

## Councillor Steve Craig

### District 15

Lower Sackville



**Dear Residents,**

This monthly E-newsletter is to provide you with an overview of regional news items that you may find of interest.

In this month's overview, you will find information on Mi'kmaq History Month, dedication of the new Halifax Transit ferry - The Rita Joe, Chanie Wenjack room, Cannabis legislation, and much more!

Respectfully,  
Steve

## OCTOBER IS MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

There are many events planned throughout the month of October in celebration of [Mi'kmaq History Month](#) commencing on Treaty Day – October 1<sup>st</sup>. Its purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaq culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia.

### Mi'kmaq History Month

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes that the Mi'kmaq have the inherent right to self-government within Canada;

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation recognize their mutual need to live in peace and friendship in accordance with the spirit of their treaty and nation-to-nation relationship;

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes all Treaties which were signed in good faith between the Crown and the Mi'kmaq;

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation recognize that their mutual peace and friendship requires the public awareness of the history, values and the diversity of cultures;

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation wish to promote public awareness for all citizens of Nova Scotia;

NOW THEREFORE we, John Savage, Premier of Nova Scotia, and Ben Sylliboy, Grand Chief of Mi'kmaq, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Mi'kmaq History Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands in peace and friendship and caused our seals to be affixed at Halifax on this 1st day of October, 1993.

(Signed)  
John Savage  
Pri'mir wjit Nopa Sko'sia

(Signed)  
Ben Sylliboy  
Kji-Saqmaw wjit Mi'kmaq



On December 8, 2015, Regional Council adopted a Statement of Reconciliation, and the municipality has since taken several important steps that have begun to take us down the path of reconciliation.

Chanie Wenjack was a 12-year-old boy who died while fleeing a residential school. The Downie Wenjack Fund was established to continue the conversation on the legacy of residential schools, and to help the healing process through a combination of awareness and education.



Halifax Regional Council has created a dedicated space in Halifax City Hall. This project is done in collaboration with [Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund](#). The Legacy Space in City Hall will provide information about Chanie Wenjack and reconciliation for staff and visitors.

The official opening will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

## CANNABIS

The federal government has approved recreational cannabis use effective October 17, 2018.

The following information table is from a staff report that was before Regional Council on [June 19, 2018](#) regarding [By-Law N-303](#) - an Amendment to By-law N-300, Respecting Nuisances - Municipal Framework for Legalizing Cannabis, and [Proposed By-law P-602](#), an Amendment to By-law P-600, Respecting Municipal Parks. The table outlines the three levels of government and their responsibilities in relation to Cannabis regulations.

Table 1 – Cannabis Regulation: Government Responsibilities

Federal Government	Provincial Government	Halifax Regional Municipality
<b>Responsible for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession limits</li> <li>• Types of Cannabis products permitted</li> <li>• New criminal offences</li> <li>• Packaging and labelling</li> <li>• Serving Sizes and potency</li> <li>• Ingredients</li> <li>• Production</li> <li>• Advertising</li> <li>• Impaired driving</li> <li>• Medical cannabis</li> <li>• Age limit (Federal)</li> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Taxation</li> <li>• Home cultivation</li> <li>• Regulatory compliance</li> </ul>	<b>Responsible for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale and distribution</li> <li>• Retail model</li> <li>• Retail locations and rules</li> <li>• Possession</li> <li>• Social consumption</li> <li>• Public health and safety</li> <li>• Protecting youth</li> <li>• Deterring unlawful activities</li> <li>• Cultivation, propagation and harvesting</li> <li>• Taxation</li> </ul>	<b>Responsible for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public safety</li> <li>• Locations of commercial production and testing facilities</li> <li>• Impacts on Neighborhoods</li> <li>• Enforcement</li> <li>• Home cultivation</li> <li>• Social consumption (where cannabis can be consumed)</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>
<b>Regulations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis Act</li> <li>• Laws for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada</li> </ul>	<b>Regulations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis Control Act</li> </ul>	<b>Regulations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-law amendments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Nuisance By-law</li> <li>◦ Municipal Parks By-law</li> <li>◦ Land-use By-law(s)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## HALIFAX TRANSIT

Did you know that information on the recent changes to Halifax Transit routes (as of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018) is available in 9 languages? It's true! Check out the [Halifax Transit](http://Halifax Transit website) website to view the booklets in one of the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [Korean](#), [Napali](#), [Russian](#), [Mandarin](#) and [Yoruba](#).



## DEDICATION OF NEW HALIFAX TRANSIT FERRY – RITA JOE FERRY



Rita Joe was one of the names selected for naming a new Halifax Transit vessel through a naming contest held in the spring of 2017. 11,000 votes were cast and from that, the two names chosen were Vincent Coleman and Rita Joe. The Vincent Coleman Ferry was dedicated in March 2018.

The Rita Joe Ferry will be dedicated at a ceremony commencing at 10:00 a.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Alderney Ferry Terminal, Dartmouth.

## TAXI INDUSTRY SURVEY

The Halifax Regional Municipality invites residents to participate in the 2018 Taxi Survey.

The survey, which will be available until Thursday, Oct. 11, seeks feedback on taxi usage, service, gender diversity, and safety measures.

Results from this survey will provide valuable insight into what matters most to residents and will be included in a report to Regional Council in the coming months. The survey results and overall report will help identify priorities and inform future municipal decisions related to the taxi industry.

To take the survey, visit [halifax.ca/surveys](http://halifax.ca/surveys).

## VOLUNTEERING ON MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important—are you interested? Apply online to serve on a board or committee in 5 easy steps [PDF]. For more information please visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees>

**CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

**Volunteer to sit on a municipal board, committee or commission.**

Apply by Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018

**Questions?**  
[clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) 902.490.4210

To view the list of opportunities visit:  
[halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions](http://halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions)

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## REMEMBER - EVERY INTERSECTION IS A CROSSWALK – MARKED OR UNMARKED



The [Nova Scotia Driver's Handbook](#) states in Chapter 2 Rules of the Road that: **Every intersection has a crosswalk. Many are unmarked. Drivers must yield to pedestrians at all intersections, whether crosswalks are marked or unmarked.**



Pedestrians must follow the rules of the road as well. Remember to look left, right, and left again before crossing a street. Watch for turning vehicles.

## 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 [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#).