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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME MAY

On May 4th Council approved the 2021/22 Budget. With the incredible strain COVID-19 put on municipal revenue streams this past year, Council had an especially daunting task of exercising fiscal responsibility while finding ways to maintain our programs and services that are so important to all of us. It was a balancing act for sure, and I'm pleased to say that even with the increases we had to include in our budget for services and operating costs, there will only be a 1% increase to the tax rate. That means an average increase of \$21.00 on the residential tax bill, and \$436.00 on the commerical tax bill.

The month of May also marks the beginning of the construction season in HRM. Staff in various departments are ramping up to install and improve playground infrastructure, outdoor exercise equipment, as well as begin street and sidewalk capital work and traffic calming implementations, to name a few. May is also Asian Heritage Month. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Asian community for their achievements and contributions to our great Country, and for everything they have done to make it a more vibrant, inclusive, and compassionate society.

BIENVENUE MAI!

Le 4 mai, le Conseil approuvera le budget 2021-2022. Avec l'incroyable pression exercée par la COVID-19 sur les sources de revenus municipaux au cours de la dernière année, le Conseil a eu une tâche particulièrement ardue d'exercer sa responsabilité budgétaire tout en trouvant des moyens de maintenir nos programmes et services qui sont si importants pour nous tous. Il s'agissait d'un exercice d'équilibre, et je suis heureux de dire que, même avec les augmentations que nous avons dû inclure dans notre budget pour les services et les coûts d'exploitation, il n'y aura qu'une augmentation de 1 % du taux d'imposition. Cela veut dire une augmentation moyenne de 21,00 \$ sur la facture de l'impôt foncier et de 436,00 \$ sur la facture de l'impôt commercial. Le mois de mai marque également le début de la saison de construction dans la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax. Le personnel de divers ministères accroît son travail pour installer et améliorer l'infrastructure des terrains de jeu, l'équipement d'exercice extérieur, ainsi que pour entreprendre des travaux d'immobilisations dans la rue et sur le trottoir et des mises en œuvre pour modérer la circulation, pour n'en citer que quelques-uns.

Mai est aussi le Mois du patrimoine asiatique. Je tiens à reconnaître et à remercier notre communauté asiatique pour ses réalisations et sa contribution à notre grand pays, et pour tout ce qu'ils ont fait pour en faire une société plus dynamique, inclusive et compatissante.



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2021/22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On April 21st and 22nd, Council voted on adding about \$11 million to the budget. We had very good debate; I feel council achieved a good balance between improving services and keeping costs under control. Here are the items I voted for that passed:

-an additional \$1 million for traffic calming measures across HRM, with a focus on school zones.

-summer green bin service will be restored to weekly pickup.

-blue bag pickup will be bi-weekly (saving about \$800,000 a year).

-additional staff will be hired to help with the backlog in planning and by-law enforcement due to HRM's growth. -extra funds for Halifax Public Libraries to expand ebooks and food programs.

-restoring the urban tree planting program cancelled during COVID-19.

-a one-year study of technical and policy options for body worn police cameras.

All this and more for a 1% tax increase which is approximately \$21.00 on the average residential tax bill, and \$436.00 on the commercial tax bill. Council approved our \$1 billion budget on May 4th.

POLICING IN HRM



At the April 6th Regional Council meeting, I tabled my motion to review HRM's unique shared policing model. HRM is the only municipality

in Canada with two police forces. Halifax Regional Police (HRP) was created at amalgamation by combining the police forces in Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford. HRP handles the urban areas, while the RCMP tackles the predominantly rural former county (although Sackville and Cole Harbour aren't very rural these days). The question is, does the shared policing model provide HRM with the best results, and if not, what are our alternatives?

