



## COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI

### DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

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

### WELCOME NOVEMBER

The weather is cooling off and we are gearing up for winter weather and the holiday season.

This weekend, I hope you will all be able to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony where we can commemorate the service and sacrifice of so many Canadians who have fought and continue to fight to make our country and our world a better place. Details about the Sullivan's Pond and Craig Blake Memorial services are included on page 2.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions or concerns about municipal services. Wishing you all a great November!

### BIENVENUE NOVEMBRE

Le temps se rafraîchit et nous nous préparons aux conditions hivernales et au temps des Fêtes.

Cette fin de semaine, j'espère que vous serez tous en mesure d'assister à une cérémonie du jour du Souvenir durant laquelle nous pourrions commémorer le service et les sacrifices d'un grand nombre de Canadiens qui se sont battus et qui continuent de se battre pour faire de notre pays et de notre monde un meilleur endroit. Les détails sur les services de Sullivan's Pond et de Craig Blake Memorial sont inclus ci-dessous.

N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec vous pour toute question ou préoccupation concernant les services municipaux. Je vous souhaite à tous un bon mois de novembre!

## 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.



*Let's We Forget*



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### HALIFACT HUMAN LIBRARY AND IDEAS FAIR

Drop in on our HalifACT team and Halifax Public Libraries at the Halifax Central Library on Friday, November 10 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. for A Call to Climate Action. You can “checking out” an expert from our “human library” to find out how you can commit to easy, exciting and practical ways of addressing climate change in the region in the areas of transportation, food, community and more and there will be interactive activities for all ages. Learn more [here](#).

### LEST WE FORGET!



Thank you to our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a Cenotaph ceremony on November 11 and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Sullivan’s Pond Cenotaph at 11 a.m. or the Craig Blake Memorial at 2 p.m. to commemorate Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake who was killed in Kandahar by an improvised explosive device in 2010. I hope to see you there!

### VOLUNTEER WITH A MUNICIPAL BOARD

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees, or staff – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process. For a full list of committees currently accepting applications and to download an application form, see our [website](#). Applications will be accepted until Thursday, November 30.

### INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

November is Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM), a time to raise awareness and take action to support Indigenous communities and organizations that create culturally appropriate services and resources for Indigenous persons with disabilities.

Recognition and action related to IDAM in our region is important, as one in five Nova Scotians over the age of 15 identify as having a disability, while Indigenous peoples across Canada experience a significantly higher rate than that of the general public. Find out more [here](#).

**EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# Winter COAT DRIVE

**Now Collecting Nov 6th - Dec 18th**

**Help support local families in the community with new or gently used coats!**

**Drop off between Monday -Friday 9:00am-5:00pm  
50 Caledonia Rd.**

**Mittens, gloves, Hats, Winter boots also Welcome!**

thank you for helping  
to keep others warm

### WINDMILL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Windmill Road from the intersection with Wright Avenue and Victoria Road will experience stop and go traffic on Saturdays and Sundays until November 19 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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### 2023 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

Registration has opened for the municipality's [2023 Volunteer Conference](#). This year's conference will take place on Friday, November 17 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth.

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops and networking activities and enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal.

This year's workshops will cover topics such as: treasurer 101, inclusion, meeting changing community needs, self-care, funding, being an active neighbor, cultural awareness, working together in partnerships, project management, and building better teams.

Registration will remain open until Sunday, November 12. For more information, including a complete schedule, visit [our website](#).

### ACCESSIBILITY TOWN HALL

The [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)'s Annual Town Hall will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Halifax Central Library. The Town Hall will be an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality staff to provide updates to the community on current accessibility initiatives at the municipal level and receive questions, feedback, and input from residents.

Staff from various Business Units at Halifax Regional Municipality will be present at this year's event to give an overview of the successes, challenges, and updates on accessibility-related projects that business units have undertaken since the 2022 Town Hall.

Join us in person at the Halifax Central Library or virtually on Zoom or watch the livestream on YouTube. You can learn more and find the registration link [here](#).

### ON LEASH PARK AREAS



## DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

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I have received a number of complaints/concerns of dogs being in Shubie Park in the on-leash area not on a leash. This has led to a number of dog fights and even injury to some dogs and people. I have spoken to our compliance officers, and they will be doing patrolling in the on-leash area of Shubie Park. Please keep your dog on a leash if you are in the on-leash area of Shubie Park.

