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DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME MARCH

The arrival of March brings the welcome promise of spring, with warmer, brighter days just around the corner. I know many of us are looking forward to the change in season.



On February 7, I had the pleasure of hosting the 2nd Annual Shubie Winterfest, and it was a great success. A big thank you goes out to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission for their partnership and hard work in making this event possible. It was a fantastic day, made memorable by everyone who joined us.

This month, we celebrate *Mois de la Francophonie*, honouring the French language and the diverse Francophone cultures here and around the world. District 6 is fortunate to be home to a vibrant Francophonie community and three CSAP French-language schools.

I'd like to thank our Winter Operations team and operators for their outstanding work this season. As the snow melts, please report any property damage from snow clearing to 311 so it can be added for repair, and don't hesitate to call 311 to report any potholes as well.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE MARS

L'arrivée de mars apporte la promesse bienvenue du printemps, avec des jours plus chauds et plus lumineux qui approchent à grands pas. Je sais que beaucoup d'entre nous attendent avec impatience le changement de saison.

Le 7 février, j'ai eu le plaisir d'accueillir le 2^e Festival d'hiver de Shubie, et ce fut un grand succès. Un grand merci à la Shubenacadie Canal Commission pour leur partenariat et leur travail acharné qui ont rendu cet événement possible. C'était une journée fantastique, rendue mémorable par tous ceux qui se sont joints à nous.

Ce mois-ci, nous célébrons *Mois de la Francophonie*, en honorant la langue française et les diverses cultures francophones ici et dans le monde. Le district 6 a la chance d'abriter une communauté francophone dynamique et trois écoles de langue française du Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).

Je tiens à remercier notre équipe des opérations hivernales et nos opérateurs pour leur travail exceptionnel cette saison. À mesure que la neige fond, veuillez signaler tout dommage matériel causé par le déneigement au 311 afin qu'il puisse être ajouté pour réparation, et n'hésitez pas à appeler le 311 pour également signaler tout nid-de-poule.



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2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

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2026/27 Community Grants Program

The Halifax Regional Municipality is now accepting applications for the Community Grants Program.

The program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region.

There are two types of grants:

1. project grant of up to \$5,000
2. capital grant of up to \$25,000

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2026. Find the program guidebook and fillable application forms at halifax.ca/community-grants.



The Halifax Regional Municipality is now accepting applications for the 2026 Community Grants Program.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the region.

The program ensures organizations across the municipality have equal opportunities to seek funding for projects that help make their community a great place to live and work for all residents.

There are two types of grants available: a project grant of up to \$5,000 and a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Funding is available for projects in the following categories:

- Community arts
- Diversity and accessibility
- Environment and climate change
- Emergency assistance and public safety
- Community histories
- Leisure
- Recreation

Applicants are encouraged to review the [Program Guidebook](#) before applying. First-time applicants should contact staff for guidance prior to submission. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

For more information, including how to apply, visit our [website](#).

March is Francophonie Month, celebrating the French language and diverse Francophone cultures through cultural activities held worldwide.



March 20 has been observed worldwide as International Francophonie Day since 1988. The date commemorates the establishment of the Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique, the precursor to the [International Organization of La Francophonie](#), representing countries and regions where French is the first or customary language. Today, with 321 million speakers worldwide, French is the fifth most spoken language in the world.

Visit the [Calendar of the local francophone network Hého](#) to learn more about various events celebrating the rich and diverse Francophone cultures happening in Halifax.



I had the pleasure of hosting Their Honours at Shubie Winterfest!



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

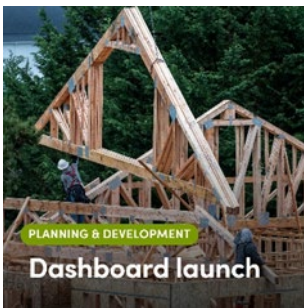


On March 8, we celebrate International Women's Day, honouring the achievements of women across social, economic, cultural and political aspects of life and advocating for gender equality.

This year's theme is "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls" and calls for action to dismantle all barriers to equal justice: discriminatory laws, weak legal protections, and harmful practices and social norms that erode the rights of women and girls.

This International Women's Day, celebrate the women and girls in your life and share their stories. You can learn more and find out how to get involved [here](#).

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DASHBOARD



The Halifax Regional Municipality's Planning & Development Dashboard is now live. This new, interactive tool provides real-time information on permit and construction activities including current and requested permits, metrics on housing and projections of population trends.

Data is updated daily and includes filters that allow users to explore by community and by different permit and structure types.

Explore the dashboard [here](#).



