

Councillor Russell Walker

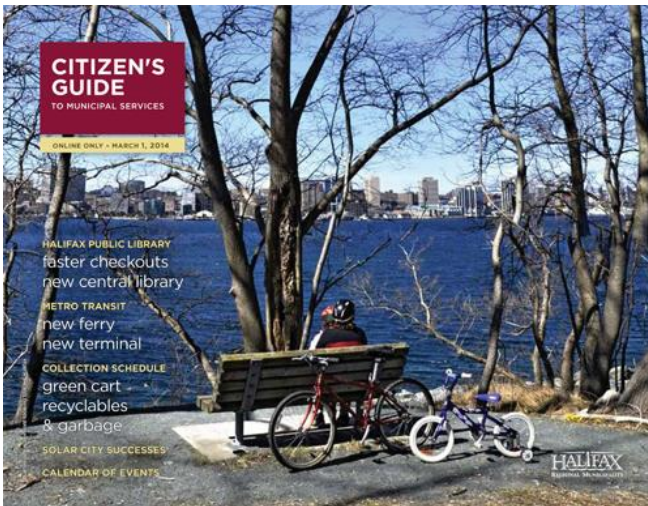
District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



HRM Citizen's Guide Now Available Online

- Green Cart & Garbage Collection Schedule
- Calendar of events, dates and deadlines



An updated version of the [HRM Citizen's Guide](#) is now available online. Rich with links, we trust you will be able to quickly and easily navigate to find the information on municipal services you are seeking.

This edition includes:

- Info on the new ferry and transit terminal
- Pictures of the new library
- Who to contact
- How to access services
- Householders Guide to Waste Management

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 Proposed Budget 2014/15

Tabling of HRM Operating and Project Budgets Rescheduled

Due to the impending snow storm, the Committee of the Whole meeting for Wednesday, April 26th is cancelled. HRM Chief Administrative Officer Richard Butts will now present the proposed 2014-15 operating and project budgets at a rescheduled Committee of the Whole meeting on **Tuesday, April 1st, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers.**

Meeting deliberations can be viewed live at www.halifax.ca/council/live/video.html.

For electronic copies of the proposed 2014-15 budgets, visit www.halifax.ca/budget.

objectives and for the effective stewardship of the financial and human resources. Board members are responsible for acting in the best interests of the organization, striving to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives set out. They are seeking individuals with a passion for making a difference in the community and professional experience in governance, legal, financial, human resources and sponsorship areas.

Principle Duties:

- Prepare for, attend, and participate in board or committee meetings
- Monitor the performance of the organization
- Approve the budget and monitor financial performance
- Keep informed about community issues relevant to the Society

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours/month (meetings, preparation, consultation)

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should apply in writing via email to: boardrecruitment@canadagamescentre.ca. Deadline for applications is April 16th, 2014. Applicants can find the application at: <http://canadagamescentre.ca/default.asp?mn=1.3.168>

The Selection Committee will be reviewing all applications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted further. There will be no appeal process or any information shared about applicants.

Application Deadline: April 16th, 2014 by 12pm

Screening & interviewing by Selection Committee: April 2014

Board Orientation: June 2014



Board Member Recruitment (Volunteer, 2 year Term)

Setting: Canada Games Centre is a national leading multi-purpose recreation and sport facility providing a centre for the community, promoting healthy and active living for citizens and a major new sports training and competition facility in Atlantic Canada. Visit: www.canadagamescentre.ca

Position Summary: The Board of Directors are collectively accountable for the performance of the organization in relation to its mission and strategic

Solid Waste – Proposed Changes at the Curb

On January 14, Halifax Regional Council approved the initiation process to change the Solid Waste By-law. The proposed changes could significantly improve the amount of waste diverted away from landfill, and improve program costs.

To be clear, **NO CHANGES** have been made yet. Once Council approves revisions to the by-law, which will take several months, there would then be a full public notification and education program before residents had to make changes at their curb.

By-law changes include:

- Clear bags for residential garbage (including HRM serviced condominiums): Clear bag programs work to change behaviour, increasing proper sorting of recyclables and organics. Residents will have the options to use one 'black privacy bag'.
- Reduce garbage bag collection limit from 6 to 4 bags for single unit dwellings (5 to 3 per unit for multi-unit properties of 6 units or less). The vast majority of residents already put out 4 or less coloured bags of garbage for collection. However, almost 50% of the materials placed in coloured garbage bags sent to the landfill should have been recycled or composted. In fact, there are still some residents who are not recycling or composting. This bag limit change, combined with clear bags will ensure that all HRM residents are doing their part at home.
- Boxboard out of the green cart: Residents may still use boxboard (i.e. cereal and cracker boxes) for food scraps, but extra boxboard will now be recycled with paper and cardboard.
- Separate leaf & yard waste collection in kraft paper bags only: All yard waste would be placed out in kraft paper bags or bundles as it is now. Green carts would only be used for household organics and food scraps. This change reduces program costs, improves the organics program in terms of compost processing outcomes and results in a higher quality

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compost product which will be returned to HRM for distribution to residents.

- Banning grass clippings from collection: Managing grass clippings on your lawn is a best practice for lawn care and is the right thing to do. It reduces organics program costs, eases facility capacity strain, and puts nutrients right back into your lawn. Education on mulching and its benefits will be provided.

For more information on these recommendations please visit www.Halifax.ca/Recycle or call 311.

