

### Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

#### **CONDOLENCES AND GRATITUDE**



Last month, our HRM community experienced an unimaginable tragedy when a house fire in Spryfield took the lives of seven children. In this time of adversity, I've been so inspired by the way our neighbours have come together –united in our deep sorrow and our desire to give comfort and

assistance in any way we can.

To everyone who joined us for the community gathering or funeral, sent prayers or made a donation, your outpouring of support is truly an inspiration.

I want to take a moment to recognize and honour the first responders who are also struggling deeply with recent events. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to keep our communities safe.

### **CONDOLÉANCES ET GRATITUDE**

Life is so short, there isn't enough time to love. I don't know where people find time to hate. Le mois dernier, notre communauté de la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax a vécu une tragédie

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inimaginable lorsque l'incendie d'une maison à Spryfield a pris la vie de sept enfants. En cette période difficile, j'ai tellement été inspiré par la façon dont nos voisins se sont rassemblés – unis dans notre profonde tristesse et notre désir de réconforter et donner une aide par tous les moyens possibles. À tous ceux qui nous ont rejoint pour le rassemblement communautaire ou les funérailles, qui ont offert leurs prières ou qui ont fait un don, votre élan de soutien est vraiment une inspiration.

Je veux prendre un moment pour reconnaître et honorer les premiers répondants qui ont aussi énormément de difficultés avec les événements récents. Merci à vous tous pour ce que vous avez fait et continuez à faire pour protéger nos communautés.



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#### SHUBIE PARK FAMILY WINTER FEST

Join the Adventure Earth Centre for their annual Family Winter Fest at Shubie Park on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy activities for children, youth, and adults such as snowshoeing, outdoor cooking, parachute games, crafts and more! More details on their <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>.

#### ANNUAL HRM WORKFORCE REPORT

| Workforce Indicators                       | 2016/17 | 2017/18        |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Number of Permanent Full Time<br>Employees | 3,232   | 3,368          |
| Average Employee Age                       | 45.74   | 46.67          |
| Average Employee Years of Service          | 11.67   | 12.3           |
| Percentage of Unionized Staff              | 81.47%  | 81.08%         |
| Number of Grievances Filed                 | 68      | 74             |
| Number of External Hires                   | 779     | 691            |
| Number of External Exits                   | 609     | 556            |
| Number of Internal Movement                | 956     | 732            |
| Employee Turnover Rate                     | 6.70    | 5.04           |
| Employee Retirements                       | 138     | 107            |
| Average Sick Days per Employee             | 10.1    | 8.4            |
| Total Employee Accidents                   | 430     | 570            |
| Lost Time Accidents                        | 192     | 221            |
| Training Cost per Employee                 | \$54.55 | \$67.69        |
| Employee Engagement                        | 192     | In<br>progress |

Every year, the Executive Standing Committee receives a report on workforce demographics and trends. You can find the full report <u>here</u> for more detail.

#### SHUBIE PARK WINTER MAINTENANCE

Please note that not all trails in Shubie Park are maintained through the winter. You can find the full map of trails that are maintained <u>here.</u>

#### ACCESS-A-BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS



Access-A-Bus provides door-todoor transit service for persons who are unable to use the conventional system due to disability. Last

month, Regional Council approved the adoption of the Access-A-Bus Continuous Improvement Service Plan which includes investments in new technology, achieving a more adaptable service and the introduction of integrated trips, all contributing to a more efficient, accessible service for passengers. You can find the full plan and staff report <u>here</u>.

#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

I'd like to wish the amazing women in my life and all who make our municipality a success a Happy International Women's Day. International Women's Day is celebrated on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> and this year's theme is #BalanceforBetter calling for a more gender balanced world. Check out their <u>website</u> to learn more about getting involved.

#### **BURNSIDE CONNECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT**



I was pleased to attend the announcement of \$86.5 million in Federal funding for the Burnside Connector project. This extension of the 107 Highway will

mean more efficient transportation for cargo, cars and buses and provide opportunities for active transportation links as well. The Province has also committed funds to this project and a report will be coming to Regional Council this month to discuss entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and cost-sharing agreement with the Province for a portion of the project.





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#### **TAXI LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS**

Regional Council has approved amendments to the Bylaw and Administrative Order that govern taxis in our municipality. The new amendments aim to address the challenges of safety, zoning, supply and demand and accessibility. The amendments included making 600 more licenses available, eliminating the zoning regulations that confined taxi's to one particular area and making driver training, GPS and debit and credit card machines mandatory.

