



**COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI**  
 DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS  
 HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

## Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

### WELCOME JULY

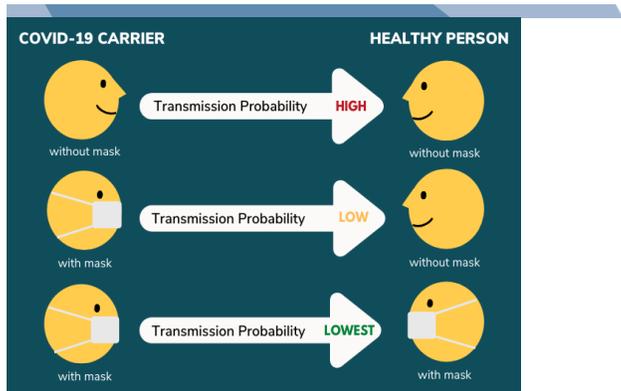
We celebrated our nations birth a little differently this year with virtual celebrations and staying closer to home. We are so fortunate to live in a country that values equality, freedom and democracy and is always growing and evolving to achieve these goals. As restrictions continue to ease, please be safe and respect the public health guidelines that are still in place including social distancing and practicing good hygiene.

I want to congratulate all our graduates from Prince Andrew High School and École du Carrefour. While we may not have been able to have a traditional graduation ceremony, it doesn't change the importance of this milestone and accomplishment. Your hard work and dedication through this difficult year have paid off, I wish you all the best in your journey ahead!

### BIENVENUE AU MOIS DE JUILLET

Nous avons fêté la naissance de nos nations un peu différemment cette année avec des célébrations virtuelles et rester plus près de chez nous. Nous avons la chance de vivre dans un pays qui valorise l'égalité, la liberté et la démocratie et qui est toujours en pleine croissance et en évolution pour atteindre ces objectifs. À mesure que les restrictions continuent de s'assouplir, nous vous prions de rester en sécurité et de respecter les lignes directrices en matière de santé publique qui sont toujours en place, y compris la distanciation sociale et la pratique d'une bonne hygiène.

Je tiens à féliciter tous nos diplômés de l'école secondaire Prince Andrew et de l'école du Carrefour. Même si nous n'avons peut-être pas pu organiser une cérémonie traditionnelle de remise des diplômes, cela ne change pas l'importance de cette étape et de cette réalisation. Votre dur labeur et votre dévouement tout au long de cette année difficile ont été récompensés. Je vous souhaite le meilleur des succès dans votre futur parcours!





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### WEAR YOUR MASK

It is recommended that residents wear a non-medical face mask on transit and where social distancing is not possible. When worn properly, a person wearing a non-medical mask or face covering can reduce the spread of his or her own infectious respiratory droplets.

Non-medical face masks or face coverings **should**:

- allow for easy breathing
- fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops
- maintain their shape after washing and drying
- be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty
- be comfortable and not require frequent adjustment
- be made of at least 2 layers of tightly woven material fabric (such as cotton or linen)
- be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping

Some masks also include a pocket to accommodate a paper towel or disposable coffee filter, for increased benefit. Non-medical masks or face coverings **should**:

- not be shared with others
- not impair vision or interfere with tasks
- not be placed on children under the age of 2 years
- not be made of plastic or other non-breathable materials
- not be secured with tape or other inappropriate materials
- not be made exclusively of materials that easily fall apart, such as tissues
- not be placed on anyone unable to remove them without assistance or anyone who has trouble breathing

For more detail, see this government of Canada [website](#).

### SUMMER OUTDOOR RECREATION



The REC Van visits parks and greenspaces throughout the municipality in July and August providing free recreational sports and

activities including arts and crafts, baseball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, music and more to children, youth, families and seniors.

This year, the program is being expanded with two vans that will begin operating beginning July 6. For more information, including the schedule, visit our [website](#). You can also learn about other outdoor recreation opportunities [here](#).

### SQUARE ROOTS PRODUCE DELIVERY

Square Roots is a social enterprise that purchases cosmetically imperfect food that would normally be thrown out and distributes it to families in need for a low price. Programs currently operate in many areas across the municipality, and we are now operating in East Dartmouth. The deliveries occur every two weeks on a Saturday, and the sign up for the next delivery is now open [here](#).