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



HRM Implements Annual Spring Weight Restrictions



To minimize potential damage to streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality will introduce its annual spring weight restrictions for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads in the former County of Halifax areas, starting at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 17.

Those restrictions are expected to remain in place through to May 19, 2014. However, if the roads are stabilized prior to that date, the restrictions may be lifted earlier and HRM will issue a Public Service Announcement.

HRM's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR).

Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.asp>

HRM has arranged for the restrictions to be enforced by provincial Weight Enforcement personnel. This approach will ensure consistent enforcement on streets and roads throughout HRM.

Halifax Public Libraries' Home Delivery Service

The Library's Home Delivery Service operating out of the Halifax North Memorial Public Library has space for new clients living in the Halifax Peninsula, Clayton Park and Bedford areas of HRM. This service is available to residents who are unable to visit a library branch due to disability, long-term illness, or caregiver responsibilities.

Library materials are delivered to your home every three weeks by Library staff, free of charge. You can request specific items or have library staff help you choose books (including large print), magazines, audio-books and DVDs.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about Home Delivery, please call 490-5725.

The EPIC Canadian - Run for Canada

This Canadian-themed, 10K & 5K, is the BEST way for Runners and Walkers to celebrate the biggest holiday on the Canadian calendar.

Sprint, Run, Jog, Walk, or Stroll, Celebrate your Inner-Canadian in style with your best Red & White for the kickoff event of the EPIC Multisport Canada Day Weekend 2014. Single loop courses (New for 2014!) make a better event for BOTH the fast runners off the front, AND the Families and Walkers starting near the back - no one gets passed, and no one has to navigate through a crowd.

On June 28th the 10K event starts at 8:00 AM, and the 5K? *exactly* 90 minutes later, at 9:30 AM.

To register for this event visit:

<http://epiccanadian.ca/register/>

View the video on facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=607805419296149>

Rockingham Heritage Society Annual Dinner

The Rockingham Heritage Society Annual Heritage Dinner will be held at Saint Peter's Anglican Church Hall on **Saturday, April 5th, 2014 from 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm.**

Roast Turkey Dinner - \$17.00

Speaker: Jon Tattrie

Topic: Edward Cornwallis

Tickets from Kay Youle by calling 443-2076



The Nova Scotia SPCA is inviting suitable

candidates to apply to become a member of the Provincial Board of Directors.

It is a very exciting time to join the Board of Directors of the NS SPCA and now more than ever this group of dedicated individuals needs your time and skills to keep up with this pace of success. The Board of Directors is a Governance Board that oversees the affairs and business of the NS SPCA and establishes policies, rules and regulations to carry out the obligations and powers of the NS SPCA pursuant to the Animal Protection Act.

They are looking for candidates with a strong background in business, strategic planning, law or communications to help move forward in their mission to prevent abuse, neglect and cruelty to animals, and provide province-wide leadership on matters that promote and improve the welfare of all animals.



Visit: <http://www.spcans.ca/news.html> for call for applications, detailed information on eligibility, requirements of board members, and an application form.

Halifax Celebrates Earth Hour



Lights out! Join us this Earth Hour and help make a difference on March 29, 2014 from 8:30-9:30pm.

Reducing energy use saves money and reduces

our contribution to climate change all at the same time! Earth Hour is a grassroots initiative that began 8 years ago as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia and has since expanded to more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide. Earth Hour encourages individuals, businesses and communities to turn off non-essential lights for one hour as a visual symbolic act showing their commitment to the planet and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. HRM has participated in Earth Hour since 2009. Halifax Regional Council has committed to participating in this event by directing staff to turn off non-essential lights in municipal buildings during Earth Hour.

Like the idea of saving on energy costs? Check out Efficiency Nova Scotia for more ways to save through their free programs: www.efficiencyns.ca

Did you know?

Halifax Regional Council has adopted a target to reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions to 30% below 2008 levels by 2020. Find out more here: <http://www.halifax.ca/environment/documents/CorporateGreenhouseGasEmissionsReductionPlan2012Update.pdf>



HRM is calling on organizations and community groups to register their events for Bike Week 2014, taking place June 6 – 15.

The registration deadline to ensure the event is included in printed promotional material is midnight, April 7, 2014.

To register an event, visit www.halifax.ca/bikeweek.

HRM Bike Week is a ten day-long community event that aims to celebrate all forms of cycling, improve awareness of cycling safety and education as well as increase the numbers of people cycling throughout the region. There is something for everyone, even for those who do not own a bike.



HRM's Active Transportation Plan supports Bike Week and aims to encourage people of all ages and abilities to get outside and be more active. Last year's Bike Week welcomed over 6,000 participants to approximately 60 events.

Contact

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Halifax Regional POLICE

Emergency 9-1-1 Non-Emergency Dispatch 490-5020 Incident Reporting 490-5016



From e-mail claiming that your bank account has been compromised to phone calls advising that you've won a free cruise, fraudsters will use any opportunity to get their hands on your identity and/or your money.

To help safeguard you, throughout March we will be sharing information, tips and resources on identity theft, Internet-related fraud, debit card fraud and other common scams.



Golden rule - treat your personal and financial information like money. Don't leave it out in plain view, keep it in a secure place and carry only what you need with you.

For tips on how to protect yourself from fraud, please visit:
<http://www.halifax.ca/Police/FraudPreventionMonth.html>