

# Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

## WELCOME SEPTEMBER!



Monday, September 3rd is Labour Day, the last long weekend before school commences and we start to adjust to a more routine schedule. There are still some great summer days

left for you to enjoy our wonderful parks, beaches and trails!

I have lots of information to share this month – from: the new Halifax Transit ticket design / farebox upgrades, back to school road safety reminders, updates on the Integrated Mobility Plan and the Green Network Plan plus a link to information on Halifax Transit service changes now available in 9 languages, plus much more!

I warmly welcome all international and interprovincial students attending our amazing postsecondary facilities. To all students, have a successful and fun-filled year!

If you wish to discuss municipal programs and services, please contact me at <u>Tony.Mancini@halifax.ca</u> or by phone at 902.292.4823.

## **BONJOUR SEPTEMBRE!**



Le lundi 3 septembre est la fête du Travail, la dernière grande fin de semaine avant le retour à l'école et avant que nous nous ajustions à un horaire plus régulier. Il reste encore quelques beaux jours d'été pour que vous profitiez de nos merveilleux parcs et sentiers et

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de nos merveilleuses plages!

J'ai beaucoup d'information à partager ce mois-ci : un nouveau design des billets d'Halifax Transit et les mises à niveau à la boîte de perception, des rappels de sécurité routière avec le retour à l'école, des mises à jour du plan de mobilité intégré et le Plan de réseaux verts en plus d'un lien vers les renseignements sur les changements du service d'Halifax Transit qui est maintenant disponible dans 9 langues et beaucoup plus encore!

Je salue chaleureusement tous les étudiants internationaux et interprovinciaux qui fréquentent nos incroyables établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire. À tous les étudiants, passez une année fructueuse et amusante!

Si vous souhaitez discuter des programmes et des services municipaux, veuillez me contacter au <u>Tony.Mancini@halifax.ca</u> ou par téléphone au 902-292-4823.



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Now that school is back in session, please take care when traveling through a school zone. The following information is taken from the <u>Nova</u> <u>Scotia Drivers' Handbook</u>. Please obey signage especially in areas with schools / playgrounds. Be attentive for pedestrians and obey the rules of the road – drivers **must** yield to pedestrians.



#### School zone

The school zone sign is five-sided with a fluorescent yellowgreen background and two school children pedestrian symbols in black. This is the standard design across Nova Scotia since June 1, 2001. When children are present in the school zone, the maximum speed limit is 50 km/h. You must slow down, watch for children, and exercise extreme caution, as with all driving situations. Your speed must be reasonable and prudent for existing conditions.

Figure 1 Respect the 50 km/h School Zone speed limit when children are present.





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Playground. You are approaching a playground: Reduce speed, watch for children

Figure 2 Crosswalk Signs: reduce speed – watch for children.



Figure 3 School Crossing Guard on Portland Street

## Crosswalk guards

Crosswalk guards direct the movement of children along or across highways going to or from school. They signal drivers to stop by holding up a stop sign (paddle) facing the vehicle. Drivers must obey crossing guards appointed and employed for this purpose. Failure to do so could mean demerit points on your driving record.

## STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES



**STOP** when **red** lights are flashing and/or the stop sign is extended on school buses. It is illegal to pass a school bus **from either direction** when its red lights are flashing. In Nova Scotia, running a red light or passing a school bus with its lights flashing carries a fine of almost \$400 and six points.

See Section 103 School Areas and School Buses Subsection (3) of the <u>Nova Scotia Motor</u> <u>Vehicle Act.</u>





# CROSSWALK SAFETY



Figure 4 Pedestrian in unmarked crosswalk.

**EVERY intersection has a crosswalk**. Many are unmarked. **Drivers must yield to** 

pedestrians at ALL intersections, whether crosswalks are marked or unmarked.

## HALIFAX COUNTY EXHIBITION



Figure 5 Having great fun with Councillor Lindell Smith and daughter Jahtaya with RCMP personnel and Councillor Steve Streatch.

# MAYOR'S WELCOME TO HALIFAX PARTY!



On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Mayor Mike Savage will host the <u>Mayor's</u> <u>Welcome</u> <u>Party</u>, an

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annual reception welcoming international student. The Mayor wants to thank you for choosing Halifax as your home away from home while you study.

DATE:	Saturday, September 8, 2018
TIME:	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road

The Mayor's Welcome Party is **free** to attend.

Kick-off the start of the school year with food, live music, dancing and prize giveaways, as well as personal and professional networking opportunities.