### POLICE BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners will be holding public consultation regarding the proposed 2024-2025 police budget on Wednesday, November 22 at Alderney Gate. Policing has an incredible impact on our communities, economy and more. Please consider attending to provide your feedback on this important budget discussion.

This year's budget request from the department is for an increase of 24 staff, including 21 sworn officers.

For more information and to sign-up to speak, visit the Police Commission's website [here](#).

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### NOVEMBER ROAD SAFETY FOCUS

Let's work together to stay safe this winter. Crews work hard to keep the streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, but drivers also have a responsibility to adjust their driving according to the conditions. Our monthly road safety theme for November is Winter Road Safety.

#### Winter Road Safety Tips:

- Get your vehicle ready for winter and beat the rush. Ensure tires, windshield wipers, lights, brakes, etc. are in working order before hitting the road.
- Stay up-to-date with the weather conditions.
- If at all possible, don't drive during a storm. It's much safer to stay at home and wait until conditions improve.
- Drivers are required to remove all snow and ice from your vehicle before each trip. Clear all windows and mirrors of frost and fog.
- Be alert, well rested, and sober behind the wheel. Slow down and wear your seatbelt.
- Adjust your speed to the conditions. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you so that you can safely slow down and/or stop. Remember not to accelerate or brake too quickly when the roads are slippery. It can take up to 12 times further to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Don't make any abrupt turns or stops when driving. Doing so will often cause your vehicle to lose control and skid.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.
- Turn on your lights to increase visibility to other motorists.
- Never drive distracted. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Watch for other road users, pedestrians and cyclists.

- Be mindful that winter conditions can create challenges for pedestrians who may need to walk in the roadway to avoid snow-covered or icy sidewalks.
- Watch out for ice, especially on bridges, overpasses and in shaded areas.
- Never assume that because the temperature is above zero that the roads are safe. Road salt doesn't work miracles, and it is not as effective below -10 degrees Celsius.

Stay safe everyone!

## Holiday Community Food Drive

Help make this Christmas merry and bright for the children and families of Harbour View Elementary and the North Dartmouth Community.

We are looking for non-perishable food items, giftcards and cash so parents can buy what they need. Let's help give children a wonderful Christmas dinner.

We accept donations until December 15th  
Harbour View Elementary, 23 Alfred St, Dartmouth

Please contact Cassadie Day with questions or donations at [cassadie.day@hrce.ca](mailto:cassadie.day@hrce.ca) or 902-818-2092



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### TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFITS

The municipality is pleased to announce that the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now accepting applications for 2024-2025. Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Thursday, November 30, 2023.

The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application form is available online on the Program's [website](#) or by emailing [non-profittax@halifax.ca](mailto:non-profittax@halifax.ca).

### HFXGO – TRANSIT MOBILE FARE PAYMENT APP

I'm so pleased that the new mobile fare payment app for Transit is on track to launch this month! HFXGO allows customers to purchase and use tickets and passes from the convenience of their smartphones.

HFXGO is a secure, easy to use mobile fare payment app that allows Halifax Transit customers to purchase and activate tickets and passes directly from their smartphones or online. Once you have your pass, just show it to the Operator or ferry security staff prior to boarding. Passengers can still purchase paper tickets and passes at a retail partner or use cash fare.

To learn more, visit our [website](#).

### SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home. The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing. Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented, not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and the participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2023/2024 application package online by visiting the [YMCA website](#). Completed applications may be faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to: YMCA Senior Snow Removal, Community YMCA, 2269 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS B3K 3B7



Celebrating the retirement of Police Service Dog Casey after 7 years of service. Casey has had many notable achievements throughout her career with Halifax Regional Police's K-9 Unit, including successfully locating several missing people and finding important pieces of evidence. As a career highlight, Casey tracked down and apprehended a suspect involved in the stabbing of one of our Halifax Regional Police members. Casey will now enjoy her days at home with Cst. Malcolm as a family pet. Congratulations on a great career, Casey!

### NORTH GROVE CALENDAR

There's so much going on at the North Grove this month! Check out what's new and your favourite monthly programs on their [November Calendar](#).



