



DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER
DARTMOUTH EAST - BURNSIDE

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME SEPTEMBER

To quote Taylor Swift, “*August slipped away into a moment in time*” and just like that we are in back-to-school season. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to take some time to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather.

I will be hosting the HRM Annual Community Bike Ride on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. It will begin at Graham’s Grove with a meet and greet at 2:30 p.m. with the ride departing at 3 p.m. More information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

As school starts again, I want to remind folks that we all have a role to play in keeping each other safe - watch out especially in school zones and make sure to obey school zone speed limits, stop for buses and pay special attention near crosswalks. I wish all of our students and teachers a safe, productive and fun school year!

Halifax Regional Police have published their Semi-Annual Crime and Traffic Statistics for January through June 2025. Details and key highlights are available below in this newsletter.

BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE

Pour citer Taylor Swift, « *Le mois d’août s’est écoulé en un instant* » et tout comme ça, nous sommes de retour à la saison de la rentrée. J’espère que vous avez tous passé un été merveilleux et que vous avez pu prendre un peu de temps pour vous détendre et profiter du beau temps.

Je serai l’hôte de la balade à vélo communautaire annuelle de la MRH le 25 septembre. Elle commencera au parc Grahams Grove avec une rencontre à 14 h 30 et le départ de la balade à 15 h. Vous trouverez de plus amples renseignements à ce sujet à la page 2 du bulletin. Au plaisir de vous y rencontrer!

Alors que l’école recommence, je veux vous rappeler que nous avons tous un rôle à jouer pour assurer la sécurité de chacun – faites attention surtout dans les zones scolaires et assurez-vous de respecter les limites de vitesse dans les zones scolaires, de vous arrêter pour les autobus et de prêter une attention particulière près des passages pour piétons. Je souhaite à tous nos élèves et enseignants une année scolaire sécuritaire, productive et amusante!

La Police régionale d’Halifax a publié ses statistiques semestrielles sur la criminalité et la circulation pour la période de janvier à juin 2025. Les détails et les points clés sont disponibles ci-dessous dans le présent bulletin.



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12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

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As Deputy Mayor, I am pleased to invite residents to take part in the 12th Annual Community Bike Ride, happening on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Dartmouth.

This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy our beautiful parks and trails, and promote active transportation. I will be joined by fellow members of Regional Council and municipal employees for a scenic group ride that highlights the importance of wellness, sustainability, and civic engagement.

Event Details:

Starting Point: Kiwanis Grahams Grove Park

Departure Time: 3 p.m.

Destination: Shubie Park Pump Track

Return & BBQ: By 5 p.m.

Participants will enjoy a scenic group ride to the Shubie Park Pump Track and return to Kiwanis Grahams Grove Park for a complimentary barbecue.

No registration is required – just bring your bike and community spirit! For those without access to a bike, [Bird Canada](#) e-bikes and e-scooters are available for rent from a nearby location. Please check the Bird Canada app for more details.

I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the power of community and the benefits of active living.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As students return to school, keeping streets safe is essential. Here are key reminders for drivers and parents:



- **Slow Down:** Follow speed limits, especially in school zones.
- **Yield to Pedestrians:** Be extra cautious near crosswalks.
- **Stay Focused:** Avoid distractions like phones or eating while driving.
- **Stop for School Buses:** Obey bus stop laws to protect students.
- **Encourage Active Travel:** Walk or bike safely using paths and helmets.
- **Plan Safe Routes:** Coordinate with schools and parents.
- **Teach Kids Road Safety:** Use crosswalks, look both ways, wear reflective gear.



I was honoured to speak at the opening ceremonies for the 2025 National Lacrosse Championship



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WOODS BAN LIFTED, BURN BAN REMAINS IN PLACE



On Friday, Aug. 29, the Province of Nova Scotia lifted restrictions on access to woods within the Halifax region as part of a partial lifting of the [Aug. 5, 2025 Woods Restrictions Proclamation](#).