The last time shared policing was seriously looked at was more than a decade ago. At that time, HRM concluded that it could save money by replacing the RCMP with a single municipal force. Some of the assumptions made in reaching that conclusion were contested and there was a lot of pushback from rural residents in support of keeping the RCMP. The 2010 Council opted not to proceed with any changes. A lot of time has passed since 2010. I'm not sure what the recommendation or conclusion might look like today. We could keep the status-quo and try to better coordinate operations, we could adjust some of the boundaries to better align urban and rural areas, or we could replace the RCMP entirely. There may be other options to consider too.

One of the major concerns that I would like to see considered in the review is how much local control we really have over the RCMP. The RCMP are different than HRP; they provide policing via a contract with the Province. HRM then has a loose agreement with the Province to pay for the RCMP. HRM does not have direct control. With so much changing in the world of policing, and HRM potentially embarking on some significant reforms in how we do things over the next few years, one of the key questions is, can a nationally controlled Ottawa police force be an effective partner? Can the RCMP adapt or does HRM have to choose between reforming policing and having the RCMP?

Getting this report on shared policing will take time. The CAO indicated that he would return to Council after scoping out work for a consultant and the review would need to be coordinated with the other policing reports that are underway.

MAY VIRTUAL MEETING DATES Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m. Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council Thursday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m.





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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT- WAVERLEY RD. AND MONTEBELLO DRIVE



Tuesday, June 1st – 6:00-8:00 p.m.<u>Case 23374</u> Application by ZZAP Architecture and Planning for a new mixeduse building containing

ground floor commercial spaces and 43 residential units within a 5 storey building at the corner of Waverley Rd and Montebello Dr Dartmouth. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may contact the HRM Planner, Melissa Eavis, at eavism@halifax.ca or 902.237.1216. In your message to the planner, please include the planning case number (23374) in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of the application itself or the process of the virtual public information meeting, please contact Melissa Eavis directly at 902.237.1216 or eavism@halifax.ca

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Information and updates on COVID-19 are changing almost every day. For the most recent messages from Nova Scotia Public Health, please visit their <u>website</u>. Below are lists of various resources that you may find helpful. Our health professionals, government officials, community groups, and volunteers are working hard to ensure that everyone had access to information and necessities in this trying time.



LIST OF FOOD RESOURCES

211, Feed Nova Scotia

211 If your family is in need of food as a result of a school closure, dial 2-1-1 from Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 8:00pm

Free delivery of an emergency food box

Square Roots

- Follow Tony Mancini's facebook page for the link to sign up
 Bi weekly contactless
 - Bi weekly contactless delivery, Free10 lb fresh produce bundles

East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank Association

- **\$** 902-434-5819
- S1 Woodlawn Rd.
- Open on Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am

Volunteer Deliveries, Sobeys Penhorn

- http://www.voila.ca/curbside/delivery
- page
 Place an online order at Sobeys
 Penhorn, and let us know delivery details through our google doc.
 We'll have a volunteer make
 - contactless delivery, free of charge.

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LIST OF INCOME RESOURCES

Employment Insurance

- https://www.canada.ca/en/s ervices/benefits/ei.html
- With questions, call Darren Fisher, MP (902) 462-6453

Canada Recovery Benefit

- https://www.canada.ca/en/r evenue-agency/services/ben efits/recovery-benefit.html
- Income support for employed & self employed who are directly affected by Covid-19 and not entitled to El benefits.

Income Assistance: Department of Community Services

- \$ 902-424-1600
- https://novascotia.ca/coms/ employment/income_assist ance/HowtoApply.html

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit

- https://www.canada.ca/en/r evenue-agency/services/ benefits/recovery-sickness-
- benefit.html Income support for employed/ self employed individuals who are sick or need to self isolate.

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit

- https://www.canada.ca/en/rev enue-agency/services/bene fits/recovery-caregivingbenefit.html
- Income support for employed/ self employed who must stop work to care for their child 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care.

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MEMORIAL AREA FOR CHELSIE PROBERT

To honour the memory of Chelsie Probert, municipal staff and Nova Scotia Power joined together to clean up Farrell Park and improve the safety of the park and pathway. With a donation from the District 6 capital funds HRM was able to do some park improvements; the municipality installed a reflection area, which includes a circular cement pad, a garden, and benches. There is also a beautiful poem for Chelsie, written by a local youth, Kayley Dixon, that is permanently set on a stone. I would like to thank everyone involved in this project, and for their hard work in creating this beautiful reflection area in Chelsie's memory.