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### HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND

The Housing Accelerator Fund is a new federal program administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) that will provide up to \$4 billion in funding directly to local authorities (primarily municipalities) designed to enable municipalities to remove barriers to housing supply, accelerate the growth of supply and support the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities which are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse. Regional Council applied for funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund in June and the Federal Government requested that the municipality implement the following initiatives in order to qualify:

- Increase height in Established Residential 3 Zones;
- Increase height in Higher Order Residential and Corridor Zones;
- Increase height and Floor Area Ratio increases in Centre Zones;
- Increase density near universities;
- Remove more minimum parking requirements;
- Increase as-of-right development approvals; and,
- Work with the Province of Nova Scotia to enable unilateral discharge of Development Agreements so that more density can be enabled in our Suburban Areas
- Create a non-market affordable housing strategy with dedicated staff

Staff provided a [report](#) and Council supported all the requested initiatives except permitting four storeys as-of-right and on October 4, the updated Housing Accelerator Fund application was approved by Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Sean Fraser. All Housing Accelerator Fund commitments will need to be met within two to three years of signing the agreement, with the majority of commitments targeted for completion within two years. The municipality has requested approximately \$79.3 million through the Housing Accelerator Fund program. A detailed breakdown of the action plan, including initiative revenue and expenses can be found in the original report to Council [here](#).



[Don't be a prick!](#) Dispose of sharps and medication safely!

### OCTOBER IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 43 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of October.

Of the 43 drivers, 29 were charged with impaired operation of a conveyance by alcohol, six were charged with impaired operation of a conveyance by a drug and eight drivers were issued a driving suspension for operating a conveyance while having consumed alcohol.

Of the 43 drivers, 16 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!

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### VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a [Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry](#) (VVPR) to assist residents who may require more support during emergency situations.

The VVPR provides essential information to first responders and Emergency Management staff and volunteers to help prioritize responses to residents' needs in situations such as sustained power outages or severe storms.

The VVPR is a voluntary, self-referral list intended for residents without 24-hour support who experience severe difficulty with any of the following:

- mobility
- vision impairment
- hearing impairment
- developmental disabilities
- cognitive impairment
- mental health conditions
- any resident who requires electricity for life-sustaining equipment such as oxygen, dialysis, etc.

Those not eligible include (exceptions may apply):

- residents receiving 24-hour support from a caregiver or home care aide
- residents receiving care or assistance from a long-term care home or supportive housing facility
- residents under the age of 18 who receive parent/guardian support; however, children with intensive needs that require electricity for life sustaining equipment may be considered

Applications can be submitted only by individuals seeking to become part of the VVPR or their representative/legal guardian. All applications will be reviewed by municipal staff to confirm eligibility and verify personal information

upon submission of the [self-referral online application form](#).

When the VVPR program is activated, a warning will be sent through [hfxALERT](#), the municipality's mass notification system, to registrants, their representative/legal guardian and emergency contacts. Emergency Management staff will then conduct phone calls if needed, or attempt door-to-door contact through Emergency Management volunteers.

After the event, Emergency Management staff will provide check-in communications through hfxALERT to registrants, their representative/legal guardian and emergency contacts. Prioritization checks will be conducted based on personal information included in the registration form, with door-to-door contact, as necessary.

To learn more about the VVPR and to register, visit our [website](#).



The Affirmative Ventures building on Main St in Dartmouth is underway. This building will be affordable and supportive housing.



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### 2024 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The 2024 Volunteer Award Nominations are open! Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. This annual event puts a spotlight on amazing people who give of their time in our Municipality.

You can nominate deserving volunteers in the Youth, Adult, or Group categories. Please select the appropriate form and returned to [volunteerhelp@halifax.ca](mailto:volunteerhelp@halifax.ca) by January 11, 2024. Learn more [here](#).



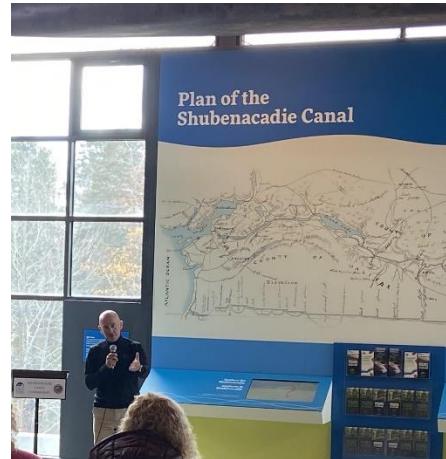
Congratulations to the Dartmouth Moosehead Dry on their 23rd NS Senior Baseball League Championship. We'll done lads. You have made Dartmouth Proud.

### HAZARD RISK AND VULNERABILITIES ASSESSMENTS

Are you concerned about how emergencies and disasters could impact your community?

