

WELCOME JULY!



Happy Canada Day! It's wonderful to celebrate with family and friends after enduring the challenges we faced since COVID-19 entered our midst. Although there are currently no active cases, the Public Health Authority cautions that a

second wave is imminent so please remain vigilant: stay 2m apart, wash your hands and wear a mask when in crowded places.

A summer event to look forward to is the annual Fultz House summer teas, although changed this year to drive-in luncheons. Please try to support local to help strengthen our economy and local cultural icons.

The monthly Beaver Bank Hub office hours are cancelled until further notice. Please contact me via email at: LISA.BLACKBURN@HALIFAX.CA or by phone: 902.579.7164.

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HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Visit the [Halifax – Dartmouth Canada Day website](#) for the virtual activities planned to celebrate Canada’s 153rd anniversary.

Halifax was selected by Canadian Heritage and CBC to take part in a national virtual Canada Day celebration and will be featured as part of the Ottawa national coverage, showcasing our people, city and community.

The broadcast will begin with activities from [Bedford Days](#). Performances for the Halifax and Dartmouth Canada Day celebrations will begin at 7 p.m. on the [Halifax Regional Municipality’s Youtube page](#) and HFX Civic Events Facebook page and on Eastlink.



SACKVILLE PATRIOT DAYS



Please check out the [Sackville Patriot Days website](#) for an exciting schedule of events to celebrate 2020 Graduates and Patriot Days 2020! Events such as movie nights in the Sackville Arena parking lot. Tickets are free but you must have a ticket to attend.



Sackville Patriot Days movie night location.

JULY REGIONAL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Tune in to the virtual Regional Council meetings on:

- Tuesday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m.



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To watch the Council session, click the [video link on the meeting agenda](#) to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting ‘join anonymously’.

SUMMER GREEN CART COLLECTION



During intense discussion at budget sessions, my Council colleagues and I tried to find a way to maintain the weekly summer

green cart collection program. However, due to the economic impact of COVID-19, the weekly summer collection program has unfortunately been suspended for 2020.

With green cart collection continuing every two weeks across the municipality, here are some tips to minimize odours from the green carts:

- Place wet food waste in boxboard, or wrap using one sheet of newspaper
- Line both your mini-bin and green cart with a paper bag
- Empty your mini-bin daily and place the green cart for collection on the scheduled dates even if it isn't full
- Food waste can be stored in the freezer until collection day
- Store the green cart in a ventilated, shady location
- Considering washing your green cart after each collection with mild detergent and warm water, vinegar, lemon juice or baking soda

- Consider using the services of a commercial bin cleaner
- Consider composting on-site as an alternative to the curbside bin; focus on establishing a healthy composting ecosystem that can have minimal odour and can produce valuable compost

You may find more helpful tips on the *All About Green Carts* webinars that will be available until September and broadcast through Microsoft Teams at: www.halifax.ca/3rsonline. Click the video link to “watch on web” and enter the webcast by selecting “join anonymously”.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP



The Great NS Pick Me Up (PMU) officially launched on June 15th. The following information explains supplies for Clean-up Teams and disposal/collection of litter collected.



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SUPPLIES: Garbage and blue bags

Since HRM Customer Service Storefronts are closed due to COVID-19 measures, supplies cannot be picked-up by volunteers as they have in the past. HRM's Solid Waste staff will arrange a contactless doorstep delivery, or delivery through Canada Post.

- Contact wasteless@halifax.ca two weeks in advance of the event - any requests made on short notice may not be able to be fulfilled.
- Kits will include a supply of clear garbage bags and blue recycling bags.
- Since nitrile gloves are not widely available, volunteers are encouraged to wear garden or work gloves.

DISPOSAL/COLLECTION:

In past years, HRM's Solid Waste staff would readily arrange collection through Road Operations, however; with the decrease in seasonal and student staff this year, we encourage curbside collection.

Collection with household waste (preferred)

Garbage (clear bags) and recyclables (blue bags) should be disposed by dividing among participants and placing it curbside on your regular collection day/week. This material will count towards the limit of six garbage bags per single unit household. There is no limit for recyclables. One bulky item is permitted. All curbside sorting rules apply i.e. no tires or hazardous waste permitted.

