

Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program

Halifax Transit is pleased to advise that applications are now available for the new Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program, which was approved by Regional Council in June.

The objective of the new pilot program is to make monthly transit passes more affordable for low income residents. Those participating in the program will be able to purchase monthly adult transit passes for 50 percent off the regular price. Up to 500 applications will be accepted during the first phase of the program, which will last six months from September 2016 to February 2017.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and can be obtained online at www.halifax.ca/transit/LowIncomePass.php or in person at the following four municipal Citizen Contact Centres:

- Acadia Centre, Lower Sackville
- Alderney Gate, Dartmouth

- Bayers Road Centre, Halifax (west end)
- Scotia Square, Halifax (downtown)

Please note completed applications will **only be accepted in person** at one of the above-noted Citizen Contact Centres.

In order to be eligible for the program, you must be a resident of the Halifax Regional Municipality with a combined gross annual household income of less than \$33,000. Please note if you are currently in receipt of reimbursement for the cost of transit passes from another agency, including but not limited to the Department of Community Services Employment Support and Income Assistance Program, you will be ineligible for this program.

Following the six-month pilot period, staff will report back to Regional Council and seek direction on the future of the program.

For more information on eligibility and application requirements for the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program, visit

www.halifax.ca/transit/LowIncomePass.php.



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Call for Volunteers Fairview Family Festival

Save the date! The 10th annual Fairview Community BBQ and Fun Fair is pleased to be a part of the first Fairview Family Festival on Saturday, August 20 (rain date August 21). Come and enjoy free hot dogs (including Halal), and attractions including bouncy castles, games, multicultural performances and more.

The Fairview Family Festival needs the assistance of volunteers to succeed. There are many roles, from setup, helping with events, and tear down. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet our neighbours.

Please respond by email to <u>fairview.ca@gmail.com</u> if you wish to participate as a volunteer.

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Mobile Food Market in Fairview

The Mobile Food Network at Titus Park will continue during the summer until September 24th 2016. Upcoming dates are: July 16th, July 30th, August 13th, August 27th, September 10th, and September 24th. For more information, visit their facebook page https://www.facebook.com/mobilefoodmarket or their official website http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/.

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Municipality Preparing for Possible Disruption to Postal Service

Canada Post recently announced a legal work disruption could occur as early as Friday, July 8, 2016. Should this happen, Canada Post mail delivery will not be in operation; as such, mail and parcels will not be delivered to the municipality, no new items will be accepted from the municipality, and any mail and parcels within the postal system during a work disruption will be secured and delivered as quickly as possible once operations resume.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is ready to ensure business continuity during any disruption to postal service. Until further notice, citizens and businesses should not send any payments, grant applications or other correspondence through Canada Post. The municipality must still receive outstanding payments for all matters by the due date through alternate methods including telephone/online banking or in person at one of the four Customer Service Centres (Acadia Centre, Alderney Gate, Bayers Road or Scotia Square). Visit www.halifax.ca/311/inperson.php for complete civic addresses of the above-noted Customer Service Centres.

Prioritized communications and packages will be sent from the municipality to citizens and businesses through alternate and most cost-effective means, including but not limited to, secure email, telephone, fax and courier. The municipality will provide a service to deliver and attain signatures for correspondence and notifications which are required by law to be registered.

Regular updates on the effect of postal service disruptions will be shared through www.halifax.ca and @hfxgov on Twitter.





