

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME SEPTEMBER

I hope you all survived Hurricane Dorian safely and comfortably. I want to say a special thank you to our first responders, transit drivers, Nova Scotia Power staff and everyone who went above and beyond your standard responsibilities to support clean up and restoration efforts. It was humbling to hear stories of residents sacrificing their own comfort and safety to help your neighbours endure the storm. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to contribute to the rehabilitation efforts.

If there is damage to municipal property in your community as a result of the storm, please contact our call centre at contacthrm@halifax.ca or by calling 3-1-1 to report. There is more detail about Dorian clean up below.

I want to wish all of our students, teachers and administrative staff a smooth transition getting back into the school year. It's an exciting time to start fresh and get excited about learning something new. Good Luck!

BIENVENUE SEPTEMBRE

J'espère que vous avez tous survécu à l'ouragan Dorian en toute sécurité et dans le confort. Je tiens à remercier tout particulièrement nos premiers intervenants, les conducteurs de véhicules de transport en commun, le personnel de Nova Scotia Power et tous ceux qui ont dépassé le cadre de leurs responsabilités normales pour appuyer les efforts de nettoyage et de rétablissement. C'était une belle leçon d'humilité que d'entendre les récits de résidents qui ont sacrifié leur propre confort et sécurité pour aider leurs voisins à supporter la tempête. Merci à tous ceux qui continuent de contribuer aux efforts de réhabilitation. Plus de détails concernant le nettoyage à la suite de l'ouragan Dorian sont exposés ci-dessous. Si un bien municipal de votre collectivité a été endommagé en raison de la tempête, veuillez communiquer avec notre centre d'appels à contacthrm@halifax.ca ou en composant le 3-1-1.

Je tiens à remercier tous nos étudiants, nos enseignants et les membres de notre personnel administratif pour cette transition sans heurt vers l'année scolaire. Le moment est venu d'entamer un nouveau départ et de se réjouir d'apprendre de nouvelles choses. Bonne chance!

POST STORM UPDATE



Hurricane Dorian hit on Saturday September 7th and I am so impressed with how our Emergency Management Office handled this storm and were able to quickly mitigate the effects. Debris and tree removal efforts are well underway, with most main arteries passable with caution.

Members of the municipal urban forestry teams are busy identifying priority locations and crews, with support from contractors, are working to chip and remove downed trees, clean up debris, and replanting trees that can be saved.

For safety reasons, residents are advised to not attempt to assist with clearing downed trees in the municipal right-of-way. Those trees will be handled by professional crews. However, residents are responsible for tree maintenance on their own properties.

Branches should be tied in armload-sized bundles, to a maximum of 10 bundles, for collection day over the next two weeks. This service is free of charge. Any materials larger than this should be delivered to construction and demolition locations at Halifax C&D Recycling Ltd. (16 Mills Dr. in Goodwood), or 188 Ross Rd., in Westphal. There is a fee charged by these private service providers.

While considerable progress is being made with post-storm clean-up efforts, there are still many intersections throughout the community where traffic signals are not functioning. Motorists are reminded to treat these intersections as a four-way stop.

I'd like to give a special thank you to MLA Tim Halman and Constable Jeff Brown for all your assistance in District 6 during and after the storm. Please visit our website or follow @hfxgov on Twitter for all post-storm-related updates.

SHAPE YOUR BUDGET

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to help shape the next municipal budget and business plan by participating in a series of public engagement pop-ups this month.

Participants will be given the opportunity to take part in the 2019 Shape Your Budget survey in person or online. Your input regarding spending priorities will inform decisions regarding municipal service levels when developing the next budget. We're interested in hearing from as many voices and perspectives as possible across the region.

Sessions will be held across the municipality, including:

Dartmouth North Public Library | 105 Highfield Park Dr
Tuesday, September 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre | 2158 Gottingen St
Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Alderney Landing | 3 Ochterloney St
Saturday, September 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.

In years previous, the Budget Allocator tool was used to gather information about how residents would like to see taxpayers dollars spent. The Shape Your Budget citizen engagement survey pilot is a new tool that will be used this year, as we continue to create opportunities for the public to better understand and provide valuable input for the municipal budget. For more information please visit our website.

