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**DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS**  
**HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE**

**WELCOME APRIL!**



Spring has arrived and with it the end to the snow removal season and beginning of road construction season – including new traffic calming measures (speed

tables) for Roosevelt Drive (read more about this further in this newsletter)!

My council colleagues and I are now in the final stretch to approving the 2023/24 municipal operating and capital budgets. Thank you to everyone who took the time to comment during the budget discussion as your input is invaluable to us as we make some final challenging decisions.

Keep reading for important updates on speed limit reductions, parking permit fee increases, HRM’s food insecurity action plan, an electric bus demonstration etc.

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### APRIL MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (If required)

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### Halifax & West Community Council:

Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

April 9<sup>th</sup> is [Easter Sunday](#)

April 9<sup>th</sup> is [Vimy Ridge Day](#)

April 10<sup>th</sup> is [Easter Monday](#)

April 10<sup>th</sup> is [World Homeopathy Day](#)

April 13<sup>th</sup> is [International Plant Appreciation Day](#)

April 14<sup>th</sup> is [International Kid's Yoga Day](#)

April 17<sup>th</sup> is [International Bat Appreciation Day](#)

April 17<sup>th</sup> is [International Haiku Poetry Day](#)

April 18<sup>th</sup> is [World Heritage Day](#)

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is [Earth Day](#)

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is [World Book Day](#)

April 27<sup>th</sup> is [International Guide Dog Day](#)

April 28<sup>th</sup> is [Global Pay It Forward Day](#)

April 29<sup>th</sup> is [International Astronomy Day](#)

April 29<sup>th</sup> is [World Veterinary Day](#)

April 30<sup>th</sup> is [International Jazz Day](#)

### DID YOU KNOW...

That April is:

[Sikh Heritage Month](#)

[Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month](#)

[International Guitar Month](#)

April 1<sup>st</sup> is [April Fool's Day/Poisson d'avril](#)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is [Palm Sunday](#)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is [International Children's Book Day](#)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is [World Autism Awareness Day](#)

April 4<sup>th</sup> is [International Carrot Day](#)

April 6<sup>th</sup> is [Maundy Thursday](#)

April 6<sup>th</sup> is [First Day of Passover](#)

April 6<sup>th</sup> is [Tartan Day](#)

April 7<sup>th</sup> is [Good Friday](#)

April 7<sup>th</sup> is [World Health Day](#)

### SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - ST. MARGARETS BAY ROAD

The Halifax Regional Municipality has advised that the speed limit has been reduced from 70 km/h to 60 km/h on a segment of St. Margarets Bay Road in Head of St. Margarets Bay. The reduced speed zone will be an extension of an existing 60 km/h zone, which will now continue from the previous limit at civic 5507 to Mason Point Road.

New signage has been posted.

This change is a result of an assessment of the corridor, related to changes in conditions and activities along the roadway.



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This effort supports the municipal [Strategic Road Safety Plan](#), which aims to reduce fatal and injury collisions on municipal roadways. For more information about the Strategic Road Safety Plan and other road safety countermeasures, visit [here](#).

### PARKING PERMIT FEE INCREASE

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, changes to annual parking permit fees, visitor parking permits, commuter permits, carshare parking and the ability to purchase second permits were put into effect.

- Annual parking permit fees will increase from \$40/year to \$75/year.
- Residents can purchase a second annual parking permit for \$175/year.
- Annual visitor parking permits will shift to pay-per-use:
  - One day: \$15
  - Two days: \$25
  - Seven days: \$35
- Carshare vehicles will be able to park at any on-street paid parking location.
- Commuter permits will see price increases or price decreases, depending on the zone.
- Student commuter permits will change from a flat rate of \$35/month to \$10/month discount off the regular zone price.
- All permits will shift to a digital format, removing the need for replacement fees.

These changes, supported by amendments to [By-law P-1200](#) and approved by Regional Council, will streamline purchases, increase flexibility and create efficiencies in a new digital format. These changes are also based on resident feedback and will better align with residents' needs and better reflect the cost of administering these programs.

All current parking permits will remain valid until they expire. For more details, visit our [website](#).

### ELECTRIC BUS DEMONSTRATION



Most of Halifax Council and some Halifax Transit staff rode a demo version of the proposed new electric (EV) buses from [Nova Bus](#). HRM has ordered 60 EV buses and the first 30 should arrive in September.

There are MANY benefits - environmentally, financially, and socially – to having EV buses. They are quieter and will give pedestrians and patio patrons a much better auditory



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experience as they cruise down our main streets.

EV buses also require less maintenance and are cheaper to operate. They charge in 5 hours or less and can run from ~350kms in the winter to ~500kms in the summer (good for about 80% of our current bus routes).

## FOOD INSECURITY



What is HRM doing about [food insecurity](#)? On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regional Council approved [Part A of the JustFOOD Action Plan](#) for the Halifax Region, the first food strategy for the municipality. Click [report](#) to view the full staff report as presented to Regional Council.

