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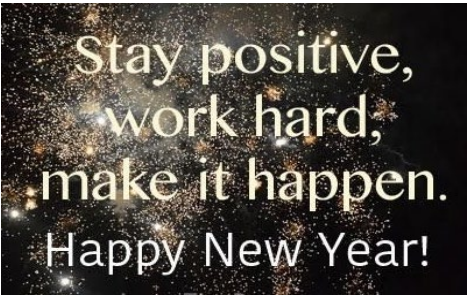
May the New Year bring us health and happiness and an end to COVID-19!

My Council colleagues and I made some

positive steps to ensuring a better New Year for all, including the approval of the Rapid Housing Initiative and continuing public engagement on the Centre Plan. We now need your input on the 2021/22 municipal budget; help us plan the spending priorities for the new fiscal year.

Included in this E-newsletter are dates for upcoming Budget Committee meetings, information on commuter parking permit winter restrictions, free menstrual products, cross country skiing locations in HRM and much more!

In the interest of public health, my drop-in sessions at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre are suspended until further notice.





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JANUARY REGIONAL COUNCIL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Regional Council and Budget Committee virtual meetings will be held on the following dates:

Budget Committee:

Tuesday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Regional Council:

Tuesday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Please check our [website](#) as dates/times/locations are subject to change.

COMMUTER PARKING PERMIT CHANGES WINTER 2020/21



There are monthly commuter parking permit restrictions on a select number of downtown streets for the winter 2020/21 season.

These restrictions are in effect from November 15th, 2020, to March 15th, 2021.

The changes reduce or restrict the availability of parking for commuter parking permit holders for the months of December, January, February and March.

Please note that the restrictions do not apply to those wishing to purchase residential permits.

Commuter permit restrictions are on the following streets:

- Artz Street;
- Creighton Street between Cogswell Street and Falkland Street;
- Maynard Street between Cogswell Street and Cornwallis Street;
- Falkland Street; and
- Rainnie Drive

Be sure to check signage before parking. It is the responsibility of motorists to check the installed signage on Rainnie Drive with this change.

When the municipal overnight winter parking ban is enforced, no parking is permitted until the ban has been lifted.





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THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

When and where you park during the winter can have a big impact on clearing.



INFRASTRUCTURE TYPE	PRIORITY	STANDARD
Streets	1	Start time: After 2CM Finish Condition: Bare pavement Time to completion from end of event: 12 Hrs
	2	Start time: After 10CM cut throughs will begin Finish Condition: Snow-covered passable Time to completion from end of event: 24 Hrs
Sidewalks, Walkways & MUPs (AT infrastructure) including Pedestrian call buttons, tactile warning strips, pedestrian ramps and accessible parking spaces.	1	Start time: After 5CM Finish Condition: Bare Time to completion from end of event: 12 Hrs
	2	Start time: After 15CM Finish Condition: Majority of surface bare, with salt/sand for traction Time to completion from end of event: 18 Hrs
	3	Start time: After end of event Finish Condition: Majority of surface bare, with salt/sand for traction Time to completion from end of event: 36 Hrs
Local street bikeways	1	Start time: After 2CM Finish Condition: Bare pavement Time to completion from end of event: 12 Hrs
	2	Start time: After 10CM cut throughs will begin Finish Condition: Snow-covered passable Time to completion from end of event: 24 Hrs
Protected Bike Lanes	1	Mirror sidewalk priority Start time: After 5CM Finish Condition: Bare Time to completion from end of event: 12 Hrs
	2	Mirror sidewalk priority Start time: After 15CM Finish Condition: Majority of surface bare, with salt/sand for traction Time to completion from end of event: 18 Hrs
	3	Mirror sidewalk priority Start time: After end of event Finish Condition: Majority of surface bare, with salt/sand for traction Time to completion from end of event: 36 Hrs
Bus Stops	N/A	Start time: After end of event Finish Condition: Plowed and ice controlled Time to completion from end of event: 48 Hrs



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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IN HRM



Thanks to the Halifax Nordic Ski Club for grooming 5 trails throughout HRM this winter.

The trails include: [Brunello](#), [Dollar Lake](#), [McDonald Sports Park](#), [Graves-Oakley](#) and [Smileys Provincial Park](#). Visit their [TRAILS](#) page for updates on trail conditions.

Trail conditions can change from day to day, and since the work is done by volunteers, they are not able to groom every park every day. The best way to keep updated on trail conditions is to follow them on Twitter [@HFXNordic](#).

The following hashtags are used when referencing the trails: #DollarTrails, #BrunelloTrails, #MSPTrails, #Graves-Oakley: #GOTrails, #SmileysTrails, #OakfieldTrails.

