



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

### WELCOME NOVEMBER

I want to begin by thanking everyone who took the time to vote through online, over the phone or in person on advanced polling days or election day.

We will be back to Regional Council on November 10<sup>th</sup> and I'm looking forward to working with seven new colleagues along with my returning Councillors.

I am truly humbled by your support and proud to continue representing this great community!

### COVID-19 ALERT APP

The COVID Alert app, a tool to help break the cycle of infection and keep our communities safe, is now available in Nova Scotia. COVID Alert lets users know of possible exposures before symptoms appear. Users of the app who test positive for COVID-19 can enter a random code provided by the Nova Scotia Health Authority. An alert will then be sent to any phone that has come within two meters for at least 15 minutes with a person who has tested positive.

COVID Alert does not know or track your location, name or contacts and does not collect personal or health information of you or anyone you're near.

More information about COVID Alert, including how to download, can be found [here](#).

### BIENVENUE NOVEMBRE

Je veux débiter par remercier tous ceux qui ont pris le temps de voter en ligne, par téléphone ou en personne les jours de vote par anticipation ou le jour des élections du 17 octobre.

Nous serons de retour au Conseil régional le 10 novembre et j'ai hâte de travailler avec sept nouveaux collègues et avec mes conseillers qui seront de retour.

Je suis vraiment honoré de votre soutien et fier de continuer à représenter cette communauté formidable! Il y a encore beaucoup d'excellent travail à faire!





# COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

## 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Congratulations to all the successful candidates from the 2020 Municipal Election! I'm so pleased to be welcoming seven new colleagues including Councillors Cathy Deagle-Gammon (District 1), Becky Kent (District 3), Trish Purdy (District 4), Kathryn Morse (District 10), Patty Cuttell (District 11), Iona Stoddard (District 12) and Pamela Lovelace (District 13). The new Council was officially sworn in on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The total number of votes cast in the municipality was 128,160 or 40 per cent of eligible voters. In 2016, 91,574 or 31.77 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots. To view official election results, visit our [website](#).

## TERM PRIORITIES

Thank you again for all your support in the municipal election. We have already accomplished so much together as a community, but there is a lot more I want to do in the next four years. Here are some of the priority areas I outlined in my 2020 campaign:

- Protect the health of our Dartmouth lakes
- Make transit more reliable in Burnside, Dartmouth Crossing and across Dartmouth
- Promote environmental sustainability
- Improve our Access-A-Bus service
- Work with police & community to re-imagine HRP & RCMP police services
- Ensure good development practices for the proposed Port Wallace Development Project
- Increase resources & funding for Traffic Calming
- Implement Wortley Report & Cornwallis Task Force action items
- Continue to advocate for our Public Safety Strategy
- Help businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19

## DARTMOUTH PRIORITIES



I am a Regional Councillor which means I am responsible for all the municipality; however, my priority has been and always will be Dartmouth.

Here are some examples of my work in Dartmouth:

- \$13.5 million-dollar Ellenvale Run project.
- Canada's first outdoor library in Dartmouth North.
- Made Farrell Park a safer place for families and youth.
- Health of our Dartmouth Lakes is a top priority.
- Supported \$10 million daylighting of Sawmill River.
- New basketball courts at Caledonia Jr. High, Landrace Park and Farrell Park.
- New skate park next to Caledonia Jr. High.
- New playground on Caledonia Road.
- Mobile Food Market and the Square Roots Free Produce Market to Dartmouth East.
- New community signage for Port Wallace & Woodlawn.
- 'Welcome to Dartmouth' signs will be installed in 2021.
- Upgrades to Cyril Smith Park including accessibility features
- Traffic calming in Montebello.
- Upgrades to Shubie Park including new docks, lighting, paths etc.
- Provided funding for art projects such as the murals on the Victoria Road pedway and Tacoma Drive retaining wall. Next year there will be a mural on the retaining wall at Robert Burns Dr.
- Shubie Park Pump Track
- HRM's first outdoor pickleball only courts in Morash Park, Woodlawn.
- Two new pickleball/tennis courts in Shubie Park and Mount Edward Road.

