

WELCOME AUGUST!

Happy <u>Emancipation</u>
<u>Day</u>! Happy Natal Day!

There are a variety of events planned to honour Emancipation Day on August 1 including the unveiling of the Jamaican Maroons Commemorative National Historic Site on Citadel Hill; A History Exposed: The Enslavement of Black People in Canada Exhibition opening at Pier 21; and, Freedom Narratives: Emancipation Day Art Celebration at Halifax Central Library.

There are numerous family fun activities planned on both sides of the harbour from August 2 to 5 in celebration of Halifax Dartmouth Natal Day. I look forward to seeing you at some of these events over the long weekend.

To discuss a municipal program or service, please contact me at: Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca or 902.579.6746.

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AUGUST MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. (If Required)

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. (If Required)

Standing Committees:

Wednesday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. (If Required)

• Audit & Finance Standing Committee

No scheduled meeting at this time

 Community Design Advisory Committee

Monday, September 9 at 12:00 p.m.

• Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 29 at 1:30 p.m.

• Transportation Advisory Committee

Please confirm dates and times on our <u>municipal website</u> as they are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW...

That August is Emancipation Month, National Water Quality Month, National Immunization Awareness Month and National Eye Exam Month.

August 1 – 7 is International Clown Week
August 2 is International Beer Day
August 3 is Food Day Canada
August 3 is National Watermelon Day
August 5 is Natal Day
August 7 is National Lighthouse Day
August 8 is International Cat Day
August 9 is Book Lovers Day
August 9 is International Day of the World's

August 1 is Emancipation Day

August 9 is International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

August 12 is International Youth Day
August 13 is International Left-Handers Day
August 15 is National Acadian Day
August 19 is World Humanitarion Day
August 20 is Canadian Multiculturalism Day
August 20 is International Geocaching Day
August 20 is World Honeybee Day
August 21 is International Overdose Awarene

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day

EMANCIPATION DAY



In 2021, Nova Scotia officially designated August 1 as <u>Emancipation Day</u>, a time to reflect and acknowledge our shared history of the

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enslavement of people of African descent in Canada.

On August 1, 1834, the <u>Slavery Abolition Act of</u> 1833 became law, officially ending the practice of slavery across the British Empire.

Slavery was foundational in the systemic anti-Black racism that impacts people of African descent today. Recognizing Emancipation Day provides an opportunity to maintain ongoing meaningful dialogue around race relations and inclusion, and to celebrate the diverse heritage, culture and contributions of people of African descent across the region.

INVITATION TO MI'KMAW & URBAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY



The Halifax Regional Municipality would like to invite the Mi'kmaw and Urban Indigenous community to participate in engagement events that will guide storytelling within the Cogswell District neighbourhood.

We will discuss the stories, aspects of culture, history, art, teachings, etc. that should be presented in the new neighbourhood to honor the Mi'kmaw and Urban Indigenous

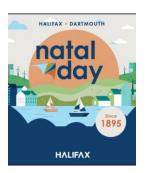
community.

In-Person Event - Storytelling Circle: Thursday, August 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre 2021 Brunswick Street, Suite 209

Virtual Session:

Wednesday, August 7 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please email to request a meeting link, details can be found on the project page. This engagement will be led by Lyndsay Francis, who is of Mi'kmaw heritage and part of the Acadia First Nation, and Kristen Elkow. They will lead two other engagement events in late August. For more information, click here.

HALIFAX DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY



The 2024 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day will take place on August 5 and will include the 127 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade and Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race.



2024 Halifax Dartmouth Natal Day Parade route.

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The prestigious Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race is one of the oldest road races in North America. Competitive runners, recreational runners and walkers are all encouraged to participate. It is a fun and affordable event for the entire family.

The 2024 race will start and finish near Christ Church on Ochterloney Street and follow the traditional 2-mile loop course around Sullivan's Pond and downtown Dartmouth.

For more information, click <u>here</u>.



BUSKERFEST



The Buskers are excited to announce their return to the Halifax and Dartmouth waterfronts from July 31 to August 5!
With stages at the Halifax Seaport, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Sackville Landing, Foundation Wharf, and Dartmouth's Alderney

Landing, the 38th edition of Buskers will provide locals and visitors alike with exciting and unique entertainment.

Click <u>here</u> to view the list of entertainers.