The municipality is seeking input from residents on hazards, risks and vulnerabilities across communities. Feedback will inform the development of a comprehensive Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. For complete details, visit our [website](#).

### FAIRBANKS INTERPRETIVE CENTRE EXHIBIT



On November 5 the Shubenacadie Canal Commission opened their new exhibits at the Fairbanks Interpretive Centre at Shubie Park.

Since its opening in 1987, the Centre has welcomed visitors from all over the world to learn about the Shubenacadie Canal. As part of the Transitions project, the Shubenacadie Canal Commission has redeveloped the Fairbanks Interpretive Centre in Shubie Park to share the stories of the waterway in a modern, engaging, and inclusive space. This redevelopment project presents a cultural and geographical history of the waterway, and offer new opportunities for interactive, hands-on engagement and learning.

The waters, shores, and communities of the Shubenacadie Waterway are home to thousands of years of cultural and natural history. The new exhibits are a dynamic shift from the singular story of the Canal to a shared stewardship of the Shubenacadie Waterway through the flow of connection. The Shubenacadie Waterway is the site of connection between communities and culture from Kijipuktuk (Halifax Harbour) to Pekwitapa'qek (Bay of Fundy). The exhibits are divided into the following subthemes: Lifeways on the Shubenacadie (Cultural Heritage), Building Change (Built Heritage) and Natural Shubenacadie (Ecology).

The new exhibits are funded by Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax Foundation, and the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. Find out more [here](#).





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### HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE NEW K9 AND MOUNTED UNIT



Halifax Regional Police officially swore in Police Horse Jewelz and Police Service Dogs Cain and Kron.

Jewelz is an 8-year-old Percheron Thoroughbred gelding. He is a gentle horse that loves people and is great at navigating traffic. Jewelz was named after six of our fallen

officers and is currently the only police horse serving with Halifax Regional Police.

Cain, who is 13-months old, was born in Slovakia and arrived in Halifax in April 2023. After completing challenging general service dog training, Cain worked his first shift on September 20, 2023 with his handler Cst. Joey Malcom. Kron, who is 3 years-old, completed his general service dog training during winter 2022 and has been serving the community since April 2022 with his handler, Cst. Andrew Joudrey.

Kron and Cain are trained in tracking, obedience, evidence searching, building searching and criminal apprehension. We are excited to officially welcome PSD Cain, PSD Kron and Police Horse Jewelz to our service!



### PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS VENUE STUDY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking public input on the Performing & Visual Arts Venues Study.

Happy Cities, on behalf of the municipality, are conducting a study of performing and visual arts venues across the region. The Study will help improve the municipality's understanding of professional art venue operations, identify challenges facing existing art venues, identify the needs of the local arts and culture community and inform the municipality's long-term approach to supporting, renewing and investing in professional arts venues.

As part of the Performing & Visual Arts Venues Study's engagement program, Happy Cities is seeking feedback from users of performing and arts venues on their experience with these facilities. Happy Cities is also releasing a second survey to collect input from Indigenous artists and peoples.

There are two surveys available: a [Public Survey](#) and an [Indigenous Residents Survey](#). The surveys will remain open until Friday, December 15.

The Performing & Visual Arts Venues Study is expected to be completed by June 2024, and may lead to the creation of a Professional Arts Venues Plan.

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PLANAPP 2023-01550

### Proposed in your neighbourhood

209, 211, and 217 Waverley Road, Dartmouth

Application to rezone and enter into a development agreement to allow an apartment building at 209, 211 and 217 Waverley Road. The major aspects of the proposal are:

- 13 storeys in height with 141 units
- 2 levels of underground parking providing 172 spaces and 88 surface parking spaces
- 20 meter setback from Lake Micmac



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Questions?  
<https://www.halifax.ca/planning/>  
902-237-1216  
[eavism@halifax.ca](mailto:eavism@halifax.ca)



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### SHUBIE CAMPGROUND FOR TRAILERS



The Shubie Park campground will stay open this winter for people living in their RV's.

There will be space for 12 trailers, with power and the road will be plowed to park standards. Call 311 for more information.

### WINTER GREEN CART TIPS

When temperatures drop, materials in green carts can freeze and cause issues for both residents and waste haulers.