Exhibitors will be onsite to provide essential information on community engagement programs and services to support you throughout your studies and beyond.

Contact your International Student Office by phone, email, or in person to let them know you'll be attending.





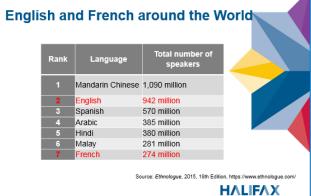
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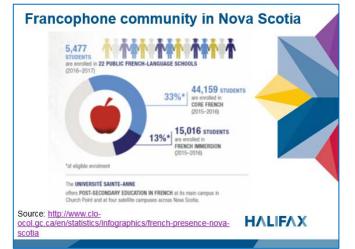
# ACADIAN AND FRANCOPHONE NOVA SCOTIANS



Figure 6 Acadian Flag raising event in the Grand Parade 2018.









- Produce bilingual documentation, communication materials and websites
- When French-language services are available, be proactive offering them!

# Why is it important to be proactive?

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- Only 1 Francophone in 10 is likely to request government services in French without prompting.
- Nearly 9 out of 10 Francophones say there is a strong probability that they would use a government service in French in the presence of a proactive offer.

Source: A study on the utilization of government services in French by Nova Scotian Acadians and Francophones https://acadien.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/files/summary\_deveau\_gov\_services.pdf

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# HALIFAX TRANSIT TICKET / FAREBOX UPGRADES

## Why does Halifax Transit need a redesigned ticket? Halifax Transit's existing fareboxes

have reached the end



of their useful life and a new fare collection system is being implemented. The new fare collection system will not accept transit tickets in their current form. The creation and production of a redesigned ticket is required. A Request For Standing Offers (RFSO) has been prepared to source a vendor to produce a redesigned ticket with enhanced security features that will be compatible with a new fare collection system.

# Why is Halifax Transit moving to a new fare collection system?

The Municipality is growing and changing and we are implementing a plan to modernize our transit technology. The redesigned tickets and the fare collection system are part of that process.

## What do I do with my current tickets?

Halifax Transit will roll out new tickets approximately three months prior to the launch of the new fareboxes and will accept current tickets until the launch. During this transition period, riders will be encouraged to use the remainder of their tickets or trade them in for new ones. New tickets will be available at retail locations throughout the region.

## Where can I exchange my tickets?

The specific locations, dates and times are being finalized. More information will be provided once available at halifax.ca/transit.

### Will tickets cost more?

Tickets will continue be available in packs of ten for \$20.

# When will the new fare collection system and the redesigned tickets roll out?

The expectation is that Halifax Transit will introduce the new tickets by end of 2018 or early in 2019. The new fare collection system is scheduled to be introduced on our buses and in ferry terminals in 2019, approximately three months after the new tickets have been rolled out.

# Why isn't Halifax Transit moving right to smart media?

The new fare collection system is part of a phased approach and a larger strategy to modernize technology for transit. This initial phase of the new fare collection system is necessary to lay the technological foundation for enhancements and additional customer conveniences to be implemented in the future, including the adoption of smart media.

### How does this impact users of the Halifax Transit monthly passes?

The introduction of the redesigned ticket and the new farebox has no impact on monthly pass holders.



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## **CRISIS HOUSING IN DARTMOUTH**



Figure 7 MLA Tim Halman and I hosted a community meeting on the importance of establishing an action committee to examine crisis housing in Dartmouth.

# GREAT TOUR OF TUFTS COVE COMMUNITY & CEMETERY





## NEWLY PLANTED TREES ALONG WAVERLEY ROAD RECEIVE A COOL, REFRESHING DRINK



## CHIEF JEAN-MICHEL BLAIS WITH HRP'S PORT UNIT IN HALIFAX HARBOUR









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## CONGRATULATIONS TREVOR MARSHALL ON YOUR PROMOTION TO TRAINING OFFICER WITH HALIFAX FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES!



COUNCILLOR SAM AUSTIN AND I – FOLLOWED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WAYE MASON - WALKING THE NATAL DAY PARADE



## I WAS HONOURED TO WELCOME NEW CANADIANS AT THE CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES IN AUGUST



Figure 8 MP Andy Fillmore and I at the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony



Figure 9 Welcoming New Canadians at the Citizenship Ceremony held at historic Citadel Hill.

