastic products.

Despite best efforts to recycle and reuse – reduction of single use plastics can go a long way, and we are all making a collective effort to do this.

It is anticipated that the Province of Nova Scotia will likely enact Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation in the next 6 months. This will completely change the approach to recycling in Nova Scotia and will facilitate a transition to a circular economy approach by making brand owners responsible for their products. Regional Council has supported this on multiple occasions in the past.

To learn more about recycling and waste collection in our municipality, visit our website.

#### **NATAL DAY**

August 1 is Natal Day and the 2023 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day program is now available.

Check their <u>website</u> to stay tuned for on-going updates on activities for the long weekend!

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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