Beyond these incredible performers, Buskers will also feature the ever-popular East Coast Amusements midway at Alderney Landing, the Glow Party Family Fun Zone at Sands at Salter, plus a variety of vendors, food trucks, and fun!

For updates and information on the festival, click here or contact Michelle McCann at: info@pegentertainment.ca.

HARBOUR BRIDGES MACPASS MILES



The <u>Halifax Harbour Bridges MACPass Miles</u> is a family-friendly one-mile race across the Macdonald Bridge to be held on August 4. Run the Bridge!

The \$10 registration fee for adults will be donated to the Africville Museum. Children run free!

There will be four races beginning at 9:00 am. The August 4 races start on the Halifax side of the historic Macdonald bridge and end just short of the Dartmouth toll booths.

Start times:

Women: 9:00 am

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Men: 9:30 am Girls: 10:00 am Boys: 10:30 am

On Sunday, August 4, the MacDonald Bridge will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the MACPASS Miles and Bridgewalk.

Macdonald Bridge Contact:

Steven Proctor, Halifax Harbour Bridges

Phone: 902-463-2481 sproctor@hdbc.ns.ca hdbc.ca/macpass-miles

PUBLIC GARDENS - SUNDAY CONCERT



Come kick up your heels to the sound of great tunes in the Gardens!

The Doris Mason Band will be performing on Sunday, August 4 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Halifax Public Gardens Bandshell. You don't want to miss it!

For more information, contact MacKenzie LeBlanc at 902-943-1044 or email: mackenzie.leblanc@halifax.ca.

ZERO EMISSION BUS POP UPS



The Zero Emission Bus Project is the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada. The project will result in the addition of more than 200 electric buses to the Halifax Transit fleet, an expansion of the Ragged Lake Transit Centre, and an ecorebuild of the Burnside Transit Centre to achieve a net-zero ready standard.

The Zero Emission Bus Project aligns with municipal, provincial and federal climate targets and will help to achieve the goals and actions outlined in HalifACT, the municipality's climate action plan.

Have any questions about our Zero Emission Bus Project? Want to see our first electric bus in person? Drop by one of our pop-up events to meet with Halifax Transit staff!

Halifax Natal Day Parade – August 5 Play for the Planet – Hallifax Wanderers – August 24.

TRAVELLER OPINION SURVEY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is asking residents to provide feedback on how they travel throughout the region in the <u>latest Traveller Opinion Survey</u>.

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Open until August 12, the survey is used to measure residents' perception of our existing transportation network (walking/rolling, bicycling, transit and driving). It helps the municipality learn more about how and why residents travel, as well as understand what motivates people to use sustainable transportation modes.

This year's <u>survey</u> will help set the future framework for sustainable transportation in the Halifax region as the most recent survey was completed in 2019 and the way many people travel each day has changed significantly since the pandemic.

The <u>Traveller Opinion Survey</u> stems from the municipality's <u>Integrated Mobility Plan</u> (IMP). Endorsed by Regional Council in 2017, the IMP creates a vision for moving people and goods around the Halifax region and seeks to improve the links between residents and their communities.

To take the 2024 Traveller Opinion Survey, click here.

WE'RE HIRING!



Join our team! The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting applications for the permanent position of Plans Examination Specialist in Fire

Prevention with Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency.

In this role, you'll analyze and interpret complex construction documents, including review of fire protection systems, alternate solutions, occupant loads, emergency responder access, water supply, fire and life safety code compliance and firefighter safety. You'll also be responsible for the effective transition of buildings from the building permit stage to occupancy, including a final inspection where necessary, and provide instruction to building owners concerning their responsibilities under the Fire Safety Act.

If you're passionate, ready to make a difference and have the skills we're looking for, we want to hear from you. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on August 4. Learn more about the role by clicking here.

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS



Wondering where your pup can run off-leash? Find details on locations by clicking <u>here</u>.



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Please note that dogs must be on-leash in municipal parks unless signage indicates otherwise.

Here is the link to <u>Administrative Order</u>
<u>Number 2017-013-Op Respecting Off-Leash</u>
<u>Dog Areas Within Parks</u>.

REC VAN



The Rec Van is visiting communities throughout the municipality, each Monday through Thursday until August 23. The REC Van is stacked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping and much more! To view the schedules and find out more, click here.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) TEST DRIVE



We're partnering with <u>Next Ride</u> and <u>Clean</u> <u>Foundation</u> to host electric vehicle test drive events in communities throughout the municipality.

