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WELCOME FEBRUARY!

Though the weather is dreary, we have lots to look forward to in February. February is African Heritage Month – this year’s provincial theme is “Our History is YOUR History.” African Nova Scotian history is an integral part of our Nova Scotian history, and the Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to recognizing and celebrating the legacy, achievements, and contributions – past and present – of people of African descent. Check out the article below for more information about events you can participate in to celebrate African Heritage Month.

I also want to wish the residents of District 6 a Happy Valentine’s Day – what a wonderful reminder it is to show the people we love how much we care!

Remember to keep up with winter weather updates and parking ban notifications by keeping an eye on the [HRM Twitter](#) and [website](#).

BIENVENUE FEVRIER!

En dépit du temps ennuyeux, nous nous réjouissons à l’idée des nombreuses activités prévues en février. Le mois de février est le Mois du patrimoine africain – le thème provincial de cette année est « Notre histoire est VOTRE histoire ». L’histoire des Afro-Néo-Écossais fait partie intégrante de l’histoire des Néo-Écossais, et la Municipalité régionale d’Halifax s’engage à reconnaître et à célébrer l’héritage, les réalisations et les contributions – passées et actuelles – des personnes d’ascendance africaine. Jetez un coup d’œil à l’article ci-dessous pour de plus amples renseignements sur les événements auxquels vous pouvez participer pour célébrer le Mois du patrimoine africain.

Je tiens également à souhaiter aux résidents du district 6 une joyeuse Saint-Valentin – un excellent rappel de montrer aux personnes que nous aimons combien elles sont importantes pour nous!

N’oubliez pas de rester au courant des mises à jour relatives aux conditions hivernales et des avis d’interdiction de stationnement en surveillant l’application [Twitter](#) et le [site Web de la Municipalité régionale d’Halifax \(MRH\)](#).



Constable Jeff Brown and I had a great morning chatting with the Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn



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AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



February is African Heritage Month – an annual celebration of the history and achievements of people of African descent.

Make sure to check out some of the upcoming events to celebrate our shared heritage. The Alderney Ferry Terminal will be hosting a free Black Cultural Centre Pop-up Museum on February 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and our local libraries have lots of movie screenings, read ins, puppet shows, music and tastings. You can find a full list of events [here](#).

ZATZMAN SPORTSPLEX

After two years of renovations, the Zatzman Sportsplex is almost set to reopen this month. The \$28 million renovation project included upgrading the child care facilities, new gym and pool equipment and a new pool. These renovations were all aimed at making the Sportsplex more accessible and ready to better serve our communities.

Thank you to the Zatzman family for their generous donation towards the facility in honour of the late Joseph Zatzman, a local businessman. The new Zatzman Sportsplex will reopen on Nova Scotia Heritage Day (February 18th), with regular operations starting on Monday, February 25th.

MOBILE PAYMENT FOR PARKING

All 1,485 municipal parking meters will now be offering a mobile payment option through [HotSpot](#).

HotSpot offers the option for remote top ups, reminds you when the meter is almost up and even provides a refund if you don't use the full time you paid for. Coin payment will still be accepted as well. For more information, see our [website](#).

HALIFAX TRANSIT IS HIRING

Do you enjoy interacting with the public, work that's always changing, and making a difference? Are you looking for meaningful work with full time hours, pension and benefits? Consider becoming an operator with Halifax Transit. Applications are due Tuesday, February 12th. Successful candidates will be placed in a Resource Bank and hired from that bank as required.

For more information, stop by the information session, Monday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the [Sackville Fire Hall](#). You can apply and find out more on our [website](#).



ABERDEEN COURT PARK PLAYBOX

The municipality is implementing a Playbox pilot project in the community of East Dartmouth, planned for Spring 2019 in Aberdeen Park.

A Playbox is a metal jobsite box filled with a collection of equipment, ranging from sports gear, lawn games, jump ropes and a variety of recreation equipment that park visitors can borrow for free and then return to the box.