The provincial burn ban remains in place for the entire province until Oct. 15 or until otherwise advised by the Province of Nova Scotia. The municipality is asking residents to continue to exercise caution in wooded areas and to report any signs of fire to 911.

The municipality is in the process of removing barricades and signage at impacted municipal parks, trails and greenspaces, which is expected to take several days.

More information on the lifting of the provincial notice of restricting travel and activities in the woods is available in the Province of Nova Scotia's [news release](#).



Natal Day Parade 2025

UPDATE ON MORRIS STREET EAST CONNECTION



At the Aug. 5 meeting of Regional Council, councillors voted 11-5 to rescind their previous decision to proceed with the Morris Street East Connection bikeway project. Staff had recommended reversing the July 8 motion and initiating new planning and engagement for an alternative East Connection that maintains two-way traffic on Morris Street.

The decision follows a July 16 letter from Premier Tim Houston advising the municipality that the Province would act under new authorities in Bill 24 if Council did not reverse its decision.

Bill 24 grants the Minister of Public Works the authority to direct municipalities to build, change, or remove transportation infrastructure in the interest of safe and efficient movement.

On July 8, Council had directed staff to proceed with implementing the Morris Street bikeway using temporary materials, and to return with an evaluation report two years after installation. The approved design would convert Morris Street to one-way eastbound for vehicle traffic and install a two-way protected bikeway connecting University Avenue to Lower Water Street.

The Morris Street East Connection is part of the Peninsula South Complete Streets project, approved in October 2024, and is included in the municipality's AAA (All Ages and Abilities) Regional Centre Bike Network.



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PVSC ASSESSMENTS

Property Valuation Services Corporation Assessors are especially busy this time of year, conducting exterior property inspections across Nova Scotia. They are reviewing building permit progress and gathering up-to-date information as part of the annual assessment process.



For your safety and peace of mind, Assessors are easy to identify with PVSC-marked vehicles, PVSC-issued ID, and high-visibility vests.

You don't need to be home for these visits. The Assessor will leave contact information and next steps if a follow-up is needed. Learn more about their fieldwork [here](#)

ENHANCED SECURITY AT CITY HALL

Enhancements to security screening are now in place at Halifax City Hall.

All visitors will be required to present identification, place any bags or loose items in a bin for X-ray screening and walk through a metal detector and before entering the building.

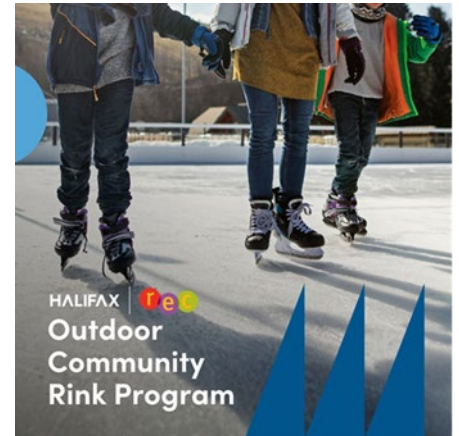
These updates align with safety practices in place at other municipal buildings and are part of our efforts to create a safe space for everyone.

Watch the video to see how the screening process works. Plan ahead and learn what to expect, including information on prohibited items and accessibility accommodations [here](#).

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK PROGRAM

Applications have opened for the [Outdoor Community Rink Program](#).

This program provides non-profit organizations the opportunity to operate a community rink on municipally owned property. The municipality offers grants of up to \$1,000 to a minimum of seven successful applicants to assist them in covering the insurance cost associated with the operation of the community rink.



Applications will remain open until **Friday, Oct. 3.**

The Outdoor Community Rink Program aligns with Regional Council's commitment to advance community-based projects and support residents' ability to participate in outdoor winter activities in their own communities.

For more information, visit [our website](#).

RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

When batteries end up in the garbage, they can start fires. Please recycle yours responsibly. To find drop-off locations, [click here](#).