Shubie Winterfest was a hit!

HALIFAX TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking feedback from passengers about accessibility on Halifax Transit's conventional bus, Access-A-Bus and ferry services.

Feedback from the public will help ensure continued improvements, making transit more inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Complete the survey [here](#).

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Sunday, March 8 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead!



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ROADWORK COMING TO SWANTON DRIVE

This construction season there is planned improvements to municipal streets, sidewalks and infrastructure renewal on Swanton Dr (Garnett St to Bel Ayr Ave).



Project overview

- Road repaving to provide a smoother, more reliable driving surface, enhancing comfort and maintaining safe travel conditions
- Repairing or replacing sidewalks and curbs to maintain or improve accessibility for people walking or using mobility devices, supporting safe and easy movement for all residents
- Integration with local utility companies to complete underground utility upgrades in partnership with Halifax Water.
- Adding traffic calming measures to slow vehicles and make streets safer.

247 MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT

Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council approved a development at 247 Main St.



A new 14-storey mixed-use building is coming to 247 Main Street in Dartmouth, bringing 105 residential units along with ground-floor commercial space. The project includes underground parking with entrance and exit on Kuhn Road, enhanced landscaping, and a mix of one- and two-bedroom apartments. It will also feature EV chargers and indoor/outdoor amenity areas to support modern, sustainable living.

This development contributes new housing and commercial opportunities while supporting HRM's goals for a well-connected, walkable Main Street corridor. More information can be found [here](#).



Dartmouth Volleyball Club Girls U15 Fundraiser



GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR 2026 SEASON

NO PREVIOUS GARDENING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!



For more information or to complete a garden plot application please email landracecommunitygarden@gmail.com or visit



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RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION



Halifax Rec have programs for all ages and abilities. Check out upcoming Spring programs on our website and get ready for registration coming up this month!

Spring recreation program registration will begin on March 10 at 10 a.m. with swimming and skating program registration will begin March 24 at 10 a.m.

If you haven't registered for an HRM program in a while, make sure to have your account ready in our new system. Check out our [website](#) for program guidebooks, registration information and more.

ROADWORK COMING TO SPRING AVENUE

There will be upcoming planned improvements to municipal streets, sidewalks and traffic signal improvements on Spring Avenue (Pembroke Court to Portland Street) for this construction season. Start date TBD.

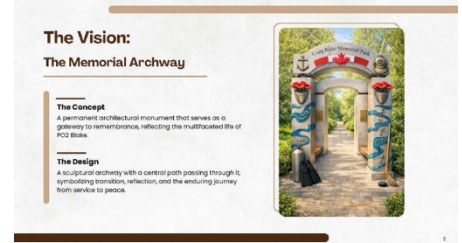


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CRAIG BLAKE MEMORIAL ARCH

The Canadian Naval Divers Association, guided by Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic), has created the Craig Blake Memorial Arch Foundation to build a Memorial Arch honouring Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake in Craig Blake Memorial Park.



Craig was killed in Afghanistan on May 3, 2010 steadfast in his commitment to protecting freedom and security. The arch will serve as a permanent tribute to his sacrifice, featuring benches for reflection and two plaques commemorating Clearance and Ship's Team Divers who died in the line of duty.

Every donation brings them closer to building the arch, for which they have received Halifax Regional Municipality approval. Contributions can be made to Garrett Reddy, President of the Canadian Naval Divers Association, at garyreddy1@gmail.com or by cheque to the Association. Together, we can honour the memory of Craig Blake and all Naval Divers who served our country.



The graduation ceremony for the Fall 2025 Volunteer Firefighter Recruit class. Pictured above are 35 of our 38 newest volunteer firefighters. Congratulations on your achievement and welcome to Canada's oldest fire service.



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CURBSIDE COLLECTION CANCELLATIONS

Hopefully the worst of our winter weather is behind us, but in the event of significant snow falls curbside waste collection can sometimes be affected. We aim to make cancellation decisions before 6 p.m. the evening prior so residents can be notified before placing material at the curb. Timing depends on projected snowfall accumulation and when the snowfall is expected to end. The forecast does not always provide a clear answer, and because we want to avoid cancelling service unnecessarily, the final decision sometimes must wait until the morning. In that case service alerts are sent through the app around 5:30 a.m. with social media and website updates shortly thereafter. Usually cancelled collection days are rescheduled for the following Saturday.



During snow events, we encourage residents to delay placing material curbside until the morning. Early placement interferes with snow removal operations and often results in bags and carts being buried under snowbanks, regardless of whether collection proceeds.

