

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME OCTOBER

I hope you are all staying safe after Hurricane Fiona, I have included more details in this newsletter about what the municipality are doing to help and some provincial aide for your information.

October is Mi'kmaq History Month. On September 30th, we celebrated Truth and Reconciliation Day as a country, recognizing and commemorating the ongoing legacy of residential schools.

Saturday October 1st was Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture and important contributions of the Mi'kmaq and kick off Mi'kmaq History Month. We are all treaty people, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to appreciate and learn more about the Mi'kmaq culture that contributes so much to our vibrant municipality!

Wishing you all a happy thanksgiving and a safe and fun Halloween this month! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about municipal matters.

BIENVENUE OCTOBRE!

J'espère que vous êtes tous en sécurité après l'ouragan Fiona. J'ai inclus plus de détails dans ce bulletin sur ce que fait la municipalité pour vous aider et un aidemémoire provincial pour vous informer.

Octobre est le Mois de l'histoire des Mi'kmaq. Le 30 septembre, nous avons célébré la Journée de la vérité et de la réconciliation en tant que pays, en reconnaissant et en commémorant les séquelles laissées par les pensionnats. Le samedi 1 octobre est le Jour du traité pour célébrer la riche histoire, la fière culture et les contributions importantes des Mi'kmaq et pour lancer le Mois de l'histoire des Mi'kmaq. Nous sommes tous visés par un traité, et je suis reconnaissant d'avoir eu l'occasion d'en apprendre davantage sur la culture mi'kmaq, qui contribue tellement à notre dynamique municipalité!

Je vous souhaite à tous une joyeuse Action de grâce et un joyeux Halloween en sécurité ce mois-ci! N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations au sujet des affaires municipales.

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HURRICANE FIONA

Thank you so much to all of the Nova Scotia Power and power crews from across Canada and the eastern United States, first responders, HRM staff, volunteers and many more who have helped us weather the storm through the after effects of Hurricane Fiona. The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of the following updates and impacts to municipal services as a result of Hurricane Fiona.

Tree waste clearing, catch basins and drop off locations

Residents are asked to assist with clearing catch basins near their homes, if it is safe to do so, to reduce flooding and improve road safety.

Municipally-owned trees that fall on private property are being removed by the municipality. If a tree has fallen in the right of way and is blocking or impeding traffic, a sidewalk, or a bike lane – residents should call 311. For your own safety, residents are reminded to not remove trees in the right of way. If the tree is interfering with powerlines, please allow Nova Scotia Power to complete their work an assessment before reporting to 311.

Trees located on private property are the sole responsibility of the homeowner. The municipality is not responsible for removing tree waste and brush from private property.

From Wednesday, September 28th to Wednesday, October 12th there will be a total of eight short-term tree waste drop-offs at the following locations from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

- 2 Lyle Street, Dartmouth
- 26 Thomas Raddall Drive (the gravel lot between the Canada Games Centre and Nova Scotia Soccer League), Halifax
- 50 Cheviot Hill, Porters Lake
- Kinsac Ballfield (near 1703 Beaver Bank Road), Beaver Bank
- Sheet Harbour Community Centre, 183 Pool Rd, Sheet Harbour
- Lake Charlotte Boat Launch, 11475 Highway 7, Lake Charlotte

- Peace Park, 67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour
- Bayer's Lake Industrial Park, 230 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Halifax

Please note that the drop-off location previously announced at 144 Thornhill Drive, Dartmouth is closed.

There is no charge for using this service for tree waste. Residents will be responsible for delivering and unloading all tree waste, brush and branches at these sites at their own risk. The municipality is currently accepting twice the amount of tree waste bundles for organics collection. Residents may set out 10 tree waste bundles as part of their organics collection. Tree waste should be tied in armload-sized bundles. No bundle can exceed 75 pounds and no individual piece can be more than four feet long or larger than eight inches in diameter. Up to 20 paper bags of yard waste will also be accepted.

Construction debris, bags or other waste will not be accepted at these locations. Residents can dispose of construction debris at Halifax C&D Recycling Ltd. at 16 Mills Drive, Goodwood or 188 Ross Road, Dartmouth (cash-only payments at the Dartmouth location). This is a private business, and fees apply for disposal. For more information visit our website. Single-unit homes are allowed a maximum of six bags of garbage for curbside collection. Residents may substitute up to five bags of garbage with bags or bundles of construction debris (such as lumber, old roofing, and drywall) for a total of six bags of garbage and bundles for collection. No bundles can exceed 75 pounds and no individual piece can be more than four feet long. No construction debris is permitted for collection from multi-unit dwellings.

