

WELCOME APRIL!



Ramadan Mubarak, Happy Easter, Happy Passover, Happy Spring!

We are reminded of renewal and hope for the future at this time

of year as we see new growth budding on the trees and spring flowers popping through the thawing ground. Nature is unstoppable in rejuvenating itself. It may be halted by floods, drought or fire but nature knows what to do and just does it. Much like Regional Council in finalizing the annual operating and capital budgets. We know what we have to do and are working hard to finalize the 2021/22 budget to continue providing municipal services and programs you depend upon.

Keep reading for information on Summer Recreation Day Camp registration, meeting dates and much more!

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Virtual meetings of Halifax Regional Council, Budget Committee and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Thursday, April 1st at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, April 21st at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. (Special joint meeting with North West Community Council)

Please confirm meeting dates and times on our website as dates and times are subject to change.

HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On March 30th, the Halifax & West Community Council considered the following:

<u>Case 22898: 13th Amendment to Brunello</u> <u>Estates Development Agreement, Timberlea:</u> and gave Notice_of Motion to consider the proposed amending development agreement for the development of a multi-unit building.

Agreement for lands off Elm Grove Avenue and Myra Road, Timberlea to give First Reading to consider approval of the proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law for Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville, to rezone 9 properties and schedule a public hearing; and, gave Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, and schedule a public hearing for the development agreement which shall be held concurrently with the proposed rezoning of 9 properties.

For more information on the Halifax & West Community Council and how to view the meetings, click <u>here</u>.

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Detailed information on summer registration and programs will be viewable <u>online</u> as of **Thursday, April 22nd.** Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

Day Camps & Dryland Programs

- Wednesday, May 5th for July programs
- Wednesday, June 2nd for August programs

Indoor & Outdoor Pool and Beach programs (Indoor/Outdoor pools include Sackville Sports Stadium, Needham Centre, Captain William Spry indoor pools and Bedford, Cole Harbour outdoor pools)

• Thursday, June 3rd – for July programs

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Wednesday, July 14th – for August programs

Public Health is currently allowing for multiple cohorts of 15 children in day camps. Camp activities can be provided in both an indoor and outdoor settings while maintaining physical distancing protocols. Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) "Return to Day Camp" Guidelines follow the Nova Scotia "COVID-19 Return to Day Camp Guidelines" found at: https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Return-to-Day-Camp-Guidelines.pdf.

Both full-day and half-day camps will be offered throughout this summer.

Inclusion Support (one-to-one support)

If your child requires inclusion support, you will register your child into course #00027543. During registration, please identify your choice of location and your preferred weeks for support. Program fees will only be charged once support has been confirmed. Visit our Inclusion and Accessibility page for more information.



MAINLAND NORTH JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (JEM) TEAM



Creating a safe community through protection of life, property and environment.

Are you concerned about extreme weather, hurricanes, or other disasters impacting you or your neighbors? Do you care for someone with special needs, or with limited mobility? The Mainland North Joint Emergency Management (JEM) team is looking for new members. Join us and learn how you can help your family and your neighborhood be better prepared for a disaster.

Joint Emergency Management (JEM) is a concept developed by the Halifax Regional Municipality's Emergency Management Office (EMO), to allow community organizations to prepare for, and respond quickly to, a wide range of emergencies. JEM teams are the community volunteers of EMO. In times of crisis, EMO may activate JEM Support Centres (JSC) to coordinate response with humanitarian agencies already engaged in the JEM coverage area. These centres are a facility where trained individuals can meet to provide local input to the Emergency Operations Centre, located in Dartmouth.

The Mainland North JEM area includes Mount Royale, Clayton Park West, and Bayers Lake Business Park. We meet the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the Canada Games Centre located at 26 Thomas



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Raddall Drive, Halifax. Upcoming meetings will be Wednesday April 28th, and May 26th.

For further information please email daalders292@gmail.com.

GRADE 6 ELECTRICAL SAFETY PROGRAM



I am pleased to share information from Nova Scotia Power on a free new

resource available to help teach children about electrical safety.

For more than two decades, Nova Scotia Power has provided a volunteer led Grade 6 Electrical Safety program for students across Nova Scotia. With the challenges of the pandemic, they are offering a free video resource for teachers, parents, and other educators through a series of four video modules delivered by Yvon Lefort, Nova Scotia Power's Senior Engineer. The French version will be available later this school year.

For more information visit: www.nspower.ca/grade6.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ONLINE WORKSHOP



You can help shape the future of affordable housing by attending the online workshop hosted by the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission from March 30th to April 9th. Register at: nsahc@eventbrite.com.

BLT COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE



I have some very exciting news about the new Community Centre!

Eight (8) drill tests have been done on the site of the new centre, some sludge was identified but will be removed. I am happy to announce that the bedrock is very thick and will provide a strong foundation. I am sure this is probably no



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surprise to those of us who garden/landscape and find rocks by the shovel full.

Important Milestone Dates:

- Hire Consultant May 15th, 2021
- Design Concept October 1st, 2021
- Tenders April 1st, 2022
- Award of Tenders September 1st, 2022
- Start of Demolition October 1st, 2022
- New building Occupancy July 2024
 *the above dates are all subject to change due to weather, delivery requirements, etc.