Members of the municipality's Community Energy team will be there answering questions and sharing information about EVs, EV rebates and what to expect from the municipality's electric vehicle strategy.

August 12

Centennial Arena, 27 Vimy Avenue

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

August 15

Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

August 19

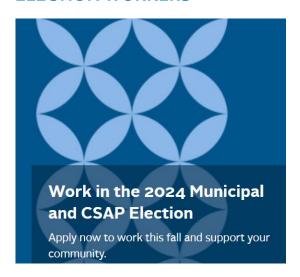
Greenfoot Energy Centre, 61 Gary Martin Drive 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

August 22

Alderney Gate, 2 Ochterloney Street 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule a test drive at one of these events, head to <u>Next Ride's website</u>. While registration is not required, it's strongly encouraged.

RECRUITING 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION WORKERS



The Halifax Regional Municipality is recruiting over 1,200 workers for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election.

Election workers will have the opportunity to play a direct role in ensuring a fair, accessible and efficient election. These positions offer a unique opportunity for professional growth – gaining valuable expertise in project management, public administration and community outreach.

Temporary election workers are needed to support advance voting (Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15) and election day voting (Saturday, October 19) at voting locations across the municipality's 16 electoral districts.

For more information – including job descriptions, compensation and the online application, click here.

VERIFY 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ELECTOR'S LIST



The Halifax Regional Municipality is encouraging residents to verify that they are on the elector's list for the 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election by clicking

here.

The information on the <u>elector's list</u> will be used to send out voter information letters in late September. Once they have received their voter information letter, residents will be able to vote online or by phone starting Tuesday, October 8. Residents can also vote in-person during advance voting days (Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15) and on election day (Saturday, October 19).

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Information on the <u>elector's list</u> is provided by Elections Nova Scotia, but all residents – particularly those who have recently moved within the municipality or have recently turned 18 – should <u>verify</u> that their information is accurate. Residents who do not appear on the elector's list, or who have information that needs to be updated, can call the voter helpline at 902-490-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-844-301-8683.

For more information, click <u>here</u> to access the municipal elections website.

NEW DATASETS AVAILABLE



The Halifax Regional Municipality has released seven new datasets on Open Data, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access

to data created and managed by the municipality.

The new datasets include:

- Beach Water Quality
- Bonus Zoning Rate Districts
- Demographic Scenarios
- Maximum Building Heights
- Maximum Front and Flanking Yards
- Minimum Front and Flanking Yards
- Natural Inventory

The addition of these datasets brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 249.

The following datasets have been removed from the Open Data Catalogue:

- RC Maximum Building Heights (will be replaced by Maximum Building Heights)
- Sackville Rivers Study Recommended Floodplains

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. New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on May 15, 2024.

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit: <u>Halifax Data, Mapping & Analytics Hub/Open Data</u>.

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND



Are you part of a youthled or youth-serving organization in the municipality? Do you have innovative ideas about how we can address

climate change? Then you're invited to apply for financial support from the <u>Youth Climate</u> <u>Action Fund</u>!

When Bloomberg Philanthropies and United Cities and Local Governments launched the Youth Climate Action Fund back in April, the

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goal was to encourage cities to lift up the work of young people who are working to create real climate solutions today. The Halifax Regional Municipality was one of 100 cities across 38 countries chosen to participate in the program because of the progress we've made in acting on climate together through HalifACT, our plan for confronting the emergency.

Join the global movement for community-based climate action. Share your exciting ideas with the world. The application form is available here.

HALIFAX TRANSIT - ROUTE 26 SPRINGVALE



On August 26, Halifax Transit will introduce the realignment of the Route 26 Springvale afternoon schedule to better align with St. Agnes Junior High School times.

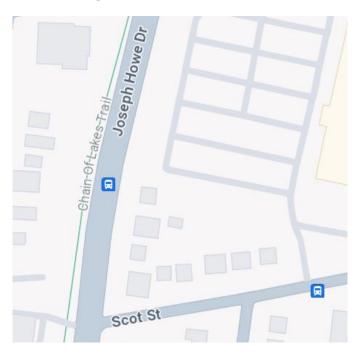
Other <u>service changes</u> proposed for August 26 are:

- Routes servicing Scotia Square running time adjustments to accommodate Cogswell project detour
- Routes 8, 9A/B, 21, 84, 90 and 401 running time adjustments to address on-time performance

- Route 90 Larry Uteck Peak frequency increase
- Route 26 Springvale Afternoon schedule adjustment
- Route 57 Portland Estates –
 Permanently discontinued

For more information, click here.

