



**COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY**  
**DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS**  
**HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE**

## WELCOME SEPTEMBER!

Happy Labour Day! Happy back to school time!

Wishing all students, a school year filled with intrigue and challenges that motivate you to reach for your dreams.

This month's newsletter is filled with important information on the State of the Downtown by the Downtown Halifax Business Commission; proposed amendments to Short Term Rentals; the Regional Plan Phase 4; HalifACT; active planning applications for District 9, an opportunity for artists and much more!

For information on school transportation, please contact the [Halifax Regional Centre for Education](https://www.halifax.ca/education) at 902-431-4723 or email: [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca).

To discuss a municipal program or service contact me at:  
[Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca](mailto:Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca) or 902.579.6746.

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

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

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

### DID YOU KNOW...

That September is:

[World Alzheimer's Disease Month](#)

[World Animal Remembrance Month](#)

September 2<sup>nd</sup> is [World Coconut Day](#)

September 4<sup>th</sup> is [Labour Day](#)

September 5<sup>th</sup> is [International Day of Charity](#)

September 7<sup>th</sup> is [International Day of Clean Air](#)

September 8<sup>th</sup> is [International Literacy Day](#)

September 10<sup>th</sup> is [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

September 16<sup>th</sup> is [Rosh Hashana](#)

September 21<sup>st</sup> is [International Day of Peace](#)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is [World Car-Free Day](#)

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is [September Equinox](#)

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is [International Day of Sign Language](#)

September 25<sup>th</sup> is [Yom Kippur](#)

September 30<sup>th</sup> is [First Day of Sukkot](#)

September 30<sup>th</sup> is [National Day for Truth & Reconciliation](#)

### BACK TO SCHOOL



**Halifax**

Regional Centre for Education

For information on [school transportation](#), please contact the [Halifax Regional Centre for Education](#). For information on the [School Crossing Guard Program](#), please contact Halifax Regional Police at 902.490.5168 or call 311, HRM's Customer Service Centre.

HRP are always recruiting candidates for School Crossing Guards. School Crossing Guards are responsible to:

- Safely escort elementary school children across busy crosswalks throughout HRM
- Enforce all policies and procedures in the operation of the crosswalk
- Abide by all laws dealing with pedestrian traffic at the crosswalk
- Report any problems or safety concerns arising at the assigned crosswalk to the supervisor or program manager.

As students return to school, be more attentive on our streets/roads especially in school zones. Please obey all traffic rules and reduce your speed for everyone's safety including your own.



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### LEBANESE FESTIVAL

# LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The Lebanese Festival is celebrating 22 years and proud to announce that they are offering a full [in-person festival experience](#): "*Savour a Taste of Lebanon in the Heart of Halifax*" from September 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Experience the same tastes you know and love, with a few exciting new additions!

Can't make it to the festival this year, but still want to enjoy a meal? No problem. They will be accepting [online pre-paid orders](#), with next day pick-up.

Yalla, don't forget- Admission is FREE!  
Olympic Community Centre  
2304 Hunter Street  
(corner of Windsor & Cunard Streets)  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
e-mail: [info@lebanesefestival.ca](mailto:info@lebanesefestival.ca)



### YOUTH WORX PROGRAM



Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applicants for the [Youth WORX Program](#). Youth WORX offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building experience for youth ages 16 to 24 who are not employed or attending school full-time.

Participants will gain hands-on work experience operating the [Youth WORX Café](#) in the Sackville Sports Stadium, as well as delivering and repairing green carts on behalf of the municipality. Further, participants will have the opportunity to attend job readiness workshops to improve their employability skills.

The municipality will be hosting the below information sessions on the Youth WORX Program:

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. | Sackville Sports Stadium  
Multipurpose Room | 409 Glendale  
Drive, Lower Sackville

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. | Dartmouth North  
Community Centre Activity Room | 105  
Highfield Park Drive, Dartmouth

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. | Captain William Spry Centre  
Multipurpose Room | 16 Sussex Street,  
Spryfield

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>



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7:00 p.m. | St. Andrew's Community  
Centre Meeting Room | 3380 Barnstead  
Lane, Halifax

For more information, visit the municipal  
website [here](#) or call 902-490-5589, text 902-  
579-5446, email [youthworx@halifax.ca](mailto:youthworx@halifax.ca), or  
message [@hfxnextgen](#) on Instagram.