The Action Plan is a long-range strategy to guide actions to improve food security and strengthen our local food system, with clear roles for all and the resources needed for positive change. The municipality and the [Halifax Food Policy Alliance](#) (HFPA) are co-leading the development of the action plan, recognizing that we need to work together towards a healthy, just and sustainable food system. [View the Report](#) that formalized the

relationship with HFPA and kicked off the JustFOOD Action Plan. A complete plan, Part A and [Part B](#), will be brought to Halifax Regional Council for approval in the Fall of 2023.

To become involved and learn more, visit the emerging [JustFOOD virtual food hub](#).

## INDEPENDENT LIVING NS (ILNS)

**Join Independent Living Nova Scotia's: CAP**  
 CAP is funded by the Department of Community Services (DCS) and their Disability Support Program (DSP). **COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM**

Are you 18-24 years old?  
 Do you identify as having a disability/disabilities?  
 Do you live in the Halifax area?  
 Do you want to participate in your community?

**CAP** is a 9-week pre-employment program that will help you:

- Engage in your community;
- Develop life and soft skills;
- Create and achieve different goals;
- Participate in social activities;
- And so much more!

CAP starts **May 16, 2023**

Have questions? Contact us at: **cap@ilns.ca** or **902-453-0004**

Apply today at: **<https://ilns.ca/cap/>**

This is what previous participants have to say about CAP:

- "I liked **everything** about CAP!"
- "I met some **new friends**, and I liked the **good teamwork** atmosphere."
- "I was taught how to really put my mind and thoughts on what I'm interested in and **go further ahead** in the future."

Are you 18-24 years old? Do you identify as having a disability(ies)? Want to connect with your community? Join ILNS Community Access Program (CAP). Contact ILNS at [cap@ilns.ca](mailto:cap@ilns.ca) or call 902-453-0004 or apply online [here](#).



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## OPEN CITY – MAY 13<sup>th</sup>



Open City is an annual celebration of all the entrepreneurs and small business of Halifax peninsula and Downtown Dartmouth that make our community so special, vibrant, exciting, and welcoming.

From Back Door Takeout being served from some of the city’s top restaurants, deals at local boutiques, opportunities to make and enjoy art, music on the corner – you never know what to expect at Open City.

One thing is certain though, it’s always an amazing opportunity to get out and meet the folks between Halifax and Dartmouth’s local shops and restaurants. Find participating businesses [here](#).



## FREE HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

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[www.communityhealthteams.ca](http://www.communityhealthteams.ca)  
902-460-4560

- WELLNESS NAVIGATION
- REDUCING YOUR HEALTH RISKS
- HEALTHY EATING
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- MENTAL WELLNESS
- PARENTING

**Community Health Teams**

**PROGRAM & REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Community Health Teams are a program of Nova Scotia Health in partnership with IWK Health where health care providers offer health and wellness programs to residents of the greater Halifax area. All programs are **FREE** and available to adults 18+. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Community Health Teams also offer Wellness Navigation services that help you identify what is getting in the way of your health and



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connects you to available resources in your community and online.

This is a free non-urgent service for individuals, families and youth offered by health professionals and is available to residents of the greater Halifax area. Call **902-460-4560** for more information.

### JUNO AWARDS – MARCH 2024



The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) announced that The JUNO Awards are returning to Atlantic Canada, making their second visit to Halifax (Kjipuktuk) in **March 2024**. Halifax will host a revered lineup of JUNO Week events from March 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The 53rd Annual JUNO Awards will broadcast live on CBC from Scotiabank Centre on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The JUNO Awards are being held in Nova Scotia's capital for the first time since 2006. The festivities return with the support of the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality, and the 2024 Host Committee. For first-access to JUNO Awards Broadcast ticket on sale information and updates, sign up [here](#).

*"Canada's east coast has long been the home of many incredible musicians," said **Allan Reid, President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards**. "Halifax is a music lover's paradise, with fans able to find live performances seven days a week across the city's famed pubs and renowned music venues. We can't wait to put the JUNO spotlight back on the city's diverse music scene and celebrate the nation's best in show in true Maritime fashion."*

**Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston** is honoured to welcome the JUNO Awards back to Halifax. *"Music and the arts are an integral part of our history as Nova Scotians – we love live music, and we know how to celebrate! JUNO week is a wonderful opportunity for Nova Scotia's many talented musicians and the entire industry to participate in this national celebration. We are thrilled to show the rest of Canada that Nova Scotia is a province on the move!"*

*"Music-loving Halifax is thrilled to be host city for the 2024 JUNO Awards," said **Halifax Mayor Mike Savage**. "We are committed to ensure everyone from the musicians to industry professionals and fans leaves Halifax with a song in their heart."*

**Allegra Swanson** is the Chair of Halifax's 2024 JUNO Host Committee. *"Since The JUNO Awards came through Halifax in 2006, the city's music scene has grown immensely. Music is at the core of our identity as a region, dating back to our Mi'kmaw ancestors and over 50 historic Black communities across the province. The depth of emerging talent in Halifax is vast and exciting. We*



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*look forward to working with CARAS/The JUNO Awards to create myriad opportunities to develop local artists and industry through legacy programming for years to come."*

The 52nd Annual JUNO Awards [and 2023 JUNO Week was hosted](#) in Edmonton, AB from March 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

Follow [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter for ongoing updates.



