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 DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
 HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

WELCOME DECEMBER!



Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and (very soon) Happy New Year! Lots of happiness filling the

month of December and, I hope, filling your homes as well.

As another year comes to an end, I reflect on the major projects in our district and region (Bayers Road Transit Priority Lane, speed humps on many more streets, Centre Plan Package A and B, official opening of St. Andrew’s Community Centre and, the beginning of the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan). I look forward to more positive progress for 2022. Keep reading for updates on a variety of municipal initiatives and more!

Drop-in for a chat at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, 1014 Purcells Cove Road, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd if you have questions about a municipal program/service.

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DECEMBER MEETINGS

Regional Council, Budget Committee, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on the following dates:

Budget Committee:

December 7th at 10:00 a.m.

December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Regional Council:

Tuesday, December 7th Following Budget

Tuesday, December 14th Following Budget

Halifax & West Community Council:

Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. (if required)

Please check our [website](#) to confirm dates and times as the meeting schedule is subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW....



United Nations – [December 3rd](#) - recognition that disability inclusion is an essential condition to

upholding human rights



United Nations - [December 10th](#) Human Rights Day – Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights

COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

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TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

OR

LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3311 ASHBURN AVE
HALIFAX NS

Supported by:
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kin Club of Halifax & Community Members

Calvin Presbyterian Church, 3311 Ashburn Avenue, Halifax, has recently opened a Community Food Cupboard in partnership with the Kin Club.

The cupboard is stocked on a regular basis and has been used respectfully since its opening earlier this Fall.

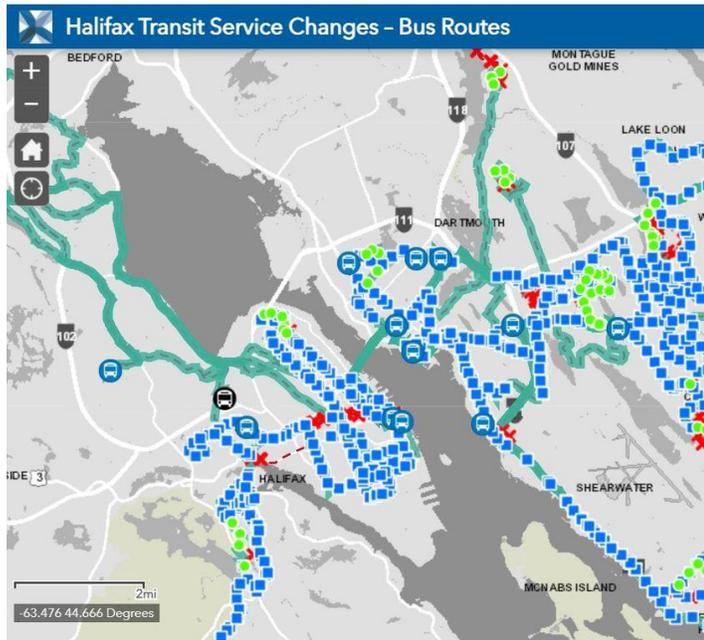
The cupboard is available 24/7 with a variety of non-perishable items.



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HALIFAX TRANSIT INTERACTIVE ROUTE MAP

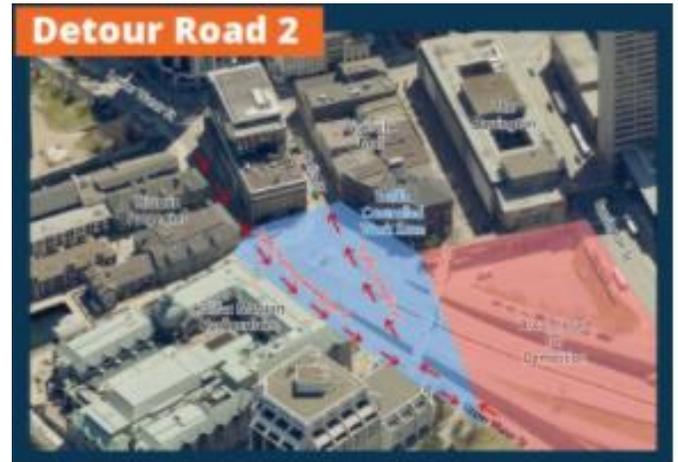


Explore the interactive transit service changes map to view new or discontinued routes and bus stops in your area: Halifax.ca/servicechanges.

COGSWELL DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT



Bypass road 1; from Halifax



Bypass road 2; from Halifax



Bypass road 3; from Halifax

Staff have presented three by-pass routes that will enable commuters to drive through the [Cogswell redevelopment](http://Halifax.ca/cogswell) area while avoiding the construction zone. The by-pass routes will be in use starting in spring 2022.

In case you haven't heard, the biggest city-building project in Halifax's history officially launched on November 2nd: www.halifax.ca/cogswell.



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The Cogswell District project will more cohesively connect downtown Halifax, the north end, and the city's waterfront. Fully mobilized construction will begin in winter 2022. The construction phase of the project is expected to take up to four years to complete.

The Cogswell District project will:

- Convert 16 acres of road infrastructure into a mixed-use neighborhood, extending the entrance of the downtown northwards and reuniting communities separated by the interchange lands.
- Reinstate the urban street grid and create development blocks capable of supporting new residential and commercial environments for 2,500 people.
- Create high quality dedicated cycling lanes, multi-use trails, new parks and open spaces, a reimagined transit hub, and a significant central urban square will transform this traffic-centric area into a livable pedestrian friendly area for people to live, work, and play.