DISTRICT 9 BUS STOP UPDATES



As part of the ongoing bus stop improvement program and to address accessibility at bus stops, the following construction is planned at stops within District 9 – Halifax West Armdale for 2024:



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Bus Stop Location	Nearest Civic Address	Location of Work	Scope of Work	Status
Desmond Ave After Bayers Rd (6563)	Opposite 3366 Desmond Ave	East side of Desmond Ave before Bus stop Desmond Ave After Bayers Rd (6563)	Extension of landing pad.	Pending 2024 construction
Herring Cove Rd Before Melwood Ave (6900)	1065 Purcells Cove Rd	Southeast side of Herring Cove Rd South of Melwood Ave	Shelter replacement.	Completed March 2024
Joseph Howe Dr Before Abbott Dr (6979)	Opposite 7165 Abbott Dr	West side of Joseph Howe Dr opposite 7165 Abbott Dr	New shelter pad and shelter.	Pending 2024 construction
Joseph Howe Dr Before Dutch Village Rd (6984)	3627 Joseph Howe Dr	East side of Joseph Howe Dr near the Mobil Gas Station	Removal of bus shelter and signage. Relocation of the bus stop to 3601 Joseph Howe Dr.	Pending 2024 construction
Joseph Howe Dr After Scot St (####)	3601 Joseph Howe Dr	East side of Joseph Howe Dr near the Superstore	New concrete pad between the curb and sidewalk. New shelter pad and shelter behind the sidewalk.	Pending 2024 construction
Mumford Rd Opposite Hemlock St (7279)	Opposite 7083 Mumford Rd	South side of Mumford Rd abutting cemetery	Shelter replacement.	Completed March 2024
Purcells Cove Rd After Dingle Rd (8118)	1452 Purcells Cove Rd	East side of Purcells Cove Rd abutting Civic 1452	Shelter replacement.	Pending 2024 construction
Purcells Cove Rd After Sailboat Ln (8122)	Opposite 1255 Purcells Cove Rd	North side of Purcells Cove Rd near Reserve Rd	Shelter replacement.	Pending 2024 construction

Some of the work was completed earlier this year and we expect work to be complete by the end of this construction season.

Updates will be available at: <u>Bus Stop</u> Construction | Halifax Transit | Halifax.

AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - RECRUITMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on the <u>African Descent Advisory Committee</u>.
Applications are available <u>here</u>.

Applications for the African Descent Advisory Board will close on Monday, September 9 at 11:59 p.m. – but is subject to extension based on the number of applications received. Notice of the extension will be posted <u>here</u>.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees or municipal staff – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

Information on each board, committee and commission – including a <u>terms of reference</u>, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas and reports – can be found <u>here</u>. Applicants are encouraged to review these resources before applying to learn more about the role and typical work performed by each board, committee and commission.

The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the municipality. The municipality encourages applicants from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, visit here.

Residents can also contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.

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PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

New invasive species are increasingly being detected in the Halifax region. These are species introduced from elsewhere that can have detrimental impacts on local ecosystems. This summer the municipality is focused on addressing invasions of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) and yellow floating heart (YFH). Both species are at a stage in their local introductions where they can be reasonably managed/contained, making them a high priority for treatment.

The municipality is conducting public engagement throughout the summer of 2024 to inform the development of future invasive species treatment and management plans.

Environment and Climate Change team members will be visiting parks on sunny summer evenings throughout August. Look out for our information tables!

August 8
Yellow Floating Heart Engagement



Invasive yellow floating heart has taken over most of the surface of Little Albro Lake in Dartmouth. In 2024, yellow floating heart spread to Albro Lake, which is directly upstream. This free event will be held in two parts. The first will be a nature walk from Little Albro Lake to Albro Lake featuring discussion about the spread and impact of aquatic invasive species. The second will be a community engagement session to discuss yellow floating heart management in Albro Lake (manual removal) and Little Albro Lake (selective herbicide application), and strategies people can use to prevent accidental spread of invasive species.

August 22 (6:30PM ~ 9PM)
Screening of *In the Quiet and the Dark* with an expert panel discussion featuring Donna
Crossland at the Fairbanks Centre in Shubie Park.

This event will include an opportunity to complete the public engagement survey and weigh in on treatment methods and priority places for HWA.