### BUY LOCAL



It's time to support our city! All your favourite local shops, restaurants, breweries and many more spots have been waiting for the re-opening of our economy, and are taking all the necessary precautions to keep our community safe.

### EMERGENCY VEHICLE NOTICE

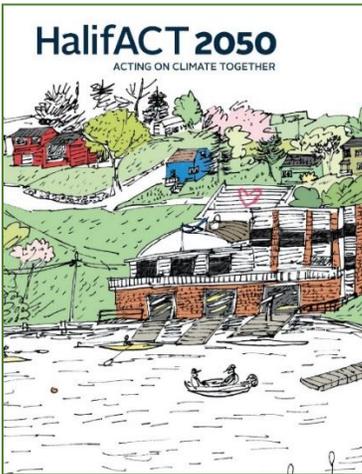
Motorists, if an emergency vehicle is ahead or behind you with sirens/lights on, safely move right & stop until it passes or you're directed to move. If an emergency vehicle is pulled over with lights on & you're on a road without multiple lanes, slow down to pass safely.



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## HALIFACT 2020



Halifax Regional Council recently approved the HalifACT 2020, a long-term climate action plan to reduce emissions and help communities adapt to a changing climate. The plan outlines seven key areas that require immediate action in order to successfully combat climate change:

1. Retrofit and renewable energy programming
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

You can check out the full report [here](#) where you can participate in a survey, check out the interactive map on climate hazards in your area and more. This is such an important initiative that I was proud to support. By working together, we can shape the future of Halifax for generations to come.

- ▶ **SAVE** money: reduce your energy consumption
- ▶ **CUT** emissions: consider transportation alternatives
- ▶ **PREVENT** loss: be prepared for climate-related emergencies
- ▶ **STRENGTHEN** communities: become more informed and involved

You can reach out to our team about climate initiatives [here](#).

## SUMMER GREEN CART COLLECTION

Due to a significant budget impacts from COVID-19, the weekly summer green cart collection program has unfortunately been suspended for 2020 and green cart collection will continue every two weeks. 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 can learn more by attending our *All About Green Carts* webinars that will be available until September and broadcast through Microsoft Teams [online](#). Click the video link to "watch on web" and enter the webcast by selecting "join anonymously".

## MCINTOSH RUN BRIDGE PROJECT



I was proud to contribute to the McIntosh Run bridge project with Councillors Adams and Austin. Check out this great [video](#) about the project and the amazing

Mcintosh Run Watershed lands.



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## BLUE GREEN ALGAE – LAKE MICMAC

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that due to the presence of a possible blue-green algae bloom, a risk advisory is in effect for Lake Micmac in Dartmouth. Residents are encouraged to avoid swimming in the lake until further notice. The off-leash dog area of Shubie Park at Lake Micmac will also be closed to swimming until further notice.

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is naturally occurring in freshwater environments and may become visible when weather conditions are calm. These organisms can multiply rapidly during the summer, leading to extensive growth called a bloom. Some types of blue-green algae produce toxins during blooms and when these blooms decay, the toxins may be released into the water, posing a risk to people and pets. Lake users are encouraged to take the following precautions:

- Avoid water contact. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- Do not swim or wade (or allow your pets to swim or wade) in any areas where blue-green algae is visible or in areas where a risk advisory has been issued.
- Avoid consuming water from this lake.
- Avoid consuming fish that has come from this lake.

People who come in contact with blue-green algae or who ingest water containing blue-green algae may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Children and immune-compromised individuals are at a higher risk. If you have these symptoms, you are advised to seek medical assistance. To learn more about algae blooms, visit our [website](#).



Our amazing HRM crew cleaned up the brush in front of the

Victoria Road pedway. Now it is much easier to see the awesome mural.



## Modified Summer Camps at Dartmouth North Community Centre—July 2020

**Summer Camps**  
Ages: 5.5 – 12 yrs

**Registration Start Date**  
July camps – June 23

Please call 902.490.5900 to register.

### Camp Program Details

Modified summer camps will be offered at Dartmouth North Community Centre.

