

WELCOME NOVEMBER!



It's easy to welcome a month that provides us with an extra hour of sleep when daylight saving time ends on

Sunday, November 7th! We can use the extra rest as we contemplate the 2022/23 Capital planning budget discussions!

November is also the time to celebrate Diwali, the festival of light.

November is when we remember and reflect on the service and sacrifice made by our miltary personnel on Remembrance Day check your local legions for event details. Keep reading for more information on Centre Plan Package B, Egg Laying Fowl and Illegal Dumping and Litter Campaign.

To discuss municipal programs/services contact me at 902.579.6746.

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NOVEMBER REGIONAL COUNCIL & COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Virtual Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. (If required)

Please confirm dates and times on our <u>municipal website</u> as they are subject to change.

IN-PERSON REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS RESUME

Halifax Regional Council and some other meetings have resumed in an in-person format. It was very exciting to join my colleagues at our first in-person Regional Council meeting on October 19th.

Several COVID-19 restrictions are in place per public health guidelines, to ensure we can meet safely, and effectively:

 Masks must be worn during in-person meetings other than when an individual is called upon to speak by the Chair.

- To enter the building and attend the meeting, <u>Proof of Full COVID-19</u>
 Vaccination is required.
- For members of the public who are participating in a meeting, a phone-in option will be available for those unable to attend in-person.
- Live webcasts are available for most meetings

<u>Check the agenda</u> for each meeting, once available, to confirm whether the meeting will be virtual or in-person. For public hearings, advertisements will include whether the hearing is virtual or in-person.

2022-23 CAPITAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENT BEGINS

On October 16th, Council began developing a funded 4-year capital plan and 10-year capital outlook. This will prioritize Regional Council's key strategic priorities, as well as reliable and quality municipal services. The framework will allocate 70%-80% of the annual base capital program to asset renewal projects, and 20%- 30% to service growth projects for the 2022/23 through 2025/26 budget years.

DID YOU KNOW....

Donate Your Recyclables

You can donate your recyclables at Beaver Enviro Depot, 251 Herring Cove Road, to help support the Long Lake Provincial Park Association!



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GRAND DIWALI CELEBRATION



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Daylight Saving Time was first used by residents of Thunder Bay, ON in 1908 and was used in Germany, starting on April

30th, 1916 to help conserve coal use during World War I. It became a nationalized standard in the US in 1966 with the introduction of the Uniform Time Act - the intent was to help conserve energy – providing more daylight hours meant less use of lights/power in homes.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER



Remembrance
Day is a time for
us to reflect on
the service and
sacrifice made

by many of our military personnel over the years. 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Poppy with the introduction of the Immortal Poppy. This digital art is another way to preserve the memory of 118,000 fallen Canadian soldiers dating back to 1812, by encrypting their names on an enduring digital symbol. The art was created using a genuine poppy gathered from Flanders Fields in Belgium and 3D scanned to preserve it for eternity.

The following information was taken directly from <u>The Royal Canadian Legion</u> website regarding Remembrance Day.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Pandemic restrictions have meant smaller ceremonies, or their outright

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cancellation. Other gatherings are being replaced with virtual ceremonies.

Nevertheless, the tradition of Remembrance will continue, and Canada's Fallen will not be forgotten. The Royal Canadian Legion encourages all Canadians to observe a moment of silence on November 11, to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

The Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Contact your local Canadian Legion branch for information on local Remembrance Day events.

HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES



There are many changes to the Halifax Transit routes and service starting on November 22nd. Below are some routes that service Mumford Terminal in District 9 that will be impacted such as: Route 14 changing to Route 24 and no longer continuing to downtown and Route 5 changing to 26 and no longer continuing downtown. See details below and check out the municipal webpage for a full <u>list of all changes</u>.

ROUTE 24 LEIBLIN PARK

New Local Route providing service from Leiblin Park to South Street - 7 days/week

CHANGE

Route 24 Leiblin Park will follow the same routing from Leiblin Park \Diamond South Street (South End, Halifax) as the former Route 14.