### CN RAIL BRIDGE – JUBILEE ROAD



[CN](#) and HRM are coordinating the rehabilitation of the [CN Rail](#)

[Bridge on Jubilee Road](#). The work was anticipated to begin in July 2022 but has been delayed until spring 2023 to allow additional time for technical considerations. There are no immediate structural concerns with the existing bridge impacted by the delay to the project.

The upcoming work will include the rehabilitation of the arch bridge structure, full replacement of the paved surface, railing, and sidewalks, at each location.

The construction tender for the project is expected to be awarded by [CN](#) in early 2023.

In late March 2022, preliminary site preparation, including tree removal, was completed by CN. Every effort was made to ensure removal of only those trees required to accommodate repairs to the bridge.

### ROAD REPAIRS & TRAFFIC CALMING

A review of Roosevelt Drive has been conducted in consideration of traffic calming measures as per the [Traffic Calming Administrative Order](#). Data collected as part of the assessment included vehicle speed and volume as well as other features of the roadway. As a result, Roosevelt Drive was identified as eligible for traffic calming measures.

Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to road safety for all users. In February 2016 Regional Council approved the [Traffic Calming Administrative Order](#) which focuses on making neighborhood streets safer for all users by slowing down traffic. Traffic is calmed by constructing physical measures to encourage safer driving behaviors.

Speed tables (humps) were selected as the appropriate traffic calming measure for Roosevelt Drive (see image below).



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Speed tables encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds, and there is no effect on resident access or on-street parking. Transit buses can also traverse speed tables with minimal impact. With the construction of speed tables on Roosevelt Drive we expect slower vehicular speeds.

Below is a map of the approximate locations where speed table will be installed along Roosevelt Drive and Churchill Drive. Please note these locations may very slightly during construction to minimize the impacts on driveways and drainage structures.

Figure 1. Approximate Traffic Calming Locations



## SERVICE CANADA – FEDERAL SERVICES

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Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits.

#### eServiceCanada

Get the help you need with eServiceCanada

A Service Canada representative will call you within 2 business days.

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[canada.ca/social-insurance-number](http://canada.ca/social-insurance-number)

#### Employment Insurance

For general information about Employment Insurance or to apply online:  
[Canada.ca/EI](http://Canada.ca/EI)  
1-800-206-7218  
TTY: 1-800-529-3742

#### Passport

For general information about Canadian passports:  
[Canada.ca/passport](http://Canada.ca/passport)  
1-800-567-6868  
TTY: 1-866-255-7655

#### Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan

For general information on the programs or to apply online:  
[Canada.ca/public-pensions](http://Canada.ca/public-pensions)  
1-800-277-9914  
TTY: 1-800-255-4786

#### Biometrics and Immigration

For information on biometrics collection or for any information related to immigration:  
[Canada.ca/biometrics](http://Canada.ca/biometrics)

For other questions or general information, contact us: 1-800-622-6232 TTY: 1-800-926-9105  
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## FIRST GENDER PARITY REGIONAL COUNCIL



International Women's Day has been a significant day for Halifax Regional Council since October 2020 when we became

the first gender parity Regional Council. The 8



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women who make up 50% of Regional Council are pictured here on International Women’s Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>) on the front steps of City Hall. Standing in back (left to right): Councillor Kathryn Morse and Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon. Standing in front (left to right): Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Councillor Iona Stoddard, Councillor Trish Purdy – holding the nameplate for Councillor Becky Kent (absent), Councillor Patty Cuttell and Councillor Pam Lovelace.

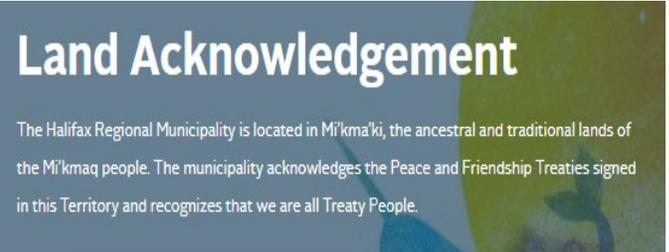
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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation and Impact Fund
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee

### HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY’S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

*"The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People."*

Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Making a respectful Land Acknowledgement now, remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.