Campers will participate in a variety of age appropriate activities including: arts & crafts, small group games, outdoor & nature, music, dance & culture, and physical activities. In most locations, camp activities will be provided in an outdoor setting. Please come to camp prepared with appropriate dress, footwear, hat, water bottle, snacks and previously applied sun screen. A staff to child ratio of 7:1 will be implemented. Children will stay in small groups with the camp leader for the duration of each session as they move through various activity stations.

Participants can register for one camp per week, selecting either morning or afternoon sessions. Parents/guardians must sign their children in and out each day.

Camps have been modified to align with Covid-19 public health directives and protocols. Please visit [www.halifax.ca/myrec](http://www.halifax.ca/myrec) for more detailed information on these safety measures, along with general camp policies and procedures.

Dartmouth			
Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. on June 23			
Camp Dates	Location	Mornings 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Afternoons 1:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.
July 13–17	Dartmouth North Community Centre	00031511	00031516
July 20–24	Dartmouth North Community Centre	00031518	00031520
July 27–31	Dartmouth North Community Centre	00031526	00031522

The **Affordable Access Program** allows qualified individuals to apply for municipal subsidized programs.

The Recreation Access Program provides either partial or full coverage for Recreation programs for children, youth, and adults in financial need. Once your application has been approved, the discount is applied. Qualified individuals can receive 50% off all recreation programming OR 100% off all recreation programming.

Contact the Community Recreation Coordinator for a paper copy of the application at 902.490.4730 or apply online at: [halifax.ca/affordableaccess](http://halifax.ca/affordableaccess)



[halifax.ca/myrec](http://halifax.ca/myrec)

## ONLINE COMMUNITY RECREATION

The municipality is committed to providing opportunities for residents of all ages to stay active while following public health measures so we have launched “Rec at Home.” Activities will include arts and crafts, camp games, dance and fitness, exploring nature and physical activities and sport games

All activities will be posted on our [website](#). Virtual recreation videos will be posted on our [YouTube page](#) and the [Halifax Parks & Recreation Facebook page](#). Check back often, as new activities are being added regularly.

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### HALIFAX MOBILITY RESPONSE – STREETS AND SPACES

As part of the Halifax Regional Municipality’s response to COVID-19, we are implementing the Halifax Mobility Response including designating some residential streets as ‘slow streets.’

These streets will be open to local traffic only, to reduce vehicle volumes and to create a space for residents to walk, roll and cycle while adhering to physical distancing guidelines. Only those motorists who live, are visiting, or are accessing a business on these streets are considered local traffic.

Dartmouth streets include:

- Pine Street from Thistle to Ochterloney streets
- Irishtown Road from Ochterloney to Queen streets
- Queen Street from Alderney Drive to Irishtown Road
- Chappell Street between Pinehill Drive and Wyse Road
- Slayter Street between Albro Lake Road and School Street
- Dahlia Street between Victoria Road and Crichton Avenue

You can learn more about this initiative on our [Shape Your City Halifax](#) project page where you can share suggestions on where additional actions would be helpful to help residents move safely.

### VIRTUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tune in to the virtual Regional Council meetings on:

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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’.



Our newest fire truck!

### HRP CADET RECRUITMENT

The Halifax Regional Police (HRP) 2021 cadet recruitment campaign opens today!

The next HRP Police Science Program will begin in early 2021, with the goal of recruiting up to 24 cadets for the program. 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 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 @JoinHRP, to answer questions and provide more information on the application process. The application deadline is midnight September 30<sup>th</sup> but applying sooner gives you more Physical Ability Requirement Evaluation (PARE) and Aptitude test date options. Further information on cadet recruitment is available at [online](#).



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## CENTRE PLAN CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in a series of online consultation surveys to share feedback on Centre Plan Package B.

[Package B](#) includes proposed planning policies and land use regulations for the remainder of the Regional Centre, including residential neighborhoods, institutional and industrial areas, parks and community facilities, Downtown Halifax, and waterfronts. The Centre Plan aims to create complete communities where residents can live, work, shop and play.