For more information visit our [website](#).





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Another successful Festa Italiana Halifax! This festival is about sharing that Italian spirit with the whole community - family, culture, and of course, great food

ACTING CAO ANNOUNCED



Halifax Regional Council has appointed Brad Anguish as the acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO) of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Mr. Anguish assumes his new responsibilities as A/CAO on Sept. 8, 2025.

Mr. Anguish brings more than 22 years of experience with HRM, including leadership roles in Operations, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation. He has also overseen major municipal projects such as the Harbour Clean Up and the Cogswell District project.

Congratulations, Mr. Anguish! We look forward to working with him in this important leadership role.

PAWS IN THE PARK

a fundraising gathering for ElderDog Canada

DEWOLF PARK, BEDFORD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

(RAIN DATE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28)

RAFFLES • 50/50
VENDOR MARKET
TRAINING DEMOS
NAIL CLIPPING



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30

In its commitment to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten, the Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make Sept. 30 a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Formerly known as Orange Shirt Day, this day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and provides a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

HURRICANE READY

In an emergency like a hurricane, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. Have an emergency kit ready and be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least 72 hrs. That includes your pets! Don't forget items they'll need to stay safe and healthy.

Find hurricane preparedness information [here](#).



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UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF HRM'S REGIONAL PLAN

On Friday, Aug. 8, 2025, the Halifax Regional Municipality received a letter from the Province of Nova Scotia's Minister of Municipal Affairs in response to the municipality's submission of the updated Regional Plan.



In the letter, the Minister indicated that the Regional Plan, as submitted, could not be accepted by the province and therefore could not be approved.

Underway since 2020, the Regional Planning process has incorporated years of extensive public engagement to inform updates to the 2014 Regional Plan – aimed at supporting sustainable growth across our region.

On Thursday, June 19, 2025, Regional Council [passed a motion](#) to repeal the existing 2014 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (also known as the Regional Plan) and adopt the proposed 2025 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy with related amendments to other planning documents including the Regional Subdivision By-Law, Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws.

In accordance with the [Halifax Regional Municipality Charter](#), adoption of the Regional Plan and other planning documents is subject to provincial review and approval.

Over the past several months, municipal Planning & Development staff have been actively working with provincial staff to address feedback that had been previously received from the province. The decision by the province to not approve any of the proposed amendments was not expected, given the ongoing collaboration with provincial counterparts leading up to and following the submission for approval.

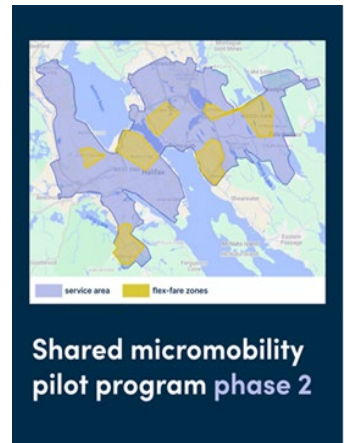
Moving forward, this means that the [current 2014 Regional Plan](#), last amended in May 2025, remains in effect, as the new proposed amendments have not been approved by the province. Over the coming weeks, municipal staff will re-engage with the province to determine the next steps on the planning process and ensure the Regional Plan is updated in a way that aligns with provincial interests and fulfills the municipality's obligations under existing legislation.

For more information on the Regional Plan, including a copy of the Aug 8. letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, visit the [website](#).

SHARED MICROMOBILITY PILOT PHASE 2 LAUNCHES

Phase 2 of the Shared Micromobility Pilot has launched. The service boundary grows and e-scooters increase from 300 to 600.

With more riders and students back to school, ride safe: follow speed limits, don't ride on sidewalks and park in designated zones.





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SEMI-ANNUAL CRIME & TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and RCMP Halifax District have released their first joint semi-annual report, covering January–June 2025.