We continue to welcome new Canadians in similar fashion to how our ancestors were once welcomed: "- the aboriginal people welcomed the first settlers here with open arms, fed us and took care of us ... that continues today, we welcome people from all nations to come in and share." Peter Stoffer





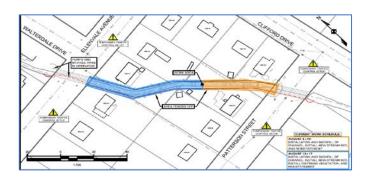
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The membership of the association is composed of people of Italian and non-Italian heritage who share an interest in Italian history and culture. The association provides instruction in the Italian language and culture, organizes social events on Italian cultural themes, and provides a forum where its members and the community-at-large can share experiences and mix socially.



## ELLENVALE RUN PROJECT UPDATE



Halifax Water and Brycon Construction are hard at work on the Ellenvale Run stormwater

project. An overview of the work done in August includes: Installation of precast concrete channel, backfill channel, install new stream beds, install instream vegetation, and reinstatement.



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If you have questions about the project, please contact:

Project Contacts Halifax Water Customer Care Centre 902-420-9287 Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CustomerService@halifaxwater.ca

> Peter Maynard, P.Eng Project Manager, Halifax Water 902-478-7350

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# MOBILE HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE (HSW) EVENTS 2018

The following are the remaining 2018 dates for mobile household special waste drop-off locations:

September 8 - Oyster Pond Academy September 15 - George P. Vanier September 22 - Tallahassee Community School

### October 13 - Mic Mac Mall

October 27 - NSCC Leeds St., Halifax Campus

The mobile community events are open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. rain or shine. Drop-off left over

paint, corrosive cleaners, used motor oil, batteries etc.



## **TIPS ON REDUCING PLASTIC USE**



Christine Stortini suggests switching to bar soap in the ongoing effort to reduce plastic use. There are many local artisans that make delicious smelling, moisturizing,

antibacterial, all-natural soaps in bar form that are not packaged in plastic. Ms. Stortini also uses a wooden soap holder - shown in image above - purchased from a local carpenter.

## CALEDONIA ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN







Fantastic job by students of Prince Andrew High School and community volunteers in maintaining the Caledonia Road Community Garden throughout the summer months!

## DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN MINI BARN

The newly constructed mini-barn at Dartmouth North community garden is being put to clever use!



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## **RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PV REBATE**



HRM rebate is now available for residential solar PV systems – offering savings of up to \$10,000. Eligible

participants can bundle the rebate with Solar City financing.

Learn more http://www.halifax.ca/solarcity.

## HALIFAX GREEN NETWORK PLAN



Protecting open space is a core value for Halifax citizens and a primary objective of the 2014 <u>Regional Plan</u>. Regional Council has identified the need for a strategic planning framework that will inform best practices for protecting and managing open space as an interconnected system across the Halifax Region. The Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) will help the municipality to advance these goals.

On August 14, 2018 Regional Council approved the final <u>Halifax Green Network Plan</u>.

#### Plan Development & Engagement

The HGNP was completed in three phases of data collection, analysis and engagement, including:

**Phase 1 -** Foundations (completed in winter 2016): Objective: Understand what we have, what we value and where we want to go, by way of technical study and engagement.

**Phase 2 -** Planning Framework (completed in winter 2017): Objective: Understand landscape impacts through detailed ecological assessment, consider open space network scenarios and options and develop planning and implementation directions.

**Phase 3 -** Draft and Final Plan (completed in summer 2018): Objective: Develop detailed implementation framework and final plan.

### **Vision for the Green Network**

The Vision for the Halifax Green Network distills and defines the Region's open space aspirations for the future. It represents the ultimate outcomes to achieve through the objectives and actions of the HGNP.

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- The Halifax Region will benefit from an interconnected open space network with multiple ecological, recreational, sociocultural and economic functions to shape sustainable, resilient human and ecological communities.
- The Halifax Region's open space success is rooted in public involvement and multisector collaboration to ensure long-term enjoyment, ecological stewardship and regional vitality.
- The Halifax Region's open space will continue to offer citizens healthy, productive, beautiful and enjoyable spaces for future generations.





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The Integrated Mobility Plan was unanimously approved by Regional Council in December 2017. Since then, the project team - comprised of various municipal departments - has been working hard on the action items identified under each objective. As of June 2018, 87 of the IMP's 137 total actions are in progress at some level. Please check out the latest <u>update</u> on the <u>Integrated Mobility Plan</u> (IMP).