Those that know me, know that I am a big supporter of Dartmouth. Dartmouth truly is the City of Lakes and is a special place. Our downtown Dartmouth is exciting and vibrant. Dartmouth has been identified as a growth area and we need to make sure we do smart development.



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### SHUBIE PARK PUMP TRACK

The Shubie Park Pump Track is now open!

The pump track is a wide track consisting of rollers and banked turns for bikes. The layout consists of continuous loops with different combinations, so that the biker can ride as long as their physical fitness allows them to. The rollers are used to generate speed and with the right body movements, the whole track can be ridden endlessly without pedaling. Advanced riders will be able to jump from roller to roller, rather than just pumping and riding over them.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project happen. Check it out next to the ball field!



### NON-PROFIT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM DEADLINES

The deadline for applications requesting the addition of a property to the tax relief program next year is November 30, 2020.

Organizations in the current program applying to “renew” (i.e. continue) tax relief is March 31, 2021.

You can find out more information about this program, including the application form, [here](#).

### VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE MOVING ONLINE

The annual Volunteer Conference hosted by the Halifax Regional Municipality is moving online this year as a result of COVID-19 and physical distancing measures.

The Volunteer Conference is a celebration of the tremendous contributions of volunteers throughout the region. It gives residents an opportunity to participate in training, networking and learning that help them become more effective in their work and provide strong volunteer capacity in the municipality.

Four free live webinars will be hosted every Thursday in November as follows:

- **November 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** – Boards 101 & Effective Meetings
- **November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon** – Micro Neighbourliness – Small Actions, Big Results
- **November 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** – Supporting Diversity in Volunteerism
- **Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon** – Turning Ideas into Actions – Grants & Funding

Webinars will be hosted using Zoom, and each session has capacity for 100 participants. For more information and to register, visit our [website](#).

### GREEN CART REPLACEMENT DELAYS

HRM has been advised of a delay in our shipment of green carts from the supplier. If you have requested a new green bin there may be a longer wait while we anticipate the order being filled.

We expect to receive the remaining carts by the second week of November, which will be a six-week delay. As a result of this delay, HRM’s inventory of carts was fully depleted on October 19<sup>th</sup>. New cart service requests received up to October 14<sup>th</sup> have been fulfilled.

Residents requesting a new green cart after that date have been directly notified or are being notified of the situation by staff.



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### MONTEBELLO TRAFFIC CALMING



I have received lots of questions about the Montebello Drive Traffic Calming project. The first step of the Traffic Calming project has been implemented in response to the numerous complaints over the past four years about cars not stopping at the stop signs on Montebello Dr. as well as the four way stop at the top of Montebello Dr. In addition, I received complaints about pedestrians being cut off by vehicles in crosswalks and ongoing speeding on Montebello Dr.

Through data collection and analysis, Montebello has been identified as a problem area that qualifies for traffic calming due to traffic speeds and pedestrian volumes. Our traffic calming program has been in place since February 2016 and helps make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers. That means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that reducing the posted speed limit in an area typically has no significant impact on how fast people drive. Physical measures are more effective and could include things like speed humps, curb extensions etc.

The Montebello traffic calming project will be different from most of our traffic calming projects as Montebello Drive was identified as a Fire Response route, so we have to minimize impact to their response times. It is also one of the first streets that will receive traffic calming measures on a Transit Route. For this reason, we will be installing temporary (2 year) measures to start to assess how they perform.

