



DEPUTY MAYOR TONY MANCINI
DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS
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Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME APRIL!

As the last dregs of snow and ice melt away, it seems that Spring is finally upon us. I'm looking forward to the warmer weather and the community events that get us out of our hibernation!

I'm especially anticipating our Women's Leadership Panel this month, where we will host 40 Grade 10 young women to hear from a panel of accomplished female leaders including Library CEO Åsa Kachan, Airport President Joyce Carter, CEO of the IWK Foundation Jennifer Gillivan and Law Partner Candace Thomas.

Happy Spring, everyone!

BIENVENUE AVRIL!

Alors que les derniers résidus de neige et de glace fondent pour disparaître définitivement, il semble que le printemps est enfin arrivé. Je me réjouis à l'idée de profiter du temps plus chaud et des événements communautaires qui nous feront sortir de notre hibernation! J'anticipe principalement notre groupe de spécialistes sur les femmes en leadership ce mois-ci, où nous accueillerons 40 jeunes femmes de 10^e année pour qu'elles puissent écouter un groupe de spécialistes composé de femmes leaders accomplies y compris Åsa Kachan, directrice générale des Bibliothèques d'Halifax, Joyce Carter, présidente de l'aéroport, Jennifer Gillivan, présidente et directrice générale de la Fondation IWK et Candace Thomas, associée en exercice du droit.

HALIFAX TRANSIT HIRING

Halifax Transit is recruiting Red Seal Truck & Transport Mechanics at our locations in Halifax and Dartmouth. Candidates selected for this opportunity will be added to a pool may be considered for available positions over the next six months. 3rd and 4th year apprentices will also be considered. For more information or to apply, visit our [website](#).



“My parents didn't speak the language and they didn't have much money. They are my heroes.”

TONY MANCINI

MAKING WAVES

Stories of Second-Generation Immigrants

Join Immigrant Services Assoc. of Nova Scotia as they launch their new

collection of stories *Making Waves – Stories of Second Generation Immigrants* April 10th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Library.



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BUDGET 2019/20 UPDATE

Regional Council will be doing our final review of the 2019/20 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget at the April 2nd meeting of Regional Council. [Tune in online](#) or attend the session at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

POLICE STREET CHECKS

Professor Scot Wortley, doctor of criminology at the University of Toronto, recently presented his independent report on police street checks in HRM. This issue was originally raised when police street check data revealed that African Nova Scotian residents were 6 times more likely to be stopped and questioned for random street checks.

The report provides recommendations for the regulation or suspension of police street check practices and policy suggestions for improving the fractured relationship that exists between police and the black community.

The findings of this report will likely be discussed further at our next Board of Police Commissioners meeting scheduled Monday, April 15th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. For more information, you can read the full report [here](#).

REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

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

The best way to report a pothole or sinkhole is to call 311 or submitting this [form](#) so our staff can assess the location and have it repaired as soon as possible.



Project Comfort blanket making with some exceptional community members

ACCESSIBLE PARKING FEEDBACK

Join municipal staff Thursday April 11th in the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Room at Alderney Gate to provide your feedback on accessible parking in the region. Your input will help us identify the criteria that should be considered when planning for the future of on-street accessible parking. The sessions will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and we will be sharing the findings from last year's broader accessibility and inclusion consultation and allowing residents to speak up about accessible parking options. If you are unable to make the session, you can still provide feedback by completing the online survey [here](#). To find current accessible spots available in Halifax and Dartmouth see our lists and maps [here](#).

Computer-assisted real-time captioning (CART) and Sign Language will be provided.



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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MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

Registration for the first Master Composter Recycler program is now open.

The Master Composter Recycler (MCR) program is a free, four-week, eight-course education program that provides training sessions, hands-on workshops and facility tours for residents to become more knowledgeable on waste management in our municipality. Participants will also learn how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions.

This program is open to all residents interested in becoming waste champions within their families, communities and work places.

When: May 1st – 29th, Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Citadel Recreation Centre, Room 101, 1955 Trollope St, Halifax

You can find out more about the program here or register now by [emailing](#) our team.

SUMMER RECREATION REGISTRATION

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for summer recreation programs (excluding aquatics) will be on April 10th beginning at 10 a.m. For more information on summer camps and registration, visit our [website](#).