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Can't make it to an in-person session? You can still help by completing the public engagement survey on <u>HWA</u> treatment options before the end of September.

HALIFAX VOLUNTEERS





Halifax Volunteers (HV) promotes volunteering opportunities available in the HRM community. HV connects with organizations who require volunteers and promote them via social media platforms and other means. HV is also connected to schools and student councils, who promote the same. The Instagram for HV is @hfx.volunteers. A website is on the way!

SELF-GUIDED MURAL WALK QUINPOOL ROAD



If you're looking for a fun afternoon activity, grab your camera and go on a <u>Self-Guided</u>

<u>Mural Walk on Quinpool Road</u>! There are now over 40 murals for you to enjoy, all of which are excellent backdrops for some fun photos!

The Quinpool Road area (between Robie Street and Beech Street) is home to over 40 amazing works of art that for the most part were completed during the Halifax Mural Festival in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The artists are both wellestablished and emerging, some that call Halifax home and some from further away including Denver, North Carolina, Oregon, Ottawa, and Toronto.

These artists have brought colour to Quinpool from one end of the business district to the other creating amazing works of art and leaving their mark on Quinpool Road. The talent and creativity of these artists has changed the 'vibe' on Quinpool and has brought so much colour and life to the Quinpool Neighbourhood!



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HALIFAX COUNTY EXHIBITION



The Halifax County Exhibition, a family exhibition proudly run by the community and many dedicated volunteers since 1884, will be held August 14 to 17. The theme for 2024 is: "Careers in Agriculture".

The parade to kick-off the festivities will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m.



Halifax County Exhibition Grounds at 190 Exhibition Grounds Road

The Halifax County Exhibition is organized by the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society.

44th CLAM HARBOUR BEACH SANDCASTLE COMPETITION



Sunday, August 18, rain or shine, the 44th <u>Clam</u> <u>Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition</u> commences at 9:00 a.m.!

IN THE COMMUNITY



Had a great time walking in the Halifax Pride parade with my 18-year-old. Supporting

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2SLGBTQIA+ communities is so important all year long but very special during Halifax Pride Festival.



Great turnout for our all-ages bike ride through Halifax's west end. Thanks to the riders and volunteers who marshaled the ride for us.

(Between Windsor St, Welsford

St, & Parker St)

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

Due to the municipal election on October 19 there will be no newsletter produced during the months of September and October.

Important dates for September and October.

September 2 – Labour Day September 5 – First Day of School September 10 – Final Nomination Day for HRM Municipal Election September 15 – Terry Fox Run September 22 – First day of Autumn September 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

October 1 – Treaty Day
October 8 – 16 – <u>Advanced Voting HRM</u>
<u>Municipal Election Online & Telephone</u>
October 12 and 15 – <u>Advanced In-Person Voting</u>

October 14 – Thanksgiving Day
October 19 – <u>HRM Municipal Election</u>
October 31 – Halloween

COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY



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

- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trails Association



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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

2024 ATLANTIC CANADA OLYMPIANS

Congratulations to all the athletes representing Atlantic Canada and Canada at the 2024 Paris Olympics!

We are proud to be cheering you on for the dedication, hard work and perseverance that has brought you this far! What an accomplishment.

Enjoy the experience and remember, no matter the results, you are among the best in the world!

PARIS 2024	athlet	es
Athlete	Sport	Hometown
Alysha Corrigan	Rugby	Charlottetown, PE
Antonia Lewin-Lafrance	Sailing	Chester, NS
Brooklyn Douthwright	Swimming	Riverview, NB
Connor Fitzpatrick	Canoe-Kayak – Sprint	Dartmouth, NS
Craig Thorne	Athletics	Quispmasis, NB
Ellie Black	Gymnastics –Artistic	Halifax, NS
Georgia Lewin-LaFrance	Sailing	Chester, NS
Hannah Taylor	Wrestling	Summerside, PEI
Jill Irving	Equestrian – Dressage	Moncton, NB
Michelle Russell	Canoe-Kayak – Sprint	Fall River, NS
Riley Melanson	Canoe-Kayak – Sprint	Dartmouth, NS
Sarah Mitton	Athletics	Brooklyn, NS
Sloan MacKenzie	Canoe-Kayak – Sprint	Windsor Junction, N
Sydney Pickrem	Swimming	Halifax, NS
Wyatt Sanford	Boxing	Kennetcook, NS