Halifax Regional Police continue to investigate the murder of Lori Katherine Jollimore.

This past April marked the fourth anniversary of the murder of Lori Katherine Jollimore and the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division continues to investigate the case.

Investigators believe there are people who have information that could help solve Lori's murder and we hope that the passage of time will encourage them to do the right thing and come forward with what they know. Investigators ask anyone with information about Lori's murder to contact police at **902-490-5016**. Anonymous tips can be sent to Crime Stoppers by calling toll-free at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477),** submitting a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or texting a tip using the P3 Tips App.

Lori's case is part of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program which offers cash rewards of up to \$150,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for specified major unsolved crimes. Callers must contact the Rewards Program at 1-888-710-9090, must provide their name and contact information, and may be called to testify in court. All calls will be recorded. The amount of the award will be based on the investigative value of the information provided.

REMEMBERING PO2 CRAIG BLAKE

It has been 11 years this month since we lost Petty Officer Craig Blake in Afghanistan. PO2 Blake's family still lives in Dartmouth. This municipality was honoured to name one of our ferries and one our parks after PO2 Blake.





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PARK AND TRAIL SAFETY TIPS

Police are sharing some tips to keep in mind when heading out to enjoy the spring weather at the many parks and trails in our community.

- For everyone's enjoyment and safety, follow park/trail regulations and COVID-19 public health directives related to social distancing and gathering limits.
- Ensure your vehicle is locked at all times, take your wallet/purse with you and don't leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain view. If it's absolutely necessary to leave items in your vehicle, lock them in the trunk out of plain view before you arrive at the park/trail.
- Take your cell phone with you so you can call for help if you need it.
- It's always a good idea to tell a trusted family member or friend where you're going and when you plan to return, particularly if you're not familiar with the area.

the trailheads of all formal trails. Reading the rules being a given, the first trail practice we're presenting is: 'If you stop, move off the trail.'

Not only can it be dangerous to be lingering in the middle of the path, it's a disruption to others using the trails.

Next time you stop on a trail, do so in a place where you can keep the trail clear and encourage your friends to do the same.

If we're mindful of others and act accordingly, we can make the trails a better experience for everyone

OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

This summer new outdoor equipment to be installed in Cyril Smith Park and Shubie Park. The exercise equipment is a single unit that has over 16 exercises available which includes features that provide upper and lower body work outs.

BIKE TRAIL ETIQUETTE



Taking a quick break? No Problem. Just be sure to leave a clear path so others can get through. With our now very wellestablished trails in HRM, it's more important than ever for trail users to work together to ensure being in the outdoors a positive experience for everyone.

With this in mind, Halifax Mountain Biking Association will be rolling out some trail etiquette practices that are standard with all trail networks as well as some practices that we've found to help enhance everyone's enjoyment of the trails here in the region. While it should be a no brainer that everyone read the "Rules of the Trail", some often don't. Please make sure you do. They're posted at The APOLLO is built to maximize indoor or outdoor exercise areas, with over 16 exercises available:





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"It's tick season. Please make sure to check your dog after every outing."Please visit the Nova Scotia Government website for more information on tick safety, and how to reduce your risk.

RURAL RECREATION SURVEY



We're inviting residents to participate in a Rural Recreation Strategy Survey. This survey will provide analysis on future needs for parks and rec

services in the rural areas of the municipality. For more information and to take the survey, visit our <u>website</u>.

MAIN STREET/HIGHWAY #7 – SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents



that the speed limit has been reduced from 70 km/h to 60 km/h on Main Street (Highway 7) in Dartmouth, from Broom Road to Salmon River Bridge. This initiative, which reflects Regional Council's focus on making roads safer for all users, is part of the municipality's

road safety actions to move toward zero fatalities and injuries for people using any mode of transportation.