EBAY RETAIL REVIVAL PROGRAM



Last month, 70 local businesses had the opportunity to participate in the first session of the eBay Retail Revival training program. The year-long program will connect these businesses with experts to help them grow their business' online presence and success.

Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in making this partnership happen, I'm confident this training will provide the tools our entrepreneurs need to grow their businesses and further invest in our great community.

NORTH DARTMOUTH ECHO

The North Dartmouth Echo is a community newsletter dedicated to sharing good news stories about North Dartmouth. Check out the latest issue [here](#).

SENIOR SAFETY WORKSHOP

Join Halifax Regional Police Senior Home Safety volunteers on April 4th, 1:00 p.m. at 58 Tacoma Drive for a workshop on senior safety, including topics such as frauds & scams, property crime prevention & street safety.

This workshop is open to seniors 55+ and their family members.

For more information, see our [website](#) or register today by contacting Delthia at 902-490-6976 or millerde@halifax.ca.



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HRP CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



The Halifax Regional Police (HRP) recently launched the Halifax Regional Police Foundation (HRPF). The HRP always strives to serve the communities they protect, and this foundation will provide new opportunities to amplify this positive effect. The foundation will focus on supporting youth and encouraging innovation in support of safer, stronger and more inclusive communities. To make a donation, go to their [website](http://www.HRPFoundation.ca).

VILLAGE ON MAIN NETWORKING EVENT

On the third Thursday of each month, the Village on Main hosts a networking event from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. where employees and the public are invited to meet and greet. This month’s event will be hosted by RBC Financial on Tacoma Drive, April 17th at 8:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Meeting with Jim Cormier

WAVERLEY ROAD SPEEDING DATA

Halifax Regional Police conducted speeding data collection on Waverley Rd/Breeze Drive in January and have confirmed that the average speed in this area is 45 km/hr.

About 30% of the 13,000 drivers they clocked over 4 days were speeding but the 85th percentile were going only about 5 km over the 50 km/hr posted limit.



Constable Jeff Brown and I helping out a senior couple of District 6

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

Regional Council is committed to fostering partnerships that provide access to a full range of quality, affordable housing options. That’s why I recently put forward a motion requesting a staff report on amending legislation to waive municipal construction fees for non-profit agencies to reduce barriers for these organizations when they are developing affordable, accessible housing or something of similar public benefits. Waiving these fees would reduce barriers to the development of affordable housing and provide an incentive for non-profit organizations to get involved.



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2019 PLANNED STREET AND TRAIL CAPITAL WORK

This month, Regional Council will approve the municipal budget including providing approval for the 2019/20 Capital Program. Below you can find a full list of the proposed projects, subject to budget approval. This list includes any carryover work from 2018/19 as well as new projects:

Street Recapitalization

Akerley Blvd – Joseph Zatzman to Burnside
Athorpe Dr – Bowser to Woodlawn (2018 Carryover)
Colonna Pl – Appian to Montebello (Potential Project)
Hilchie Rd – Parkstone to End
Parkstone Rd – Windmill to End
Parkstone Terr – Parkstone to End
Ronald Crt – Wanda to Cul De Sac
Tobin Dr – Wanda to Cul De Sac
Wanda Ln – Mount Edward to Bellevista

Asphalt Overlays

Dumbarton Ave – Caledonia to Inverary

Microsurfacing

Akerley Blvd – Windmill to Joseph Zatzman

Planer Patching

Locations TBD

Crack Sealing

Locations TBD

New Sidewalk

Akerley Blvd – Joseph Zatzman to Bus Stop
Athorpe Dr – Civic 46 to Opposite Civic 27 (2018 Carryover)
Tobin Dr – Christopher to Cul De Sac
Wanda Ln – Tobin to Mount Edward

Active Transportation

Dartmouth North End Local Street Bikeway – Albro Lake to John MacNeil School (plan/design)

Retaining Walls

Akerley Blvd – Joseph Zatzman to Burnside (new sidewalk wall)
Parkstone Rd – wall repairs
Parkstone Terr – wall repairs
Tobin Dr – new sidewalk wall

Walkways

Ronald Crt to Kimberley Cres

Guiderails

Hilchie Rd – repair

Bridges

BR132 Barry's Run Pedestrian Bridge – Level 3 inspection
BR49 Kimberley Cres Pedway – Construction
BR159 Tobin Dr – Construction

To see the map of our 2018/19 projects, check out our [website](#).

