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 DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
 MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME APRIL!



It's no joke – April is here and it is officially spring. Playing a prank or two is a great tradition on April 1st to help wipe away any winter blahs and provide a chuckle or two as we look forward to all that spring has to offer, like finalizing the municipal budget!

April 1
Happy Fool's
Day!



Spring is also time for prepping garden plots and planting seeds for sprouting! Something else that “sprouts” during this time of year are potholes – please report potholes to 311. Due to spring road conditions, [weight restrictions](#) are now in place. Please drive carefully and slow your speed according to road conditions.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter! This year Easter is celebrated from April 19th to 22nd.

The first Friday of each month you may find me at the Beaver Bank Hub Office at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre from 2-4:00 p.m. Stop in for a chat!!

APRIL 2nd – FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2019 / 20 BUDGET



You are welcome to attend the [Regional Council](#) session on Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. as Council reviews then provides final approval for the 2019 / 20 budget. Or, watch the discussion [Livestream](#) from the comfort of your home / office.



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Accessible Parking Public Engagement

The municipality wants to know your thoughts about accessible parking in the region.

Thursday, April 4
Halifax Central Library
BMO Community Room
2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
60 Alderney Dr., Dartmouth
Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
Meeting Room
2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Please join us at any one of the four sessions.

CART and Sign Language will be provided.



shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessibleparking

REPORT LITTER ON HRM OWNED STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS

[Report](#) scattered litter or overflowing waste bins on HRM owned streets, sidewalks, paths, walkways, between streets or in ditches by calling **311** or using the link above.

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.



Great Nova Scotia
Pick-Me-Up

Thank you to all residents who participate in various highway / neighbourhood clean-up projects like the [Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up](#). You help us to put our best face forward.

Each person must accept responsibility for their actions and influence the actions of others at home, at school, in your place of business, and in the community at large. Choose to **NOT** litter.

REPORT A POTHOLE / SINKHOLE

Call 311 to [report a pothole or sinkhole](#) on HRM owned streets or sidewalks.

Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of the road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt under the hole.

Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into it, you can't see any pavement.

If you are reporting **potholes on a 100-series highway**, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca.

Statistics have shown that people are less likely to litter in areas that are litter free - a great motivator to keep our communities spic and span and looking grand!





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Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway

[Adopt-A-Highway](#) groups commit to cleaning a five-km section of secondary highway or a 100-series highway interchange / exit, twice per year. Groups must be registered with the program and have the chosen section approved.

LUCASVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE:	Monday, April 15 th
TIME:	6:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	Wallace Lucas Community Centre 596 Lucasville Road

All are welcome!

LUCASVILLE GREENWAY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE:	Wednesday, April 24 th
TIME:	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Wallace Lucas Community Centre 596 Lucasville Road

All are welcome to attend!

City Nature Challenge 2019
APRIL 26-29

HALIFAX WILL COMPETE WITH 165+ CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

**GET OUTSIDE
OBSERVE NATURE
HAVE FUN!**

HOW IT WORKS:
 ✓ DOWNLOAD THE INATURALIST APP
 ✓ SNAP A PHOTO OF ANYTHING IN NATURE
 ✓ UPLOAD AND SHARE BETWEEN APRIL 26-29 @OBLITZ!

INATURALIST WORKSHOPS:
 APRIL 6, 10AM:
 FAIRBANKS CENTRE, DARTMOUTH

LEARN MORE AND WIN PRIZES!
[f/CityNatureChallengeHFX](#)

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COASTAL AND OCEAN INFORMATION NETWORK

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF ATLANTIC CANADA
CULTURAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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Master **Composter** Recycler Program



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Master Composter Recycler (MCR) is a **free** four-week education program offered in May 2019. Through training sessions, hands-on workshops, and facility tours, you will become more knowledgeable about how waste is managed in the Halifax region, from collection to processing. You will also learn how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions.

The MCR program is open to all Halifax Regional Municipality residents interested in becoming waste champions within their families, communities, and work places. The MCR program can accommodate 20 participants who will be expected to attend **all** eight sessions during the month of May 2019. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the field locations.

DATE:	May 1 - May 29, 2019
TIME:	Wednesdays 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
LOCATION:	Citadel Community Centre, Citadel High School, 1955 Trollope Street, Room 101 and various field trip locations.

Contact a [Waste Resource Education Officer](#) for more information.

To register, please contact:
wasteless@halifax.ca

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTS CHEQUE TO SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR ELEVATOR / LIFT PROJECT



Councillors Tim Outhit, Matt Whitman, Steve Craig and I with representatives of the Sackville Heights Community Centre (SHCC) as we present the Sackville Landfill Fund donation of \$60,000 toward the SHCC elevator / lift project.