Drop off at the Otter Lake Facility:

Team coordinators can contact Halifax Solid Waste (wasteless@halifax.ca) (**one to two weeks preferred**) prior to their event to arrange

drop-off directly to the Otter Lake Facility where tipping fees will be waived.

- Waived fees are for bagged litter from community clean-ups only. We do not accept tires, construction & renovation waste or debris from illegal dumpsites.

Teams will be asked to provide the following information:

- Team coordinator's name, phone number, and email
- Location of your clean-up
- Date of your clean-up
- Estimated number of bags to be delivered
- Description of the vehicle that will be making the delivery
 - License plate number
- Time expected for delivery

Collection by HRM staff

If either of the above options are not possible:

- Team coordinators can call 311 to submit a request through our regular Community Clean-up process.
- They may be asked to move the material collected to a secure location to ensure it is not disturbed prior to collection as it may take ROC an extra day or so to service the site.
- The team coordinator will be contacted by a ROC CSR in advance of the event to confirm details.

If you have questions, please call 311.



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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS



Due to the impacts of COVID-19, Regional Council has approved amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, allowing public hearings to proceed virtually.

Regional Council and Community Council meetings with public hearings will be broadcast live using Microsoft Teams. Residents who wish to speak must sign-up via email ahead of the meeting, and residents will be invited to speak by phone as part of the meeting. All correspondence can be sent to clerks@halifax.ca.

Notices of virtual public hearings will be provided three weeks in advance.

For more information, please [read the report](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES



Halifax Transit
Bus service was increased on Monday, June 22nd as the province moves through its

recovery phases from COVID-19:

Regular weekday service: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9A/B, 14, 21, 28, 29, 39, 51, 53, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 68, 72, 84, 85, 87, 123, 135, 136, 185, 401, 415, 433

Saturday schedules on weekdays (Monday-Friday): 7, 10, 22, 25, 30A/B, 54, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 82, 83, 86, 88, 90, 91, 320

No service: 5, 11, 32, 41, 78, 79, 93, 137, 138, 159, 182, 183, 186, 194, 196

Additional trips: 330, 370

Fare collection remains suspended until further notice.

We strongly encourage you to wear a mask as physically distancing can be difficult on buses.

Beginning in early July, Halifax Transit will be installing temporary polycarbonate shields on conventional buses, to help reduce the spread of the virus. The shields will be installed next to the bus operators and will act as a physical barrier to promote safe distancing. The shields are designed to meet the unique requirements of each style of Halifax Transit bus. The installation process is expected to take a few weeks to complete.

For full details, visit:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/coronavirus>

Parks & Recreation

As we continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19 and further lifting of restrictions, here are the latest updates concerning Parks and Recreation services on Fitness Centres,



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Beaches, Pools, Splashpads and the Emera Oval.

Fitness Centres



Sackville Sports Stadium

Following safety measures provided by public health, **fitness centres** at the following municipal facilities will open on Monday, July 6:

- Captain William Spry Community Centre
- Sackville Sports Stadium
- Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre

These locations were approved to open as they are the largest municipally-operated fitness facilities. All other fitness centres will remain closed until further notice, and members of those facilities are being given access to the three reopened centres listed above.

To keep patrons and staff safe, and to optimize access for as many patrons as possible, access to the fitness centre or attendance to a fitness class will be available by appointment only. Appointments may be booked over the phone or online through halifax.ca/myREC

Municipal partner recreation facilities (i.e. Canada Games Centre, Cole Harbour Place, Halifax Forum, St. Margaret's Centre, RBC

Centre, Zatzman Sportsplex, etc.) are beginning to reopen to clients over the coming weeks. Please contact each facility directly for information about their opening dates and new procedures.

Beaches, Pools and Splashpads



Sackville Kinsmen Splashpad

Lifeguards will be stationed at municipal beaches beginning July 6 to August 31. Residents are reminded to always use caution when in or on the water. For more information, visit halifax.ca/summeraquatics.

The following splashpads are now open:

- Halifax Common
- Sackville (Kinsmen)
- George Dixon Centre
- Isleville Street
- Westmount

At this time, all municipal pools will remain closed until further notice. If public health restrictions change, staff will review provincial guidelines and explore the possibility of reopening these facilities.



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Emera Oval



Public washrooms and first aid at the [Emera Oval pavilion](#) will be opening on Monday, July 6. The facility will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and noon to 9:00 p.m. on weekends. Rentals will not be available until further notice; however, residents are welcome to use the Emera Oval for cycling and rollerblading with their own equipment.

