

Councillor Russell Walker

District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Metro Transit is actively engaging citizens of HRM to help guide the development of the next Five Year Service Plan. As part of the first round of consultation for the plan, Metro Transit is asking some important questions to help determine how the broader HRM community values transit. Participants are asked to look beyond day to day operational issues, and think about what the goals of Metro Transit should be for the next five years.

Metro Transit's interactive website is now live on the HRM Web Engagement Portal! You can find it by following: <http://halifax.ca/movingforwardtogether/> and clicking on the "public engagement portal". This site allows participants many different ways to provide input towards the development of the plan, including a public forum, and an online survey. HRM would like to hear from as many citizens as possible, whether or not they are transit users.

Individuals who complete the survey before **September 30th** will be entered in a draw to win a free iPad Mini! Six public meetings are coming up next week.

Monday, September 9		
Session 1	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Agnes Hall, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax
Session 2	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	St. Agnes Hall, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax
Wednesday, September 11		
Session 3	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 45 Sackville Cross Road, Sackville
Session 4	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 45 Sackville Cross Road, Sackville
Thursday, September 12		
Session 5	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn Harbourview, 101 Wyse Road, Dartmouth
Session 6	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn Harbourview, 101 Wyse Road, Dartmouth



Emera Oval Fun Day
September 7th, 2013
Rain date 9-14-2013

Free!

Come to the Emera Oval for a fun FREE end of season kick off Saturday, September 7th, 2013 (rain date Sept. 14, 2013)

1-3pm for children and youth up to 18yrs

Canadian Tire Jumpstart sponsored activities:
soccer, volleyball, t-ball, rollerblading, hockey shoot-outs, scootering, toilet bowl racing, jumbo trike races, sport demonstrations, bouncy castles, face painting, giveaways, refreshments and more!

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Jumpstart

Motorists are asked to drive with caution and allow for additional time when travelling before, during and after school. Motorists are reminded that there has been a change to the speed limit in school zones. Since last September, the speed limit has been reduced to 30 km/h in areas where the approaching limit is 50 km/h, when children are present (outdoors, within 30 metres of the roadway). By reducing your speed, you'll have more time to react to the unexpected and avoid a dangerous incident. Slower is safer, as children are sometimes distracted and may forget to watch for cars. Welcome back students and be safe!



Back to School Safety



With students returning back to school, HRM Partners in Policing are asking motorists to drive with added caution. Thousands of students returning to school will mean more people and vehicles on the streets in HRM.

HRM Launches New Online Community Engagement Tool

Halifax Regional Municipality launched a new community engagement tool that provides innovative and more flexible options for residents to share their thoughts on HRM initiatives. The 'Shape Your City Halifax Community Engagement Hub' will increase opportunities for meaningful dialogue with residents. Consistent with HRM's Community Engagement Strategy, and building upon the Municipality's growing social media presence, this engagement tool takes online interaction to an important new level. To view the Community Engagement Strategy, please visit

<https://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/documents/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf>

HRM's Shape Your City Halifax Community Engagement Hub will be used to host information, feedback, and discussions regarding initiatives HRM has identified as having a public engagement component. Residents interested in participating in the latest option for community engagement are encouraged to visit <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca> and register.



Buying Firewood? Don't Get Burned



HRM Partners in Policing are warning citizens to be cautious when buying firewood. Each year, the HRP/RCMP Integrated Financial

Crime Unit investigates numerous complaints where citizens have ordered firewood but received less than the quantity for which they paid. These cases typically involve sellers who post their numbers on the side of the road or advertise on on-line advertisement sites, and often involve fraudulent receipts. To minimize your risk of being scammed, HRM Partners in Policing offer the following tips:

When ordering firewood:

- Always use reputable sellers. Contact the Better Business Bureau at 422-6581 or visit <http://atlanticprovinces.bbb.org/Find-Business-Reviews/> to verify the authenticity and reputation of sellers.
- Ask the seller to state the quantity of firewood being sold including the exact dimensions. A cord is defined as 128 cubic feet of stacked roundwood, wood stacked to measure 4' x 4' x 8', or 4' x 2' x 16' constitutes a cord because each stack occupies 128 cubic feet.
- Ask for the firewood to be delivered stacked in the truck so that you can measure it before it's unloaded. If the seller can't deliver the wood stacked in the truck, try to make arrangements

to pay a portion of the money when the firewood is delivered and the remainder after you've stacked and measured the wood.

When receiving firewood:

- Be present at the time of delivery; don't rely on a neighbor to accept delivery on your behalf.
- Ask for a receipt that shows:
 - the quantity including the exact measurements and type of firewood purchased
 - the seller's name, address and telephone number
 - the price paid
- Verify with the delivery person that the information on the receipt is correct, including the company name, address and phone number, and record the make, model and license plate number of the delivery vehicle and the name of the delivery person. In the event a fraudulent receipt is issued, having this information will help the investigation.
- If the firewood isn't stacked on the truck so that you can measure it, you should immediately stack and measure the firewood to calculate the quantity you received. If you have been short changed, contact the seller before using any of the firewood.

For more tips on buying firewood, visit

- <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/mc-mc.nsf/eng/lm03963.html>
- <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/publications/energy/buyfirewood.pdf>

If you think you have been the victim of a fraud, contact the HRP/RCMP Integrated Financial Crime Unit at 490-1985.



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



Boys & Girls Club
of Spryfield

**Are you passionate about making a difference in
your community?**

**Do you care about the path that our children and
youth are on?**

Take action and become involved.

Public Call for Volunteers

The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield is seeking energetic and passionate people from a diverse range of backgrounds to join their Board of Directors and Fund Development Teams. Do you have the skill set and can give 2-5 hours per month to support and assist their Team in providing “A good place to be” for all children/youth? Can you spearhead a Fundraising Plan? Can you volunteer to provide professional services when needed? **If so, The Boys & Girls Club of Spryfield needs you!**

Volunteer Board/Fundraising Committee members must be willing to commit to attending monthly meetings in addition to being involved in selected committee work and Ad-hoc groups as needed. The monthly time commitment can vary but on average you will be asked to contribute between 2-5 hours a month. The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield is a not for profit, charitable organization that offers after school programming and mentorship to the children and youth in the communities of Fairview and Spryfield. They offer programs that both utilize and build on the strengths, assets and goals of the individual’s needs. Operating on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada’s mission statement and core values, they assist in strengthening the belief that all children can reach their full potential which strengthens their overall goal to reduce the number of children and youth who may become involved in the criminal justice system. This is done while promoting and encouraging safe and

healthy living environments for the children and youth they serve.

Services and programs include, but are not limited to, asset building, mentorship, homework help, leadership training, healthy cooking, physical activity, Sports, music, singing, fine arts, crafts, day camps etc. They also work to maintain an atmosphere of patience, tolerance, acceptance of diversity, inclusion and building respect for others and ourselves.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful opportunity to support children and youth and to be part of a team of committed, dedicated volunteers that play a crucial part in ensuring our children and youth have a safe, supportive place where they can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life, then please respond with your resume and a cover letter detailing why you would like to join their team. The Boys & Girls Club of Spryfield thanks you for your consideration.

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