Key highlights:

- Calls for service across HRM increased 7% compared to the same period in 2024, with proactive policing activity (such as foot patrols and traffic stops) seeing notable growth.
- Crimes against persons were up slightly overall, with increases in assaults, sexual violations, and firearm-related incidents.
- Crimes against property rose in HRP areas, particularly shoplifting, while RCMP areas reported fewer shoplifting cases but more fraud and theft under \$5,000.
- Traffic collisions decreased overall, though HRP and RCMP continue to respond to impaired driving and serious collisions.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Crimes Against Persons - HRM

CRIME TYPES

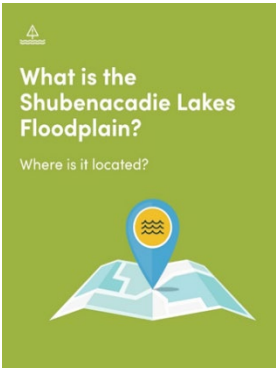


SHUBENACADIE LAKES FLOODPLAIN

Live near the Shubenacadie Lakes? You may be in a floodplain, even if you’ve never seen flooding before.

The study identifies areas with increased risk of flooding and includes planning recommendations for the future.

Learn more [here](#).



LEAF AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL

Leaf and yard waste that doesn’t fit into the green cart belongs in paper yard waste bags.



Did you know that each household that receives curbside collection can place up to twenty yard waste bags out on collection day? This makes disposing of leaf and yard waste easy.

Reminder that leaf and yard waste

- Can only go out on green cart day
- Belongs in paper yard waste bags (no plastic is accepted)
- Cannot contain grass clippings

For more information about leaf and yard waste visit our [website](#).

For tips and tricks with grass clippings visit our [website](#).



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SCAN: SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT



Are you worried about illegal drugs, alcohol, prostitution, or gaming in your building or on your street? *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN)* gives you a way to report your concerns and take back your neighbourhood.

SCAN improves community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land that are regularly used for illegal activities.

SCAN gives citizens the tools to report problem residences and businesses, and gives authorities the power to investigate and take action. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities regularly taking place on their property.

If you want to report a problem property or have any questions regarding SCAN, please call toll free at 1-877-357-2337. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If calling after hours, you can leave a message and someone will return your call.

If you are reporting a problem property, you may also want to notify your local police agency. **If you have an emergency, dial 911.**

Remember - It's Your Neighbourhood. Your call.

Learn more [here](#).



Congratulations to Senobe Aquatic Club on an outstanding performance at the National Championships in Regina. The club proudly claimed both the Molson Trophy for Senior Men's C15 and the Black Trophy for C4 - widely regarded as the two most prestigious honours in Canadian paddling.

WHO DOES WHAT?

Federal Government		
Airports	Criminal laws	Canadians Mortgages
Borders & passports	Employment Insurance	National RCMP
Broadcasting & telecommunications	Environment	National defence & veteran's affairs
Canada Child Benefit	Fisheries, oceans & national parks	Postal service
Charter of Human Rights	Immigration	Student loans
Correctional facilities	Income tax	
	International travel and support for abroad	
Provincial Government		
Addictions and mental health	100 series highways & off ramps	Property tax (property assessment)
Affordable/public housing	Hospitals	Provincial parks
Correctional facilities	Housing	Provincial RCMP
Employer and employee supports	Justice	Schools and school parking lots
Environment	Landlord and tenant supports	Student loans
Family and Community Support Services	Lakes	Workplace safety
	Post-secondary education	
Municipal Government		
City Hall	Municipal police force (i.e. HRP & RCMP District H)	Property tax (municipal portion)
Development and building permits and fees	Municipal parks	Recreation facilities
Environment	Libraries	Snow removal & waste collection
Fire services (i.e. HRFE)	Local road maintenance & improvement	Transit
Halifax Water	Parks, trails and playgrounds	



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UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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

- Sept. 9
- Sept. 23

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, Oct. 2.

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