



COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

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Dear Residents

Now that the warmer weather is upon us and some restrictions have been lifted by the Province, I see more people out in the community. Even though some restrictions have been lifted, I ask you to be mindful of the social distancing requirements. We can all enjoy the outdoors while still protecting each other.

Congratulations to all graduates! I know that graduations look very different this year; however, it should not take away from your sense of accomplishment. You should be proud of everything you have done this year especially during these difficult times. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy Summer. Enjoy!

COVID-19 Update

For up-to-date and accurate information, please check the [Canada](#), [Nova Scotia](#), and [Halifax Regional Municipality](#) websites.

Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 for non-emergency purposes. Residents can call 3-1-1 and police non-emergency line at 902-490-5020. Call 211 to find non-municipal community and social services available in your area.

Nova Scotia offers COVID-19 testing to anyone who develops symptoms. Please call 811 to arrange a testing time.

Key Activities Underway

- Province announces that some businesses may reopen on June 5 providing they follow health protocols. Child care sector may open on June 15. A list of businesses and more detailed information can be found in the provincial [media release](#).
- All municipal beaches are now open. Please note that no lifeguards are present, and residents are cautioned to use the beaches at their own risk. Boat launches at municipal beaches have also reopened.

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- Tennis courts have reopened. Provincial public health measures must be followed on all municipal properties. Residents are reminded that police are still authorized to issue tickets for violations under the Emergency Management Act and Health Protection Act. Parks are open for walking and exercise only. Organized sports and gatherings in violation of public health restrictions are not permitted. To report violations related to the provincial state of emergency, call the police non-emergency line at 902-490-5020.
- The municipality manages and maintains all sports fields, courts and playgrounds on school properties. Excluding sports fields and tennis courts for personal use, these facilities remain closed. In order to adhere to provincial public health measures, no bookings of sports fields, ball diamonds, sport courts and artificial turf fields will be permitted until further notice.
- The Province-wide burn ban continues to be in place.
- A virtual meeting for final deliberation and adoption of the 2020/21 municipal budget is scheduled to take place on June 9 at 10:00 a.m. Residents can click the video link on [Halifax.ca](https://www.halifax.ca) to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.
- All Halifax Public Library branches continue to be closed until further notice.
- Halifax Transit continues to operate on a reduced schedule. Changes to transit services can be found [here](#).
- All municipally owned recreation facilities, community centres and arenas are closed until further notice.
- Applications for Rezoning, Municipal Plan amendments, Development Agreements, or Downtown Halifax Site Plan Approvals can be submitted via email to Carl Purvis – Planning Applications Program Manager at purvisc@halifax.ca.
- An [online form](#) has been created for all permit and sub-division applications.

Are you a food organization providing emergency relief during COVID-19?

If so, there are two grant opportunities available to help in your communities.

- **Community Food Centre’s grant program** – provides mostly Sobeys gift cards; some cash grants with priority to Indigenous communities. Start preparing now! @aplaceforfood will be opening a new round of funding through their #GoodFoodAccessFund soon. More details can be found [here](#).
- **Second Harvest’s program** - a [program](#) concentrating on food gift cards from Loblaw companies (Superstore and No Frills included). Each organization can apply for up to \$20K in cards of small denominations to share with clients. Applicants must be a charity/non-profit (no individuals); deadline is August 8th (for this tranche; there should be subsequent cycles). The application can be found [here](#).

Nova Scotia Credit Support Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Nova Scotia Credit Support Program, administered by Credit Union Atlantic and East Coast Credit Union. Support includes:

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- Up to \$25,000 loan
- one-time grant of up to \$1,500
- business continuity voucher of up to \$1,500 for advice and support to help your business adapt to or recover from the effects of COVID-19.

More information on the program can be found [here](#).

Are You Emergency Ready?



ARE YOU PREPARED?



HRM is encouraging all residents to become emergency ready.

The past year has demonstrated the importance of emergency preparedness, with Hurricane Dorian in 2019 and the current situation with COVID-19. The Emergency Management Division is focused on ensuring the safety and security of residents, their properties, and the environment by providing a prompt and coordinated response to emergency situations. Residents also have a big role to play when it comes to ensuring their own safety. Being 'emergency ready' requires three key steps:

- Know the risks
- Have a plan
- Get a kit

All residents should be prepared to be self-sufficient in their homes for 72 hours. To stay informed about emergencies and operations, residents are encouraged to register for

[hfxALERT](#), the municipality's new mass notification system. Subscribers will receive urgent and non-urgent notifications by phone, email, and/or text message.

June Solid Waste Programs/Events Suspended

Currently, Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM's) Household Special Waste (HSW) collection program has been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Solid Waste has cancelled the mobile HSW event originally planned for June 13th, at MicMac Mall. Currently, it is proposed that all remaining mobile events be cancelled for fiscal year 20/21 and that the HSW Depot resume operations in October 2020 subject to Regional Council approval as part of the budget review process.

In addition, the Curbside Give Away Weekend, scheduled for June 6 and 7, 2020 has been cancelled as the event encourages non-essential travel and many charitable organizations that accept reusable items have suspended operations.

HSW Alternatives

While the HSW program has been suspended, it is important to note that there are free alternate options available to residents to dispose of common HSW materials.

Residents are encouraged to call ahead to confirm any changes in operating hours or procedures.

Paint and empty paint cans can be dropped off at any Enviro Depot location in the province.

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Residents are asked to call ahead to confirm changes to hours of operation and additional materials accepted. Contact information for these locations, along with materials accepted can be found on the [Product Care website](#) or the [Divert NS website](#).

Used oil, oil filters, glycol (antifreeze) and any empty containers which contained oil or glycol can be dropped off at any Used Oil Management Association (UOMA) NS designated collection site. These include many [local gas stations and auto repair centres](#).

There are several locations in our communities that accept **batteries and cell phones** for recycling. Locations can be found on the [Call2Recycle website](#).

Prescription Drugs – check with your pharmacy to confirm if they are currently able to accept unused or expired medications for disposal.

Residents will find links to these programs when they search for HSW items through the Halifax Recycles mobile app, or online at www.Halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere.

Tips for safe at home storage of HSW can be found on the [Household special waste page](#) of our website and on the [Government of Canada site](#).

Paid Parking and Enforcement Resuming June 1

As the Province begins to ease restrictions and businesses resume operations, **paid parking, hourly parking and enforcement will be resuming effective June 1.**

Below is an update on impacted services:

Meters: All parking meters will be “on” and enforced effective June 1 in all areas across the municipality. HotSpot will be reactivated, and all meters will require payment. All bagged meters will continue to be enforced.

Time-restricted parking and loading: All time-restricted (1 hr., 2 hr. etc.) parking and loading zones (temporary or permanent) will be timed and enforced effective June 1. New temporary 15-minute parking zones have been installed to facilitate the short-term pick up needs of restaurants and other businesses.

Accessible Parking: Will continue to be fully enforced.

Permits: All parking permits expiring in March through to June will remain valid until customer service centres reopen. This includes monthly and residential parking permits. Parking Permit zones will be enforced. Once customer service centres reopen, next steps for parking permits purchasing and enforcement will be communicated [on the website](#).

Tow-away zones and transit priority lanes: Will continue to be enforced.



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