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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
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## Compost Matters Requests Public Feedback on Future Composting Strategies

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking public feedback on how to shape the future of organic and compost management systems for our region. Compost Matters, an engagement and education process continues until December 1, 2016.

Residents are encouraged to take a brief online survey and provide feedback on important aspects related to the future organics management system for the municipality. The survey can be found here:

[shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/compost-matters/survey\\_tools/compost-matters](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/compost-matters/survey_tools/compost-matters)

Additional educational resources including videos, photos, reports regarding the current processing facilities and more can be found through the Shape Your City engagement hub at

[shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/compost-matters](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/compost-matters)

The municipality's current composting facilities are, without significant investment, nearing the end of their useful lives. The facilities have also reached their

processing capacity and new provincial composting maturity guidelines have been established. With additional investment required to manage organics, the municipality wishes to engage residents and hear their thoughts on which attributes are important when considering future compost systems and operations. Public input will help guide staff in the formation of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and a Request for Proposals (RFP). The goal is to have the new strategy operational by 2019/20.

The Halifax Regional Municipality thanks all residents for their feedback on Compost Matters.

## Halifax Public Gardens Closing This Weekend for the 2016 Season

A sure sign of colder temperatures and winter weather in the offing, the Halifax Public Gardens will be closing for the 2016 season at dusk on Saturday, November 5.

As in years past, the Public Gardens will be open by chance during the winter months provided the pathways are clear and safe for travelling, and staff is available to provide facility access. Visitors are reminded that services in the Public Gardens will be limited during the



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winter season; there will be no washroom facilities and the coffee shop will be closed until the spring.

For more information on the Halifax Public Gardens, please visit [www.halifax.ca/publicgardens](http://www.halifax.ca/publicgardens).



## Community Meeting and AGM

6:30 pm  
November 8  
Fairview Junior High School

Guest Speaker: Paul Shakotko, United Way

“What Makes a Great Neighbourhood Hub?”



## Change Your Clocks

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) wishes to remind you to ‘fall back’ this Saturday night before you go to bed. When you turn back your clocks by an hour you should also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. While you’re at it, check the expiry on the back of the smoke detector. The National

Fire Protection Association says smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. HRFE investigators frequently discover smoke alarms didn’t sound when they followed up on fire fatalities. Usually it’s either because the alarm has been disconnected or batteries were dead or taken out to be used for something else, and not replaced.

HRFE has a public education program called, ‘Alarmed and Ready’. The purpose of the program is to provide a smoke alarm, free of charge, for those in need. To place a request for a free smoke alarm call: 902-490-5590. This program also gives our front-line firefighters an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of an early warning device in the home, and to demonstrate to residents how to maintain and test their smoke alarms.



Women's only yoga classes take place at the Fairview United Church in the basement. Child care is provided at no cost at the

Fairview Family Centre. No registration required, contact Ruth at 902 443 9569 for more information.

[Find out more](#)



## Fairview Branch 142 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Halifax Fairview Branch 142 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron is a free to join program for youth age 12-18. They meet every Monday evening during the school year at the Halifax Armoury from 6:30-9:15 pm. They also offer summer camp opportunities, as well as the possibility to receive your private pilot’s license. You are invited to join them! For more details visit

[www.292aircadets.ca](http://www.292aircadets.ca)



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### Municipality to Review Stormwater Right-of-Way Charge

Regional Council has directed municipal staff to explore options to address storm water right-of-way charges moving forward including, but not limited to, charges being placed against condominium parking and storage spaces.

The stormwater right-of-way charge is a cost-recovery mechanism to help fund the municipality's share of the repair and maintenance of the stormwater systems that control water runoff from municipal roads.

In 2013, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board required Halifax Water to charge approximately 40 percent of its Stormwater Services costs to the municipality to cover stormwater flows from public roadways. For the past two years, this was collected through the Halifax Water bill. In June 2015, Regional Council decided to collect the charge through the property tax bill and, for 2016-17, directed that a stormwater right-of-way charge be set at \$42 per property for those properties within the Halifax Water Stormwater Service Area.