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With Edward Kelly at the International Association of Firefighters Event.



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Local Immigration Partnership Stakeholders Meeting

ANTI-IDLING FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Allowing your vehicle to idle has negative impacts on our environment and costs money in wasted fuel. Regional Council has moved to update the 2008 Vehicle Anti-Idling policy to create new guidelines for municipal staff. It was estimated in 2017 that municipal vehicles idled for almost 45,000 hours. This amounts to more than \$200,000 in wasted fuel. The amended policy aims to decrease corporate fleet vehicle idling with stricter fuel consumption protocols that will serve to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and fuel costs. For more information, [read the staff report.](#)



Dartmouth North Neighbourhood Watch HRP K9 Unit Demonstration. Thank you Constable Jim Smith, K9 Officer Joey Malcolm and Constable Casey!

HOLIDAY TREE SEARCH

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking for submissions of large spruce or balsam trees for the holiday tree lighting ceremonies at Grand Parade Square and Sullivan’s Pond. Submissions can come from anywhere in the province. Trees must be on private property and accessible from the street. The ideal size is 6-10 metres tall for the Sullivan’s Pond location or 9-16 metres for the Grand Parade location. [Email us](#) with any questions or submission information. For more details, visit our [website](#).

Green Tip



As the snow begins to melt, the evidence of a long winter and some careless garbage habits is revealed. Litter is an eyesore, poses health risks, affects water quality, and is often mistaken as food by wildlife. Studies show that litter begets litter, meaning people tend to litter in areas where there is already garbage on the ground. If you’re noticing a lot of trash in your community, why not consider joining or organizing a community clean up. This year the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway program has taken over the delivery of Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up, a volunteer-driven community clean-up program. You can apply to host a clean up with support from the Adopt-a-Highway program [here](#).

DARTMOUTH BOXING CLUB COMPETITION

Congratulations to the [Tribal Boxing Club’s](#) five athletes who have qualified to participate in the 2019 [Canadian Boxing Championships](#) this month. Trained under club trainer Bridget Stevens, one of the few female instructors in the region and accomplished competitor, these five young people will be challenged by athletes from all over the country. Renae Cowal, Natali Fagan, Eddie James, Holly McDonald and Mohamed Milad we wish you all the best as you compete to achieve your personal best and honour your club and trainer!



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REJECT AND REPORT FRAUD

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Nova Scotians lost \$375,476.87 to fraudsters in 2018. March was Fraud Prevention Month and the Nova Scotia RCMP want to help you recognize, reject and report fraud. Every year, thousands of Canadians fall victim to fraud, losing millions of dollars. The top five scams in Nova Scotia in 2018 based on dollar losses were:

- 1) Romance scams** Scammers capitalize on the vulnerability of those looking for love or companionship and extract significant amounts of money from victims.
- 2) Extortion scams** Scammers come up with new reasons why you urgently need to pay them money.
- 3) Merchandise scams** Scammers sell fake, imitated or poor-quality products and advertise them at low prices so the victim thinks they're getting a good deal.
- 4) Sale of merchandise by complainant** Scammers pose as online buyers and trick the seller into taking their merchandise, money, or both.
- 5) Service scams** Scammers pretend to represent a well-known computer based company and claim the victim's computer has viruses, or has been hacked, and must be cleaned. The victim pays for a service that was never needed.

The best way to fight these types of crimes is through awareness and education. I want to say a special thank you to Fire Services employee Andrea for sharing her story so others don't become a victim. You can hear Andrea's story [here](#).

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION DEFERRAL

The Property Tax Exemption Deferral Program is available to all homeowners with a gross household income below \$34,000 (this threshold is adjusted annually) and allows the homeowner relief with a rebate, a payment plan or a combination of the two. The program opens June 1st and closes Dec 31st each year.

You can find out more by calling 3-1-1 or [emailing](#) our property tax team. More detail can be found on our [website](#).

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Currently serving on:

- Halifax Regional Council
- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission
- Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
- School Advisory Committee (SAC) for Prince Andrew High School



Meeting with the Ambassador of Latvia