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

The Dartmouth Family Centre are hosting two sessions to educate parents about growing up in the digital world. Workshops will be held on Friday, September 13th and 20th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. They will discuss the impact of the growing technology world on our children, how we can help them build a health relationship with technology and ways to model and support healthy use of technology at home!

HURRICANE DORIAN



Visiting a comfort centre

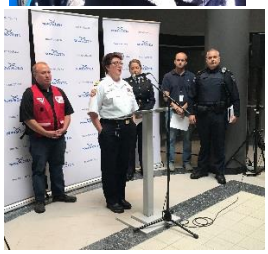
Assessing the damage with HRFE Chief Stuebing





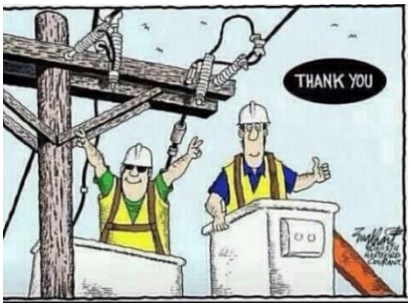
Visiting 911 Dispatch







Press Conference with the Province



Alberta St.
8:00 a.m.
September 10th







Alberta St.
12:00 p.m.
September 10th





At Emergency Operations

Kline Street





With Chief Fleck who led Emergency Measures



DARTMOUTH & DISTRICT PIPE BAND

The Dartmouth & District Pipe Band School offers beginner lessons from ages 8 to adult. The registration night for the 2019-20 season is Wednesday, September 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. James Church Hall on Portland Street. Not sure if you'd rather play pipes or drums? Come see a demonstration! They will have beginner instruments and instructors on hand so you can give it a try for free!

The band has been based in Dartmouth since 1965 and is a registered charity. They were recently named the Grade 4 North American Pipe Band Champions! More info can be found on their website and on Facebook.

Green Tip



Idling causes hundreds of thousands of tons of CO_2 emissions every year. When we need to use our phone or car's navigation systems, we can reduce idling emissions by inputting the directions before we start the car.

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFITS

The Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is now open for applications. The program helps non-profit organizations reduce their property tax payments. New applications for the program must be submitted by November 30th, 2019 and renewal applications are due March 31st, 2020.

You can find more information about this program including eligibility and the appropriate application forms here.

SPEAK UP, SHOW UP! CAMPAIGN

The Dartmouth North Community Food Centre want you to get involved in the upcoming federal election. There will be a federal election coming in October and there are a variety of ways for the community to learn more and participate. Join them for the following events to learn more:

- **Democracy Talk (Solidarity Supper)**
  Tuesday, September 17th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Button making: "I'm Voting, RU?"**
  Wednesday, September 25th, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Eat, Think, Vote (all candidates event)**
  Wednesday, October 2nd, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **"I'm Voting, RU?" Stations**
  Wednesday, October 9th, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sign Making for an Election Day Party & Parade**
  Wednesday, October 16th, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Election Day Voting Party & Parade to the Polling Station**
  Monday, October 21st, 10:00 a.m.

DARTMOUTH CRUSADERS SWIM CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Join the Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club Monday September 9th to Friday September 13th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for an open house where you can meet other swimmers and swim parents, learn about our team, and get some great swim tips. We want to welcome new swimmers generally 8 years and older, at Swim Kids 7 or higher (or similar skill level) to our new season beginning in September.

Younger swimmers interested in the Crusader Playground Program should be able to jump in deep water, fully submerge and blow bubbles unassisted and without a life jacket.

Contact them for more details: dartcrusaders@eastlink.ca or 902-469-8610

SHANNON PARK UPDATE

Schooners Sports and Entertainment (SSE), the organization proposing a community stadium, will be bringing a business case to Regional Council soon. Shannon Park is owned by the Canada Lands Company (CLC) and they have has agreed to consider this use if certain conditions are met:

