

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



BLT/COLTA Trails Construction

Dexter Construction, on behalf of Halifax Water, is undertaking construction activity along the BLT/COLTA trails related to the Lakeside Diversion Project.

This work will require temporary closures of the trail. Appropriate signage will be posted at trail entrance sites.

Halifax Water regrets any inconvenience these temporary closures may cause.

For more information on the Lakeside Diversion Project and for updated closures of the trail please visit www.lakesidediversion.com

HRM Preparing to Hire Second Wave of Interns

Eighteen new and exciting HRM intern opportunities are about to open up for university and college graduates.

This is the second year of the forward-thinking 'Bridging the Gap' program, in which qualified

graduates enter an 18-month paid internship with various business units across the municipality.

Nova Scotia has one of the oldest populations in the country and studies suggest that trend won't change anytime soon. As a result, the HRM employee pool is getting older, and succession planning is crucial to maintaining a vibrant, fresh, and engaged workforce.

It's also critical to find creative ways to entice our local graduates – regardless of age – to stay in the province and be solid contributors to the future growth of the Nova Scotia economy.

New graduates find it challenging to win jobs in the public sector because they lack the valuable experience prospective employers desire.

The 'Bridging the Gap' program is focused on attracting, recruiting and retaining new graduates. By seeing first-hand what it's like to work in the municipal public service, there's a better chance these graduates will want to apply for and be

successful in landing work when a job becomes available.

The first-year wave of 14 interns began work with the municipality last year and they are already learning new skills that will prove invaluable as they add to their professional tool boxes. These interns are performing a wide range of tasks, from assisting with the research and preparation of a brand for the municipality, to electrician apprenticeships.

In 2014, HRM will be hiring interns for the following positions:

- Research & Communication Analyst
- Brand Implementation Specialist
- Special Project Developer – Policy Intern
- Policy Intern
- Access & Privacy Intake Analyst
- Acadian Francophone Liaison Intern
- Labour Relations Analyst
- Articled Clerk Intern
- Co-op Law Intern (student)
- Junior Policy Analyst with Halifax Regional Police
- Junior Business Analyst
- Information and Communication Technology Portfolio Coordinator
- Performance Business Analyst
- Building Standard Intern
- Development Approval Technician
- Engineering Assistant Intern
- Apprentice Burner Mechanic
- Planning Intern

For more details on each of these positions visit www.halifax.ca/employment/index.php



Capital Health has seven Community Health Boards. Each Board has 10 - 15 volunteers who serve a minimum of a three-year term. These volunteers represent the people and neighborhoods of their health board area. Each Board has dedicated staff persons to assist them. Capital Health also provides a variety of opportunities for Board members to develop knowledge and skills related to a variety of health issues and Board activities. The Chebucto West Community and the Halifax Community Health Boards will soon begin recruiting for new Board Members. As you might be aware, Community Health Boards are the eyes, ears and voice of community health and play an important role in our health care system and the health of our communities. New members will be selected to serve a three year term beginning in September 2014. The Board partners with many large and small health and community organizations to improve the community's health.

Chebucto West Community Health Board serves the residents of Armdale-Purcell's Cove, Herring Cove - Spryfield-Sambro, Fairview, Clayton Park and Rockingham, BLT and Hubley, Prospect, St. Margaret's Bay and Hubbards - a huge and very diverse area!

Halifax Community Health Board serves the residents of Fairview, North End Halifax, Downtown, Northwest Arm, South End Halifax, and Connaught/Quinpool.

They want the Board to reflect our community, so diversity, gender balance and the age of their members is important to them. They encourage any interested residents to apply. If you have a desire to make your neighbourhoods healthier, they'd like to hear from you! For more information contact Laurie MacNeil at 487-0571 or submit a cover letter and resume that outlines your interests and background to: Chebucto West Community Health Board, 3825 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax, NS B3L 4R6, Fax:455-3531
Email: laurie.macneil@cdha.nshealth.ca.

Deadline for applications to the Board is Wednesday, April 30th, 2014.

Chebucto West Community and Halifax Community Health Boards are also accepting applications to their Community Development Fund from qualified non-profit and community based organizations. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available. Project funding for 2014 will focus on the following priority areas from their Community Health Plan 2013:

- Access to Health Services and Information
- Mental Health and Addictions
- Physical Activity/Healthy Eating
- Caring for Chronic Conditions

Deadline for applications for grants is 4:30 pm Friday, May 2nd, 2014 (late applications will not be accepted).

For information about becoming a board member or applying for a grant, please contact Laurie MacNeil at 487-0571 or email laurie.macneil@cdha.nshealth.ca. Please visit the following websites for more information:

<http://chebuctowest.wix.com/cwchb>

<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/halifax-community-health-board>

Property Tax Deadline – April 30th, 2014

The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) invoices property tax bills to all property owners twice each year.

The tax year covers the fiscal period of April 1st - March 31st. The Interim bill is the first installment and was mailed in March and is due the last working day of April. The Final bill will be mailed in September and is due the last working day of [October](#).

The interim installment is based on 50% of the current year's estimated taxes (current year assessment calculated with last year's rates). The final installment is calculated using the current assessment with the current years rates, less the interim installment previously billed.

The tax calculation is based on the taxable assessed value of the property multiplied by the applicable tax rate. The taxable assessed value is determined by PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corporation). The tax rate is the sum of two levies - a general rate (Urban, Suburban or Rural) and the area rates within a district. Check out these links for further information about your tax bill.

[Understanding your tax bill](#) -

[Information about your Tax Bill](#)

Open 7 days a week
from 7:00 am to 11:00
pm except Christmas
Day and New Year's Day



HRM's Crews Out in Full Force for Annual Spring Clean-up



HRM Public Works crews are hard at work picking up litter and cleaning the streets, sidewalks and parks across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The annual spring clean-up typically gets going at the beginning of April. Crews will concentrate on cleaning the core areas of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford initially, and then expand from there. In the core areas alone there are approximately 1,500 kilometres of road and 3,000 kilometres of curb to clean.

Crews will be picking up litter by hand on the streets and clearing winter debris from the more than 450 parks across the municipality. The sidewalks will also be swept and washed.

Street sweepers will be out in full force cleaning roadways where snow banks have melted. In areas where snow banks are still blocking the curb, crews will monitor the area and return when the area is clear.

HRM advises residents to find off-street parking on the days that street cleaners are scheduled to be in their neighbourhood. If not, their vehicles may be ticketed. Crews cycle through the neighbourhoods,

so residents should refer to on-street parking signage for their service day.

Wherever possible, HRM encourages residents to help with the clean-up by cleaning areas in and around their own property. If residents know of neighbours who are away or could use a hand, they are urged to help them out. Great neighbours make great neighbourhoods, and a clean city is good for everyone.

If residents know of turf or curb damage around the HRM, please call 311 to file an incident report or fill out an online service form at <https://apps.halifax.ca/311>.

HRM thanks residents for their cooperation to help clean up our communities across the region.



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