



Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME JANUARY!

Happy New Year District 6! It's the time of year where we are all excited about celebrating the past and planning for the future. 2018 was a great year for District 6. We accomplished so much as a community and I want to thank the many volunteers, staff and residents who are working every day to make our neighbourhoods safer, more healthy and active communities

It has been an honour to represent you on Regional Council in 2018 and I look forward to working with you again this year. All the best to you and your families in 2019!

BONJOUR JANVIER!

Bonne année au district 6! C'est le moment de l'année où nous sommes tous excités pour célébrer le passé et planifier l'avenir. 2018 a été une excellente année pour le district 6. Nous avons réalisé beaucoup en tant que collectivité et je veux remercier les nombreux bénévoles, le personnel et les résidents qui travaillent tous les jours afin de rendre nos communautés plus sûres, plus saines et plus actives.

Cela a été un honneur de vous représenter au Conseil régional en 2018 et j'attends avec impatience de travailler de nouveau avec vous cette année. Meilleurs vœux à vous et votre famille en 2019!

ICE CONDITIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency are urging residents to exercise caution as there is thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region. The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15cms thick for individual skating, and 20cms thick for group skating. During the winter, the municipality tests ice thickness at more than 80 lakes and provides a weekly report. Reports are expected to begin this month and can be found on our [website](#) or by calling 902-490-3577. For more information on ice safety, visit the Red Cross [website](#).



Dartmouth North Boys and Girls Club Breakfast



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MAIN STREET TRANSIT QUEUE JUMP LANE



Crews have completed Phase 1 of the Main Street Transit Queue Jump Lane project that has reinstated the bus stop at the top of Main Street.

This new Transit Priority Measure allows buses to stay in the curb lane to move through the Main Street and Gordon Avenue intersection, keeping them out of the long traffic queues in the through lanes and adding approximately 200 metres of transit priority to this corridor.

POST-HOLIDAY PICK UP

As the holiday season comes to a close, make sure to undeck those halls responsibly. Natural Christmas trees will be picked up on your regular green cart collection day/week, make sure to remove all plastic, tinsel, ornaments, metal rings, nails, stands and plastic tree bags. You can compost boughs and natural garland and wreaths with metal wires or plastic cord can be disposed of in your clear garbage bags. Try saving gift wrap, bows, ribbons and cards for use next year, if you can't - foil wrap, gift bags, bows, and ribbon that are no longer reusable go in the garbage. Give old toys and clothing to a charitable organization instead of throwing them away.

For any questions or concerns about waste collection, please contact our customer contact centre by calling 311 or through [email](#).

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Don't forget, we are looking for your input on how your tax dollars will be spent in the next fiscal year. Budget Committee Meetings begin this month where Regional Council will review presentations for each department and provide direction for their budgets. You can provide your feedback by sending your comments to the Clerk's Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or Clerks@halifax.ca) or by attending the meetings and speaking up during the public comments section. Budget Committee meetings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Business Unit	Date
Administrative Services (Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor General, Legal, Human Resources, Finance and Communications)	Wednesday January 16 th
Police and Fire	Wednesday January 23 rd
Transit, Transportation and Public Works,	Wednesday January 30 th
Parks and Recreation, Library and Planning and Development	Wednesday February 6 th ²
Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts and Budget Adjustment List Review	Wednesday February 13 th
2019/21 Budget and Business Plan Approval	Tuesday, April 2 nd Regional Council Meeting

At this time, we have been asked to consider an increase in the property tax rate. There has been a number of items that have caused us to have financial pressures. There are many new large buildings in the downtown that are not full and operational costs like fuel are on the rise. Labour costs account for the most significant expense increase with Police, Fire, and the Transit and NSUPE unions receiving significant raises. Council directed staff to prepare three budget scenarios: one with a 1.9% tax increase, one with a 2.1% tax increase and one with a 2.9% increase so we can discuss the balance between keeping taxes low and maintaining the programs and services that matter to residents.



