



**COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**  
DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

### Are You 'Emergency Ready'?

Emergency Preparedness Week began on Sunday and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE's) Emergency Management Division is urging you to become 'emergency ready'.

There are several questions residents should ask themselves as they determine if they're ready to react with a moment's notice.

No one knows the risks in your home and around your neighbourhood better than you. Analyze the situation through the eyes of someone who will need to act quickly. What are the potential hazards?

The Emergency Management Division's role in an emergency is to ensure the safety and security of residents, their properties, and the environment by providing a prompt and coordinated response to an emergency. Residents play a big role in ensuring their own safety as well.

Being 'emergency ready' requires examination of three key areas:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get a kit

Every household needs an emergency plan. Members of the home may not be together when an emergency

occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations. In the case of an emergency, you should be prepared for 72 hours. There may be certain situations where you are not able to, or it is not safe to evacuate your home. You should be prepared to be self-sufficient in your home for 72 hours (or seven to 10 days in a health emergency).

HRFE's Emergency Management Division is running a contest to raise awareness of emergency readiness. Up for grabs are 18 emergency kits (approx. retail value \$30). To participate in the contest, take our [emergency preparedness quiz](#). All entrants who answer the questions correctly will be eligible for the draw.

For more information on being prepared for an emergency, check out the HRFE [Emergency Management web page](#). In the event of an emergency, residents can follow the [@hfxgov](#) Twitter account for regular updates and information.

**We Can Help!**  
**3-1-1**  
HRFE SERVICES

Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)



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### 2018 Community Spirit Award – Call for Submissions



Nova Scotians are being asked to show their pride in their communities by submitting a nomination for the 2018 Lieutenant Governor’s Community Spirit Award. The call for submissions for this year’s award was announced on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The award, established by then Lt.-Governor Mayann Francis in 2007, celebrates the power, strength, and diversity of communities across Nova Scotia.

Nominate your spirit-filled community today! Deadline is Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

For more information visit

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20180413003>

### Efficiency Nova Scotia



Did you know that [Efficiency Nova Scotia](#) offers a free appliance removal and recycling service. They will collect your old, working fridge or freezer for free! [Book a pick-up online](#), or call them toll free at 1-888-303-2103.

### Clean Nova Scotia

[Clean Nova Scotia](#) will provide supplies for community clean-ups through their **Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up**, Nova Scotia’s largest volunteer-driven community clean-up program, promoting litter clean-ups across the province.



**Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up**

Clean Foundation

provides supplies and

support to participants (individuals, groups, businesses, schools) to carry out community-based clean-ups. **Call (902) 420-3474 for more information.**

### HRM Launches Litter Campaign

Everyone knows they **shouldn’t litter**. Litter accumulates. It’s ugly. The culmination of small transgressions by litterers – even those that happen by accident – looks bad in our community. One piece of litter turns to two, then three, and more. We are each responsible to stop litter before it starts.

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.

[Watch HRM’s new litter campaign video.](#)





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### Curbside Give-Away Weekend

[HRM'S CURBSIDE GIVE-AWAY WEEKEND – June 2 & 3, 2018](#) Put out your unwanted household items during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It's a terrific way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while letting someone else find something new. This event happens rain or shine.

# MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Titus Smith Park. For more information visit <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

### 2018-19 Municipal Budget Approved

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council approved the 2018-19 budget with a 1.975% increase to the average residential property tax bill. By all measures, it's a modest tax cost increase that is:

- below anticipated inflation and growth in personal incomes
- among one of the lowest compared to other large cities including Ottawa, London, Kitchener and Edmonton
- in the bottom four of Canada's 22 largest municipalities for its impact on the average residential tax bill

The budget, as adopted, reflects our best effort to provide a balanced approach to using taxpayer dollars in the most responsible manner possible, while at the same time recognizing and addressing the growing needs of

our municipality as we move forward. It also concludes the first multi-year budget plan and the related two years of financial forecasting that adapted to the ongoing changes in assumptions and circumstances.

A key driver in this Regional Council's budget is accountability, not just to taxpayers, but to ourselves. Performance excellence and results are at the core of this budget and will be as we move into the future. We will discover new, innovative ways to do more with less.

### Halifax Regional Police Cadet Recruiting



Police officers are people with compassion, wisdom, resilience, smarts, down to earth common sense, and a deep-seated desire to leave things better than they were found.

Police officers are people like you.

**Yes, YOU!**

Halifax.ca/HRP-Cadet-Recruit  
#JoinHRP #HRPCadetClass2019



The Halifax Regional Police is recruiting for its [2019 Police Science Program](#). The HRP Police Science Program will prepare cadets to become police officers with Halifax Regional Police. Cadets who successfully complete the program will be offered employment with HRP.

Everyone is welcome to attend an information session to learn more about HRP Cadet Recruitment and chat with members of the Recruitment Team.

Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m.  
Halifax North Memorial Public Library  
[2285 Gottingen Street](#)

[More information sessions](#) will be added as they are scheduled. Apply online [here](#).



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### Temporary Field Closure at Mainland Common Off-Leash Dog Park

The large field area at the Mainland Common Off Leash Dog Park will be closed Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This temporary closure is required for general maintenance and is expected to occur each Wednesday, for the next few weeks. The remaining trails and park area will be open during this work. The municipality appreciates your patience while this work is underway.

### Free Shred Event

Bring documents to be shredded and recycled on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Halifax Shopping Centre from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Residential only, only 3 boxes/household. Visit



<https://business.facebook.com/events/190309654939868/>

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### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

Public – Hosted by 292 Halifax Fairview Br. 142 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

Friday, May 11 at 6 pm – 10 pm  
Fairview Branch 142 Halifax, Nova Scotia

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary all former 292 RCACS cadets, staff, parents of cadets, and supporters are invited to join them for a night of looking back, and ahead, at 292!

Reception: 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Live Band starting at 7:30 pm

Must be 19 years of age as the Fairview Branch 142 Legion's bar will be available.