Online engagement opportunities for Centre Plan Package B includes a series of 10 surveys. Participants can complete all surveys or select those of greatest interest to them. Survey topics include:

- Parks and community facilities
- Established residential areas
- Young Avenue area
- Downtown Halifax
- Entertainment District
- Institutional areas
- Industrial areas
- Water lots
- Coastal elevation
- Package A feedback

Participant feedback will be used to inform a recommendation report to Regional Council. To learn more about the Centre Plan and to participate in the surveys, visit our [website](#). Surveys close on August 31, 2020 at midnight.



Congratulations Constable Susan Conrad on becoming the first female K9 Unit dog handler with the Halifax Regional Police.

## 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](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca). Notices of virtual public hearings will be provided three weeks in advance.

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

## TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATES

Bus service has been increased and many of our routes are now running on regular service. Fare collection remains suspended until further notice and we strongly encourage transit users to wear a mask as physical distancing can be difficult on buses.

Beginning this month, Halifax Transit will be installing temporary polycarbonate shields next to the bus operators and will act as a physical barrier to promote safe distancing. For details visit our [website](#).



Thank you Halifax Fire and all our community volunteers for helping to deliver 100 Mobile Food Market 30lb boxes of food to families in need in the Dartmouth area.



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### COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

The Great NS Pick Me Up (PMU) is a program that helps residents to organize community clean ups. Precautions due to COVID-19 mean the program will be run a bit differently this year:

#### Garbage and Blue Bag Supplies

Since HRM Customer Service Centres are closed, HRM's Solid Waste staff will arrange a contactless doorstep or Canada Post delivery for garbage and blue bags. Contact [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca) two weeks in advance of the event to make a request for bags. Nitrile gloves are not available so volunteers are encouraged to wear garden or work gloves.

#### Material Collection

With the decrease in seasonal and student staff, we encourage waste collected in community clean ups be collected by dividing the bags among participants for curbside collection. 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. If curbside collection is not an option, you can let solid waste know when you order your materials and let them know you would like to drop off at the Otter Lake Facility. Tipping fees will be waived. 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 including license plate number
- Time expected for delivery

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.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET

At the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Regional Council, my colleagues and I approved \$787-million in total municipal expenditures, provincial mandatory contributions of \$168-million and a capital plan of \$150-million as part of the 2020/21 municipal budget.

Given the impacts of COVID-19 on the municipality, all business units presented revised budget plans than those presented earlier in the year.

Council approved the residential tax rate to remain unchanged from 2020/21, acknowledging that the average residential tax bill will increase due to growth in property assessment.

The average single-family home tax bill will increase by \$27, or 1.4 per cent in 2020/21 to \$2,003. The overall average commercial tax bill will also increase by 1.4 per cent.

Capital debt will remain stable and should be as low as \$235.7-million in 2020/21.

#### **Key programs and capital projects:**

##### **Halifax Transit**

- Woodside Ferry Terminal Upgrades \$4.5-million
- Ragged Lake Transit Expansion \$5-million
- Access-A-Bus Replacement \$1.17-million

##### **Active Transportation and Environment**

- Active Transportation Projects \$7.5-million
- HalifACT 2050 -Energy Efficiency \$2-million

##### **Transportation & Safety**

- Bridge and street improvements \$33.7-million
- Windsor Street Exchange \$1.8-million
- Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal \$2-million

##### **Recreation & Community**

- Halifax Common Upgrades \$600,000
- Keshen Goodman Library \$2-million
- Streetscaping \$400,000

For more detailed information on the 2020-21 municipal budget visit our [website](#).



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## NEW FORM OF FENTANYL



Police are warning the public of a new form of fentanyl that was seized as part of an investigation last week in Halifax.

The seized drugs are bright green and have the consistency of sidewalk chalk. As part of our standard protocol, the drugs were sent to Health Canada for analysis and a presumptive test has confirmed that the substance is fentanyl. This is the first seizure of this form of fentanyl in Halifax. Investigators believe this form of fentanyl can come in multiple colors.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid drug. A lethal dose for a typical adult can be as little as two milligrams— which is equal to 2 grains of salt. You should call 911 immediately if you or someone else is exhibiting signs of an opioid overdose. Common signs of an opioid overdose include:

- Severe sleepiness or the person cannot be woken up
- Breathing is slow or absent
- Snoring or gurgling noises
- Cold, clammy skin
- Lips and fingers are blue or grey
- Pupils are tiny

More information on opioids is available at:

- <https://novascotia.ca/opioid>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/drug-prevention.html>



This greenhouse is located next to Beazley Field. Every plant that is planted in Dartmouth comes from this greenhouse. I recently met

Christine Carroll who has been a horticulturist at HRM for 30 years. She retires in October. Thank you for your service Christine and happy retirement.