The foundation for the Integrated Mobility Plan comes from four objectives identified in the 2016 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy:

- Implement a sustainable transportation strategy by providing a choice of integrated and connected travel modes emphasizing public and community based transit, active transportation, carpooling and other viable alternatives to the single occupant vehicle;
- Promote land settlement patterns and urban design approaches that support fiscally and environmentally sustainable transportation modes;
- 3. Forecast HRM's need for mobility and provide service and infrastructure to meet this demand while influencing choice towards transportation sustainability; and
- 4. Design complete streets for all ages, abilities and modes of travel.

The <u>IMP</u> may be viewed in full on our <u>website</u>.

## GREAT EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY BBQ



Figure 10 MP Darren Fisher and I had a blast along with Cst. Jeff Brown, Community Police Officer, at the Great East Dartmouth Community BBQ.

# DARTMOUTH NORTH COMMUNITY CENTER AND OUTDOOR PUBLIC LIBRARY – FAMILY FUN!



Figure 11 The population density surrounding the DNCC is relatively high, and the facility has the potential to attract over 7,500 people within a reasonable walking distance.





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# BANTAM GIRLS PROVINCIAL LACROSSE TEAM



Figure 12 Best wishes for an awesome season!

## INFORMATION ON HALIFAX TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES NOW AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

As I noted in previous newsletters, Halifax Transit service changes took place on August 20 as part of the <u>Moving Forward Together</u> <u>Plan</u>. These changes will create more direct and frequent routes, making our transit network faster, more reliable and easier to understand. Affected routes include:

2, 4, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 31, 33, 34, 35, 42 and 52.

Passengers affected by these changes can explore new route options <u>here</u>.

Information <u>Booklets</u> are available online in the following languages: <u>English</u>, <u>French</u>, <u>Arabic</u>, <u>Farsi</u>, <u>Korean</u>, <u>Nepali</u>, <u>Russian</u>, <u>Mandarin</u>, and <u>Yoruba</u>.

## KENNEDY DRIVE AND ROLEIKA DRIVE – NEWLY PAVED WITH SIDEWALKS AND STREET TREES -LOOKING GREAT!



## REMINDER: WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 30



For information on collections schedules click <u>here</u>.





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## SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



Over the last few years, Halifax Regional Council has allocated funds to help support the YMCA's Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. The snow removal program is available to seniors (65+) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax region who also meet the following criteria:

- Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented
- The total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$32,000
- The program is NOT available to landlords
- The program applies to residential properties only commercial properties are ineligible.

The program operates on a first-come, firstserved basis. When it reaches maximum capacity, registration in the program will end and individuals will be placed on a wait list.

To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit <u>YMCA online</u>.

## ONLINE CITIZEN SURVEY – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 16

We are looking for **YOUR** input on several topics for the HRM 2018 <u>Citizen</u> <u>Survey</u>.



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The online survey, accessible on the <u>Halifax.ca</u> website, seeks feedback on citizen priorities and thoughts about various programs and service areas.

This is the ninth time since amalgamation that the municipality has undertaken a Citizen Survey. The last survey was in 2014.

Citizen Survey results provide Regional Council and administration with valuable insight into what matters most to residents. The findings help identify municipal priorities and inform future decisions.

PRA Inc., a national research firm, is conducting the survey on the municipality's behalf. For technical questions about the survey, please contact PRA Inc. at 1-888-877-6744 (toll free), or at <u>admin@pra.ca</u>. For any other questions about the survey, please contact: Michael Pappas 902.490.5534 pappasm@halifax.ca







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## **STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP**



HRM's Parks and Recreation's Volunteer Services is offering a free, 9-session <u>"Step Up</u> to Leadership" course. The course was developed by volunteers, for volunteers.

DATE:	Wednesdays starting Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>
	(No class on October 31)
TIME:	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
LOCATION:	Alderney Gate Public Library

The program has a full, well-rounded agenda to provide the necessary tools and techniques to create effective leadership and community involvement.

## The first half of the course explores:

- personality types
- team work
- group dynamics
- diversity
- planning for your passion

# The second half of the course provides information on:

- creating a non-profit organization
- the legalities and practicalities of being a board member for a non-profit organization
- effective meetings
- conflict resolution
- public speaking

To register, or for more information, please contact <u>Devon Bundy</u>, Community Developer, (902.225.5806).

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### Currently serving on:

Halifax Regional Council Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council Board of Police Commissioners Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Executive Standing Committee Special Events Advisory Committee

Halifax Partnership Shubenacadie Canal Commission Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community School Advisory Committee (SAC) for Prince Andrew High School

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