Community consultations took place on January 31st to get input on the equipment we will include in the box. The objective of the Playbox is to provide free community access to the unlocked box of equipment, along with engaging support of residents to maintain and monitor the Playbox.



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WANDA LANE, TOBIN DRIVE AND RONALD COURT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AND REHABILITATION

Halifax Water will be hosting a community information session Monday February 4th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn United Church to provide information about the water, wastewater and stormwater system enhancements happening this summer on Wanda Lane, Tobin Drive and Ronald Court.

Pending council approval, the municipality will also be undertaking various street improvements including curb, gutter and sidewalk work, as well as the replacement of the bridge on Tobin Drive. Anyone interested in or affected by this project is welcome to drop-in at any time during the session.

Wanda Lane Underground Infrastructure



Global TV Interview re Single Use Plastic Bag Ban

HERITAGE DAY 2019

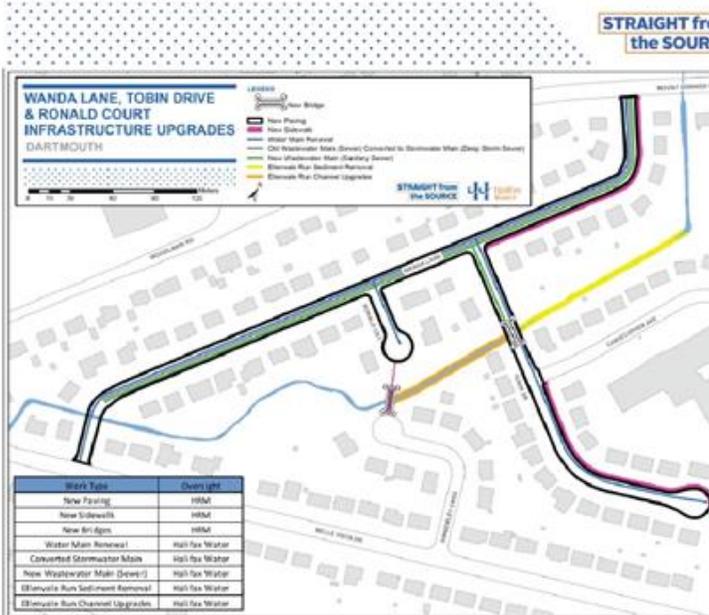
February 18th is Nova Scotia Heritage Day. Heritage Day celebrates a different Nova Scotian historical figure each year. This year we will be commemorating Maud Lewis. Maud Lewis is a world famous folk artist who painted scenes that evoke feelings of innocence and child-like exuberance. You can find out more about Maud Lewis [here](#). Enjoy your Heritage Day everyone!

ICE THICKNESS

Dartmouth is the city of lakes, and it's great to get out and enjoy our lakes over the winter months with an outdoor skate, however it is important to be extra cautious and make sure the ice is thick enough to support activity. The municipality tests the ice thickness of more than 80 lakes every week and results are posted [online](#).

Ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles





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2019-2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councillors are currently in the process of reviewing and providing direction for the 2019-2020 municipal budget in a series of budget committee meetings. The following budget presentations are still remaining:

Wednesday, February 6th 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, Library

Friday, February 8th 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

Wednesday, February 13th 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts, Halifax Regional Police (continued)

Friday, February 15th 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Budget Adjustment List Review

Tuesday, April 2nd 10:00 a.m. Regional Council
Final Budget Approval

Public participation is encouraged, if you are unable to attend in person send correspondence through the [Clerks Office](#). You are also invited to help shape the budget by using the [Budget Allocator Tool](#). Tell us what you think about each municipal department, share your spending priorities and see the potential impact your changes have on service delivery and overall budget.