For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit halifax.ca/coronavirus.

DISTRICT 14 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following road work is planned for the 2020/21 season (weather permitting):

Street Recapitalization

Danny Dr. – Beaver Bank to Barrett
Rosley Rd. – Beaver Bank to End of Asphalt (2019 Carryover)

Gravel Road Paving

Rosley Rd. – End of Asphalt to End of HRM Limit (2019 Carryover)

Microsurfacing

Sackville Dr. – Beaver Bank to Millwood

July 2020

Planer Patching

Fenerty Rd. – Sackville to Springfield Lake
Hamilton Dr. – Sackville to Strathmore (N)
Sackville Dr. – Hamilton to Patton

Crack Sealing

Sackville Dr. – Skyridge to Florence

Bridges

BR65 Rosley Rd. Bridge – replacement (2019 Carryover)

SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC CALMING



Speeding remains the #1 complaint I receive on an almost daily basis. In multiple

consultations with the Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit, the importance of reporting speeding issues to them was stressed.

Yes, the vehicle(s) may be long gone by the time you call, however; the important information required will be documented and will enable the local law enforcement officials to initiate a complaint which will result in a member being assigned to conduct patrols of the area as required.

In the District 14 area, please **call (902)-244-7208 to report incidents of speeding.**



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Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers by slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that reducing the posted speed limit typically has no significant impact on how fast people drive.

Physical measures are more effective and could include:

- speed humps
- raised intersections and crosswalks
- curb extensions
- traffic circles or mini roundabouts
- on-street parking
- raised median islands

Streets in District 14 scheduled to be done in 2020 are:

- Danny Dr - Beaver Bank Rd to Barrett Rd
- Monarch Dr (N) - Majestic Ave to Amedee Dr (school zone)

As of May 2020, there are 218 streets from across the municipality on the list for future consideration. The following table shows the ranking of streets in District 14 on that list:

Street	Start/End	Ranking out of 218
Fenerty Rd	Sackville Dr to Springfield Lk	7th
Rafting Dr	Executive Dr to	28th

	Millwood Dr	
Executive Dr	Sackville Dr To Rafting Dr	57 th
Fringe Dr	Executive Dr To Rafting Dr	68 th

To have your street considered for traffic calming measures, call 311 or Email: contactHRM@halifax.ca.

SUMMER REC VAN



The REC Van visits parks and greenspaces annually throughout the municipality in July and August providing free recreational sports and activities to children, youth, families and seniors.

The van is stacked with equipment for a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, baseball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, music and more.

This year, the program is being expanded with two vans that will begin operating on July 6. For more information, including the schedule, visit halifax.ca/recvan

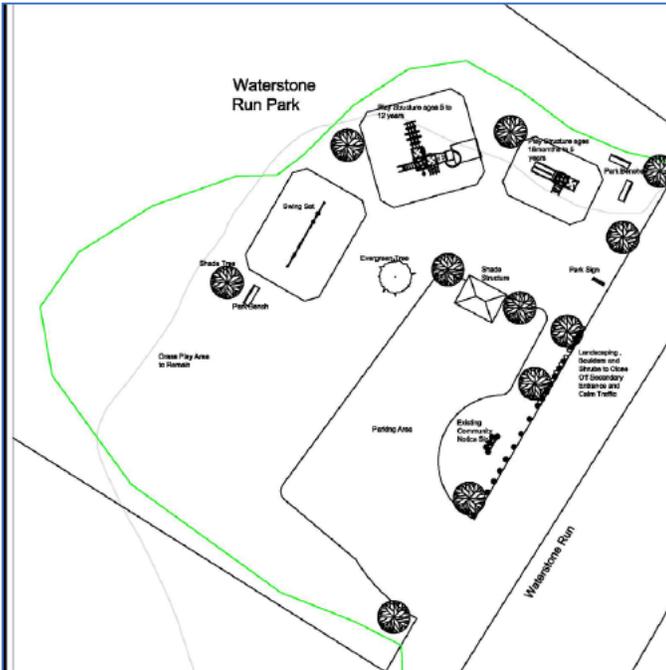


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WATERSTONE RUN PARK UPDATE

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2021 CADET RECRUITMENT



Waterstone Run Park Concept Plan

The tender for the Waterstone Run Park has been issued and closes at 2:00 p.m. on July 14th. The tender may be viewed on the [provincial procurement website](#) under Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: 20-352.