The completion of the Cogswell District project is expected to cost approximately \$122.6 million in

total. However, the project has the potential to be primarily self-funded in the long term once construction is over and the redevelopment of the area is completed.

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATIONS



Updates are currently issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates are part of HRM's ongoing efforts to ensure you are informed with the most up-to-date information.

Click on the following link for the latest update as of November 23rd: <https://bit.ly/3l8Xk3q>.

Updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has begun to place individuals at the sites and provide wrap around services. Depending upon the status of progress, frequency of updates may vary.



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hfxALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

hfxALERT
Notifications
when you
need to know.



hfxALERT is the new mass notification system for the municipality, keeping residents informed about emergencies and

operations updates. Residents who sign up for hfxALERT will receive urgent and non-urgent notifications from Halifax Regional Police, Halifax Fire & Emergency's Emergency Management Division, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.

- [Click here to sign up for notifications](#)
- [Click here to download the mobile app](#)
- [Click here to view the tutorial video](#)

HRM WINTER RECREATION REGISTRATION



Winter Registration Dates

Dec 1 - Winter Dryland Registration
Dec 9 - Winter Aquatic & Skating Registration

Mark your calendars! Winter recreation program registration is December 1st & December 9th.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

- Wednesday, December 1st: All dryland programs
- Thursday, December 9th: Skating and aquatics programs

Visit halifax.ca/myrec for full details.

2022/23 FISCAL FRAMEWORK



The [2022/23 Fiscal Framework report](#), presented to Regional Council on Tuesday,

November 23rd, contained recommendations for tax modifications to accommodate changing operational costs, capital investments, as well as debt and reserve changes including funding for current and new strategic initiatives. The Framework sets the broad, opening strategy for developing the initial municipal budget.

Detailed discussions, along with public input, will begin in February 2022. This will provide appropriate time for Regional Council to debate and adjust the budget over the coming months, with the final budget expected to be completed April 12, 2022.

Currently, staff are seeking direction regarding the development of the 2022/23 municipal budget. This includes a recommendation to increase the average



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property tax bill for residential and commercial properties by 2.9 per cent. Additionally, a 3.0 per cent increase is being recommended as part of a new dedicated Climate Action Tax. If approved, the average property tax bill would increase by a total of 5.9 per cent. Council is looking for ways to lessen the increase and still accomplish our goals.

THE HEAT FUND



Helping Nova Scotians in need with home heating costs.

The Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT) Fund provides up to \$400 for these income thresholds:

- \$29,000 for a 1-person household
- \$47,703 for a 2-4 person household
- \$67,937 for households with 5+ people

Apply **online** or by **phone**:

www.SalvationArmy.ca/Maritime/Heat
902-422-3435

The Fund is proudly administered by The Salvation Army.

HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

HRM's Community Grants Program offers funding for community projects led by registered, non-profit organizations and charities throughout the Halifax region. There are project grants of up to \$5,000 and capital grants of up to \$25,000.

Registration for the 2022 program begins in January and ends March 31st, 2022. Presently, our Grants Program staff are available to assist you with general inquiries at: NonProfitGrants@halifax.ca.

December 2021

A wide variety of projects are eligible for the grants such as publishing maps or guidebooks, creating interpretive panels, buying safety equipment, or renovating a building for community use.

HAPPY HANUKKAH!

The annual Menorah lighting took place on November 29th with a reception following in Halifax Hall, City Hall.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The annual Christmas Tree lighting took place in the Grand Parade on November 27th with fireworks and a visit from Santa.

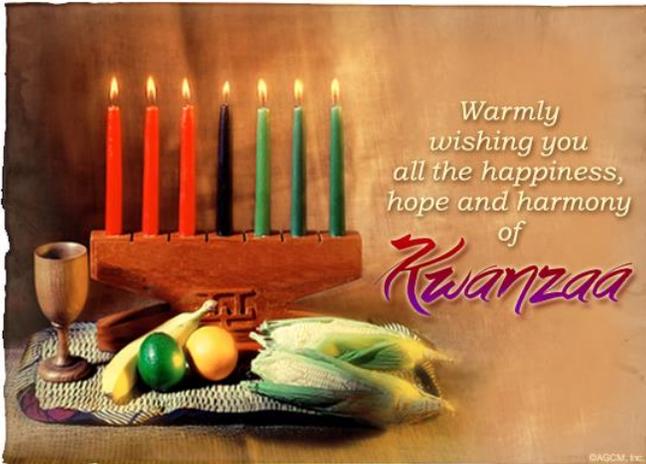




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HAPPY KWANZAA!



Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday that celebrates the African community, family and values and is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st.

NEW YEAR'S EVE



Stay tuned for more details on HRM's New Year's Eve **FREE** event to be held in the Grand Parade

on Friday, December 31st from 11:00 p.m. to midnight!

HRM's Civic Events web page will be updated with more detail in the coming weeks:

<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/new-years-eve> .

Proof of Vaccination will be required.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE 2022

Due to COVID-19 limitations on social gatherings, there will **not** be a New Year's Day Levee at City Hall this January 1st.



IN THE COMMUNITY...



I attended the official opening of the new St. Andrew's Community Centre and tried my skills at Wheelchair Basketball with MLA Ali Duale.



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association