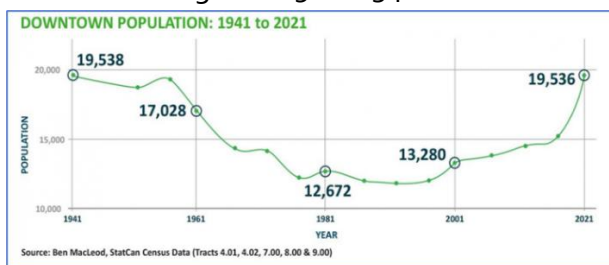
### STATE OF THE DOWNTOWN



The [Downtown Halifax Business Commission](#)  
(DHBC) has released their first State of the  
Downtown report available [online](#). The  
document states that: *"DHBC intends to use  
this type of data to paint a clear, fact-based  
picture of Downtown recovery, allowing us to  
chart a new vision, and ensuring that we remain  
Canada's Favourite Downtown."*

Some interesting facts are as follows:

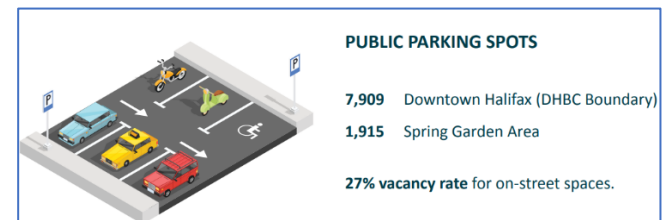
The population growth statistics from 1941 to  
2021 reveal that in 2021 the population was  
basically identical to what it was in 1941. Data  
shows that currently, 60% of our population is  
between the ages of 15 and 34.



How people get to the downtown shows that  
the use of automobiles has declined while  
other modes (pedestrian, cycling, transit) have  
increased!

HOW DO PEOPLE GET DOWNTOWN?			
In 2017 and in 2022, Dalhousie Transportation Collaboratory completed a study, measuring how people arrived at their destination, within the Downtown area. These were the results:	MODE OF TRAVEL	2017	2022
	AUTO	48%	35%
	FOOT	31%	41%
	TRANSIT	19%	22%
	BIKE	2%	2%
Source: NovaTRAC 2018 Halifax Survey and HaliTRAC 2022 Survey, Dalhousie Transportation Collaboratory.			

There is a 27% vacancy for on-street parking.



### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Have you ever wondered about developments  
in your area? If so, you can check out the  
municipal website for information on [active  
planning applications](#) throughout HRM. Here is  
a list of projects for District 9:

#### [Case 23472 - West End Mall Future Growth Node](#)

Phase 1 of public engagement has formally  
concluded for the West End Mall Future  
Growth Node. Information on future  
engagement will be published on the [Shape  
Your City](#) page.

#### [Case 24505 - 10 Kirk Road, Halifax](#)

Application by Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple  
Architects on behalf of a property owner,





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requesting to enter into a heritage development agreement on lands at 10 Kirk Road, Halifax (PIDs 00280263 and 00280115).

### [Case 24532 - 56 Walter Havill Drive, Halifax](#)

Application by Sunrose Land Use Consulting for an amendment to an existing development agreement to allow residential units and commercial uses on the ground floor at 56 Walter Havill Drive, Halifax. A public hearing will be held by Halifax and West Community Council on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### [MPSA-2023-00399 \(Former Case 23600\) - 30 Ridge Valley Road, Halifax](#)

Universal Contract Limited, on behalf of Universal Properties Inc. is applying to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB) ) to construct 2 new multi-unit dwellings for 30 Ridge Valley Road, Halifax.

### [MPSA-2023-00851 \(Former Case 23600\) - 41 Cowie Hill Road, Halifax](#)

ZZap Consulting Inc., on behalf of Hazelview Investments, is applying to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB) to construct 2 new multi-unit dwellings for 41 Cowie Hill Road, Halifax.