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2018 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS



I'd like to extend my congratulations to Huwaida Medani and DeRico Symonds, two HRM staff who recently received 2018

Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission awards. Huwaida, an HRM Diversity and Inclusion Advisor, was recognized for her advocacy for gender equality, inclusive diversity and community development with an individual award. DeRico, the program manager for the Youth Advocate program, received the Dr. Burnley "Rocky" Jones Award for co-founding social enterprise Future Roots Halifax, starting a Give BACK campaign, raising \$5,000 for Christmas dinners for families in need and his advocacy for affordable housing, ending community violence and poverty. Thank you Huwaida and DeRico for the important work you do!



OCTOBER COLLISION STATS

Crosswalk safety is everyone's responsibility. In October, 27 vehicle pedestrian collisions were reported which is a slight increase from last years' statistics. For January 1st - October 31st, 2018, 62.89% (100 incidents) of vehicle/pedestrian collisions occurred in crosswalks as compared with 67.05% (114 incidents) reported during this period in 2017. You can read the full report [here](#).

FIRE SERVICES REVIEW

The Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) service are dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of life and property for over 419,000 residents in a 5,577 square kilometer area. They manage 445 career fire fighters and 500 volunteer fire fighters. We have 51 stations across the municipality, almost half of which are volunteer stations and we have 114 heavy fire apparatus.

On December 11th, Fire Chief Ken Stuebing presented the findings of a POMAX consultants report so Council could review the current service standards, strategies, resources and make changes to the administrative order that governs our fire services. You can find the full report [here](#).



Shubie Park Tree Lighting Event

JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUTH LIVE

Youth Live are hiring youth between the ages of 16 to 24 years old for the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and transferable job skills while making an income. In Youth Live, you'll have up to 21 weeks of life and job skill development along with access to professional development sessions.

Learn more about Youth Live and if you are eligible to apply on their [website](#).



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SINGLE USE PLASTICS

You can find plastic shopping bags everywhere in our environment. These plastic bags are convenient and they have become part of our everyday lives, but the convenience of plastic bag use comes at a very high cost to our land and water. I believe the environment is more important than causing humans a little inconvenience by eliminating plastic bags.

One of Regional Council's priorities is to create healthy, livable communities by providing leadership in sustainability and environmental risk management. The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recently recommended that Regional Council have staff initiate an education campaign on reducing single use plastics, review HRM's policies for greening meetings and draft a by-law with input from other Nova Scotian municipalities to eliminate the distribution of single-use plastic bags by December 2019.

This recommendation is expected to come before Regional Council this month for deliberation.



Shubie Park Palm Tree under wraps for the winter

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

The Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee have established a Municipal-Provincial Priorities Group to focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). EPR is a policy approach that shifts the responsibility and costs of managing specific wastes/recyclable materials from municipalities to producers (i.e. brand owners and manufacturers). This means that producers establish a system to optimize efficiency, shifting the responsibility and cost of recycling programs away from the taxpayer. Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia have already implemented EPR policies. Following the criteria set out for other provinces, only 1% of Nova Scotian businesses would be impacted by an EPR policy, and it could have a substantial impact on our environment.

Criteria are included to exempt small businesses from an EPR for PPP program.

- Reduces the administrative burden to stakeholders.
- Exemption criteria are consistent with other provinces.

Less than 1% of all businesses in Nova Scotia would be required to participate in an EPR for PPP program.

- Following the program in other provinces, an estimated 250 of the 72,075 businesses in Nova Scotia would be obligated.
- Nationally, 10% of the stewards account for 86% of the tonnage of PPP.
- Includes companies that are best positioned to drive innovation in packaging design.

TIPS FOR REDUCING PLASTICS

It's the season for hearty soups and savory sauces. If you're making extra to freeze for later, plastic containers can be unsafe to freeze and re-heat food in. Try a more environmentally friendly way of freezing by investing in glass containers or jars. Find wide mouthed jars (without shoulders) and only fill to about an inch below the rim to allow the food to expand when freezing without breaking the container. Always cool liquids to room temperature before filling the jars and defrost on the counter or in the fridge before reheating.