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that spring weight restrictions were lifted on roads maintained by the municipality, as of as of 11:59 pm on Sunday, April 18. Spring weight restrictions will also be lifted on roads in the municipality maintained by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

For updated information on the provincial restrictions still in place for other parts of the province, please visit the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal webpage.

REPORT A POTHOLE

Tis the season! Report a pothole or sinkhole on a municipally-owned street or sidewalk here.

Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of a road has deteriorated from the top but you can still see asphalt underneath. Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath and when you look into the hole you cannot see any pavement.

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If you are reporting a pothole on a 100-series highway, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca. This includes ramps leading to and from the highway, as well as overpasses above 100-series highways.

MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Halifax Regional Police is reminding motorists to slow down and move over when they see an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing.

The roadside is often the workplace for many emergency and public safety workers. To help create a safe space, you must slow down and move over if you see an emergency/public safety vehicle pulled over with its





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lights flashing. If you're on a road with two or more lanes in your direction, you must move into another lane further away from the stopped vehicle if you can do so safely. If you can't move over, or if there is only one lane, you must slow down to 60 km/h or obey the speed limit if it's lower than 60 km/h. You don't need to slow down or move over if the vehicle is on the other side of the median on a divided highway.

Every second is critical when an emergency vehicle is responding to a call. Emergency vehicles using flashing lights and sirens have the right of way. As soon as you see the flashing lights approaching you from ahead or behind or hear the siren, move over to the right edge or curb of the road and stop completely. You must remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed or until a police officer directs you to move.

More information on moving over for emergency vehicles is available at <u>https://novascotia.ca/slowdownmoveover/</u>

SPRING ROAD SAFETY

With Spring in full bloom, our neighborhood streets are busy with people out and about enjoying the warm, sunny weather. Halifax Regional Police is encouraging everyone to do their part to safely share our roadways.

Motorists:

- Avoid distractions and focus on driving.
- Drive within the posted speed limit and for the conditions.
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians, particularly near crosswalks, traffic lights and intersections.
- Keep an eye out for cyclists and ensure you allow for 1-meter clearance when passing them.
- Yield to pedestrians who are in a crosswalk. Remember that not all crosswalks are marked, and any intersection of a street is considered to be a crosswalk.
- Only pass cyclists if it's safe to do so.
- Always park your vehicle so it doesn't cause a safety issue, block in other vehicles or make

roads impassable for traffic or emergency vehicles. Never block driveways, or park on private property or in no parking zones.

• Make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing their seatbelts.

Cyclists:

- Check your bike to make sure brakes, reflectors and lights are in working order.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride in single file.
- Obey all road signs and traffic signals.
- Signal your intentions before turning or stopping.
- Be visible and stay alert for vehicles and cyclists.

Pedestrians:

- Stay alert for vehicles and cyclists, particularly when no sidewalk is available.
- Use crosswalk lights when available and obey traffic light signals.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road. Make eye contact with vehicle driver and make sure the vehicle has come to a stop before crossing.

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• Wear reflective bright clothing to be more visible.

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS - MARCH

To keep citizens informed about enforcement on our roadways, the Nova Scotia RCMP have released statistics for all RCMP detachments in Nova Scotia for March 2021 on drivers charged for driving impaired by drugs or alcohol. For the month of March, Nova Scotia RCMP charged 102 drivers with impaired related offences.

- 54 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Alcohol
- 2 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Drug
- 8 charged with Refusal of a Demand Made by a Peace Officer





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• 38 issued driving suspensions for Operating a Conveyance While Having Consumed Alcohol.

2021 CENSUS



This year, Stats Canada has completely redesigned the Census collection to ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic.

Next week, households across the country will be receiving a letter with a secure access code and instructions on how to complete their census. To ensure everyone's health and safety, we encourage people to complete the census online, on their smartphone, tablet, computer, via census.gc.ca. You will also be able to request to complete your census on paper or by phone. More info on the Census can be obtained via the Stats Canada <u>website</u>.