On the east end of the street (Appian Way to Breeze Dr/Caledonia Rd) we are going to use flexible bollards to bump out the intersections. Before we installed the bollards we engaged Fire Services, HRP, Transit and representatives of the accessibility community. We also spoke with Winter Road Operations to discuss snow removal. The contractor will plow around the bollards the same way they would any curb extension. Bollards were installed at Ochterloney/Wentworth a couple of years ago and they remained in place for two winters without any issues. Fire Services can cross the centerline to make turns onto side streets but can also drive over the bollards if necessary. This should have two impacts, one it will narrow the lane width which should reduce vehicle speeds by making the road feel more constrained. And two, curb extensions reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians and increase mutual visibility between pedestrians and motorists.

There is a steep slope on the west side of the street, moving towards Waverly Rd. Unfortunately the grade in that area is too steep to consider vertical deflections (such as speed tables). In the interim we are going to install a speed display board to advise drivers of their speed.

Now that HRP Traffic Enforcement and 50% of our Community Response Officers are back in their jobs after being redeployed to patrol due to COVID-19, they will be patrolling the area. The speed display sign will be installed between Lantana Terrace & Bonita Dr. We are also in discussions about installing a right-hand turn on Waverley Road at the bottom of Montebello. This is to reduce the congestion during busy times.

These devices have been used in other parts of HRM i.e. Hollis Street, at the Hydrostone, Agricola St. and Ochterloney St. and other municipalities with great success. They have been proven successful to improve safety. This is new to us in the Montebello area, so I ask for your patience. Thank you!



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## ON STREET PARKING CHANGES

Starting Tuesday, October 13 we have moved from an individual meter system to pay stations – this is a pay-by-plate, pay-by-zone system. You will now see the new pay stations installed on-street. There will still be a mixture of paid, permit and hourly parking in parking zones.

New parking technology will make it easier to pay and is introducing more payment options like credit card, debit card, and smart pay. Payment is attached to your vehicle, not the parking space. This means your vehicle can move freely within the parking zone up to the time purchase or maximum time allowed. There are eight parking “zones” in Downtown Halifax and Dartmouth that will be affected by this change. You can find a map and more detail [here](#).

## HRCE SCHOOL FACILITY BOOKINGS

The municipality coordinates facility bookings for all Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) schools for community and school use. Following the province’s announcement on reopening these facilities for public use, the municipality is updating contracts with existing clients to reflect this change.

With over 130 bookable locations, your patience is appreciated as staff work quickly to make these updates.

Bookings at Auburn Drive High School, Dartmouth High School, Sir John A MacDonald High School, Halifax West High School, Sackville High School and Cunard Junior High School will begin on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. All other bookings are expected to begin the week of Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Once all previously booked groups have their contracts finalized, staff will consider adding potential new bookings.

There are a number of COVID-19 regulations in-place for community bookings for participants. Full details of these regulations and HRCE facility bookings can be [found online](#).

## COMMON SPECIAL WASTE ITEMS WITH CONVENIENT DISPOSAL OPTIONS

 <b>Paint</b> Empty cans and leftover paint. Must have original label and lid. Your local Enviro Depot.	 <b>Medication</b> Your local pharmacy.
 <b>Batteries</b> Participating retail locations via Call2Recycle.	 <b>CFL / Flourescent bulbs</b> Dan-X Recycling or IKEA.
 <b>Oil , antifreeze, filters and containers</b> UOMA Collection sites.	 <b>Propane tanks</b> Check with your local tank exchange.

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## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

It is Holocaust Education Week. Films, an exhibit and student programs are all part of the Atlantic Jewish Council’s 17th annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW) in Halifax, with free events that are open to the public.

Pre-registration is available online. You can find out more on their [website](#).

## PORTOBELLO TRAIL TO BE EXTENDED



Great news for the many people who use the Shubie Canal trail for exercise and active transportation - the nature trail heading north

from Shubie Park is to be extended thanks to a grant of \$60,000 from the Halifax Regional Trails Association. HRM has purchased the adjoining land parcels that will allow access to a very historic part of the trail, the portage route used so many years ago by the First Nations people. There are now less than two kilometres remaining to be purchased in order for the trail to join up to the existing Lake William Active Transportation trail providing hikers the opportunity for a beautiful greenway all the way to Waverley.