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LIBRARY COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

The Dartmouth North Library will be hosting a Community Appreciation Day on Friday January 11th. Bring your whole family by for treats and a chance to win prizes! Visit their [website](#) for details.



The LIVERight Fundraiser Gala with Caroline and Mark Campbell



Congratulations to Dartmouth's own, Constable Fraser, the newest member of HRP.

TRANSIT HEROISM AWARD



Congratulations to Transit employees Wayne Doucette and Jonathan Lewin for receiving the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Heroism Award for 2018. In July, Wayne and Jonathan went above and beyond their job descriptions by performing CPR on a woman who had collapsed on the sidewalk until paramedics arrived. They used their training to provide life-saving assistance, and communicated clearly and calmly to the medics who arrived on the scene. They were prepared and rose to the challenge. Thank you, Wayne and Jonathan for your excellent work, we are proud to have you on our team!

AIRPORT EXPORTS

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport (HSIA) is the 8th busiest airport in Canada, and has been experiencing growing cargo and passenger volumes since 2009. The airport is an exceptional economic driver, especially for Nova Scotian exports.

Rank	Description	\$ Value
1	Live Lobster and Other Seafood	209,859,000
2	Medical and Surgical Instruments	32,965,000
3	Electric Machinery	29,500,000
4	Industrial Machinery	25,827,000
5	Aircraft and Parts	24,945,000
	Other	30,382,000
	Total	353,478,000

Growth in passengers and cargo is expected to continue due to expanding export demand from Asian markets and increased tourism interest in Nova Scotia. You can find the full report on the HSIA [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW? Halifax was ranked the 5th Best Tech Hub to live in Canada!



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FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The Dartmouth Community Health Team located at 58 Tacoma Drive provide free programs for residents on topics ranging from food, emotional health, sleep and much more.

You can get your Personal Wellness Profile Thursday January 17th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. On Friday January 18th there is a Community Health Team Drop in from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and an Understanding Pain session from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. You can find all of their programs listed in their [program guide](#) and register by visiting their [website](#) or calling 902-460-4560.

VIOLA DESMOND \$10 BILL



For quite some time, the Bank of Canada has made efforts to tell the stories of Canadians through the artwork and portrayals on its bank notes. Now, for the first time ever, an

iconic Canadian woman is being featured on a regularly circulating bank note. On Monday, November 19th, the new \$10 bank note went into circulation featuring Viola Desmond, a successful Nova Scotia businesswoman and defender of civil rights.

Viola was selected after a Canada-wide public consultation process where over 450 Canadian women were nominated. Viola was a successful entrepreneur and is known for making history for the Canadian Civil Rights movement when she was arrested and charged for refusing to sit in the racially segregated section of a movie theatre. Viola’s case eventually went to the Supreme Court and helped to raise awareness about the reality of Canadian segregation. Her courage also inspired a wider civil rights movement, and in 1954, segregation was legally ended in Nova Scotia.

Thank you Viola for your courage and contributions to our community and to those who nominated and shared the story of this great Nova Scotian woman.



DESTINATION DARTMOUTH VIDEO

We are so fortunate to live in a place so rich in natural beauty and full of community spirit. Check out this great [video](#) published for Destination Dartmouth celebrating our beautiful home.

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DEPUTY MAYOR IN THE COMMUNITY



New signage at Shubie Park



Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Elmer and Teresa Dorion



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Congratulations Steve Breed for 30 Years running Tim Hortons Main Street



Greater Burnside Business Association Luncheon with MP Darren Fisher and Councillor Bill Karsten



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East Dartmouth Community Tree Lighting with Claire Sophie, and Ella



Celebrating 30 years of Main Street's RPM Cycling with Jan and Barry



Opening of Ducks Unlimited Canada's Halifax Office



Lunch with Town Crier Will Brewer and Councillor Smith



Working together for the Dartmouth/Cole Harbour communities. From L - R MLA Susan LeBlanc, Mayor Mike Savage, MP Darren Fisher, MLA Claudia Chender, MLA Tim Halman, Councillor Sam Austin, Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Councillors Bill Karsten and Lorelei Nicoll



Volunteer Fire Fighter Induction Ceremony