## NORTH GROVE SERVICES

As our province enters the next phase of managing COVID-19 and restrictions begin to ease, the North Grove, formerly known as the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and Dartmouth Family Centre, are moving forward while continuing to reduce the spread COVID-19.

### FOR JUNE & JULY WE WILL FOCUS ON:



#### ONLINE PROGRAMS

- Coffee Talk
- Let's Gather
- Circle Time
- Story time with Maria
- Gardening with Rob (NEW)
- Advocacy Break with Tammy (NEW)



#### EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



#### PHONE SUPPORT



#### VIRTUAL HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Click [here](#) to view the calendar on our website.

## LAWN CARE SERVICES

Home Services Nova Scotia are offering lawn mowing and yard care services for people in need and provide employment for persons with disabilities. The regular rate is \$20/hour but this can be adjusted based on household income level. Seniors who make under \$22,000 per year are covered completely by a provincial grant. You can reach Home Services Nova Scotia at 902-402-0235 and speak with Jana or Jill for more detail.

## MAY VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP release a monthly vehicle/pedestrian collision report to provide police and citizens with more contextual information on this issue. There were 8 collisions in May, and a total of 39 vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle collisions were reported from January to May 2020 in Halifax Regional Municipality. You can read the full report [here](#).



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### PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM POLICE CHIEF

“Over the last few weeks, we have seen our community take a strong and collective stand against anti-black racism. The deplorable circumstances surrounding George Floyd's death have also triggered important conversations on policing and public safety. Halifax Regional Police members join the community as we all feel outraged and highly disappointed at the recent events. What happened in these cases should not have ever happened, and should not happen again.

Critical discussions are being held that underpin the importance of accountability and trust in policing. Many discussions have also centered on the role of new approaches and partnerships in public safety. We want the community to know we are listening, and we will be a partner in action.

While times like these cause setbacks to community relationships and efforts to move forward, we are regularly having interactions with members of the community and continue to actively work on a variety of initiatives, including joining other stakeholders on actioning the Wortley report recommendations, plans for upcoming training, a Know Your Rights Campaign on police interactions, diversifying our senior ranks and supporting community members day to day as they bring forward important concerns.

On the issue of service delivery, we are here to support alternative approaches and already support many. We will continue to be active partners in those discussions. Additionally, I want to reiterate that policing continues to require a certain level of resources for service delivery. Officer and public safety has to continue to be our priority in determining those resources. That doesn't preclude potential partnerships to advance the way we deliver policing and how we can do things differently. We look forward to engaging in those discussions ahead.”

- CHIEF DAN KINSELLA

### IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 18 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of May.

Police received 11 calls throughout the month of May from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired. Here are some signs of an impaired driver:

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- Drifting in and out of lanes
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently
- Making exceptionally wide turns
- Changing lanes or passing without sufficient clearance
- Overshooting or stopping well before stop signs or stop lights
- Disregarding signals and lights
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly
- Driving without headlights, failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on
- Driving with windows open in cold or inclement weather

If you do see a potential impaired driver, call 911 immediately and give the call taker your location along with a description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, colour, make and model, the direction of travel for the vehicle and a description of the driver.

### MACPHEE CENTRE ONLINE PROGRAMMING



The MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning will be offering virtual programming in the month of July. You can check out their [website](#) for more details.



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### FRAUD PROTECTION

Halifax Regional Police is advising the public of a recent increase in fraudulent phone calls where a scammer identifies themselves as a police officer, a representative of Service Canada or the Canada Revenue Agency.