To review the budget presentations we have already received, check out the following links:

[Proposed 2019-20 Multi-Year Capital Program Budget](#)

[Chief Administrative Office](#)

[Legal, Municipal Clerk and External Affairs](#)

[Human Resources, Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#)

[Finance, Asset Management and ICT](#)

[Auditor General](#)

[Halifax Regional Police](#)

[Transportation and Public Works](#)

[Halifax Transit](#)

[Corporate and Customer Services](#)

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Budget season is a great time for Councillors and residents to find out more about the municipal services we offer. Take a look at some of the highlights from the budget presentations we have received so far:

[Board of Police Budget](#)

Statistics & Accomplishment

Integrated Emergency Services (Dispatch) - April 1 - December 31, 2018:

- Dispatched to 121,671 calls for service (HRP: 86,297 / RCMP: 35,374).
- 99,134 calls to 911 and 10,253 fire calls.
- 144,435 calls to 490-5020 (non-emergency line)
- 88 total unionized staff (8 full time supervisors / 68 full time staff and 12 part time).

Statistics and Notable Investigations and Charges laid:

- Charged approximately 30 people in various dispensary investigations.
 - \$27,740 of cash seized, \$51,877.09 (51.88 kg) of marijuana, \$2,288.29 (2.29kg) of cannabis resin in these investigations.
- Responded to and laid charges following a complaint of financial mismanagement involving the expenses of a former CEO of the IWK Health Center.

Proposed 2019-20 Multi-Year Capital Program Budget

Assets Supporting Halifax Services

\$3.6 Billion capital investment in current assets, plus annual operating and capital funds to manage, operate and regularly maintain that investment to enable service delivery to the community.



- 368 Buildings
- 1,721 Parks and Playgrounds
- 701 Sports Fields/Courts & Ball Fields
- 1,847 Km's of Paved Roads
- 939 Km's of Sidewalks
- 274 Km's of Trails & Multi-use Paths
- 241 Bridges (Vehicle & Pedestrian)
- 1,499 Vehicles and 6 Ferries

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CBC Maritime Connection with Preston Mulligan
Discussing Single Use Plastic

CONSCIENTIOUS VALENTINES DAY BUYING

Think outside the gift box this Valentine’s Day! In lieu of costly overpackaged chocolates – why not consider purchasing a more environmentally friendly gift or making a donation to one of the great local charities in our community for your valentine?

Here are some great gift ideas that help reduce waste: Tickets to a play, concert, or sporting event, services like babysitting or music lessons or homemade treats and décor. We all need to do our part to reduce waste!

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

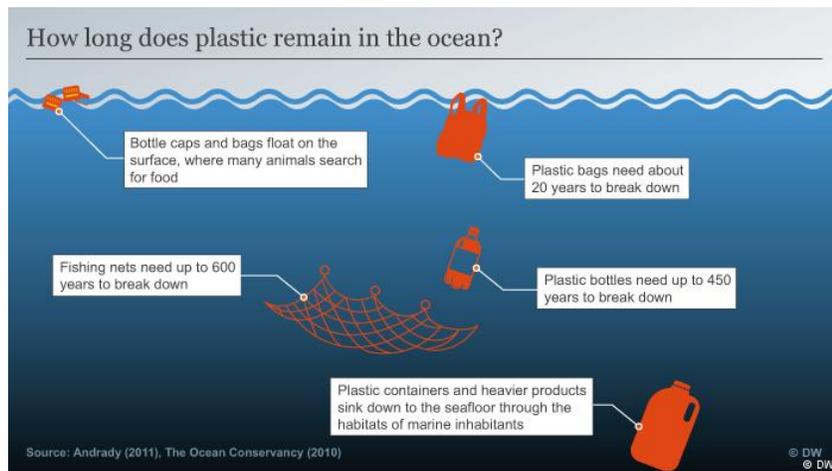
The Community Grants Program awards project-specific cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Program is open for 2019 applications from January 4 to March 31, 2019.

For more information, the Community Grants Program Guidebook is available [online](#) or reach out to our Grants and Contributions office at 902-490-7310 or nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca.