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### SPIDER LAKE TRAILS

I have received lots of calls about the trails in Spider Lakes being closed. I reached out to Halifax Water and here is their response:

*Halifax Water has a public responsibility and regulatory requirement to ensure that all lands within drinking water supply areas are managed for Source Water Protection purposes. More specifically Halifax Water is required by Nova Scotia Environment to post and maintain signage particularly along the perimeter of the Protected Water Areas boundaries, which include Pockwock, Lake Major and Bennery Lake, informing the general public of the designation and restricted activities. Furthermore Halifax Water is required to enforce the regulation's specific to each watershed.*

*Halifax Water is currently engaged with recognized recreation organizations, with an interest in the Spider Lake area to potentially develop sanctioned trails on Halifax Water land within the Protected Water Area. This will be similar in nature to collaborations on the North Preston and Area Connector Trail and the Chain of Lakes Trail. For the safety of the general public and its water supplies Halifax Water has posted additional signage further limiting access into areas considered sensitive in nature or where activities have become problematic and in contravention of the Protected Water Area regulations. Halifax Water asks those accessing the watersheds to please respect the posted signage and adhere to the respective watershed regulations.*

### MUNICIPAL YOUTH SERVICES

Our Youth are our future, and when they participate in public life and engage their communities we are all better for it. Our staff have created a step by step work book that can help lead you through the process to create your own community project. [Download the guide.](#)

If you have questions or want guidance, contact Becca at [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca).

### SPEED REDUCTIONS IN DISTRICT 6

HRM does not have the ability to reduce speed limits below 50km/h. However, after a review of available data, our staff submitted an application to the Provincial Traffic Authority for permission to post a speed limit of 40km/h instead of 50 km/h on Locks Road and on several streets in Dartmouth North Crystal Heights area. I am happy to say that we recently received approval from the Province, so we are able to move forward with implementation. Reduced speed sign installations will be completed late fall/early winter on Locks, Farthington Pl, Crystal Dr., Pinecrest Dr. and Brule St.

### NORTH GROVE NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Check out the program calendar for November 2020, including a mix of in-person and online programs, as well as their meal and produce pack distribution schedule, video resources and more for the North Grove [here](#).

### YMCA SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

YMCA Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program in partnership with the Halifax Regional Municipality for seniors and persons with disabilities which provides a subsidized snow removal service to create safe access. The YMCA pays all service fees directly to the contractor on behalf of program participants.

The YMCA will oversee the clearing of the following areas; however, it is the responsibility of the participant to ensure that all areas are free from obstructions:

- Front and back steps
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Access to fuel tanks

To apply for this program, call (902) 483-3678 or click on this [link](#) for an application.

### WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

You can find the latest about the Woodlawn Community church [here](#).



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### WINTER OPERATIONS



The snow has officially started! With each weather event, crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometers of streets, 1,000 kilometers of sidewalks and 2,300 bus stops across the Halifax region. This requires a coordinated, strategic approach necessitating a prioritization system based on the following criteria:

- frequency of use by commuters
- access to important infrastructure, like hospitals and schools
- major bus and transportation routes.

The municipal service standards identify priority levels and timelines for clearing [streets](#) and [sidewalks](#). You can use our [winter maintenance](#) map to find out which level of government is responsible for your street.

Before contacting 311 to report snow and ice clearing issues, please check the service timelines to confirm when clearing should be completed. If clearing efforts are still within the timelines, residents should not contact 311 as the agent will be unable to dispatch any crew. Please wait until the service timeline has expired before contacting 311. This will ensure those trying to contact 311 with urgent issues are able to reach an agent.

If snowfall is greater than 30 centimetres, or in blizzard conditions, more time is needed to complete clearing. The same exception may apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions, such as sudden freezing after rain, wet snow packed to ice and freezing rain.

Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe.