### [PLANAPP 2023-00465 \(Former Case 23096\) - 4 Cherry Lane, Spryfield](#)

KWR Approvals Inc. is applying to rezone lands at 4 Cherry Lane, Spryfield for a multiple-unit dwelling containing 19 apartments.

### [PLANAPP 2023-00534 \(Former Case 24638\) - 6590 Bayers Road, Halifax](#)

Irving Oil Marketing G.P. is applying to enter into a development agreement at 6590 Bayers Road, Halifax to allow reconstruction of a convenience store and gas bar

### [PLANAPP 2023-00545 - Boulderwood Road, Halifax](#)

Stella & Billy Nikolaou are applying for a development agreement for a single unit dwelling with access from Boulderwood Road.

## HalifACT



In the recent [HalifACT Community Update](#), Shannon Miedema, HRM's Director of Environment & Climate Change, explained that the municipality is devoting significant funding and human resources to climate action.

Perhaps most importantly, we are making climate action a priority in every aspect of our operations. But we cannot do this alone. Our success relies upon strong partnerships with other orders of government, utilities, academic institutions, businesses, communities, non-profits and residents.



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This year, **Halifax was ranked the 11th most sustainable city in the world** in the 2023 Corporate Knights' Sustainable Cities Index. The index evaluates sustainability based on water and air quality, public transit, energy systems and the efficiency of buildings. This honour is a testament to our commitment to acting on the goals of our climate plan in these key areas.

### Community action and engagement

#### Climate Action Challenge 2

HalifACT and the Halifax Innovation Outpost once again teamed up to ask businesses, organizations and community groups to pitch their innovative ideas for helping to address climate change and environmental issues. The second Climate Action Challenge asked for trailblazing projects related to resilient building technology, renewable energy, clean transportation, green jobs and food security. The top three 2023 projects were Laure Nolte and Habit Studio's low-carbon mycelium insulation, Navigate Energy's efforts to make North Brewing a net-zero company and Greenii's upcycling program that turns newspapers into beautiful handcrafted bags.

### Community action and engagement



Keep an eye out on the streets for the **municipality's newest electric van**, wrapped in our environment-themed artwork.



HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada and we're committed to keeping residents informed of the ways we're leading, collaborating and supporting the climate movement in the Halifax region.

### SHORT TERM RENTALS

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Regional Council approved amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies, and Community Land Use By-laws to establish consistent region wide policies and regulations for short-term rentals



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It is important to note, that while the recently approved amendments will provide clarification regarding where commercial STRs are permitted and where STRs must be in the primary residence of the host, existing land use provisions do not allow commercial STRs in most residential areas.

The following outlines a summary of the amendments and provides responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs). PLEASE NOTE, this information is summary only and you should still call 311 for any questions regarding a specific property.

### WHAT ARE SHORT-TERM RENTALS?

Short-Term Rentals (STRs) are temporary overnight accommodations rented out by property owners or tenants, typically for a few nights or weeks. Over the past few years, the prevalence of STRs has grown in popularity through online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO and HomeAway.

The recently approved amendments to planning documents introduce two new definitions: **Short-term Rental** and **Short-term Bedroom Rental**

**Short-term Rental** means a dwelling unit, or part thereof, that is used mainly for the reception of the traveling or vacationing public and is provided as temporary accommodation for compensation for a period of 28 days or less.

**Short-term Bedroom Rental** means a short-term rental where individual bedrooms within a

dwelling unit are rented to separate parties or groups with or without meals.

Note: Short-term Rental is the broader definition and will be used to enable the use in commercial areas and restrict the use to primary residences in residential areas. Short-term Bedroom Rental is a definition added to replace references to Bed & Breakfast uses. A Short-term Bedroom Rental is meant to describe the short-term rental of individual bedrooms opposed to the whole unit, which is common to Bed and Breakfasts or lodging houses.

### WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2023?

While the changes to establish a consistent region wide policies and regulations for short-term rentals will not come into effect until September 1, 2023 existing land use by-law (LUBs) provisions will be applied when considering inquiries for short-term rentals. The following outlines how existing land use provisions can be applied to short-term rental uses.

EXISTING RULES	
Boarders & Lodgers	Allows STR Bedrooms in your primary residence, often with a bedroom limit.
Bed & Breakfast	Allows STR Bedrooms. Most LUBs require B&B to be located in primary residence of operator.



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Hotels/Motels/Inns	Allows commercial STR, without primary residence requirement.
Commercial /Tourist Accommodation	Allows commercial STR, without primary residence requirement.
General Provision Tourist Accommodation	Some Plan Areas allow one tourist accommodation per lot in the general provision section of each Land Use By-law instead of as a standalone use in each zone. This provision enables one commercial STR dwelling unit per lot, without the primary residence requirement.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT?

For more information regarding zoning or land use by-law regulations please visit [here](#).

Property owners are encouraged to submit an inquiry through 311, by phone or online to connect with Planning & Development – Development Services staff to explore the potential for a STR on a case-by-case basis.

To apply for a permit please visit [here](#).

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Do I need to register my STR?

There are two separate rental registries that apply to STRs, only the Provincial Tourist

Accommodations Registry is in place at this time.

*Provincial Tourist Accommodation Registry:* this is an annual registration for all tourist accommodations in the province. There is an annual fee and requirement that you meet applicable local land use by-laws to register. You will be required to post your registration number with your STR listing. All tourist accommodations must be registered by April 1, 2023. Click [here](#) to register.

*Municipal Rental Registry:* Regional Council are considering adopting a Municipal Rental Registry. This would be a one-time registration for all rentals in the region, both short and long term. This registry would allow HRM to maintain minimum building safety standards. . The Municipal Rental Registry will be further discussed by Halifax Regional Council on April 4, 2024.

#### Do I need a permit for my STR?

If you have a **commercial** STR or STR bedrooms you **will be** required to obtain a permit. If your whole home STR is located in your **primary residence**, you **do not** need a permit. A permit is only required once unless there is a change to the number of bedrooms or change in ownership.

#### Can I have a STR in my secondary/backyard suite?

A STR is permitted in a secondary/backyard suite if that suite is the primary residence of the operator. A property owner with a main dwelling and a secondary/backyard suite cannot rent the secondary/backyard suite if





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they do not live in that suite as their primary residence. The long-term tenant of a secondary/backyard suite could rent the suite as a STR if it is their primary residence.

### How is primary residence defined/determined?

Your primary residence is the home where you live as an owner or tenant; the address you use for bills, identification, taxes and insurance.

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITY



Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking [artist-led proposals](#) for the design of an original work of art to be installed within the newly redesigned children's area of Keshen Goodman Public Library (330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax).

The Keshen Goodman Public Library provides critical social infrastructure with a diverse patronage including newcomers, seniors, youth, and young families. Equitable access to language learning, technology, meaningful programming, and social opportunities are all essential services provided by the branch. The branch is well-used by all age groups with very well-attended programming for youth, seniors, families, and everything in between.

The selected art piece should be reflective of the diverse community served by the Keshen Goodman Public Library, while also promoting active engagement and play-based learning.

The total budget for the project is \$70,000 CDN + HST.

[Submission](#) deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## IMPROVING HOUSING PERMIT PROCESSES



Regional Council and the development industry have expressed a shared interest in transparent reporting regarding the time it takes to get a permit to build or renovate. Council was presented Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that measure how long it takes to get development approvals and permits in HRM. This is crucial given the ongoing housing crisis in the Nova Scotia. The [staff report](#) and [presentation](#) presented in Council on August 22<sup>nd</sup> outlines the current processing timelines for various application approval streams, sets targets, discusses recent improvements, and identifies obstacles, resource needs, and legislative changes required to consistently meet these targets. Staff will report on these



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KPIs twice a year, with the next report coming in January 2024.

