

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



UFMP Takes Root: Fairview's Fall Tree Planting Program

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, Halifax Regional Council approved HRM's urban forest master plan (UFMP). HRM's urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public land. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about environmental stewardship.

Within a few weeks the fall planting season will begin. Fifty-four new street trees will be planted along Rosedale Avenue. In the W.D. Piercey Sports Field twenty trees will be planted to provide shade for players and spectators. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow tall to form a protective canopy cover. Fall planting starts in mid-October and will continue until the end of November.

The UFMP website will be updated on a regular basis to help you stay informed about upcoming planting schedules and volunteer opportunities in your neighbourhood. Visit the website at:

www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP



This spring one hundred and fifty-one new street trees were planted in the Fairview urban forest neighbourhood.



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

October Trail Challenge



During the month of October individuals, families, community groups and schools are encouraged to walk, hike, and/or bike trails in the Halifax Region. Great prizes are offered in this challenge. The Trail Challenge runs from October 1st – October 31st. For more information on how to participate please go to www.halifax.ca/trails

Solid Waste Resources Strategy

As part of Halifax Regional Municipality's community engagement program for the Solid Waste Resources Strategy Review, regional public event sessions will run from September 25th to October 24th. HRM staff is asking for public input to assist Regional Council in making an informed decision about how to improve the solid waste system. The community engagement process is designed to help residents gain a clear understanding of the information available and what is at stake so they can provide feedback on

what's working, what isn't, and how HRM can deliver the best system possible for many years to come.

The regional public event sessions are designed to both inform and engage. Attendees will learn and share their thoughts (in-person and online via www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca) on HRM's solid waste system, options recommended by consultants, and the potential implications of introducing or not introducing those options.

The first phase of community engagement sessions is complete. The first round focused on identifying the public's key priorities for making changes to the current solid waste system, while the second round will collect specific public feedback on the options being assessed within the strategy review.



At the end of the consultation process a report detailing the feedback of residents will be shared with Regional Council to inform its decisions regarding the future of the solid waste system.

Round 2 (all events run 7-9 p.m.)

October 16, 2013 **Dartmouth and vicinity**
Cole Harbour Place, Multipurpose Room
51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour NS

October 17, 2013 **Bedford and vicinity**
Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre
200 Innovation Drive, Bedford NS

October 23, 2013 **Eastern Shore and vicinity**
 Lake & Shore Community Recreation Centre,
 Multipurpose Room
 40 Inspiration Drive, Porter's Lake NS

October 24, 2013 **Halifax and vicinity**
 Halifax Forum, Maritime Hall
 2901 Windsor Street, Halifax NS

Coyote Sightings



If you happen to see a coyote, please contact the Provincial Department of Natural Resources to report the incident by

calling 1-800-565-2224 immediately. You may also report a coyote sighting online via the Department of Natural Resources website at:

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/be-coyote-smart.asp>

The regional office for the Department of Natural Resources is located at 2115 Waverley Road, telephone (902) 861-2560.

Shine a Light on a Volunteer

Do you know an outstanding individual or group making a difference in your community? Consider nominating them in one of three categories for the 2014 HRM Volunteer Awards. The three award categories include: adult, youth (ages 13-19), and community group.



For the nomination application, visit www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices or call (902) 490-6577. The application deadline is December 13th.

Placemaking Program



The Placemaking Program provides guidance and support to community members interested in hosting a street painting project in their neighbourhood street intersection. HRM provides staff support to seek necessary approvals and works collaboratively with community members to design accessible, creative and successful project plans. HRM also provides staff support for project painting days. Alternative Placemaking projects that do not include painting on the street may also be considered.