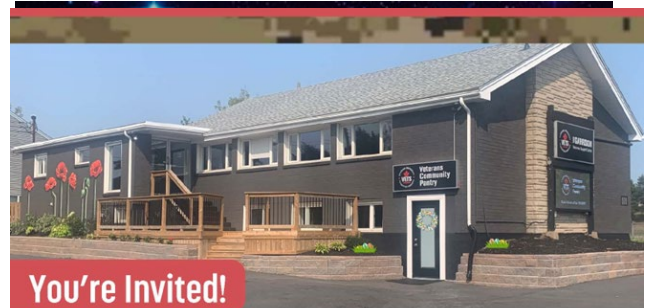
Information for residents on how to manage excess waste, relaxed limits and schedule info is being shared on the [Halifax Recycles app](#), [Halifax Recycles Facebook](#) page and on our [website](#).

SUMMER RECREATION JOBS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is recruiting applicants for summer positions in aquatics, inclusion and recreation programming across the region. These are ideal job opportunities for teenagers and students with wages ranging between \$17.75 and \$24.75 per hour. Visit our [website](#) for more information on dates and locations, as well as a list of job openings.



The Cape Bretoners getting ready to work on the HRM budget!



Please join us as our guest for a private or group tour of The Garrison and Food Bank!

The Veterans Food Pantry was created in response to the growing number of veterans reaching out to us because they are unable to afford basic groceries for themselves or their families. Many of the veterans we assist are facing financial hardship due to fixed incomes, unexpected emergencies, housing instability, or difficulty transitioning back into civilian life. For some, accessing food through our pantry is the difference between going hungry and having a stable meal on the table.

- 📅 Book a private tour of The Garrison
- 📍 The Garrison, 211 Main Street Dartmouth
- 👁️ See the impact of your support

The Easter Basket & Hamper Initiative

You can help us make the Easter holiday special for veterans and their families with your generous donation of \$300 & \$500

Easter Hampers:
Families 1-3
• Age appropriate
• Easter treats
• Holiday snacks
• Gift cards
\$300

Easter Hampers:
Families 4-6
• Age appropriate
• Easter treats
• Holiday snacks
• Gift cards
\$500

Donate today: www.vetscanada.org





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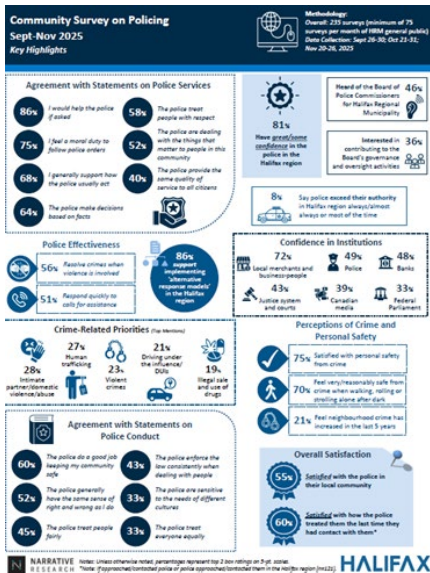
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JULIA Snelgrove Captures Silver at World Junior Championships

Dartmouth's own Julia Snelgrove won silver in the women's 500m at the World Junior Speed Skating Championships in Inzell, clocking 38.78 seconds to secure Canada's lone medal on opening day. She finished just behind Kazakhstan's Kristina Shumekova. The result marks Snelgrove's first individual junior medal, and she currently sits third in the Allround standings after also placing 11th in the 1500m.

Way to go, Julia!

POLICING FEEDBACK



The Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) are looking for your feedback on policing in the municipality.

The BoPC is conducting a survey on your perceptions on community policing including police effectiveness, what the most important crime

related priorities should be and much more. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. The first quarterly results are now available, and results will be reported quarterly with a final report and presentation in the fall.

The BoPC are also collecting feedback on the Use of Force and the Code of Conduct Complaints policies.

You can find more information on our [website](https://www.halifax.ca/bopc) and submit policy feedback to bopc@halifax.ca.

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM FUNDING

The municipality received notice from the Province of Nova Scotia that the funding for the HRM Student transit pass pilot program from the Department of Early Education and Early Childhood Development has been discontinued.

This program is primarily funded by the provincial government. The province currently contributes \$1.2 million towards this program, an additional \$600,000 of funding comes from the Municipality.

The student transit pass pilot program was launched in 2021 and provides free transit passes to all HRCE and CSAP students in grades 7 to 12.

Staff will be assessing the future of the program during budget discussions this month. You can learn more about this program [here](#).