Residents are also asked to report downed municipal signs, crosswalk lights and streetlights to 311.

Helping support those experiencing homelessness

Outreach workers, including municipal staff, continue to conduct wellness checks on those experiencing homelessness in our community to determine how they were affected by the hurricane and providing supports where needed.



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PROVINCIAL AIDE FOR HURRICANE FIONA

The Province of Nova Scotia are offering aide to <u>small</u> <u>businesses</u>, <u>non profits</u> and <u>residents</u> including monetary grants for those who lost power for more than 48 hours, had to pay for tree removal or are on income assistance.



NEW PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Regional Council has started the process of reviewing municipal polling district boundaries. These changes will be in effect for the 2024 Municipal Election.

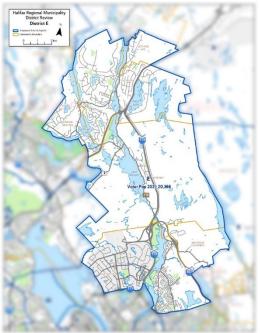
The <u>Municipal Government Act</u> requires municipal councils to review the number of councillors and the boundaries for polling districts every eight years. The last major boundary review was undertaken in <u>2010-2011</u>, prior to the 2012 Municipal Election. This included reducing the number of municipal districts from 23 to 16.

A draft map of the new districts has been released by HRM's Boundary Review Committee as a starting point for discussions and it proposes some significant changes in Dartmouth. I'm interested in what the public has to say about the proposed changes. I am also very concerned with the proposed changes for Dartmouth. The first draft map that would replace District 6 (Map E) shows two completely different districts combined into one.

District 6 Harbourview-Burnside-Dartmouth East Today



New Proposed District Replacing District 6 (Map E)



The new District 6 that is being proposed includes Dartmouth South and Dartmouth North. As it stands today, the area from Barry's Run to Spider Lake is in District 1. I have heard feedback from the residents in this area that they feel more connected with the District 6 community than District 1. They shop, go to church, go to school, use municipal playing fields and parks and more in District 6 not District 1. Combining communities like Fletchers Lake, Fall River and Windsor Junction with Montebello, Caledonia and Port Wallace is concerning.



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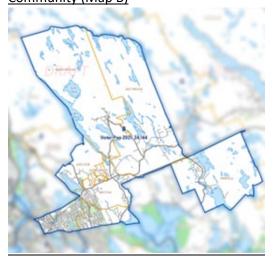
These are distinct communities and the issues, needs, priorities are very different.

New Proposed District Replacing District 5 (Map F)

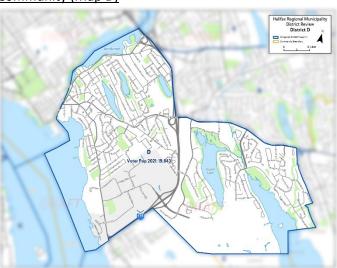


There are also significant changes to the Woodlawn community proposed. The new proposed boundaries have Woodlawn divided into 2 or even 3 different districts.

New Proposed District Impacting the Woodlawn Community (Map B)



Another New Proposed District Impacting Woodlawn Community (Map D)



The purpose of the boundary review is to see if the electoral boundaries and the representation of the districts can be improved. The committee needs to hear from you. HRM is about to launch a significant public consultation process to look at all the proposed boundaries. Public feedback can have a significant impact on whether the committee will move forward with the proposed boundaries. There is an <u>on-line survey</u> and several in-person public meetings, including one at the *Harbour East Community Council room in Alderney on Monday, October 24th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm*. I would encourage anyone who is interested in the proposed new districts, whether you love or hate them, to participate in the engagement process.

For more information, check out the District Boundary Review Committee's <u>webpage</u>.

VILLAGE ON MAIN NETWORKING EVENT

Wednesday October 19th is the next Village on Main networking event from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This month's host is Maritime Household Outlet on Tacoma Drive. If you've never been in their store yet, here's your opportunity to find out more about them! Check out their <u>facebook page</u> for more information!



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BI-WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION

The Halifax Regional Municipality is reminding residents that the weekly green cart collection service ended on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

Weekly curbside green cart collection is provided to all residents during the months of July, August and September. Green cart collection service will return to every two weeks on Monday, Oct. 3rd. For areas where green cart collection was cancelled due to impacts from Hurricane Fiona, please refer to your area's supplemental green cart collection day. For more information on curbside collection, visit our website.

HONOURING CANADA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

September 30th is a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Formerly known as Orange Shirt Day, this day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the ongoing legacy of residential schools, ensuring that this tragic part of Canada's history - that continues to have lasting impacts - is never forgotten.

Every year on October 1st, Nova Scotians mark Treaty Day to celebrate the rich history, proud culture, and important contributions of Mi'kmaq. These centuries-old treaties honour the enduring bond of friendship and respect between Nova Scotia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and reaffirm the historic presence of Mi'kmaq who have occupied the land for thousands of years. Treaty Day marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month throughout October in Nova Scotia.

Unfortunately, many events hosted by the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre have been postponed due to hurricane clean up. Keep an eye on their website for details about re-scheduled events.



DASC accessible vehicles are aging, and they need a new vehicle. Councillor Deagle-Gammon and I kicked off their campaign with a \$5,000 contribution from our District Capital Fund

TREE GIVEAWAY

The Halifax Regional Municipality invites residents to participate in two upcoming tree giveaway events. Approximately 500 trees will be offered on a first come, first served basis. A selection of tree varieties will be available, including a limited number of edible fruit trees. Visit 26 Cherry Brook Road October 8th at 9:00 a.m. until supplies run out. Participants will receive a brochure with best practices and are encouraged to consult our website for tips on how to choose a planting location and how to care for their trees. Trees should not be planted on municipal property.

The municipality has planted over 3,000 trees this year in support of the <u>Urban Forest Master Plan</u> and <u>HalifACT</u>. Through tree planting, we reduce carbon, reduce water runoff, improve infiltration, and reduce the effects of urban area heat islands while offering shade and places of reprieve. To learn more about our urban forest and for complete details about our tree give-away, visit our website.





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MOBILE SPECIAL WASTE DEPOTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening this fall. The next mobile special waste depot events will be held at the following locations on the following dates:

When: Saturday, October 8

Where: Mic Mac Mall, 21 Micmac Boulevard

When: Saturday, October 15

Where: George P Vanier School, 1410 Fall River Rd

When: Saturday, October 22

Where: NSCC Leeds St Campus, 5685 Leeds Street

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. For more information on the municipality's Solid Waste program, including updates on future depot events and what will be accepted please visit the website, download the Halifax Recycles app or call 311.



POCKET BIKE ROUTE MAP

The Regional Centre AAA Pocket Bike Map is now available! Find it at select locations including municipal recreation facilities and community centres, Halifax Public Library branches, Municipal citizen contact centres and bicycle sales and repair shops. You can find out more details here.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

Want to connect with your neighbours and create a placemaking project in your community? Apply to host a Neighbourhood Placemaking project and receive training, guidance, and up to \$1,500 in support funding from the municipality. Projects are resident-led and may include:

- painting on municipal street intersections
- building a neighbourhood bench
- creating stepping stones
- making a community film screen
- any other creative idea you can think of!

The deadline to apply for projects taking place in 2023 is October 31st. Apply and find out more <u>here.</u>

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that speed limits have been reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Chapman Street, Richmond Street, Chappell Street, Russell Street and Symonds Street.

Neighbourhood speed limit reductions are part of the municipality's ongoing initiatives to improve road safety. Through the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, the province legislates speed limits on public roadways to a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The province allows municipalities to request posted speed limits below 50 km/h if accompanied by necessary documentation, including current operating speeds and roadway characteristics. The speed limit reduction in these areas is being implemented following provincial approval based on available data and an assessment of roadway characteristics that meet their qualifications. Neighbourhood speed limit reduction is one of many road safety initiatives employed by Halifax Regional Municipality to achieve the Regional Council-approved commitment to move toward zero fatalities and injuries related to any mode of transportation. Road safety is key to ensuring safe communities with thriving, accessible, mobility options for all ages and abilities. To learn more about the municipality's commitment to road safety, including how streets are considered for neighbourhood street speed limit reduction visit our website.