To avoid some of the problems associated with green cart in the winter, they suggest some of these helpful tips:

- Line the bottom of the green cart with newspaper or boxboard, like a cereal box or yard waste bag, and line your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day, then deposited in your green cart just before collection
- Place your green cart in an area where the sun can reach it, if possible (to avoid freezing!)
- Wrap food scraps in newspaper, boxboard, or a paper bag
- Put out your green cart to the curb for every collection, even if the cart is not full

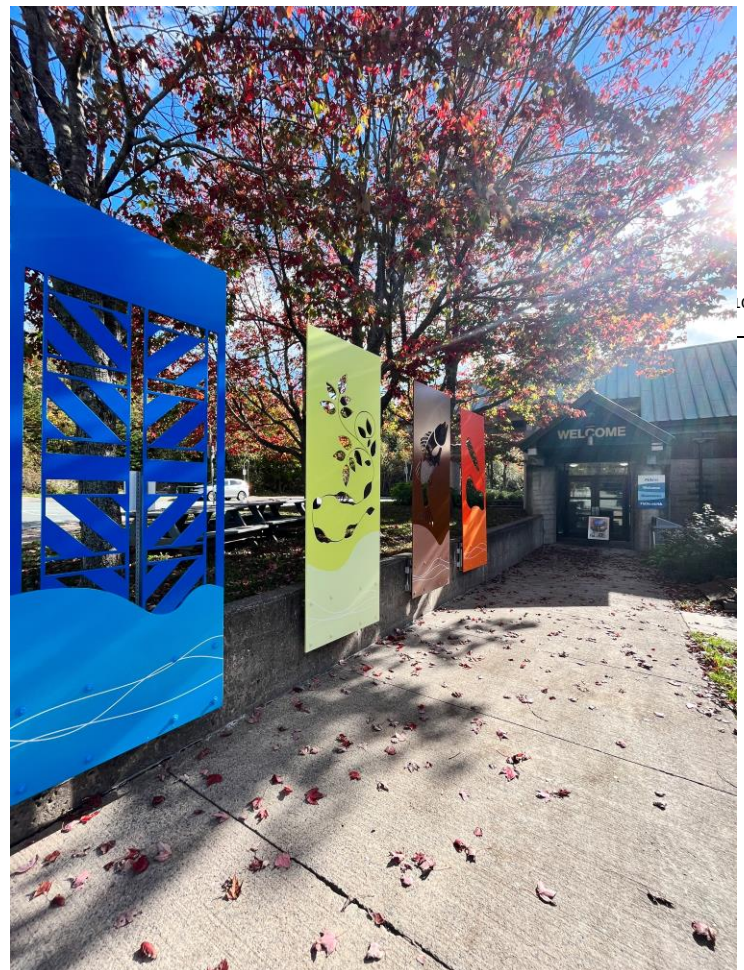
More information on green carts can be found on our [webpage](#).

### MARKETING LEVY FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS

On October 1, 2023, changes to municipal By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy, came into effect.

Hotels currently collecting the levy will see it increase from two per cent to three per cent.

Short term rentals will now be required to collect the three per cent marketing levy as well. The first remittance will be due November 15<sup>th</sup>. Learn more [here](#).



New entrance artwork at the Fairbank Centre!





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Fire Services Exemplary and Long Service Medal Ceremony. Thank you for your service.

### HALIFAX RECYCLES APP

Download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) to:

- Search the name of a material to find out where it goes in the waste stream
- Get a custom collection calendar
- Set up collection notifications

No smartphone? No problem! Use the web browser and access collection schedules, waste wizard, and more!



Premier Tim Houston awarded four heroic Nova Scotians with the Medal of Bravery at a ceremony at Province House in Halifax. Talbot Boyer of Dartmouth along with four others are they 2023

honorees. In January 2021, Talbot Boyer was operating a Halifax Transit bus when he noticed a vehicle on its roof and on fire on Upper Water Street in Halifax. Talbot pulled the occupant out of the burning vehicle and used snow to douse the flames. The vehicle exploded moments later. Talbot can now show his bravery every day since he is now a member of the Halifax Fire Service. Thank you for your service, Talbot!

### SALTWIRE HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS



The [SaltWire Holiday Parade of Lights](#) is taking place on Saturday, November 18, but with a new route.

The Parade will start at 6 p.m. at the Cogswell Street roundabout (adjacent to the Emera Oval) and make its way to Spring Garden Road before it turns onto Barrington Street where it will finish at George Street. You can see the full route [here](#).

Road closures will begin on November 18 at 3:30 p.m., with vehicle access reopening following the parade. Vehicles parked along the parade route will be ticketed and towed to allow for the parade to proceed. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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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**