Feedback from residents and information captured from an extensive consultant's report were used to support and guide the proposed taxi service improvements.

Municipal staff have also been directed to proceed with preparing amendments to existing Vehicles for Hire legislation and to explore opportunities to regulate transportation network companies, like Uber and Lyft, that may choose to operate in the municipality.

Read the staff report, including survey results and consultant's report <u>here</u>.



#### Support the Dartmouth North Family Centre and Dartmouth North Community Food Centre!

I'm participating in the polar bear plunge in support of the Dartmouth North Family Centre and Dartmouth North Community Food Centrel Help them meet their goal of \$15,000 by <u>making a</u> <u>donation</u> here: https://tinyurl.com/yydx9u84 Every dollar you raise goes to weekly programs at two sites in Dartmouth North!

Saturday, March 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



#### ZATZMAN SPORTSPLEX PUBLIC ART

The Zatzman Sportsplex is officially open, and if you haven't had a chance to go through and see the great improvements they have made please take some time to check it out! Award-winning Mi'kmaq artist Jordan Bennett has created an art installation for the facility titled *Pjila'si* (Welcome in Mi'kmaq) that incorporates traditional Mikmaq motifs and colour to create a piece that explores the various histories, traditions and contributions to sport in Mi'kmaki, such as the canoe, hockey, basketball, and more. The new art installation aims to inspire those who visit the Zatzman Sportsplex to feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged while engaging in their active and healthy lives inside and outside these walls.



### DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM FREE PROGRAMS

Your Community Health Team offers free group based wellness programs and services. Programs are offered days, evenings and weekends. Programs range from discussions around healthy eating, physical activity, managing risk factors, parenting, and emotional wellness. You can find a full list or programs and more information <u>here.</u>

#### **YOUTH LIVE INFORMATION SESSION**

Join us to learn more about the municipality's <u>Adventure</u> <u>Earth Centre</u>, <u>Youth Live Program</u> and <u>Youth Advocate</u> <u>Program</u> at our upcoming community meeting. An information session will be held Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth North Community Centre.





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#### MARCH BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

The Dartmouth North Public Library are hosting several great programs over March Break to engage children of all ages during their week off:

Dragon Trainers Academy – Tues.March 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kids and preschoolers

Vikings, complete these quests to learn how to successfully capture and train your dragon!

<u>Under the Big Top</u> – Wed. March 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Kids

Celebrate the circus with us with games, crafts and treats

<u>Superheroes Unite</u> – Thurs. March 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Kids and Teens Drop in and craft your superhero costume and have a

photo taken in our Super Photo Booth

<u>Great Potato Bake Off</u> – Fri. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Kids and Teens Load up your potato with toppings and impress our

judges with unique flavour combinations.

For more information about March Break activities, see the Library event page <u>here.</u>



Meeting Humboldt Broncos Kaleb Dahlgren while attending the Progess Club Celebrity Dinner

#### **GRAY ARENA UPDATE**



As part of the process for disposing of surplus properties, Regional Council has recategorized the Gray Arena to maximize

efficient use of a four-acre site and promote opportunities for re-development.

Deemed surplus in 2014, the

building was originally categorized as a Community Interest property. The property has been re-categorized as "Ordinary Sale" and can be sold at market value which will provide opportunities for investment in other municipal priorities. To inform next steps, the municipality will be hosting a consultation with the community to get feedback for the redevelopment of this land. To read more, <u>visit the staff report.</u>



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#### TAKE ACTION SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Take Action Society will no longer be hosting programs at the Demetreous Lane Community Centre as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All free "Hub" programs will continue at the Dartmouth North Community Centre from Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you should have any questions please contact us at 902-209-1900.

#### **COGSWELL DISTRICT DESIGN PLAN**



After extensive public consultation, the 90% construction design plan for the Cogswell District was approved by Regional Council Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. The approved design plan has accessibility, public art and commemorative features, parks and open spaces, multi-use paths, streetscapes and a transit hub for the new neighbourhood.

A detailed land use policy, including finalizing the rules that will guide the design and use of buildings in the Cogswell District, will be reviewed and considered in the coming months as part of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) amendment process. The goal is to complete the process well in advance of the sale of the first development block. To learn more about the design plan and next steps, visit our <u>website</u> or <u>read the staff report</u>.