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STUDENTS PROTEST LACK OF ACTION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY



Councillor David Hendsbee and I joined the student protestors to show our support for their organized action on 'lack of action' on climate emergency.



HALIFAX TRANSIT SURVEY RESULTS

Transit Priority Measures (TPMs) Survey Results

Highlights

- Most respondents had at least some knowledge of Halifax TPMs before taking the survey.
- Many respondents feel that more public education surrounding TPMs is needed.
- 85% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that people would ride buses more often if they were less likely to get stuck in traffic.

As a transit passenger, do you feel TPMs help you get to your destinations more reliably?



When you use the road as a driver, a cyclist, or while walking, do you feel that TPMs are clearly marked and easy to understand?



TPMs and Private Vehicles

44%

FEEL THAT

TPMs are a good thing even if they create *moderate* delays for private vehicles.

38%

FEEL THAT

TPMs are a good thing when they cause only *short* delays for private vehicles.

17%

FEEL THAT

TPMs are a good thing only if they *don't* increase delays for private vehicles.

1%

FEEL THAT

TPMs are not acceptable in any situation.

How important is it that more TPMs are added to keep buses out of traffic?

- 48.5% say very important
- 39.2% say important
- 8% don't have an opinion on this
- 3.4% say unimportant
- 0.8% say very unimportant



What's Next?

Thank you for responding to the Talk Transit TPM survey! The answers you provided have been shared with a Halifax Transit, Traffic, and Transportation Planning working group focused on TPM development.

This year, we are working on extending the Main St/Gordon Ave TPM and the Portland St/Baker Dr TPM (pending provincial approval). Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget to check out this month's survey on transferring!

www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/talktransit



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MEET SULLY, HRP'S NEWEST K-9 OFFICER



Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini and I with newest HRP member, Sully and handler/partner Cst. Craig Durling.

COUNCILLOR CRAIG AND I ON THE **HOT SEAT** WITH RICK HOWE - NEWS 95.7



ANNUAL SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, Halifax Regional Municipality introduced the annual spring weight restrictions as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 11. The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place into the spring. However, the restrictions may be lifted earlier if the roads become stabilized. Notice will be provided should this occur.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on [municipally maintained roads throughout the region](#). Regular weight tolerances apply on the exempt roads. The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.a.sp>.

Are you Looking for a Great Summer Job?

Come Join the Team at **ATLANTIC SPLASH ADVENTURE!**

Atlantic SPLASH ADVENTURE

1200 LUCASVILLE RD. LUCASVILLE, NS

APPLY TODAY AT SplashAdventure.ca/employment

You can work in retail, admissions, food & beverage, with the rides or as a lifeguard.

*Earn Extra Money! *Make New Friends! (ask us about the additional pay if you are a certified lifeguard!)



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PRESENTING A DISTRICT 14 DISTRICT CAPITAL CHEQUE TO THE SACKVILLE SPORTS HERITAGE HALL OF FAME



Here I am with the Sackville Sport Heritage Hall of Fame Board of Directors as they receive the District 14 District Capital donation for their new display at the Sackville Sports Stadium.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR MR. ED KELLY, GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER OF INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (IAFF)



(LtoR) CAO Jacques Dubé, Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Councillor David Hendsbee, Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Mayor Mike Savage, Ed Kelly, Captain Michael Sears, Captain Brendan Meagher, Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chief Ken Stuebing.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Kelly, General Secretary-Treasurer of the International Fire Fighters Association (IAFF) who was speaking on the “Irish connection” between Halifax and Boston. Mr. Kelly was in town for the Charitable Irish Society’s annual dinner.

Cookie Decorating Workshops

Learn the basics of cookie decorating and leave with eight decorated cookies and recipes to try at home!

Tallahassee: April 9 and 10
Sackville: April 3



Halifax Parks & Recreation @Hmrac - Mar 11
Register now for our cookie decorating workshop! Sessions are being held on April 3 at the Sackville Sports Stadium, and April 9 and 10 at the Tallahassee Recreation Centre. bit.ly/20Hf0d8





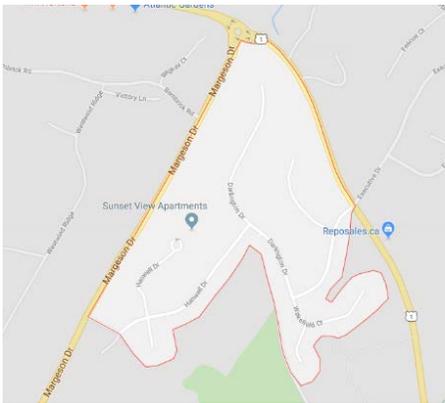
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PUBLIC NOTICE – BEAVER BANK

Halifax Regional Police have alerted the public that convicted high-risk sex offender, [Adam Mitchell Cox](#), 31, was recently released from Dorchester Penitentiary and will be residing in the Beaver Bank area.

