

#### WELCOME NOVEMBER

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Halloween and an honorable Remembrance Day.



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# HRM DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW ONGOING

2022 District
Boundary Review:
Phase 2

We want to hear from **you!** 



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You can still provide feedback on the proposed





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district boundaries as part of the <u>2022 District</u> <u>Boundary Review process</u>. The District Boundary Review process reviews the number of councillors and the boundaries for each polling district. Changes made from the Review's recommendations will be in place for the 2024 municipal election.

#### Where are we in this process?

Phase 1 of the process determined the size of Council and its governance structure. It was agreed the number of districts (and Councillors) would remain at 16. We are now well into Phase 2, which sets the actual district boundaries. Public engagement on Phase Two of the District Boundary Review took place earlier this fall. It included many opportunities for feedback including a survey, public meetings, and more. The District Boundary Resident Review Panel received and accepted a "What We Heard" report from those public engagement activities. Following this feedback, the proposed District Boundary Maps have been updated.

#### Look at what is currently proposed:

✓ View the What We Heard report and the newly updated proposed district boundaries maps here: <a href="https://www.halifax.ca/boundaryreview">www.halifax.ca/boundaryreview</a>.

✓ Access the interactive map that shows the new proposed boundaries here: <a href="www.bit.ly/3EGFiQq">www.bit.ly/3EGFiQq</a>

#### You can still provide feedback:

✓ Attend meetings of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel and/or meetings of the Executive Standing Committee: <a href="https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports">https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports</a>

✓ Send written submissions to the Municipal Clerks Office by email at <a href="mailto:clerks@halifax.ca">clerks@halifax.ca</a>, by mail at Municipal Clerks Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS, B3J 3A5, or by phone at 902-490-4210.

#### What happens next?

The Executive Standing Committee will advance recommended map options to Regional Council in early December, and final recommendations will be submitted to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review

**Board** for review.

More information on the District Boundary Review process can be found at halifax.ca/boundaryreview.

# NOMINATIONS FOR HRM'S 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS: JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE



Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to our community? You can give them the recognition they deserve! Each year, Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer in our communities by presenting them with volunteer awards.

Residents can now nominate volunteers in three different categories: adult, youth (ages 13-19) and community group. Successful nominees will be notified in March 2023. An awards ceremony and banquet with Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council will coincide with National Volunteer Week (April 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023).

Nomination forms and detailed nomination criteria are

available now: www.halifax.ca/volunteerawards

The deadline for nominations for the 2023 awards is Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.





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## LAST MINUTE ONLINE RENTALS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HRM RECREATION FACILITIES!



Residents can now book last-minute rental spaces online for program rooms, activity rooms, boardrooms, multipurpose rooms, dance studios, and more!

For more information, including how to access the online booking system, visit www.halifax.ca/lastminute

Earlier in 2022, participating arenas, sport fields, ball diamonds, artificial turf fields, sport courts and recreation facility gymnasiums became available for booking online through the last-minute rental process. Last minute online rentals increase residents' access to indoor and outdoor facilities while also making community programming more convenient and accessible.

# HALIFAX PARTNERSHIP OFFERS VIRTUAL ADVISER PROGRAM FOR LOCAL START-UPS

Calling all local start-up/scale-up businesses! Have you heard about the Virtual Adviser Program available for you through the Halifax Partnership? There are 25 spots available for businesses in the HRM.

- ✓ The program is FREE and as a business, you'll receive one-on-one support from an experienced business adviser to help solve a unique challenge your business is facing.
- ✓ Make connections, enjoy a wealth of information from a seasoned professional, idea collaboration, mentorship, and coaching.
- ✓ On a mutually agreed schedule, you'll virtually meet with your Virtual Adviser. Participants will have access to four one-hour phone calls over a span of 2 months.

Learn more and apply here:

https://seasonedpros.ca/halifax-partnership-vap/

# SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.

The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

√ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;





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✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and:

√ The participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2022/2023 application package online by visiting:

https://ymcahfx.ca/communityymca/ymca-senior-snow-removal/

# HALIFAX CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Join us on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 6-7 p.m. in Grand Parade for the annual Halifax Christmas Tree Lighting.

The event will also feature a visit from Santa, fireworks and the premiere of a new <u>festive</u> <u>projection show on City Hall</u>. We'll also have special appearances by PAW Patrol, holiday songs performed by Jah'Mila, Rebecca Guilderson & Stephane Gaudet and a show for kids by Team T&J.

The <u>holiday projection show on City Hall</u> will run nightly from Nov. 26 to Jan. 1. Shows run every five minutes from 5 - 10 p.m.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

Crossroads Pastoral Charge (<a href="www.crossroads-ucc.ca">www.crossroads-ucc.ca</a>) is creating a map of accessible community services - both existing and needed - in the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea region for the residents of our communities and neighbours.

The survey is focused on resources which provide for the safety, health, education, and access to opportunities for the residents of Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea. These would include services, clubs, associations, faith groups, centres, non-profit businesses, and other locations and organizations intended to serve the public good.

**Question A:** What community resources are you personally **able** to easily locate and access in this region?

**Question B**: What community resources are you, or someone you know, **not able** to easily locate or access in this region?

We would love to hear from you! Your feedback is very important.

Send responses and observations to: mike.mcgraw@crossroads-ucc.ca.

Please include "BLT survey" in the subject line. Thank you!



Indigenous disability Day and flag raising





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Remembrance Day at Ridgecliff Middle School Pictured - Capt. Rob Johnson and 2nd Lieutenant Larade





Branch 185 Legion Remembrance Day





Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



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### **NOVEMBER MEETING DATES**

#### **Regional Council:**

Met in person on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Met in person on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am

#### **Halifax and West Community Council:**

Met in person on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

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

### COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD



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, Vice-Chair
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee