



THANK YOU FIREFIGHTERS



How do we begin to thank the numerous Fire and Emergency Services personnel, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, the Department of National Defense, all Emergency Measures Organizations (EMOs), Halifax Water, The Canadian Red Cross, Comfort Centre staff and volunteers that are battling the recent fires in southern Nova Scotia and right here in the HRM? Thank you to local businesses, such as District 1 employer Dexter Construction, for providing much needed equipment and supplies to help battle the wildfires.

June 2023

One thousand times THANK YOU is still not enough. You are each appreciated more than you can know and deserve to feel pride and honour for all that you have done and continue to do. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your service. Thank you for your dedication in keeping us safe 365 days a year!

To whomever you pray to, please pray for the families who have lost their homes, their pets/animals, for some their business or employment as well. May they find the strength and support they need to carry on.



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WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations graduates! Best wishes as you continue your life's journey.

I pass along to you the wise words of Confucius:

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

Happy Father's Day to all dads and those in the role of dad. Billy Graham said: *"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."* Well said Billy!

Keep reading for interesting updates on matters such as the park lighting strategy, urban forestry tree planting, Citizenship Award recipients and much more!

Please contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phone at 902-717-2718 or by email at deaglec@halifax.ca.

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WILDFIRE EVACUEE ONLINE REGISTRATION

All residents and businesses who have been required to evacuate **must register with 311 or by calling 1.800.835.6428** for follow-up when more information becomes available. You may now register online by [clicking here](#).

Evacuation Centre: **Canada Games Centre**
26 Thomas Raddall Drive.

The evacuation centre is open 24/7 and will remain open for the foreseeable future until it is no longer needed.

An evacuation centre is a type of emergency facility which is opened when residents have to be evacuated from their homes due to a specific emergency event and where evacuees are received, needs are identified, and food, water and overnight accommodations are provided.

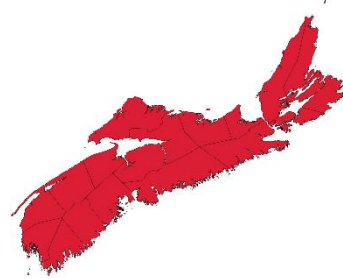
Comfort Centres during this time are located at:
Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
1583 Beaver Bank Road.

The comfort centre will open at 9 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

Black Point and Area Community Centre
8579 St Margarets Bay Road.
The comfort centre opened at 8 a.m. and will remain open until 9 p.m.

Comfort centres are temporary accommodations where food and water are provided, as well as a place to charge devices and receive up-to-date information.

BURN BAN



As crews battle multiple fires, there is a **zero-tolerance policy** in effect for the duration of the outdoor burning ban.

Fines will be issued against those who are burning outdoors, which includes a penalty ranging from \$250 and \$25,000. Any person responsible for fire spread can also be required to pay all expenses related to controlling or extinguishing the fire, and all related fire damages. Please check the provincial [Department of Natural Resources and Renewables](#) website for updates on BURN conditions

Illegal outdoor burning puts lives, properties, and the environment at risk. It also ties up critical fire department resources.

The [Province of Nova Scotia has announced burn, travel, fireworks and activities restrictions](#). The restrictions are in place until June 25th or until conditions allow them to be lifted.

Find answers to frequently asked questions about burning at this [link](#) including information on chimineas and fire pits.



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WILDFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL



The wildfires in the Tantallon and Hammonds Plains area, as well as Shelburne County, have displaced thousands of residents, threatened or destroyed hundreds of homes, and have changed neighbourhoods forever.

We also know Nova Scotians are kind and generous people who want to help. By giving to the United Way Halifax Wildfire Recovery Appeal, you will support rebuilding and recovery efforts.

In the coming days and weeks, the recovery process for the community will become clearer, as will the needs for individuals and families as they rebuild their lives. Thanks to donors like you, United Way will be there to help. Your gift will help meet basic needs for those impacted, such as groceries, crucial connection and mental health supports and more. Donate to United Way [here](#).

JUNE MEETINGS

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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

NWCC UPDATE

The North West Community Council (NWCC) did not meet in May.

For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, click [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW....

That June is: Recreation Month
Italian Heritage Month
Filippino Heritage Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
Launch of Pride Season

June 1st is [International Children's Day](#)

June 3rd is [Recreation Day](#)

June 5th is [World Environment Day](#)

June 18th is [Father's Day](#)

June 21st is the [First day of summer](#)

June 21st is [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

June 24th is [St. Jean Baptiste Day](#) (Quebec)

June 27th [Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

June 30th [Last day of school!](#)



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CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY - CANCELLED

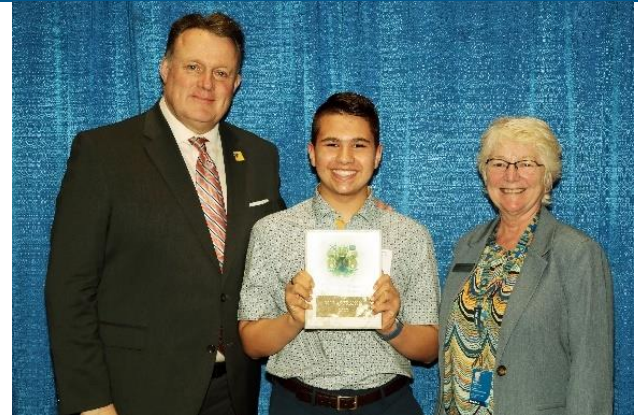


The next [Curbside Giveaway Weekend](#), will be held on the weekend of Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students across the municipality. Each school chooses one award recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, as well as academic performance.

I was pleased to present, with Mayor Mike Savage, the Citizenship Award to District 1 recipients: Dallis Francis of Lockview High School and Lauren Smith of Musquodoboit Rural High School.



Mayor Mike Savage, Dallis Francis and me.



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JUNE IS RECREATION MONTH



Did you know that June is Recreation Month and that June 3rd is Recreation Day? Click [here](#) for a list of Recreation Day celebrations in communities across the municipality.

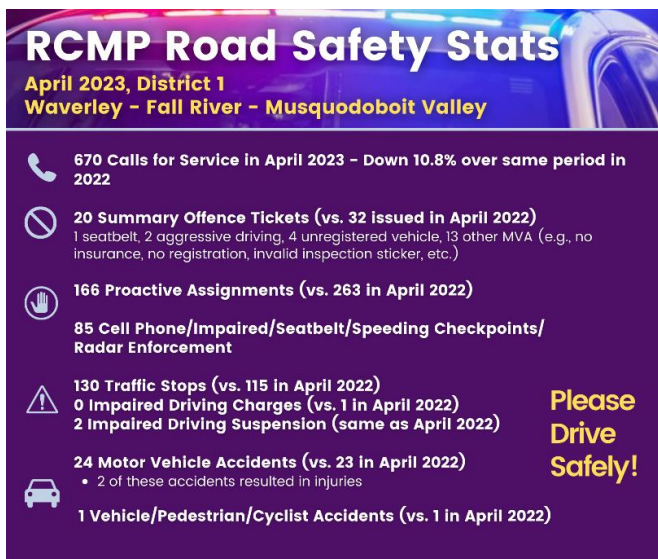


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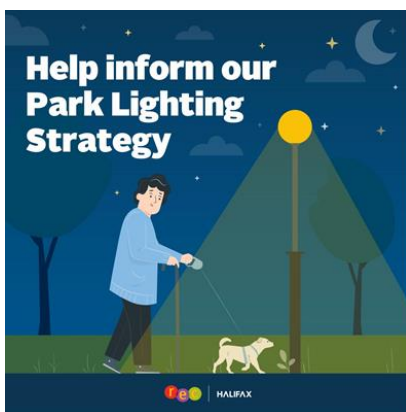
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Following recreation day celebrations on June 3rd, the municipal webpage will highlight favourite rec programs. The Recreation Month spotlight series will showcase the wide array of programs and activities the municipality has to offer all ages in communities across the municipality.

RCMP STATS - APRIL 2023



PARK LIGHTING STRATEGY



HRM is gathering public input on a regional park lighting strategy. The [Park Lighting Strategy survey](#) is open until June 11th. For detailed information, click

[here](#). Take the survey [here](#).

STORMWATER RIGHT-OF-WAY CHARGE



Why do I get billed for the Right-of-Way charge?

In a 2013 rate hearing decision, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) directed that the portion of stormwater costs related to the street right-of-way should be billed to the Halifax Regional Municipality. Until 2016, this amount was billed on Halifax Water bills. The charge briefly appeared on municipal property tax bills in 2016/17. Since 2017, Halifax Water has collected the Right-of-Way charge on behalf of the municipality and that is why it appeared on the Halifax Water bills.

As directed by Regional Council on January 10th, 2023, the required amount – currently \$5.3 million per year – will now be collected through the municipal property tax billing process as an area rate. This charge will appear on the property tax bill as “Right-of-Way” charge.

The municipality’s Right-of-Way charge applies to all properties within the municipal stormwater service boundary; roads within the municipal stormwater service boundary are owned by the municipality and the services are provided by both the municipality and Halifax



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Water. For roads outside of the service boundary, the Province of Nova Scotia provides the services.

How is the Right-of-Way charge calculated?

When the municipality collected the Right-of-Way charge in 2016/17, the charge was a flat fee on the property tax bill and created challenges for certain types of properties, such as condos, leased land communities, and water lots. Beginning in 2023/24, the Right-of-Way charge will be an area rate and property owners will pay a rate multiplied by the assessed value of their property, similar to other charges on the property tax bill.

Property owners with an assessed value of up to \$475,000 will see a lower charge than what they were paying to Halifax Water, while property owners with an assessed value of over \$475,000 will see an increase. This will be a new charge for approximately 26,000 property owners who were not previously billed this charge because they were not billed the Halifax Water stormwater charge for their private property. With the new stormwater service boundary, these properties will now receive only the municipal Right-of-Way charge (the charge for public property).

When will I see this charge on my property tax bill and removed from my Halifax Water bill?

This change became effective April 1st, 2023, and the charge will first appear on the municipality's October 2023 final property tax bill as a separate line item. Halifax Water customers with a billing

period that begins before April 1st, 2023, will see a partial Right-of-Way charge on their bill. In these cases, the Right-of-Way charge will continue to be collected by Halifax Water for billing periods up to, and including, March 31st, 2023. As a result, customers will receive a prorated amount of the municipal Right-of-Way charge on the bills they receive after March 31st, 2023.

For more information about stormwater services click [here](#) to visit the Halifax Water website.



Storm Drains (Catchbasins)



Buried Pipes & Manholes



In-Street (Cross) Culverts



Driveway Culverts



Roadside Ditches



Off-Street Drainage Corridors

WATCH FOR TICKS!



According to the [provincial website](#), there are several kinds of ticks in Nova Scotia, but only the blacklegged tick, sometimes

known as deer tick, carries the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

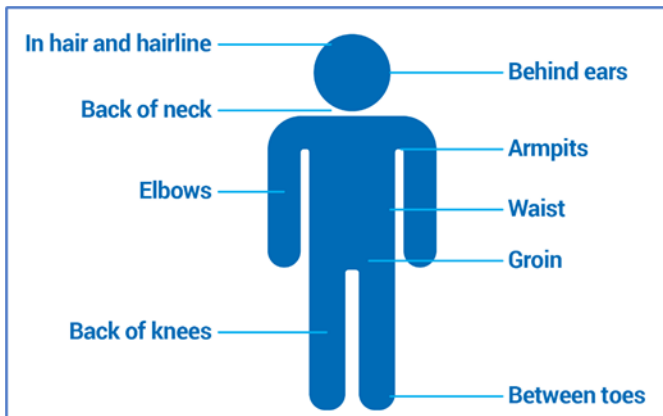


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Tick-borne illnesses are preventable by taking some simple precautions to reduce your risk:

- Wear long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- Wear light coloured clothing – it's easier to see ticks
- Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- Apply insect repellents containing DEET or Icaridin to exposed skin and clothes. Follow directions on the package carefully.



Remove a tick safely

- Carefully grasp the tick with tweezers – the pointier, the better - as close to the skin as possible
- Gently and slowly pull the tick straight out of the skin. Do not jerk, twist or squeeze it
- Once the tick is removed, clean the area of the bite with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitizer.
- Make a note of the date and where on the body the bite occurred. This will be

important if you, or a loved one, begin to feel unwell.

Once removed, flush the tick down toilet, drown in rubbing alcohol or freeze in a plastic sealed bag prior to putting in the garbage. **Avoid crushing ticks with exposed fingers.**

To have a tick identified please visit eTick.ca for more information.

HOURLY PAY STATION PARKING INCREASE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that effective May 29th, hourly pay station parking will increase by 25 per cent, or up to 75 cents per hour. This increase is a result of budget considerations and is motivated by the goals of

the municipality's [Integrated Mobility Plan](#), which aims to create connected, healthy, affordable and sustainable travel options.

Where on-street paid parking is available, it is divided into parking zones. Parking rates are based on time-of-day demand within the parking zones. Rates vary by zone and time can be purchased in 15-minute increments. On-street pay stations allow for payment by coin, debit card, credit card, and [HotSpot](#).

For more information, visit halifax.ca/parking.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



Spring signals the start of motorcycling season in Nova Scotia. Motorcycle safety is a shared responsibility. Watch out for each other.

2022 saw an increase in serious motorcycle collisions in HRM. Be the change in 2023. Drive safely. Operating your motorcycle safely can help protect you and other road users. Some tips to keep in mind are:

- Take an approved motorcycle training.
- Always drive defensively.
- Travel at a safe speed.
- Only ride when sober, focused and well-rested.
- Check your blind spot before changing lanes.
- Focus on where you need to go rather than looking at what you want to avoid (the motorcycle may go where you look).
- Ride within your experience and skill level.
- Go with an experienced rider the first time you explore a new area.

All motorists can help reduce motorcycle collisions. Those who share the road with motorcycles should: keep their eyes on the road; check their blind spots and mirrors before changing lanes and; give motorcycles space just like any other vehicle.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE TEST DRIVE



In partnership with [Next Ride](#) and the [Clean Foundation](#), the Halifax Regional Municipality is hosting a series of electric vehicle (EV) test drive events across the region, beginning Thursday, May 18th through to the month of July.

The municipality is hosting events to promote the use of electric vehicles, in alignment with [HalifACT](#) – our long-term climate action plan to reduce emissions and help communities adapt to changing climate.

Events are being hosted as follows:

40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

Wednesday, June 14th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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RBC Centre (259 Commodore Drive,
Dartmouth)
Wednesday, June 14th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Captain William Spry Community Centre (16
Sussex Street, Halifax)
Thursday, June 15th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre (1014
Purcells Cove Road, Halifax)
Thursday, June 15th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sackville Sports Stadium (409 Glendale Drive,
Lower Sackville)
Friday, June 16th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Wallace Lucas Community Centre Building
(596 Lucasville Road, Lucasville)
Friday, June 16th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Canada Games Centre (26 Thomas Raddall
Drive, Halifax)
Sunday, June 25th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

St. Margaret's Bay Centre (12 Westwood
Boulevard, Upper Tantallon)
Sunday, June 25th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gordon R. Snow Community Centre (1359 Fall
River Road, Fall River)
Thursday, July 6th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

BMO Centre (61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford)
Friday, July 7th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Point Pleasant Park (lower parking lot - Point
Pleasant Drive, Halifax)
Saturday, July 8th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor Street, Halifax)
Saturday, July 8th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Bicentennial Theatre (12390 Highway 224,
Middle Musquodoboit)
Sunday, July 9th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Arena (27 Vimy Avenue, Halifax)
Monday, July 10th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Cole Harbour Place (51 Forest Hills Parkway,
Dartmouth)
Friday, July 14th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration will open two weeks prior to each event. Participants are strongly encouraged to [register online](#) for the location they wish to attend.

During each event, participants can will be invited to partake of a free test drive in an electric vehicle as well as obtain more information on electric vehicles such as: rebates and the [Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy](#).

Many of the events will take place next to the future locations of the municipality's electric vehicle chargers. Both the test drive events and the future installation of 18 chargers across the region are in support of the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy and efforts to support the decarbonization of transportation.

For more information, click [here](#).

URBAN FORESTRY – TREE PLANTING

Beginning mid-May through to November, the Halifax Regional Municipality will plant approximately 2,500 trees throughout right-of-way spaces and other municipally-owned land.



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Residents may request trees to be planted on municipal land by [contacting 311](#). Requests will be considered but are not guaranteed. To maintain a healthy urban forest, the municipality plants a variety of species to ensure tree diversity and resiliency.

Right-of-way space along streets are ideal locations for trees, providing many environmental and social benefits, such as reducing heat effects, improving stormwater management by reducing runoff and providing enjoyable outdoor spaces for recreational use.



Tree planting supports important municipal initiatives, including the [Urban Forest Management](#)

[Plan](#) and [HalifACT](#). To learn more, visit our [website](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY....



Presenting a cheque for \$2,500 to Tom Mills, Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society (SWEPS,) for a laptop to help map water quality monitoring programs.



Congratulations to Waverley resident, Corporal Alexander Cochrane (13) of the Air Cadet Squadron 865 Dartmouth Kiwanis, for receiving The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence, one of the youngest recipients of the Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence!



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The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence is a Canadian Cadet medal, which is available to members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. The Legion Medal of Excellence is awarded by the Royal Canadian Legion to Cadets who have displayed excellence in citizenship outside of the Cadet program. The medal is awarded to one Cadet per corps/squadron annually.



I was thrilled to present a cheque for \$2,500 to the Lemmon Hill Sports Association for new exterior doors. Thank you for all you do for the community.



Such an honour to present the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club with a cheque for \$3,000 for the purchase of wheelchairs and transport chairs for use by community members in need.



With Mayor Mike Savage in the Grand Parade for the Flag Raising for Moose Hide Campaign Day.

Over 10 years ago, the campaign started as an Indigenous-led, grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence through a day of learning, healing and fasting. Today it has grown to a nationwide event supported by people of diverse ages, gender identities and ethnicities.



With Councillor Iona Stoddard in the Grand Parade for the Menstrual Health Day flag raising where I read the proclamation for Menstrual Health Day.



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Congratulations to all the young actors/actresses who put on a phenomenal presentation of The Addams Family Musical at Lockview High.



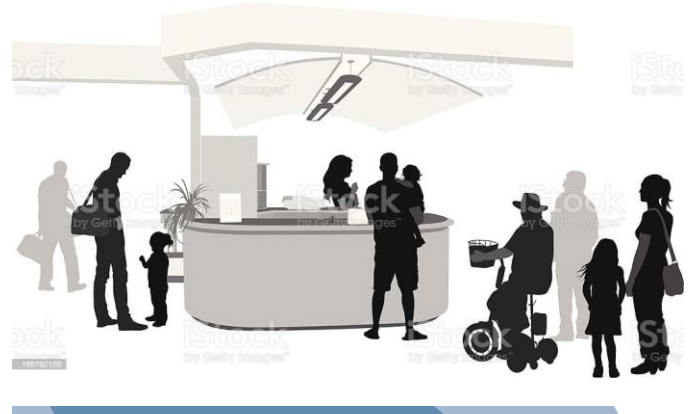
Congratulations to the Fall River Garden Club for another successful fundraiser!

COMMUNITY HALLS / CENTRES

District 1 is home to many community halls and non-profit organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community. Here is a list of some of the great organizations in our district:

- [Elderbanks Recreation Club](#)
- [Lemmon Hill Sports Association](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- [Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)
- [Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)
- [Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)
- [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)
- [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)
- [Waverley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)
- [LWF Community Hall](#)
- [Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)
- [Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)
- [Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I have missed this time around please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!





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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal district 1](#).

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- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

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I send monthly e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

Challenges ARE WHAT
MAKE LIFE INTERESTING.
OVERCOMING THEM IS WHAT
MAKES THEM
Meaningful.

Happy Father's Day!