The stormwater right-of-way charge on the municipal tax bill applies to all taxable accounts, regardless of property value, size, or type. As a result, those who own a condo unit, as well as a separately deeded parking space and/or storage locker, are being charged for each separate assessment account. This affects approximately eight percent of condo owners, equating to approximately 900 accounts.

Regional Council has committed to revisiting this matter promptly and has directed staff to explore the feasibility of several options, which includes consideration of reimbursement for residents with condo parking and storage spaces. A staff recommendation report is anticipated to come before Regional Council for deliberation in November.

In the meantime, residents are reminded they are required to pay their entire tax bill in a timely manner. It will be important for those with concerns about multiple charges associated with the stormwater right-of-way charge to pay the charges so that proper arrangements can be made to address these payments, pending Regional Council's direction.



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### Type 2 Diabetes: A community conversation

- Do you have or support someone living with type 2 diabetes?
- Are you from the Clayton Park, Fairview or Rockingham area?

The Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) invites you to participate in a conversation about living with type 2 diabetes in your community. We want to learn more about the community supports and challenges that impact you as a person living with diabetes. Participants will also learn more about the CDA. Information on local diabetes education and support programs will be available.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Date:** November 21, 2016

Canada Games Centre  
26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax

**For more information or to register, contact:**  
1-800-326-7712 or  
nsinfo@diabetes.ca

Light refreshments will be served  
Free childcare available upon  
advance request



diabetes.ca | 1-800-BANTING (226-8464)

There are currently opportunities to volunteer with the Planning Advisory Committee, Grants Committee, Halifax Regional Library, Heritage Advisory Committee, Halifax Water Commission, Taxi & Limousine Liaison Group, and a number of other committees (13 in total). For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, residents can go [online](#) or call the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday or, you can attend the following information session:

- **What:** Municipal Boards and Committees information session
- **When:** Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Halifax Hall (City Hall), 1841 Argyle Street

Residents interested in volunteering can apply [online](#), or complete the online application and email it to [Clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:Clerks@halifax.ca), or send it by regular mail to the Municipal Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, N.S., B3J 3A5. Applicants may submit a resume or other pertinent information along with the completed application form.

Residents should note all appointments are made in accordance with the [Public Appointment Policy](#) adopted by Regional Council. We appreciate and thank all those interested in serving as a volunteer for the municipality.

## Looking for Volunteers – Municipal Boards and Committees

Are you looking to connect with your community? Why not consider volunteering on an advisory board or committee of Regional Council. The Halifax Regional Municipality is encouraging interested residents to submit their application no later than Monday, November 14.

## Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants Program 2016

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. In recognition of this significant date, the Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce the Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants Program 2016 in support of community-based projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations and charities to commemorate the centennial.

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The Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants Program is now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is on or before: **Wednesday, November 30, 2016**. An application form and program guidebook is available through the Halifax Regional Municipality Corporate Call Centre by dialing 311, on the municipality's website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/grants.php> or from municipal Customer Contact Centres. Locations listed on the HRM website. Inquiries should be directed to Halifax Regional Municipality Finance: Grants & Contributions at 902.490.7310 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm).

### Heating Assistance Rebate Program

Apply between October 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) helps with the cost of home heating for low-income Nova Scotians who pay for their own heat. Rebates range from \$100 to \$200. You can apply between October 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017. To qualify for the rebate, you must pay for your own heat and meet 1 of the following criteria:

- a net income of \$27,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependents
- have a combined net income of \$42,000 or less and live with kids, dependents, or other adults
- receive income assistance from the Department of Community Services
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement or the Allowance from Service Canada

If your personal or financial situation has changed since last year, you still may qualify. Examples of changes include becoming widowed, getting divorced or legally separated, losing your job, or having the custody of your children change. Contact Service Nova Scotia to find out if you qualify. For more information visit

<http://novascotia.ca/programs/heating-assistance-rebate-program/>

**FREE SKATE**  
*with*  
**URBAN PARENT**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH, 2016**  
**TIME: 3PM - 4PM**  
**PLACE: CENTENNIAL ARENA**

Urban Parent is an Online Resource & Free Activity Listings for Local Parents!  
Find out what is happening in HRM!  
Join our weekly E-Newsletter at [www.urbanparent.ca](http://www.urbanparent.ca)!

### Contact

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



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