Ice Safety training on Lake Banook

#### **CAMP COURAGE – OPEN APPLICATIONS**

Camp Courage introduces young women to careers as first responders, while developing their confidence, leadership skills and problem-solving abilities.

It is 100% free but in order to be accepted into the camp, you must write an essay on one of two topics; how you can improve someone else's life that is less fortunate, or how you can improve your community. Instead of paying cash, you have to do what you've proposed in your essay.

Applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup>, go to their <u>website</u> to apply today.



Deputy Mayor Mancini with Mayor Don Darling (St John, NB) and Mayor Mike Savage

#### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

Dig out your best green and come be Irish for the day! Join Halifax's Irish community and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the annual <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> <u>Parade</u> Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The Parade begins on Terminal Road then travels along Lower Water Street through historic Irishtown. The route ends at Historic Properties and an afterparty will be held at The Lower Deck Waterfront immediately following the parade.





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### MACPHEE CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LEARNING AGM

The MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning (MCCL) are hosting their Annual General Meeting Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at their location on Queen Street.

Come and celebrate all this great organization is doing and then join them afterwards for a free youth-led Wax Seal workshop. You can find more details on their Facebook page.

### DARTMOUTH CRUSADERS SWIM CLUB TRIAL PRACTICES

Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club is welcoming new members to join their team.

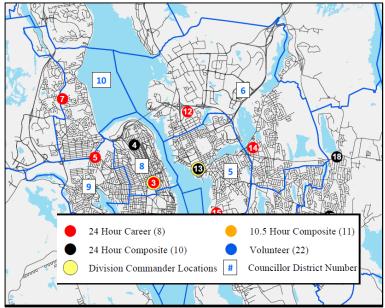
If you're interested in this opportunity, come try a free practice Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsplex. Swimmers should be Swim Kid 6 or equivalent, but programs for younger children are available as well. <u>Email them</u> to learn more and to schedule a time.

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING AMENDMENTS**

Regional Council has made changes to Administrative Order 2015-004-OP Respecting Traffic Calming which make it easier for streets to qualify for traffic calming measures.

We have lowered the speed thresholds necessary to qualify and eliminated the 10-point ranking threshold. For more information about our traffic calming program, see our <u>website</u> and you can read the full staff report <u>here</u>.

#### FIRE STATIONS BY DISTRICT



Thank you to our local stations – Station 12, Highfield Park Drive and Station 14, Second Street for your dedication to enhancing and preserving the quality of life and property for our residents.

#### **VILLAGE ON MAIN NETWORKING EVENT**

The Village on Main hold a networking event the third Wednesday of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. This month, the event will be hosted by <u>Sunrise Yoga</u> on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Events are open to the public, anyone is welcome to attend!





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#### **CELEBRATING THE FRANCOPHONIE**

Did you know that 49,575 HRM residents are reported to be bilingual and almost 12,000 people report French as their mother tongue? District 6 has a great francophonie community. This month, the Francophone community will be celebrating Journée Internationale de la Francophonie. Created in 1998, this international celebration of the French language and culture takes place on March 20 each year. To learn more about our francophonie community, see the provincial Acadian Affairs and Fracophonie website.

#### JYNX AND SULLY RECEIVE K-9 UNIT BADGES



Last month, two Police Service Dogs were presented with a K-9 Unit badge, honoring and fully recognizing them as invaluable members of our police service. The dogs are

trained to track lost people, detect illegal drugs and apprehend fleeing suspects on command. Thanks to each member of the K-9 Unit for their ongoing dedication and commitment to protecting and serving. A special thanks to the handlers for showing such care and pride for their dogs.



Don't forget Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time - turning the clocks one hour forward. Happy Spring Everyone!

#### **CENTRE PLAN ENGAGEMENT RESULTS**

5,230 unique visitors to centreplan.ca

50+ Roadshow presentations to associations and groups throughout the Regional Centre

10 industry workshops with 120+ participants

9 Public Open Houses & 320+ participants

Additional Open House on Downtown Dartmouth (Oct. 22) – 130 participants

163 shapeyourcity.ca submissions

10 weeks open houses & 399 visits

293 letters & e-mail submissions

7,930 document downloads

Stakeholder days meetings

# Engagement Results





CENTRE PLAN

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