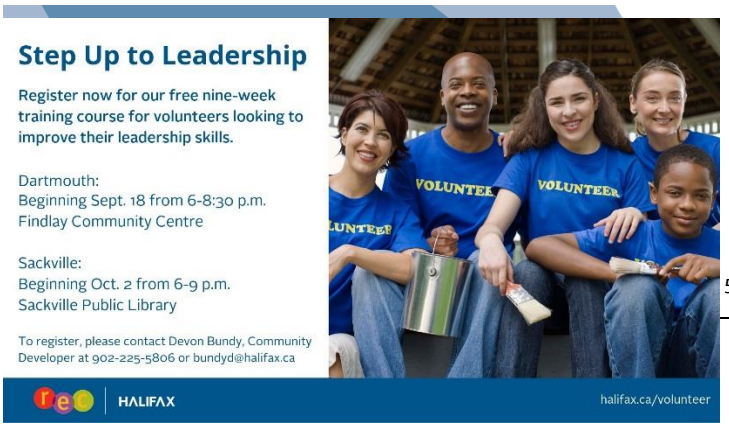
- SSE and HRM are required to undertake public engagement with the community;
- HRM and the Province indicate their support for the community stadium for municipal and broader regional community benefit;
- Canada Lands Company and SSE coordinate efforts with the Millbrook First Nation and their neighbouring development plans; and
- HRM approve a revised concept plan – one which includes the development principles supported by the community during Canada Lands Company's initial consultation process.

The proposal will include a new artist rendering and suggests a $130-million stadium with 12,000 permanent seats and a capability of adding 12,000 more temporary seats.
Shannon Park is an 82-acre property and the proposed land purchase would be about 20 acres of that land. No agreements or sales have been approved at this time. The stadium would only take a small portion of the land if approved, the rest is proposed to be used for mixed use community development and active transportation opportunities.



URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN MAINTENANCE

The Urban Forest Master Plan is a strategy that aims to ensure the sustainable future of our urban forest. Street trees improve air quality, provide temperature management, storm-water reduction and many more environmental and aesthetic benefits. Internal staff have been trying to keep up with the maintenance of trees that need to be trimmed or removed, but we are now issuing a tender to have all trees planted from 2013-2017 that have died removed by an outside contractor. In the meantime, residents can report street tree damage by calling 311. For more information on the Urban Forest Master Plan, visit the website.



CHICKEN BY-LAW

Staff are now in the process of preparing a webpage and questionnaire that will be released this fall about enabling egg laying hens and chickens in residential zones. For more information, the resident can check out page 6 of the staff report.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Looking for a delicious after school snack? The Library is hosting a Grilled Cheese Spectacular, an opportunity for children 5 and up to create a grilled cheese masterpiece by selecting from a variety of fillings. Check it out September 27th at 2:00 p.m. The Dartmouth North Public Library hosts all kinds of great programs for free – stop by or check out the website for more details.

PET PICK UP

Animal waste contains bacteria and parasites, such as, E.coli, giardia and salmonella. Waste washes from our streets and parks into our waterways which pollutes our watershed. This poses a health risk to both humans and other animals, so the Halifax Regional Municipality is encouraging residents to be mindful and pick up after your pets. Please make sure to bring plastic bags when you walk the dog so you can dispose of waste in a garbage can. All pet waste must be disposed of as garbage. Dog bag dispensers are available at Lake MicMac and we encourage pet owners to use these dispensers if they forget their own bags. Lake MicMac provides plastic bags and accessible garbage cans to ensure convenience. The plastic bags contain recycled plastic material to help reduce plastic waste.

The Municipality is also considering a pet waste recycling program that has been successful in other municipalities. For more details you can find the staff report here.

ROAD OPERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thank you to our Road Operations and Construction (ROC) crews who are continuing to work hard repairing and updating our roads and sidewalks. Since the construction season began in April, ROC has impressively completed more than 9,000 improvements to municipal assets. These enhancements include filling approximately 4,400 potholes, mitigating more than 600 potential sidewalk hazards and disposing of thousands of pounds of litter from our outdoor spaces. Not only are our crews committed to the safety of our citizens, they are also committed to safety on the job. Thank you!