Happy 100th Birthday to District 6 resident Eleanor Rice

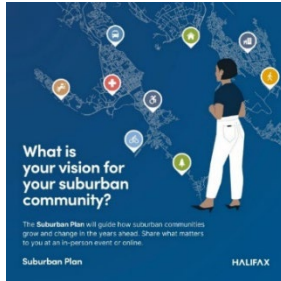


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SUBURBAN PLAN

The municipality is developing a Suburban Plan, a new planning document that will guide growth and change in our suburban areas, and we're looking for your feedback.



Complete our online survey or visit one of our upcoming in-person engagement opportunities.

The goal of the suburban planning process is to update land use policies under one plan while respecting each community's unique history, characteristics and aspirations.

Learn more and fill out the survey by visiting our [website](#).

TRANSIT CORE SERVICE PLAN



At the Feb. 9 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, Halifax Transit presented their new Strategic Roadmap and Core Service Plan.

As ridership is increasing across our transit network, especially in developing communities and in suburban communities, Transit is working to meet the needs of our growing community. The Core Service Plan aims to invest in increasing service where ridership demand exceeds service levels, a more reliable network and strategically supporting growth.

The report will now go to Regional Council for review and approval. You can find details [here](#).

Tax Rates

- A typical homeowner will get a tax bill with 8 tax rates.
- Mandatory rates are net zero for HRM, as they are 100% transferred to the specific entities.
- The budget process focuses on the Municipal Rates.

Tax Rate	Rate Category	Governance
General Rate		Set by Regional Council
Local Transit Rate	Municipal Rates	Set by Regional Council
Climate Action Tax		Set by Regional Council
Mandatory Education		Set by Nova Scotia
Supplementary Education	Mandatory Rates	MOU between HRCE & HRM
Property Valuation Serv.		All municipalities fund PVSC
Fire Protection		NS Regulatory Appeals Board
Stormwater ROW		NS Regulatory Appeals Board

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Budget Education

HALIFAX



Congratulations to the Dartmouth Lakers U12 Team MacEachern on their gold medal winning at the Bedford Classic this past weekend.

TO REPORT AN ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY

Weekdays (Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm):
CALL 1-877-9ENVIRO
 (1-877-936-8476)

Evenings and weekends:
CALL 1-800-565-1633
 (National Environmental Emergencies Centre)

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SCAN: SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT



The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN) helps residents address properties being used for illegal activities such as drugs, alcohol, prostitution or gaming. The Act allows citizens to report problem

buildings and gives authorities the power to investigate, hold property owners accountable, and, if needed, shut down locations tied to ongoing criminal activity.

To report a problem property or ask questions, call **1-877-357-2337** (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Messages left after hours will be returned. For emergencies, always call **911**, and you may also report concerns to your local police.

Remember - It's Your Neighbourhood. Your Call.

Learn more [here](#).



Happy 10th Anniversary to Nine Locks Brewing

CARE COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICE NOW 24-7

Residents in Dartmouth (within the Highway 111 boundary), Woodlawn and Cole Harbour will now have 24-7 access to the CARE – Crisis Assistance and Response program.



CARE is a pilot program that provides in-person support for people 16 years and older experiencing non-emergency, non-violent crises related to mental health, substance use and personal well-being. Launched in October 2025, the CARE program was initially offered between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday to Friday. The service offers a safe, trauma-informed alternative to calling police or other first responders when they may not be the best fit.

CARE staff are specially trained in trauma-informed care, harm reduction, mental health first aid, suicide prevention and cultural humility. They are prepared to respond respectfully and effectively to people from diverse communities, including African Nova Scotians, Indigenous Peoples, 2SLGBTQIA+ and neurodiverse residents. The team provides in-person support and will help to connect people to other community supports after the crisis.

To access CARE, call 211. A trained navigator will assess the situation and, if it qualifies for CARE, dispatch the CARE mobile team. The CARE Mobile Team will then come in-person to provide support.

For more information about the CARE program, visit our [website](#).



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meeting scheduled for March. Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:

- March 10
- March 31

Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings – including committees [here](#). Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

The Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Meeting dates, time and location are subject to change. You can find agendas, report, and minutes [online](#).

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM’s [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for Thursday April 2.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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.

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

The Acadians founded the first permanent settlement in North America on this land that would later become Nova Scotia. The Acadian people have contributed to the economic, cultural and social vitality of our province for more than 400 years. We recognize that the identity of the Acadian people is defined by its history, its language, its culture, its customs.

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Board of Police Commissioners
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
Executive Standing Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Woodlawn High School Advisory Committee