While permit and development application processing faced significant challenges in 2021, considerable improvements have occurred. Municipal staff will continue to monitor and adjust staffing, processes, and tools to reduce wait times and achieve target timeframes for most applications. Transparency in approval wait times through the website and upcoming online dashboard will set service delivery expectations for citizens and elected officials. The bi-annual KPI report, along with the annual budget and business plan, will enable Regional Council to regularly review service delivery metrics and provide necessary support, direction, and transparency for service delivery expectations for citizens and elected officials.

### REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES



We are pleased to announce an initiative aimed at elevating the rental landscape and fostering enhanced living conditions for our residents. Under the newly enacted [By-law R-400, Respecting Registration of Residential Rental](#)

[Properties](#), all property owners are mandated to register their rental properties via the [official portal](#), by the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Embracing diverse property types, including apartment complexes, income properties, single room occupancies, secondary suites, and short-term rentals, the Residential Rental Registry stands as a visionary project. This initiative will provide an accurate and comprehensive overview of the Halifax rental sector, rectifying the existing gaps in building information accuracy and detail.

The benefits are substantial. By aggregating a complete record of rental properties, our municipality will adeptly channel resources to where they are needed most, benefiting the occupants of these properties by optimizing service provision. Over time, the registry will empower us to proactively address maintenance concerns, mitigate complaints and non-compliance instances, and enhance the safety and overall quality of living for renters across the region.

The Residential Rental Registry process encompasses three key phases:

#### Registration:

Rental property owners are required to diligently complete the online registration form for their property(ies) by the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 deadline. There is no application fee associated with this process.



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### Review:

Our dedicated municipal staff will meticulously review each registration. Should further information be deemed necessary, applicants will be promptly contacted.

### Confirmation:

Following successful review, the municipality will issue a unique registration number to each rental property owner, confirming their compliance with the By-law R-400 mandate.

It is imperative to acknowledge that non-compliance with this directive bears consequences. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, property owners possessing unregistered rental properties may incur fines of up to \$10,000.

It is crucial to understand that registration within the framework of By-law R-400 serves as an administrative commitment and does not confer authorization for the operation of a rental property. Furthermore, By-law R-400 stipulates the necessity for rental property owners to maintain an up-to-date maintenance plan for their respective properties, incorporating all elements regulated by [By-law M-200, Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies](#). A maintenance plan template, facilitating adherence to this requirement, is readily accessible online [here](#).

For a comprehensive grasp of this transformative initiative, kindly direct your attention to the [municipal website](#). Your participation in the Halifax Residential Rental Registry contributes to a more prosperous and

secure rental environment for all.

## REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW



The municipality is inviting residents to participate in the Regional Plan Review through several engagement opportunities taking place from now until the end of October.

The Regional Plan sets out a common vision and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place. It was adopted in 2006 and is reviewed approximately every five years to ensure that the plan still reflects the municipality's goals for growth and development.

Have your say on the growth of our region at the Open House [engagement events](#) organized by staff for residents to come and learn more about the Draft Regional Plan and the Suburban Plan process. There will be two drop-in sessions for District 9 on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre: Session 1 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. and Session 2 from 5:30- p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



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NOTE: There will not be a formal presentation. Drop in at any time for either session.

Staff are also available to meet with interested community and stakeholder groups by request, by emailing [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca) or calling 902-943-3248. The Regional Plan Review engagement period runs until October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Residents who would like to attend an event and require accommodation for accessibility are asked to please contact Planning Staff by emailing [regionalplan@halifax.ca](mailto:regionalplan@halifax.ca) or calling 902-943-3248. To learn more about the Regional Plan Review, [click here](#).

### HAZARDS, RISKS, VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



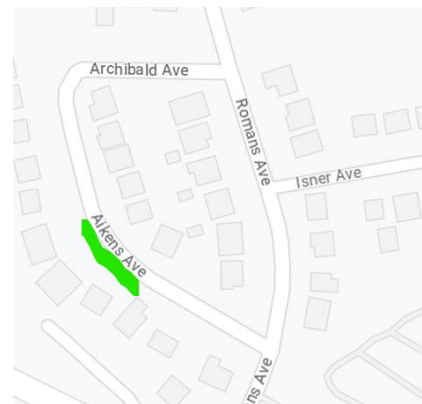
The municipality is seeking input from residents on hazards, risks and vulnerabilities across communities. Feedback will inform the development of a comprehensive Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. For complete details, click [here](#).

