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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS
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Halifax Transit Invites Residents to Name New Harbour Ferry Vessels

Halifax Transit is once again asking residents to submit suggestions to name its newest replacement harbour ferry vessels, expected to be delivered in fall 2017 and summer 2018. Until Friday, April 14, residents can submit their name ideas for the two new replacement vessels online at www.halifax.ca/surveys.

Halifax Transit and Corporate Communications staff will review all submissions and narrow them down to a short list based on appropriateness, originality, cultural significance and diversity. A selection committee comprised of Mayor Mike Savage and one member from each of the three community councils will then develop a final list of names from which residents can vote for their favourite.

The top two names receiving the most votes will adorn the new ferries, subject to final approval by Transport Canada. The residents who submit the winning names will each receive a one-year conventional transit pass courtesy of Halifax Transit and the municipality.

The new ferries are being added to replace aging infrastructure in the fleet and will help bring more

continuity and efficiency to Halifax Transit's harbour ferry service. The Christopher Stannix vessel launched in 2014 was the first new ferry to be added to the fleet in over 25 years, and the Craig Blake went into service in the summer 2015.

Last year, in the third edition of the ferry-naming contest, residents voted to name the newest replacement harbour ferry "Viola Desmond". The Viola Desmond was launched in the summer of 2016.

These two new ferries are being purchased with federal funding support under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

Municipality Seeks Input on Improving Delivery of Programs and Services

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking residents' feedback on potential changes to its charter that could ultimately expand the municipality's powers and reduce red tape.

The *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* is provincial legislation that sets out all of the municipality's powers and responsibilities.



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The municipality is considering something called Natural Person Powers (NPPs). NPPs give municipalities the power to do anything an ordinary (or natural) person can do. For example, a person can give loans to anyone, buy shares in a company, or buy and use property for any purpose. These are all things the municipality cannot do, or is restricted from doing in some way under the Charter.

In the past, the municipality has required provincial approval for such things as Solar City financing, support for scholarship funds, and borrowing amounts. That provincial approval would not be necessary if the municipality adopted NPPs. Essentially, these powers would give the municipality more freedom to consider new ways to provide programs or services and raise revenue without requiring changes to provincial legislation, which can be a lengthy process and not guaranteed to succeed.

The municipality is seeking public input on this potential shift in direction. Citizens are being asked to share their thoughts on the idea itself, what programs and services might benefit from this approach, and what restrictions should be in place if the municipality adopts this. Through this process the municipality is also looking at improving its ability to deliver peace, order, and good government to its citizens. Residents are encouraged to share their feedback by completing an online survey on the [Shape Your City](#) engagement portal. The survey closes on Monday, April 17. Responses will be shared with Regional Council through a staff report in the spring.

IWK Auxiliary Art Show & Sale

May 18-27, 2017

Show and Sale runs for 7 days this year! Over 100 pieces by local artists will be available for sale. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for three pieces of art, including a lovely watercolour by Chris Marin. Proceeds will support Auxiliary activities for the care and comfort of patients and families at the IWK. Location and hours:

Chase Gallery, NS Archives, University Avenue, Halifax

Thursday	May 18th	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday	May 19th	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday	May 23rd	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday	May 24th	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Thursday	May 25th	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Friday	May 26th	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday	May 27th	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Fairview Mobile Food Market Returns



The Fairview Mobile Food Market returned on February 25th.

The Fairview Mobile Food Market is partnering with Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority to keep you warm and snow-free while shopping for fresh, affordable produce here in our community.

The next Fairview Mobile Food Market will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at MacDonald Laurier Place.

To view a full schedule visit:

<http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/calendar/>



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day & New Year's Day)



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to provide us their perspective on any desirable technological improvements that could be made to enhance the overall Council Chamber viewing experience. To complete the survey visit: http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-council-chamber-technology-refresh-project/survey_tools/council-chamber-technology-refresh-viewer-comments-and-feedback-requested

Thank you for your interest and taking the time to answer a few quick questions.

Parks & Recreation Program Registration is now Open

With over 50 Community and Recreation Centres around the municipality, recreation services offer a variety of recreation programs to children, youth, adults, and seniors all year round. From little kickers soccer, to swimming and skating lessons, to Zumba or photography, there's a recreation program available for everyone. To view a list of programs, to find out information about the programs or to register for programs, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/ProgramsandActivities.php>

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Please click the link to [UNSUBSCRIBE](#).



Come Celebrate Centennial Arena's 50TH Anniversary

Centennial Arena is hosting a dance
Featuring
Rasta Gumbo Band

Halifax Forum
Saturday April 29th, 2017
9pm - 1am (doors open at 8pm)
19 years and over (ID required)
Ticket Cost 15.00

Pick up your tickets at Centennial Arena from 8:30am until 10:30 pm Monday to Friday or contact Michelle at michelle.poteril@gmail.com

Council Chamber Technology Refresh Viewer Comments & Feedback

Your input will assist us in improving the technology that facilitates meetings in the Council Chamber (the Chamber). Prior to issuing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacement technology, user/viewer feedback is being sought to determine the new requirements with a focus on the viewer experience. While the scope of the update is primarily to improve the voting, speaker and meeting management system, we are asking the public