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TRANSIT CHANGES

HALIFAX TRANSIT

ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN - SERVICE CHANGES

Burnside/Dartmouth Crossing

- Route 51 A/B Windmill Will provide service between Bridge Terminal and BIO/Oceanbreeze Estates, and the future Wrights Cove Terminal
- Route 56 Dartmouth Crossing Will be extended via Wright Avenue to the provide service to the future Wrights Cove Terminal
- Route 72 Portland Hills Will have several routing adjustments to provide service to Commodore Drive in Burnside and newer development in Dartmouth Crossing north of Wright Avenue



Existing Burnside/Dartmouth Crossing service



Proposed Burnside/Dartmouth Crossing service

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Due to ongoing staffing shortages, Halifax Transit has postponed all Moving Forward Together Plan (MFTP) service changes scheduled for November 2022, with one exception.

The final phase of MFTP planned service changes involves two new corridor routes, several local routes, and a new express route servicing Bedford. Changes are also planned to routes servicing Burnside and Dartmouth Crossing to address growth in this area since the approval of the MFTP, adding bus service near IKEA and Kent. We regret having to postpone these changes, but in order to successfully implement the remaining MFTP service changes, we must postpone until they can be staffed accordingly.

In November 2022, Halifax Transit will implement new Local Route 50, which will replace Route 11 and provide service between Bridge Terminal and the Dockyard and Irving Shipyard in Halifax, during peak hours on weekdays only. We anticipate that this service change will be possible to implement without a net increase in staffing resources. More information including an updated Route Map and Schedule will available in the coming weeks.

We will be closely monitoring the staffing situation over the coming months with the goal of potentially implementing the remaining MFTP-related service changes in February 2023, based on staffing availability. Alternatively, the decision may be made to implement service changes in smaller increments. More information about possible service changes implementation will be shared in the coming months.

The municipality is advising residents that, due to current staff availability, there will be temporary service disruptions for Halifax Transit ferry service.

Based on current crew availability, effective Monday, September 12, Alderney Ferry service will continue to be reduced to 30-minute service beginning at 2 p.m., until further notice.

On weekdays, Alderney Ferry will have regular 30-minute service from 6:30 to 7 a.m., 15-minute service from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be reduced to 30-minute service from 2 to11:30 p.m.

Woodside Ferry service is not expected to be impacted at this time, and it will run on its regular weekday schedule.

The cancellation of some bus trips, as well as the reduced ferry service is done to provide more certainty to passengers and allow them to plan in light of the current staffing issues.

Halifax Transit is currently running a Bus Operator recruitment campaign to increase staffing resources and resume regular operations as soon as possible. Halifax Transit is also beginning recruitment for ferry crew. For more information, visit <u>our website</u>.

A detailed ferry schedule and the full list of cancelled conventional bus trips can be found on <u>our website</u>. For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, residents can follow <u>@hfxtransit</u> and <u>@hfxtransitalert</u> on Twitter.





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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (HEMDCC) considers local Dartmouth matters to make recommendations to Regional Council and provide opportunities for public input. The October meeting of the HEMDCC has been rescheduled from October 6th to October 24th. You can find schedules and agendas for upcoming meetings here.

ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES LAUNCHES

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to welcome a new accessible taxi service available to residents throughout the municipality. In March 2022, Regional Council unanimously approved a staff recommendation to grant a three-year contract to Extra Care Taxi to provide an accessible taxi service for passengers who are unable to use conventional taxis. As part of the contract, passengers will pay the standard taxi rate for their trips while the municipality, as a funding partner, will provide ongoing funding to Extra Care Taxi to help support the higher costs of offering an accessible taxi service within the municipality.

Extra Care Taxi is currently operating eight accessible vehicles and is available to residents who may require this service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Two more vehicles will be added to the fleet of accessible taxis in the coming weeks. Bookings can be made by phone at 902-334-0334, online through the Extra Care Taxi Web Booker page, or through the Extra Care Taxi App.

To celebrate the launch of this new service, the municipality is hosting an event on Tuesday, October 11th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. Members of the public are invited to learn more about this service, meet members of the Extra Care Taxi team, and view an accessible taxi. For more information on accessible taxi services, visit our website.