Route 24 Leiblin Park will end at Inglis Street near Saint Mary's University and will not provide service between Saint Mary's University and Scotia Square.

WHY

Route 24 Leiblin Park will introduce more reliable and consistent service improving ontime performance.

Route 24 Leiblin Park Map

ROUTE 26 SPRINGVALE

Provides service from Springvale to Mumford Terminal – Rush-hour / peak period weekday service only

CHANGE



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Route 26 Springvale will follow the same routing from Springvale \Diamond Mumford Terminal (Halifax) as the former Route 5 Chebucto.

New Route 26 will not continue beyond Mumford Terminal to downtown Halifax.

However, riders can connect to frequent corridor routes at Mumford Terminal if they wish to travel to downtown.

WHY

Route 26 Springvale will reduce redundancy with other available routes serving Mumford Terminal to downtown.

Route 26 Springvale Map

ROUTE 127 COWIE HILL EXPRESS

New Express Route 127 Cowie Hill Express provides service from Cowie Hill to Downtown Halifax - Rush-hour/peak period weekday service only

CHANGE

Route 127 Cowie Hill Express will follow similar routing as former Route 32 Cowie Hill Express, but will travel on Chebucto Road instead of Quinpool Road, to be consistent with other express service routing.

Routing will be adjusted to provide service to Long Lake Village, removing service from Old Sambro Road east of Dunbrack Street.

The new Route 127 Cowie Hill Express will provide service during rush hour, in the peak direction, to provide express service from Cowie Hill to Downtown Halifax.

WHY

Route 127 Cowie Hill Express will serve the existing and developing neighbourhood

Route 127 Cowie Hill Express Map

ROUTE 91 HEMLOCK RAVINE

Minor routing adjustments will be made to provide service to the new West Bedford Park and Ride. Service 7 days/week

CHANGE

Route 91 Hemlock Ravine will be adjusted to travel between Hammonds Plains Road and Innovation Drive to provide service to the new West Bedford Park and Ride

The route will be removed from Hammonds
Plains Road west of Innovation Drive, Gary
Martin Drive, and Innovation Drive west of the
Park & Ride

WHY

Route 91 Hemlock Ravine will introduce more comfortable transfer connections to other routes via West Bedford Park and Ride.

These changes allow for the most direct, twoway service to the West Bedford Park and Ride.

Route 91 Hemlock Ravine Map



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AMENDMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

On August 31, 2021, Regional Council directed the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, to create a minimum of 43 affordable housing units by the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia, Souls Harbour and Akoma Holdings Incorporated. This agreement was part of the second round of the RHI, which is a federal initiative with the goal of providing new affordable housing to vulnerable populations at risk of homelessness within one year.

As part of municipal staff's recommendation, the Souls Harbour project was allocated \$2,995,185 for the development of a three-storey, 12-unit residential building. On October 5, 2021, amendments to the secondary municipal planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and land-use by-laws, were adopted to allow the Souls Harbour complex in West Chezzetcook to be further developed. This new development will provide housing for women and women with children. For more information, read the staff report.

CENTRE PLAN PACKAGE B



The Regional Centre is the urban core of the region – with a dense

population, commercial industries, and major institutions that are key to the social, cultural, and economic development of the municipality. The Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-Law guide the growth and development of the Regional Centre including support for housing, business, institutions, parks, and the environment.

The Centre Plan Package A was approved by Regional Council on <u>September 17, 2019</u>. The proposed Package B was published on <u>May 28, 2021</u>, and <u>municipal committees reviewed</u> the proposed plan in June and July, 2021.

On <u>August 17, 2021</u>, Committee of the Whole requested staff draft amendments in response to the committees' review.

On October 5, Regional Council approved the first reading of the Centre Plan Package B with the public hearing held on October 26th.