Chief Stuebing makes the announcement about the Quartz Drive fire

FIRE INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) investigators are classifying the cause of the February fatal house fire on Quartz Drive in Halifax as undetermined.
HRFE investigators consulted with the provincial Fire Marshal's Office and the investigator with the property owner's insurance company. Everyone came to the same conclusions. Fire investigations by their nature are challenging and very difficult to solve because valuable evidence can be lost in a fire. Clues that might lead investigators in a certain direction are destroyed. It's not unusual to conclude a fire investigation without being able to identify a cause. Since January 2015, the cause in 25% of major fires in the municipality were classified as undetermined. The fire department will continue to investigate the cause of this fire if new information becomes available. Since the tragic fire in February HRFE has:

- Organized eight fire safety presentations
- Attended with fire prevention booths at three public events
- Held two train-the-trainer events where we advised the new trainers on what fire safety information they should consider/avoid in their sessions, and what resources are available to them.
- Added a link on the municipal website to multi-language fire safety tip sheets.

HRFE also has two programs aimed at equipping citizens with valuable fire prevention tips and tools.
The first is HRFE's 'Alarmed and Ready' program, which provides residents with smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors if they cannot afford one. In addition, HRFE recently introduced the Practice Using Safety at Home (PUSH) program, which puts fire crews into the community, performing home visits. These home visits include education on civic numbering, emergency preparedness, the importance of early warning devices, and a demonstration on how to maintain and test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Residents are encouraged to call 311 for more information on either program. A summary of this fire investigation and other investigations can be found on the HRFE Fire Investigations website.

DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

HALIFAX TRANSIT'S FEED NOVA SCOTIA CONTRIBUTION

Each year on Canada Day and Natal Day, Halifax Transit offers free ferry service for residents with the request that monetary and food donations be made to Feed Nova Scotia in lieu of fare payment. Halifax Transit also facilitates Stuff-A-Bus, an annual Christmas program where local organizations fill a bus with food items to support families through the holidays.

This year, Feed Nova Scotia was thrilled to receive $7,699.86 in monetary donations from passengers on Natal Day weekend. Halifax Transit is grateful to be part of such an important collaboration and is committed to the continued growth of this and other programs intended to help Nova Scotian residents in need.

JUNE VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Halifax District RCMP release a monthly vehicle/pedestrian collision report to provide police and citizens with more contextual information on this issue.

A total of 107 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions have been reported from January to June 2019 in Halifax Regional Municipality. This represents a decrease of four incident over the same time period in 2018. There were 7 incidents in June.

INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN UPDATE

The Integrated Mobility Plan was approved by Regional Council in December 2017. The plan creates a vision to help direct future investment in transportation demand management, transit, active transportation, and the roadway network.

Staff release a quarterly newsletter that includes details about our progress on the plan. You can find it along with more detail about the action plan here.



GRAY ARENA SITE

Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback in our Gray Arena Site engagements.

Staff received feedback from over 1,000 residents through public engagement sessions and an online survey. Some of the ideas we heard included having a safe space for youth, outdoor activities and nature, access to food, low cost or free programing options and culturally appropriate programming.

We look forward to hearing more details from staff in the coming weeks.

PRENATAL PROGRAM

The Dartmouth Family Centre hold a Prenatal Program that offers opportunities to share with other new parents, information about postpartum adjustment, infant sleep, baby safety, labour and delivery and feeding and much more. The program begins September 18th and will run Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Please call 902-464-8234 or visit the family centre site at 107 Albro Lake Road to register!



Presenting a certificate to local hero Melanie Rusinak who saved her neighbour's life using the Heimlich Maneuver

HOW TO SPEAK ASSERTIVELY WORKSHOP

Join the Dartmouth Family Centre and Dartmouth Community Health Team for a 4-part workshop about the importance and practice of being assertive.

Being assertive is a valuable communication skill that allows you to express yourself effectively and stand up for your point of view, while also respecting the rights and beliefs of others.

The workshop will be Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning September 17th. Join them to discuss how to say your opinions, needs, and feelings in an open, honest and direct way.



Prostate Cancer Awareness Flag Raising

DARTMOUTH HANDCRAFTERS GUILD CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

The Dartmouth Handcrafters Guild hold a not-for-profit craft show each year at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. This year, the show will run from October 25th - October 27th. Check out more details on their website.

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Executive Standing Committee
Special Events Advisory Committee
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
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SAC for Prince Andrew High School
NS Solid Waste Resource Management