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BLUE GREEN ALGAE – CORRECTION

When an algae bloom is observed, a risk advisory is issued, and initial testing is done to determine whether the algae bloom is toxin producing. If the algae bloom is not toxin producing, the risk advisory will be lifted, and no further testing is required. If the algae bloom is toxin producing, further testing will be carried out and the risk advisory will remain in effect until blooms have disappeared and post-bloom test results indicate water is within safe limits.

To clarify, HRM only does testing and monitoring at supervised beaches during the summer months (July 1st – August 31st). Other concerning sightings are reported to the provincial Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change department who are responsible for surface water in the province. No follow up testing will be completed. Where suspected blooms are associated with HRM facilities, signs are posted to encourage people to make their own risk assessment and advisories remain in place until the end of the warm weather.

Our apologies if the information published caused any confusion. For more information, please see our <u>website</u>.



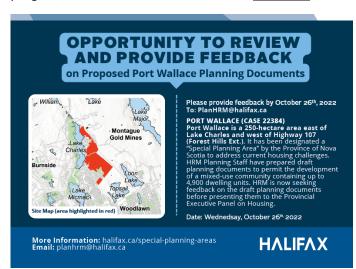
Mayor's Annual Bike Ride

NEW DATA SETS ON OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released nine new datasets on <u>Open Data</u>, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. The nine new datasets include the following:

- Building Polygons
- Buildings
- Building Uses
- <u>LakeWatchers Monitoring Sites</u>
- LakeWatchers Monitoring Results
- Community Plan Generalized Future Land Use 2019
- Community Plan Generalized Future Land Use
 2021
- Zoning Boundaries 2019
- o Zoning Boundaries 2021

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the data sets, click here.



HRM is launching the final public comment period for the proposed Port Wallace Development Project set of planning documents. We are now inviting public comments and feedback on the draft planning documents. The public comment period will be open until Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Please see the project webpage for more information.





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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving District 6! I hope you will all have a chance to connect with family and friends this weekend. The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the following service level adjustments will be in place over the weekend:

Solid Waste Collection and Facility Hours

No municipal solid waste collection services will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 10. Curbside collection of garbage, organics or recyclables normally scheduled for Monday, October 10th will instead occur the previous Saturday, October 8th. Residents are asked to place materials curbside prior to 7:00 a.m. on collection day, ensuring materials are contained and secured from wildlife until pickup.

The Otter Lake Waste Management Facility, Halifax recycling facility and municipal composting facilities will be closed on Monday, October 10, but will be open for regular hours on Saturday, October 8th.

Halifax Transit Bus and Ferry Services

Halifax Transit buses will be operating on holiday service on Monday, October 10th. The Alderney Ferry service will run at half-hour frequency on Monday, October 10. The first crossing will depart the Alderney terminal at 7:30 a.m. and the final crossing will depart the Halifax terminal at 11:45 p.m. There will be no Woodside ferry service on Monday, October 10.

All bus and ferry schedules can be found online.

Recreation Facilities, Programs and Services

Most municipally-operated recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, October 10th. Residents are advised to call ahead to their respective facility for operating hours and program information. Contact information for municipally-operated facilities is available online.

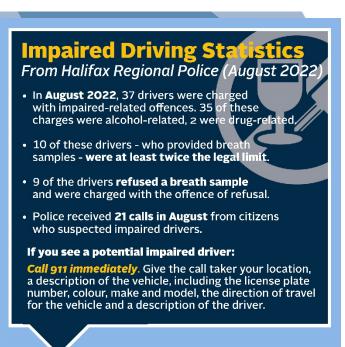
Parking

On-street paid parking will be free on Monday, October 10th. Motorists are reminded to abide by other posted signage, including no stopping, accessible parking spaces and no parking zones.

Customer Contact Centres

The 311 Call Centre will be operating during regular hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Monday, October 10th. The Customer Service Centres that provide inperson access to municipal services and payments will be closed on Monday and will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday, October 11th.

Further information on Customer Contact Centres can be found <u>online</u>.





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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week runs from October 9^{th} to 15^{th} . This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your EscapeTM.

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is reminding residents of the importance of developing a home escape plan with all household members and practicing it regularly.

In a fire, seconds can make the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Develop your escape plan with the following safety procedures in mind:

- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly so everyone recognizes the sound and knows to get out. Alarms provide an early warning, giving people additional time to escape. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year
 once during the day and once at night.

HRFE is running a contest from October 9th to 15th to promote National Fire Prevention Week. Visit our website to learn more about how you can participate and win prizes.



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