Package B established planning policies and land use by-law regulations for parks and community facilities, downtown Halifax, established residential areas, industrial employment, and institutional employment lands. Learn more about Centre Plan Package A and B here: http://centreplan.ca/

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TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFITS



This program provides relief to non-profit organizations to reduce property tax payments. The deadline for non-profit

organizations to submit their application for the program (or the addition of another property) is **November 30, 2021.**

Twelve properties have been added to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM — Respecting Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations and tax relief grants were approved for:

- The Association of Special Needs Recreation
- The Sackville NS Lions Club
- The North End Community Health Association
- The Mi'Kmaw Native Friendship Society
- Adsum Women and Children.

THE KEEPING OF EGG-LAYING FOWL



Following a public hearing on October 5th, Regional Council voted unanimously **to**

allow the keeping of hens as an accessory residential use. Regional Council voted to

allow households to keep and raise egg-laying fowl in residential areas for personal use only. This is not about farming; it is about allowing people living on residentially zoned lands, whether in the city, suburbs or rural areas, to keep a small number of domesticated birds to provide eggs for the household's own use.

Changes to the Land Use By-laws (LUBs) are as follows:

• The inclusion of provisions for the keeping of egg-laying hens including limits to the number of hens permitted on a lot, the location of hens on a lot, setbacks from watercourses and lot lines, requirements for accessory buildings and prohibitions on slaughtering, euthanizing, and the sale of eggs, meat or hens.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-27 HALIFAX ECONOMIC GROWTH PLAN

On October 5th, Regional Council voted unanimously to endorse continued development of the 2022-27 Economic Strategy.

The 2022-2027 Economic Growth Plan will be an evolution of the 2016-21 Economic Growth Plan and some of the actions included in the Halifax COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan. The 2022-2027 strategy will address existing challenges and ensure that growth in the municipality is sustainable, affordable, and includes all Halifax residents regardless of income or background.

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Halifax Regional Municipality's CAO, Jacques Dubé, Halifax Partnership's President & CEO, Wendy Luther, and Halifax Partnership's Chief Economist, Ian Munro <u>presented a summary</u> of this plan to Regional Council.

RESOURCING THE HALIFAX CIVIC INNOVATION OUTPOST

The municipality, through the Halifax
Partnership, will allocate \$260,715 (net HST included) in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years to fund the Halifax Civic Innovation
Outpost (the Outpost). The Outpost aims to:

- broaden opportunities for start-ups and scale-ups to develop their products and services
- leverage municipal and community interests to test products and services
- address complex social issues; and,
- improve the municipality's service delivery

The Outpost opened at Volta in downtown Halifax in November 2020. Over the past several months, the Outpost has been focused on completing a food security solutions project, a HalifACT engagement project, and connecting startups and scaleups to opportunities to test and refine products and services in the municipality. For more information, read the staff report.

TRAFFIC CALMING ON OSBORNE STREET

Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to road safety for all users. In February 2016 Regional Council approved the <u>Traffic Calming</u> Administrative Order which focuses on making neighbourhood streets safer for non-drivers by slowing down traffic, and in December 2017 approved the Integrated Mobility Plan which prioritizes improving road safety for all users through a variety of measures.

Traffic is calmed by constructing physical measures to encourage safer driving behaviours. After a review of the speed and volume data, and other features of the roadway, Osbourne Street (Dunbrack Street to Withrod Drive) was chosen for traffic calming measures.



The following is a list of streets in District 9 that are scheduled for Traffic Calming and their ranking out of a list of 225 streets:

Chisholm Avenue (#18)

Bridgeview Drive (#29)

Jubilee Road (#49)

Withrod Drive (#67)

Walter Havill Drive (#73)

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Abbott Drive (#80)

Brook Street (#83)

Ridge Valley Road (#85)

Punch Bowl Drive (#90)

Romans Avenue (#91)

Glenora Avenue (#92)

Lynn Road (#101)

Doull Avenue (#109)

Inverness Avenue (#119)

Crown Drive (#131)

Clovis Avenue (#146)

Highfield Street (#147)

Kelly Street (#170)

Ashburn Avenue (#171)

Newton Avenue (#173)

MicMac Street (#177)

Seaforth Street (#178)

Ridge Valley Road (#180)

Quinn Street (#192)

Westmount Street (#203)

Connolly Street (#204)

Beech Street (#207)

Edinburgh Street (#218)

Ralston Avenue (#221)

To have your street considered for Traffic Calming Measures, call 311 and submit your request.