2019 HALIFAX BUSINESS AWARDS

Special congratulations to the winners of 2019 Halifax Business Awards from our amazing Burnside Business Park. Mezza Lebanese Restaurant Group was the top Business of the Year, and CEO of Mezza Tony Nahas took home the Silver prize for Business Leader of the Year. Totally Raw Pet Food won Gold in the Small Business of the Year category. Moog Focal Technologies received Silver in the Export Business of the Year Category and Intertalk Critical Information Systems received the Innovative Business of the Year award.

We are so fortunate to have such an effective economic driver in our community, congratulations to all of the businesses and business owners for working hard to create jobs and support our economy.



DRONE SAFETY

Make sure you are flying your drone safely and legally.

Register your drone, get your pilot certificate and more on the government of Canada [Drone Safety site](#).



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RETAIL REVIVAL PROGRAM

eBay Canada has announced that Halifax will be the first location for their [Retail Revival](#) program, aimed at helping small to medium size independent retailers broaden their reach. Rather than moving these retailers away from bricks and mortar locations, the program is intended to help them boost sales and even out inventory by finding new customers. Through the program, Halifax entrepreneurs can apply to be featured on eBay and have access to marketing tools and expert advice sessions. Thank you to the Mayor, CAO, The Partnership, the Nova Scotia Business Inc., and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for helping to make this happen!

RAT REDUCTION TIPS

The best way to eliminate rats is to deprive them of food, including garbage in homes and litter. Store your garbage in a sealed container if you are storing it outside and make sure to follow your collection schedule to have it disposed of regularly. If you see issues in your neighbourhood with garbage, please report to our Customer Contact Centre by dialing 311 or [email](#).



New Woodlawn Community Sign

RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG



After eight years of service, Halifax Regional Police service dog Steeler has officially retired. Steeler tracked and apprehended

more than 200 criminals, specialized in explosive detection and performed in the Nova Scotia International Tattoo during his HRP career. Thank you to Steeler and his partner Cst. Phil MacDonald for all your service!

ROAD SAFETY TIPS

We all have a role in keeping each other safe on our roads. Some helpful reminders for intersection safety are listed below:

- If available push the button to use overhead flashing lights for extra visibility.
- Look all ways before you cross the street. Just because you have a walk light doesn't mean a vehicle can or will stop.
- Pedestrians and drivers should make eye contact and watch out for each other.
- Don't start to cross when hand is flashing or the countdown timer has started, it's against the law.
- Every intersection has a crosswalk. Some are marked, others aren't. Either way, drivers must stop for pedestrians waiting to cross or when they're already in a crosswalk.
- Whether driving or walking, pay attention to what you're doing. It's against the law to have a cell phone in hand while driving, unless you're calling 9-1-1.
- If you're turning left or right on a green light, take extra care to make sure no pedestrians are crossing before you proceed.



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Meeting with the Canadian Progress Clubs

SNOW

We've been fortunate to have a fairly mild winter this year, but our crews and contractors have still had to provide clearing for 14 snow events that required significant clean up.

During winter weather events, our contracted and in-house crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kms of streets, 1,000 kms of sidewalks and approximately 2,300 bus stops across the region. This requires a very strategic approach so we prioritize streets and sidewalks based on things like traffic volumes and slope. Before a forecasted snow event, crews may apply brine (salt water) and salt to help prevent ice and snow from sticking to the roadway.

We aim to have residential streets passable with two lane widths as soon as possible within 24 hours of the snow stopping.

During the snow, all of our equipment is deployed and working as quickly as possible to get roadways cleared. If you have concerns about the snow clearing in your area, please call 311 so your issue can be logged and forwarded to the appropriate staff.

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- Halifax Regional Council**
- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council**
- Board of Police Commissioners**
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)**
- Executive Standing Committee**
- Special Events Advisory Committee (Vice Chair)**
- Halifax Partnership**
- Acadian Francophone Liaison**
- Prince Andrew High Student Advisory Committee**
- NS Solid Resource Management Regional Chairs**