#### Equipment

The municipality owns approximately 46 pieces of street-clearing equipment, including loaders, snow blowers, tandems, 5-tonne and 3-tonne trucks. The fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors including salt trucks, plows and loaders - bringing the total count to approximately 250 pieces of equipment engaged during a winter event, depending on weather conditions.

In addition to the street equipment, the municipality owns 10 skid steers and mini-loaders, which are used to plow approximately 100 kilometres of sidewalks. The other approximately 900 kilometres of sidewalks in the region are cleared by contractors. As with the street equipment, the municipal sidewalk fleet is supplemented by hourly contractors and equipment on retainer, including an additional four to eight sidewalk machines that can be brought in for heavier snow.

#### Salt

As part of the municipality's [salt management strategy](#), a proactive approach is taken to help prevent the buildup of snow and ice during a weather event. This is done by preparing the streets in advance with rock salt, brine or a mixture of the two. There are three municipal salt domes in the region.

### LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The Federal Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food has a new food security funding program called the Local Food Infrastructure Fund. This is intended to fund non-profit community organizations to help improve food security and create or improve systems or facilities that strengthen people's access to food. This can include capital costs like a freezer or support for growing or preparing food etc.

The final deadline for submissions isn't until December 2023, but will be earlier if the \$50 million funding is committed. Project funding can range from \$5,000 to \$250,000. You can get full information on this [here](#).



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### WAVERLEY/MONTEBELLO DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Following a virtual public hearing on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Regional Council approved the proposed amendment to the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy that will allow for future consideration of a multiple unit dwelling at this location.

If the developer would like to proceed with developing this site, they will require a development agreement and need to go through the public consultations required. You can find more detail about this case [here](#).

### 311 AFTER HOURS SERVICE

Dialing 311 is often the fastest and most efficient way to report operational issues or get information about your municipal services. The service operates between 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Urgent municipal service calls continue to be supported after hours, but on a reduced scale by outsourcing services to handle safety critical and urgent calls that require immediate dispatch only.

People who call 311 during off-hours will be prompted to call a dedicated phone number for after-hour inquiries that are urgent. All other calls will be provided information only via after-hours Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and instructed to call back for non-urgent issues during regular 311 hours.

### BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT

We have been working to increase accessibility at bus stops by installing concrete pads between the sidewalk and the curb, or behind the sidewalk. Where no sidewalk exists, a concrete pad with a pedestrian ramp to the street will be installed, or the shoulder of the road may receive an asphalt pad. These improvements are being made all across District 6, if you have any questions about specific locations feel free to reach out to my [office](#).

### HALIFAX WATER NOTICE

In early March as the impact of COVID-19 became apparent, Halifax Water took a number of measures to assist customers facing financial hardship including deferring payments on accounts, no interest charged on overdue accounts and disconnection for non-payment of service was suspended. These customer assistance measures extended until August 31<sup>st</sup> and Halifax Water has now resumed normal collection activity addressing those with high unpaid balances which could result with the disconnection of services, as outlined in Halifax Water's Regulations as set out by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

If you have questions or concerns about your bill, please follow up directly with their Customer Care Centre at [customercare@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:customercare@halifaxwater.ca) or 902-420-9287. Their Customer Care team is best able to review the details of individual accounts and discuss payment arrangements.

### SOCIAL PROCUREMENT AT HRM

The goal of social procurement is to enhance community well-being by advancing reconciliation, inclusion, equity and diversity; increasing economic opportunities by expanding the participation of diverse and social value businesses in the municipality's supply chain; improving economic independence by increasing employment and training opportunities for underemployed, unemployed, under-represented equity seeking populations; supporting community considerations in the supply chain and encouraging environmental sustainability. In early 2020, Halifax Regional Council approved the municipality's Social Value Framework, which sets general guidelines that support social value in all municipal operations and on September 30<sup>th</sup> we approved a "Supplier Code of Conduct and a Social Value Framework," which take effect on April 1, 2021. The code of conduct and the framework describe in detail the municipality's expectations of suppliers and staff in support of the Social Value Procurement goals.