Interested in becoming a [member](#)?



FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS



Free menstrual products are now available at municipal recreation facilities, community centres, and Halifax Transit terminals.

Tampons and sanitary pads will be available and restocked daily at the following locations:

- Acadia Centre
- Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre
- Lakeside Community Centre
- Captain William Spry Community Centre
- Chocolate Lake Community Centre
- Dartmouth North Community Centre
- Findlay Community Centre
- George Dixon Community Centre
- Gordon R. Snow Community Centre
- LeBrun Recreation Centre
- Needham Community Centre
- North Preston Community Centre
- St. Andrew's Community Centre
- Sackville Sports Stadium
- Emera Oval Pavilion
- St. Mary's Boat Club
- Alderney Ferry Terminal
- Woodside Ferry Terminal
- Halifax Ferry Terminal
- Lacewood Terminal
- Bridge Terminal
- Sackville Terminal

Note: A number of these facilities remain closed under current COVID-19 regulations. For more information, visit halifax.ca/coronavirus.



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This initiative aligns with the municipality's commitment to reducing poverty through the [Building Poverty Solutions report](#) developed in collaboration with United Way Halifax. Further, the municipality is committed to building healthy, livable communities, where necessary health products are easily available for people who menstruate.

NEW DATASET ON TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

A new dataset on traffic collisions is now available as part of an ongoing commitment to providing public access to data created and managed by the municipality. This dataset includes all collision data from 2018 to the present and is used to understand where collisions happen, and what conditions lead to collisions at particular locations. This information allows the municipality to target countermeasures in the areas that need them most to help prevent fatal and injury collisions for all road users.

The open data initiative was first launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. For more information on the municipality's open data program, and to access all the data sets, please visit <http://catalogue-hrm.opendata.arcgis.com/>

SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE 2021

The municipality will not be mailing out the 2021 Solid Waste collection schedule. This change is due to budget constraints as a result of COVID-19 and our continued effort to reduce waste.

Download the Halifax Recycles app and never miss another collection day.

- Find out What Goes Where
- Create a personalized collection calendar
- Receive notifications by app, email, text or phone call
- Receive advance notice of weather related service disruption
- No smartphone or tablet? No problem. This information can be found online: halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere

AREA I

- Halifax
- Sackville
- Beaver Bank
- Cole Harbour
- Eastern Passage
- Full River, Waverley to Dutch Settlement and area

If your community is not listed, please check Area II or call 311 for assistance.

Legend:

- Organics collection
- Garbage collection
- Holiday (no collection)
- Alternate collection day for holidays
- Curbside Give Away Weekend

Recycling collection is weekly in some areas and every two weeks in other areas. For specific information about your area, contact 311 or visit halifax.ca/recycle.

If your collection day falls on a holiday and that holiday is a Monday or Tuesday, collection takes place the preceding Saturday. If the holiday falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, collection takes place the following Saturday.

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For more details on what goes where, how it works and for the Household Special Waste Drop-Off Saturday operation schedule, visit us on the web at halifax.ca/recycle or call 311.

Please note there will be no change to collection services due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Distributed Winter 2021

Residents may access a PDF of the 2021 Solid Waste Collection Schedule [online](#) or:

- Create a custom collection calendar [online for printing](#)
- Download the Halifax Recycles app to view the collection calendar
- Request to have the Solid Waste collection schedule mailed to them by calling 311

For more information, visit halifax.ca/recycle.

EMERA OVAL TO OPEN FOR SEASON ON JANUARY 4

Weather and ice conditions permitting, the Emera Oval will open for the winter season on Monday, January 4th.

The Emera Oval will have a reduced capacity to follow current public health guidelines.

Due to COVID-19, skaters must pre-register for free public skate times at halifax.ca/myREC or by phone at **902-490-6666**. Skaters will be able to register two days in advance and there will be no group or school bookings for this season.



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Free equipment loans, including skates and helmets, will be available in limited quantities. Equipment is available on a first come, first serve basis. Skaters are encouraged to bring their own equipment, where possible. CSA-approved multi-impact hockey helmets are mandatory for all children 12 year of age and under. Others are encouraged to wear a helmet, for their own safety.

The Emera Oval is the largest artificial ice surface east of Quebec – approximately 55,000 square feet of ice or the same as three NHL hockey rinks.

Residents are encouraged to check the online calendar to book their time. Get the latest information and a schedule of events at halifax.ca/skateHRM.

Residents can also call the information line at 902-490-2347 or follow Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association