Many thanks to the continued support of the Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Recreation Centre Community Consultation Committee and Linda Moxsom-Skinner, our new Chair. I appreciate your hard work and look forward to working with you.

We are still on target for spring 2024 opening.

LITTER



Call 311 to report litter on municipally owned property. Contact the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for litter on 100 Series highways including on/off ramps at: tpwpaff@novascotia.ca.

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22nd



"This Earth Day, we have an important opportunity to challenge world leaders to see climate change for what it is – a pressing global security threat, one that threatens everyone and everything but particularly our most vulnerable people and places," Kathleen Rogers, President of EARTHDAY.ORG.



DISTRICT 12 - 2021/22 PLANNED CAPITAL WORK

The following list outlines the proposed 2021/22 capital and active transportation work projects for District 12. The projects are subject to budget approval.

Street Recapitalization

Farnham Gate Rd – Dunbrack to Parkland (Integrated Traffic Calming)



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Asphalt Overlays

St. Margaret's Bay Rd – Hwy 103 to Forestglen

Micro Surfacing

Washmill Lake Dr - Bently to Chain Lake

New Community Association Grants AT Projects

BLT – Recapitalization Near the Cranberry Lake Bridge

Walkways

Farnham Gate Rd to 162 Douglas Cres

Proposed Crack Sealing

Bently Dr – Washmill to Loops Itself
Carlina Crt – Parkland to End
Chain Lake Dr (E, W) – Lacewood to Civic 127
Chain Lake Dr (E) – CN Tracks to Lovett Lake
Devonshire Dr – Trunk 3 to Cul De Sac
Dunbrack St – Main to Ross
Eisener St – Brentwood to Riverwood
Greenhead Rd – Trunk 3 to End
Horseshoe Lake Dr (E, W) – Susie Lake to End
James St – Forestglen to Charles
Lacewood Dr (E, W) – Radcliffe to Hwy 102
Lambert Lane – Governors Lake to End
Langbrae Dr – Dunbrack to Parkland
Loppie Cl – States to End
Maple Grove Ave – Lakeview to Timberlea

Village
Marketway Lane – Timberlea Village to End
North Green Rd – St. Margaret's Bay to
Governors Lake

Radcliffe Dr – Dunbrack to Lacewood Scotch Pine Terr – Blue Thistle to Farnham Gate

Solutions Dr – Regency Park to End St. Margaret's Bay Rd – Sheppards to North Green

St. Margaret's Bay Rd – Sleepy Hollow to Forestglen

Timberlea Village Pkwy – Hwy 103 to St. Margaret's Bay

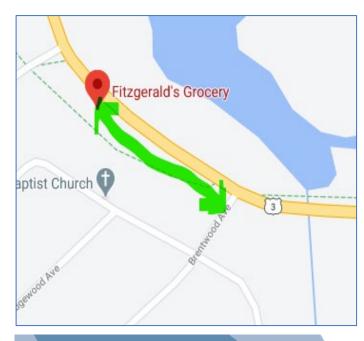
Washmill Lake Dr – Bently to Chain Lake (Micro Prep)

Staff will make every effort to design, tender and construct in 2021. Unforeseen circumstances may arise which could impact the scheduling of projects and potentially cause delays.

POSSIBLE FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECT



I have heard from many of you regarding the portion of St. Margaret's Bay Road between Brentwood Drive to the Fitzgerald's Grocery store that has no sidewalk. Seniors and persons with mobility challenges are finding this section exceptionally difficult to maneuver, therefore, I have asked that this area be considered for future recapitalization consideration - perhaps in the 2022/23 budget.





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FARNHAM GATE ROAD RECAPITALIZATION



The proposed 2021/22 Capital Budget recommends funding for the paving, curb and some sidewalk on Farnham Gate Road from Dunbrack Street to Parkland Drive including the walkway from Farnham Gate Road to 162 Douglas Crescent. If approved by Council, the proposed work will involve tie-in to driveways and some lawn slopes. It is expected that most work will be within HRM's right-of-way. Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be moved or removed by the property owner before construction. Please note. HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Please advise HRM if you have a heated driveway, invisible dog fence or in-ground sprinkler system. Trees within the street right-of-way will be addressed by the Municipality and must not be removed by the property owner.

This work is planned for the 2021 construction season pending budget approval.

Please note that HRM By-Law S-300 states that pavement cuts shall not be permitted (except for emergency water or sewer breaks, etc.) for two years after the street has been paved. If you have a project requiring a pavement cut:

 please contact HRM or the appropriate utility to initiate the work, apply for a permit and have the work finished before the HRM project begins.

- For additional driveways or driveway modifications, please contact HRM at 311.
- For water or sewer lateral works, please contact Halifax Water at 902-490-4820.
- For installation of natural gas laterals, please contact Heritage Gas at 1-877-836-7427.

All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to your property during construction and a follow-up notice will be delivered to your property prior to the start of work.

There will be several stages of construction taking place during this project. If someone at your address has difficulty crossing uneven ground, gravel or steps, please let us know in advance so we can work with you for alternate access, where possible, during the project.

During construction, parking access may be impacted both on street and in driveways to complete the work. Further notice of impacts for driveway access will be given at time of construction.

Contact Husnoor Chowdhury, HRM Design Engineer, at 902-292-5019 if you have any questions, or you are aware of any problems (i.e., drainage or sewer lateral issues).





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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee