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### MUNICIPAL ARENA CAPACITY

The Halifax Regional Municipality recently announced new changes to arena capacity for spectators at municipally-owned facilities. The following arenas will be increasing their spectator capacity effective this month:

- BMO Rink D (100)
- Cole Harbour Place Scotia 1 (85)
- Halifax Forum Arena (100)
- Halifax Civic Arena (75)
- RBC Centre Rink C (100) \*effective Nov. 15
- Saint Margaret’s Centre - Fountain (100)
- Zatzman Sportsplex (100)

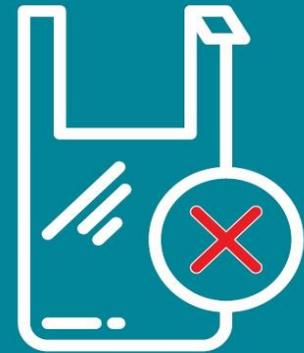
The following arenas will continue to permit a maximum of 50 spectators. Due to physical capacity and the requirement to physical distance, there will be no increase to these numbers at this time:

- BMO Rinks A, B and C
- Cole Harbour Place Scotia 2 (35)
- Eastern Shore
- LeBrun Arena
- RBC Centre Rinks A, B and D
- Sackville Sports Stadium
- Centennial Arena
- Spryfield Arena
- Saint Margaret’s Centre – Smith

Rental groups will continue to be responsible for COVID-19 screening and tracking of all spectators. No food or drink is permitted, and masks must be worn at all times. For more information and to review full regulations, [visit the website.](#)

### IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS

Halifax Regional Police charged 18 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of September. Police received 10 calls throughout the month of September 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.



# We're banning the bag!

Starting **October 30, 2020**, businesses won't be allowed to hand out single-use plastic bags at checkouts.

Feel free to bring your own reusable bag.

[novascotia.ca/single-use-plastic-bag-ban/](https://novascotia.ca/single-use-plastic-bag-ban/)



The single-use plastic bag ban is now in effect. You can find information about the provincial ban [here.](#)

If you have been using recycled shopping bags to recycle your paper products, you can now switch to using clear or blue bags for paper products. You can find out what goes where for our recycling program [here.](#)

### BUDGET SURVEY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to help shape the next municipal business plan and budget by participating in a public survey available online from Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

For many, financial priorities have had to shift during COVID-19. The goal of this survey is to understand where you would like to see investments into municipal programs and services in the 2021/22 budget.

Input regarding spending priorities will inform decisions regarding municipal service levels when developing the next budget. For more information and to take the survey, please visit our [website.](#)



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### MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking volunteer applications for a variety of municipal boards, committees, and commissions. Municipal committees, consist of councillors, citizens, and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, community council, or standing committees, and serve as an important part of decision-making processes. The municipality is seeking members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the Halifax region. The volunteer positions will begin December 2020 or January 2021. Meeting schedules and formats will vary between committees. The following boards and committees are currently seeking applicants:

- Taxi & Limousine Liaison Working Group
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Design Advisory Committee
- Design Review Committee
- Grants Committee
- Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Point Pleasant Advisory Committee
- Regional Watershed Advisory Board
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Western Common Advisory Committee
- License Appeals Committee
- Community Liaison Committee – Ragged Lake Facility
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority
- Police Diversity Working Group
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission

Interested residents are encouraged to complete an online application form and additional information that may assist in the selection process, including a cover letter and resume, can be emailed to [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca). Applications must be submitted by no later than Monday, Nov. 9. More information can be found [here](#).

### URBAN DESIGN AWARDS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is calling for submissions to the municipal Urban Design Awards, which celebrates urban design excellence in the region, including excellence in urban development, heritage protection, architecture, civic improvement projects, community initiatives, and student projects completed after January 1, 2013.

Nominations are now being accepted for applications or projects in the following categories, each with different eligibility requirements for award selection:

- Urban Design Plans
- Urban Architecture
- Civic Design Projects
- Urban Elements
- Community Connections & Initiatives
- Heritage Restoration Projects
- Heritage Adaptive Re-use Projects
- Student Projects

A virtual awards ceremony will take place in 2021 based on an independent jury process. Local award winners are also encouraged to apply to the [National Urban Design Award program](#) by December 31, 2020.

### VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN COLLISION STATS

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. You can find the July report detailing two vehicle/pedestrian collisions [here](#). The August report detailing four collisions is [here](#) and September with nine collisions can be found [here](#). Of the 57 pedestrian victims involved in reported collisions in 2020:

- 2 fatalities
- 2 experienced major injuries
- 17 experienced moderate injuries
- 24 experienced minor injuries
- 12 experienced no injuries



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## MEETINGS UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, all in-person meetings of Regional Council, boards and committees were cancelled as of March 2020 until further notice. However, in September all standing committee meetings were approved to return to in-person sessions. Given the size of these committees, relative to the meeting space, arrangements have been made to facilitate these meetings in-person while adhering to current public health directives.

There are limitations to public attendance and all those who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance by contacting the Clerk’s Office at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before the meeting.

Meetings of Regional Council, the Board of Police Commissioners and community council meetings will continue to be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Other meetings, (e.g. advisory committees, committee meetings etc.) will continue to be held via teleconference or will be rescheduled to a later date. For meetings held via teleconference, meeting minutes will be posted online as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.

## REDUCING VEHICLE BREAK INS

Halifax Regional Police is continuing to receive reports of thefts from vehicles across the Halifax region. We are continuing to conduct neighbourhood patrols and are sharing information and tips for citizens:

- Always lock your vehicle.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain view.
- Leave outside lights or motion sensors on or park in well-lit areas.
- Call police immediately at 902-490-5020 if you see suspicious activity in or around parked vehicles (e.g. someone walking by cars and trying the door handles.)
- File a report with police if you have had property stolen from or damage to your vehicle. You’ll need a police file number for insurance purposes and the information will help us track incidents and deploy our resources.



Updated playground at Jason MacCullough Park.

## TRANSIT BUS PURCHASE



Council recently approved a tender to purchase up to 150 new diesel buses.

This year, HRM is establishing a dedicated project office to plan for

Transit’s transition to electric vehicles, but unfortunately the charging infrastructure and maintenance facilities that would be required are not in place yet. The estimate is we should be ready to begin investing in electric buses in about two years.

Until then, we do need to invest in some replacement vehicles and additional buses that will allow us to increase service through the Moving Forward Together Plan.

While the tender did allow for the purchase of 150 buses, Transit estimates we will need about 85 to satisfy the needs of the fleet for the next two years. We are hopeful that these are the last diesel buses we have to purchase as we move towards the more sustainable electric options in the future.



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We Are All Treaty People



I grew up in St. Peter's & River Bourgeois, Cape Breton. Next door to these communities was Potlotek First Nation. I went to school with

many people from Potlotek and developed many friendships. Friendships that I still have to this day. During school in St. Peter's we were taught Mi'kmaq Studies. Taught by a white women. Even though we were next door to Potlotek we never had an Elder visit our class. We never as a class visited Potlotek to learn first hand the traditions and customs of the Mi'kmaq people. No wonder there was a divide between our communities. A huge missed opportunity for my generation to embrace each other's traditions.

Today in my job as a Municipal Councillor, I have witnessed firsthand the racism that exists in our community against the Mi'kmaq people. I am so proud of my community for many reasons yet I am saddened by a small few that show their true colours against the Mi'kmaq people.

Regional Council passed a Statement of Reconciliation to support the municipality's work with Mi'kmaq communities. The late great Gord Downie said, "As Canadians we all have a responsibility to understand our shared history". To my Mi'kmaq friends, 'Meskeyi' I am sorry.

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