I would like to encourage you to participate in the census, given the statistics are used to help determine a wide array of public programs, services and funding allocations by the 3 levels of government that affect HRM and its residents.

GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK ME UP



Register today and join thousands of Nova Scotians in the province's largest volunteerdriven community litter cleanup program. Since the program started in 1988, it has provided supplies and support at no-cost

to its participants. Benefits are instant with improved appearance of our communities, the environment is aided, and tourism is strengthened. Information for residents can also be found on our <u>website</u>.

There are <u>contests and prizes</u> for the 2021 season! Everyone who registers for a clean-up is automatically entered to win the Staycation prize as part of the registration contest.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

During the first week of May, we celebrate National Youth Week. It is a week dedicated to the celebration of youth and their active participation in their community. National Youth Week is a time to honour their involvement! Please visit our webpage for more information on scheduled events

RECREATION FACILITY UPDATE

All recreation centres, gymnasiums, fitness centres and pools are closed as of Friday, April 23 until at least May 20. As a result, all indoor recreation programming and services in these facilities are also cancelled.

Additionally, municipally-run spring programming is cancelled for the remainder of the season. Once public health restrictions are changed, Parks & Recreation plan to provide alternative recreation delivery options for the spring. Please contact your local recreation centre and partner facilities for more information on impacts to spring programming and memberships. 8

Municipal staff will begin contacting spring registrants and facility members on next steps. Your patience is appreciated during this time. Additional questions can be submitted by email to myrec@halifax.ca.

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT

On April 6th, Regional Council gave second reading to my motion: Proposed By-law S-612, an Amendment to Bylaw S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law – Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement and adopted By-Law S-612, which includes fines from \$500 to \$10,000. The goals of the amendments are to:





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- Place the municipality in a leadership role to address an issue of concern for residents and businesses;
- Reduce the burden on victims by holding more offenders accountable to remedy/clean-up; and
- Heighten the profile of enforcement activities to deter future violations/activity.

SHANNON PARK PUBLIC CONSULTATION



In the coming weeks, Planning staff would like to invite you to provide feedback and express any comments you may have about the Shannon Park redevelopment application. Those

residents within the notification area will receive a mailout with more information on how to participate. Additionally, please keep an eye on the application webpage for updates on the engagement and how to get involved.



Great news! The Shubie Park Palm Tree survived the winter.

SOBEYS GRAND REOPENING



On April 1st, Store Manager Paul Keinick, Mayor Mike Savage, and I attended the grand reopening of Tacoma Sobeys. The store looks

amazing. Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly during this pandemic.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Good news for those seeking some fun with the kids at Shubie Park! HRM staff will be upgrading the playground at 162 Lakeshore Park Terrace, Dartmouth.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – LANDRACE CRESCENT PARK

A new community garden for Landrace Crescent Park will



provide food for the community. With nine plots to rent, this is an excellent opportunity to garden for the

greater good! Currently the volunteer group that is running the garden is fundraising for infrastructure and future growth of the garden. For more information on community gardens in HRM and how you can get involved, please visit our <u>website</u>.



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SIDEWALK REHABILITATION - PRINCESS MARGARET BOULEVARD & KILLKEE GATE

The Halifax Regional Municipality's approved 2021/22 Capital Budget provides for the sidewalk rehabilitation of Princess Margaret Boulevard from the intersection of Baffin Boulevard to Civic 288, as well as Killkee Gate from Princess Margaret Boulevard to the end, see image below for approximate location. The proposed scope includes removal of existing concrete and asphalt sidewalk, installation of new concrete sidewalk at the same alignment and related reinstatement.

The work will involve tie-in to driveways and some lawn slopes, but 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 before construction by the property owner. Please note, HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Please advise us 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. 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 902-420-9287. 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 given by HRM prior to starting the work. If you have any tenants at this address, please forward a copy of this letter for their information. 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.









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