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN



HRM's new Illegal Dumping and Anti-Litter campaign begins on Wednesday, November 3rd.

The campaign will include three phases:

- raising awareness of disposal options
- exploring the social and environmental burdens of illegal dumping/litter
- reinforcing the consequences of illegal dumping/litter

The campaign's call to action is "Be responsible for your waste" and is intended to draw attention to the consequences of illegal dumping and littering. It also encourages residents to report illegal dumping/litter. The only place litter belongs is in a garbage can, organics or recycling bin. If there isn't a bin close by, take it with you. Don't leave it for another person (or animal) to pick up.

In addition to the campaign launch, municipal staff will begin enforcing enhanced measures related to illegal dumping and litter. Penalties range from \$500-\$10,000 for illegal dumping, and \$200-\$10,000 for litter violations. This work aligns with the municipality's commitment to acting on litter and illegal dumping. For more information visit Halifax.ca/recycle.

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SALTWIRE HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS - NOVEMBER 20th



Organizers have announced they are accepting applications from businesses, non-

profit organizations and community groups who want to enter a float, walking or performance group in the parade, which will have its usual start time of 6:00 p.m.

The deadline for applications is November 5th at noon - anyone interested <u>can download an application package</u> or email: <u>parade@saltwire.com</u>.

The parade raises money for Feed Nova Scotia. Presenting sponsor Eastlink TV will broadcast the parade live on its network.

VOLUNTEER RECUITMENT FOR HRM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees, and commissions. Online applications will be open until **Monday, November 15, 2021,** at 11:59 p.m.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents, and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council,

community council, or standing committees, and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the Halifax Regional Municipality. Meeting schedules and formats will vary between committees, please consult halifax.ca/serve for details on each committee.

The following opportunities are currently open:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee: positions for three persons with disabilities, and one community member including parents or advocates.
- Community Monitoring Committee: positions for two residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- Design Advisory Committee: positions for one Architect; two Community Planners or Urban Designers; two Engineers; and four members-at-large with experience in the design, environmental, social, cultural, or industrial sectors.
- Design Review Committee: positions for two residents-at-large; one Urban/City Planner; and two Architects.
- Events East Board of Directors: positions for two members, appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- **Grants Committee**: positions for two residents-at-large

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- Halifax International Airport
 Authority Board: position for one municipal nominee.
- Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee: positions for three community citizens.
- Halifax Regional Library Board: positions for four citizens.
- Halifax Regional Water Commission: positions for three Halifax Regional Municipality residents.
- Heritage Advisory Committee: positions for five residents-at-large.
- Margeson Drive Master Plan
 Committee: positions for five members
 from Districts 13, 14 or 15.
- North West Planning Advisory Committee: positions for five community members.
- Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee: positions for four community members.
- Regional Watersheds Advisory Board:
 positions for three water related
 professionals; one member from a post secondary institution or research
 scientist; and one representative of an
 Environmental Community Group or
 Recreational Organization.
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission: positions for two Halifax Regional Municipality residents.
- Western Common Advisory
 Committee: positions for one member of the public with demonstrated knowledge of public recreation and

- trails; one member of the public with demonstrated knowledge in applied ecological sciences; one member of an Environmental Non-Governmental Organization (NGO); one member resident of the community of Goodwood/Hatchet Lake; two members at large with an interest in the furtherance of the Park; and one member of the local business community.
- Youth Advisory Committee: positions for 12 youth representatives (age 15-24).

We encourage applications from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, click here. For questions about the Public
Appointment Policy, application process, concerns about computer or internet access or to request another accommodation to the recruitment process, please contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210.



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

- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands o the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signe in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has demonstrated this by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

"The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People."

Making a respectful Land Acknowledgement now, remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