The scammer is advising the victim that a warrant has been issued and the police may already be on their way to arrest them. To avoid being arrested, the victim is directed to make a payment using gift cards or by transferring money to a bitcoin account. The scammers can disguise their numbers to look like a local number and many know your name or contact information. Police remind citizens that no member of a police or government agency will make this type of call, and no government agency will ask for payment in bitcoin or gift cards. This is a scam and you should hang up and not provide any information or payment.

#### Fraud red flags

- Unsolicited phone calls, emails or texts often claiming that your bank account has been compromised, you owe money to the Canadian Revenue Agency or your Social Insurance Number has been stolen. The person contacting you often asks for personal or financial information, or if the contact is by email or text, includes a link to a website.
- Fear tactic such as threats of criminal charges, jail time or large fines if you don't comply with demands.
- Creating a sense of urgency to take immediate action so you don't have time to think the situation through or consult someone else.
- Demands to make payments in bitcoin or gift cards.
- Jobs, business opportunities or deals that seem too good to be true. You know the old adage – "if it's too good to be true, it probably is."

#### What to do if you encounter a fraud:

- Be vigilant and don't provide any money or financial or personal information until you have verified the legitimacy of the person or the organization they claim to represent. To check

the legitimacy, contact the organization directly using information from an official website.

- Check the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) for information on current scams.
- Call police at 902.490.5016 if you've lost money or your identity has been compromised as a result of a fraud. You can report a scam where you haven't been a victim to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#).

### PETS IN PARKED VEHICLES

With warm temperatures expected in the forecast, Halifax Regional Police are reminding citizens to not leave their pets in parked vehicles.

On a warm day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes too hot and presents potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside. We encourage pet owners to not leave their pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few minutes.

If you can't bear to leave your furry friend at home, consider some alternatives to leaving him/her in the vehicle:

- Consider using a drive-thru or curbside pickup. Your pet can sit comfortably with you in your car while you wait for your meal or service.
- If you know that you have to make stops where pets are not allowed, bring someone from your family household bubble along who can keep your pet company. Have them walk your dog, give him/her water or stay in the shade until you return.

Also, as a reminder, a summary offence ticket for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle in conditions that could cause distress carries a fine of \$697.50. If you see a pet in immediate distress, call 902-490-5020 and take directions from the call taker.



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### 2020 ATLANTIC BOOK AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Atlantic Book Awards, that were announced virtually last month:

- 1. Alistair MacLeod Prize for Short Fiction**  
*Nosy White Woman* by Martha Wilson (Biblioasis)
- 2. Ann Connor Brimer Award for Children's Literature**  
*Everybody's Different on Everybody Street*, by Sheree Fitch (Nimbus Publishing)
- 3. Atlantic Book Award for Scholarly Writing, sponsored by Marquis Book Printing**  
*Truth and Conviction: Donald Marshall Jr. and the Mik'kmaw Quest for Justice* by L. Jane McMillan (UBC Press)
- 4. Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association's Best Atlantic-Published Book Award, Sponsored by Friesens Corporation**  
Breakwater Books for *Almost Feral* by Gemma Hickey
- 5. Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing**  
*Dangerous Enemy Sympathizers: Canadian Internment Camp B, 1940-1945* by Andrew Theobald (Goose Lane Editions)
- 6. Evelyn Richardson Non-Fiction Award**  
*Daughter of Family G: A Memoir of Cancer Genes, Love and Fate* by Ami McKay (Knopf Canada)
- 7. Jim Connors Dartmouth Book Award (Fiction), presented by BoyneClarke LLP**  
*The Difference* by Marina Endicott (Knopf Canada)
- 8. J.M. Abraham Poetry Award**  
*Belated Bris of the Brainsick* by Lucas Crawford (Nightwood Editions)
- 9. Lillian Shepherd Award for Excellence in Illustration**  
Sydney Smith for *Small in the City*, written by Sydney Smith (Groundwood Books)
- 10. Margaret and John Savage First Book Award (Fiction), sponsored by the family of John and Margaret**

**Savage and Royden Trainor**  
*Crow* by Amy Spurway (Goose Lane Editions)

**11. Margaret and John Savage First Book Award – (Non-Fiction) sponsored by Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, Weed Man Maritimes, Heritage House Law Office, I Love Renovations, and Simply Sage Solutions**

*Almost Feral* by Gemma Hickey (Breakwater Books)

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