This RFP for the provision of design, supply and installation of playground equipment, gazebo and landscaping at Waterstone Run Park during the 2020 construction season.

The design and layout of the play equipment, protective surfacing and no encroachment zones must comply with CSA document "Children's Playspaces and Equipment".

Existing equipment will remain in place a minimum of one week prior to construction.



Applications open Monday, July 6, 2020 for the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) 2021 cadet recruitment campaign **Yes,**

YOU!

The next HRP Police Science Program will begin in early 2021, with the goal of recruiting up to 24 cadets for the program. This recruitment is **not meant to "add" officer positions at this time.** It's simply an effort to keep up with succession planning and manage ongoing vacancies.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Dan Kinsella stated that: *"The current discussions on policing underpin the importance of trust, accountability and diversity in policing. As part of our next class, we look forward to training and preparing the next generation of police officers who bring a variety of different life experiences and perspectives to help move policing forward."*

The goal is to attract applicants who reflect and appreciate diversity in experiences, perspectives, beliefs, opinions, genders, gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations, ages, faiths and races. As part of the campaign, HRP is encouraging people from diverse backgrounds to apply, including those who may not immediately see themselves as a police officer.

Successful applicants will become cadets in a 38-week police training program designed and delivered by HRP. The program will be based at the Halifax Regional Police Training School in



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Dartmouth, which is a recognized private career college by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

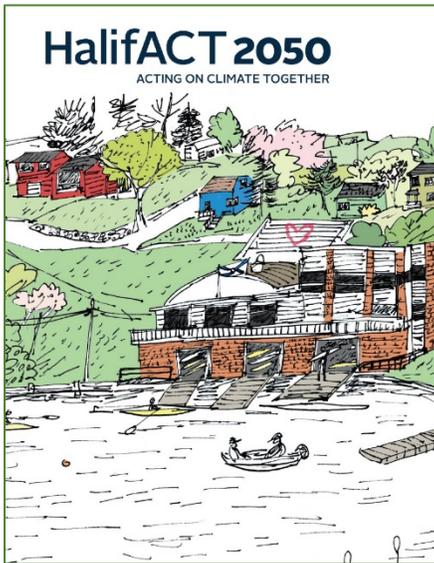
HRP recruitment team members will be hosting virtual information sessions and will be available via email / Instagram / Twitter found at @JoinHRP, to answer questions and provide more information on the application process.

Further information on cadet recruitment is available at: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/work-halifax-regional-police/halifax-regional-police-cadet-recruitment>.

2. *Retrofit municipal buildings to be net-zero ready and climate resilient*
3. *Electrification of transportation*
4. *Net-zero standards for new buildings*
5. *Risk and vulnerability assessments*
6. *Capacity building for climate adaptation*
7. *Sustainable financing strategy*

In order to succeed in these areas, and to achieve the targets set out in HalifACT 2050, the Municipality must prioritize climate action across all Business Units. A mainstreaming of climate thinking requires fundamental adjustments to operations, business plans and budgets. The Municipality will consider how best to structure climate efforts internally to ensure rapid implementation across all Business Units.”

HALIFACT 2050



So proud to be part of a proactive Council in moving forward [the HalifACT 2050: Acting on Climate Together Plan!](#)

This is HRM’s long-term climate action plan to reduce

emissions and help communities adapt to a changing climate.

The report explains that: “As immediate action is critical to a successful outcome, acting initially on the following seven key areas is paramount.

1. *Retrofit and renewable energy programming*

Please [join us](#) in the climate conversation. Use our [Interactive Map](#) to map climate hazards in your area, and fill out a [survey on Mitigation Actions](#) or try our [Adaptation Priorities tool](#).

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HalifACT 2050 IS A LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HALIFAX FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

- ✓ SAVE MONEY
- ✓ PREVENT LOSS
- ✓ CUT EMISSIONS
- ✓ STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IS LEADING THE PLAN, BUT WE ALL MUST ACT.

LEARN HOW: [HALIFAX.CA/CLIMATE](https://www.halifax.ca/climate)

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

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Discover Halifax
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee



Springfield Lake, Middle Sackville