To keep improving how we make decisions, understand community vulnerabilities, and

mitigate emergency risks and hazards, the Halifax Regional Municipality Emergency Management Division is conducting a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA)..

Divided into four phases, the HRVA program will establish profiles and recommendations for action for each of the municipality's districts. Informed through comprehensive public engagement, these profiles will increase our understanding of human-, natural- or conflict-caused hazards that exist and how they increase community vulnerability. The recommendations will then be put into use and adapted based on continual review of HRVA profiles.

### AIKENS AVENUE – ROAD CONSTRUCTION



The Halifax Regional Municipality will be carrying out construction work on Aiken Avenue from August

31<sup>st</sup> to approximately November 30<sup>th</sup>. Parking may occasionally be restricted on your street which might require that you consider temporary parking arrangements. Notice will be provided prior to parking restrictions. We thank you for your patience and cooperation in assisting the Halifax Regional Municipality in improving the level of service to your area and





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apologize for any inconvenience the work may cause you. Inquiries related to this project should be directed to:

The work will take place from civic numbers 23-217 Aikens Avenue from Romans Avenue to Archibald Avenue, Archibald Avenue from Romans Avenue to Aikens Avenue, Isner Avenue from Romans Avenue to end and Romans Avenue from Mumford Road to Bayers Road.

The work generally consists of the replacement of existing asphalt pavement and gravels, partial sidewalk, and curb & gutter renewal, speed tables installation, Halifax Water infrastructure renewal and other associated reinstatement. NOTE: If someone at your address has difficulty crossing uneven ground, gravel, or steps, please let us know in advance so we can work with you for alternate access where possible during this project.

If you have any questions, please contact HRM Inspector, Greg Conrad at 902 943 2631 or the Ocean Contractors Ltd.

### HURRICANE SEASON – BE PREPARED



Hurricane season's arrival emphasizes the vital importance of preparedness.

In coastal areas like ours, readiness is

imperative due to the potential for catastrophic winds, rain, and devastation, aiming to save lives, protect property, and ensure community resilience.

#### Make a Plan:

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another and discuss what you would do in different situations.

When making your home emergency plan, you will need to think about the following:

- Safe exits from home and neighbourhood
- Meeting places to reunite with family or roommates
- Designated person to pick up children should you be unavailable
- Contact persons close-by and out-of-town
- Special health needs
- Place for your pet to stay
- Risks in your region
- Location of your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve and floor drain
- Photocopy your emergency plan and keep it in your car and/or at work.

#### Protecting Property

Securing your property against hurricane damage is essential. This may include reinforcing windows and doors, clearing



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gutters and drains, and ensuring that the roof is in good condition. For those living in areas prone to flooding, elevating electrical systems and sealing basement walls can help mitigate water damage.

### Staying Informed

Monitoring weather updates is vital. Our government agencies provide timely information on storm tracking, severity, and projected paths. Pay attention to evacuation orders and warnings issued by local authorities. Having a battery-operated weather radio on hand can ensure you receive information even if the power goes out. Sign up for HRM emergency alerts [here](#). Check Halifax.ca frequently and follow @hfxgov on twitter for municipal updates and information during a storm.

### Review and Practice

Periodically review your emergency plan and supplies to ensure they remain up to date and functional. Practicing evacuation procedures with your family can minimize confusion and anxiety during a crisis.

In hurricane-prone regions, preparedness for the impending storm season is not an option; it's a responsibility. By understanding the risks, creating an emergency plan, safeguarding property, staying informed, engaging with your community, and regularly reviewing your preparations, you can increase your resilience in the face of these powerful natural forces. Remember, the best defense against a hurricane is a well-prepared and informed

community working together to weather the storm.

Learn more by visiting the municipal emergency preparedness website by clicking [here](#).

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

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation and Impact Fund
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring



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the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official 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."*

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