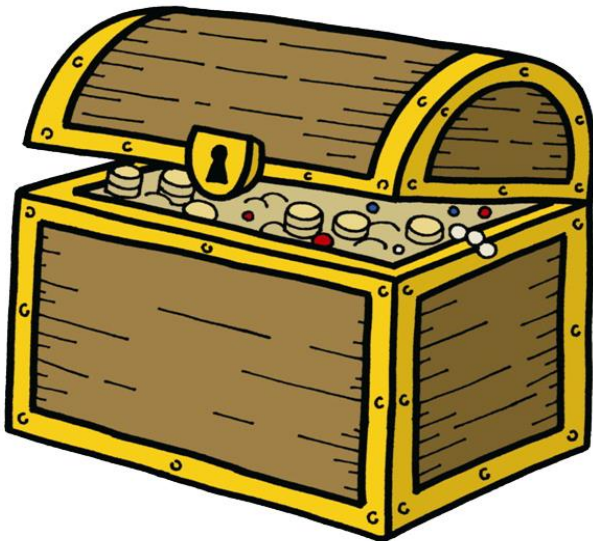
Neighbourhoods across HRM are invited to apply to paint their street through the Placemaking Program. The tool kit & application form can be found at

<http://www.halifax.ca/Culture/CommunityArts/documents/HRMPlacemakingApplication2013.pdf>

Applications are Due October 31st, 2013 for neighbourhoods wishing to paint in 2014.

For more information on how to apply for a Placemaking project in your neighbourhood contact: Kate MacLennan, Community Arts Facilitator, maclenk@halifax.ca, or (902) 490-4408.

Curbside Give Away Weekend



Curbside Give Away is a bi-annual event that promotes diversion of reusable items from landfill by offering items for others to claim. Since participation in Curbside Give Away is difficult to track, HRM wishes to reach out to residents via an on-line survey, to find out how the event is being received and if there is anything we can do to make it better. To participate in the survey, visit <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/CurbSideGiveawayFeedback/>

It's time to reduce your home's clutter, give someone the chance to reuse things you no longer need, by recycling your clean and working goods. The next dates are Saturday & Sunday, October 19th

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& 20th. Visit www.halifax.ca/wrms/CGAW.html for more details of this year's event.

Halifax Common celebrates 250 years



This year is the 250th anniversary of the Halifax Common and a series of events, are being organized by

the Friends of Halifax Common to celebrate the occasion from October 3rd – 6th. Events include public walks and talks, theatre, artist installations, book publications, and performances to commemorate the occasion. For more information please go to www.halifaxcommon.ca or call 220-1967.

Chain of Lakes Trail Meeting

Halifax Water will be hosting a community meeting on October 30th, 6:30-8:30 pm, to explain how the Lakeside Pumping Station Diversion Project will affect your use of the Chain of Lakes Trail. The meeting will be held at Bethany United Church, 7171 Clinton Avenue, just in from the Armdale Roundabout. To learn more about this issue in advance of the meeting, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/councillors/district10/news.html>

Nocturne 2013 – Mark your Calendar!



Experience our visual arts scene in a whole new light at Nocturne 2013. Art installations will be set up across Halifax and in downtown Dartmouth from 6:00 PM to midnight on October 19th. The event is free and a great opportunity to interact with our visual artists. Visit www.nocturnehalifax.ca for the full program and to sign up as a volunteer.

ensures the contents are transported to the correct processing facility. There is a 20 bag limit for curb side collection with a maximum weight limit of 25 kg (55 lb) per bag.

In accordance with HRM Streets By-Law S-300, Section 43, residents shall not sweep or deposit leaves in the gutter or roadway. The potential for street flooding is greatly increased when catch basins are clogged with leaves.

If you have any questions, please call 311. A complete Householders Guide for Waste Management is included in the annual HRM Citizen Calendar and on the HRM website at www.halifax.ca



As the leaves begin to change – so does our maintenance focus! Municipal Operations staff concentrate on winding down summer repair programs, seasonal clean up efforts and preparing for Winter operations. Residents are asked to place excess leaves in:

- the organics green cart,
- clear or orange plastic bags
- heavy paper bags

Bags should be placed beside your green cart for collection. Using the proper leaf collection bag helps haulers identify materials being collected and

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