SUNSET RIDGE SUBDIVISION – VEHICLE SPEED, PARKING, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, MARKED CROSSWALKS



In response to concerns raised by residents of Sunset Ridge subdivision on vehicle speed, parking and all-terrain vehicle use in the

area, I asked our Traffic Analyst to investigate these issues and respond. It is important to note that each incident of vehicles speeding, or the use of all-terrain vehicles on public roadways or vehicles parked on a marked crosswalk, **need to be reported to RCMP non-emergency (902-244-7208) immediately.** These calls are vital for RCMP services as you may be able to provide more detail to assist them than you realize.

SPEED:

As per the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, 50km/h is the lowest speed limit we can post on a public street – except for school zones. **HRM has put in a request in to the province to lower this speed limit to 40km/h – we are awaiting their response.**

PARKING:

We typically do not restrict parking on residential streets, as **the presence of parked cars is an effective traffic calming technique which typically results in lower speeds.** Conversely, by removing parking, the travel way will be visually wider, creating a more comfortable environment for drivers to speed. The Motor Vehicle Act does state that vehicles cannot park on or within 5m of a crosswalk (marked or unmarked), in or within 7.5m of an intersection, and within 5m of a fire hydrant. Any vehicles parking in this manner can be ticketed by calling 311 or RCMP non-emergency.

MARKED CROSSWALKS:

HRM follows national guidelines when reviewing locations for marked crosswalks. These guidelines assess things such as pedestrian volumes, vehicle volumes, roadway geometry, etc. **I have asked for data to be collected when our data collection program resumes in the spring.** Once data has been collected and reviewed, we will be informed if a marked crosswalk is warranted.

As defined by the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, **a crosswalk exists at every intersection whether marked or unmarked, and vehicles are required by law to stop for pedestrians at both marked and unmarked crosswalks.** The best way to ensure safety is to wait for an adequate gap in traffic or until vehicles have come to a complete stop before entering the street.

CONTACT RCMP:

Sackville RCMP have been advised of the speeding and parking within the marked crosswalk concerns; however, I stress once again the importance of residents contacting the RCMP **(902-244-7208)** about these issues as they are happening or as soon as possible.



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YOUTH SUMMIT – APRIL 7, 2019

This event is hosted by the (new) Youth Advisory Committee, the Parks & Recreation Youth Section, and the Municipal Clerks Office of the Halifax Regional Municipality. The aim is to bring together youth communities from across the municipality to talk about what matters most to them, and; help inform the policies, programs, and services that affect youth in communities across the region



Bringing youth voices to Regional Council

Connect with youth from across the municipality at our Youth Summit!

When: Sunday, April 7 from 2-6 p.m.
Where: Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Hall, 5440 Spring Garden Road

To register for this free event, contact Jennifer Purdy at purdyj@halifax.ca



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

AT THE SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Sunday, April 14th, 2019

8:30am to 10:00am

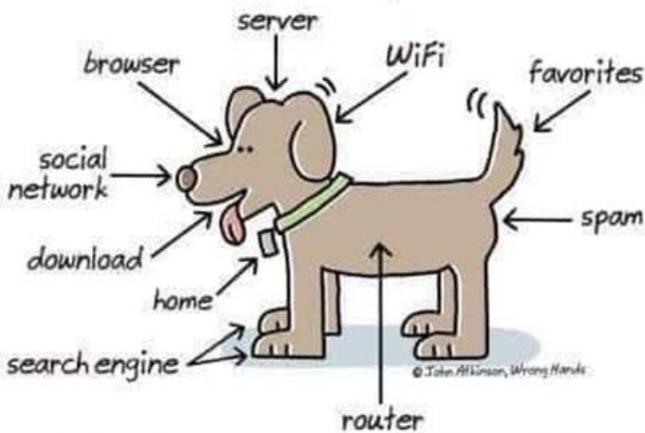
MEMBERS AGE 10 AND UNDER ARE \$1.00

MEMBERS ADULTS \$5.00 children over 11 \$3.00

NON – MEMBERS children \$3.00 MEMBERS ADULTS \$5.00

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North-West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Halifax Water Commission

