



**COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**  
DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

## Blue Mountain Birch Cove Park

I am pleased to report that Halifax Regional Council voted against development plans for the Blue Mountain Birch Cove wilderness area on Tuesday.

This is a great step. Regional Council has given staff the authority to start negotiating both the boundary and the acquisition of land. The next report should be coming back to Council within the next six months. It will be a much more refined program on how to get from where we are now to looking at how to achieve the objectives of the park that have been expressed in the regional plan.



For more information on the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Park, including next steps please visit:  
<https://www.halifax.ca/property/bluemountainbirchcovelakes.php>

I would like to thank the many residents who submitted comments, suggestions or concerns to Regional Council on the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Park.

## Mobile Food Market in Fairview

The Mobile Food Network at Titus Park continues until September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. Upcoming dates are: September 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, visit their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mobilefoodmarket> or their official website <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>.

## Back To School Safety

With the start of the school year, police are asking that you do your part to keep streets safe for students as they head back to the classroom.

Thousands of students returned to school which means more people and vehicles on our roadways. Motorists are asked to drive with caution and allow for additional time when travelling before, during and after school.



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Keep in mind that the speed limit in school zones is 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). Where the approaching speed limit is higher than 50 km/h, drivers are required to reduce speed to a maximum of 50 km/h when children are present. By reducing your speed, you'll have more time to react to the unexpected and avoid an incident. Slower is safer, as children are sometimes distracted and may forget to watch for cars.

Remember that passing school buses in either direction when the red lights are flashing, regardless of the number of lanes of traffic, not only puts people in danger, but is illegal and carries substantial fines.

Please avoid shortcutting in and around school areas if possible. Obey posted signs as well as crossing guards' directions, watch out for children crossing the street and remember that crosswalks are not always marked. Essentially, every intersection is a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked.

HRP school officers and community officers, as well as the HRP/RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit, will be out and about in school zones throughout the municipality during the month of September to educate motorists, enforce motor vehicle regulations and ensure a safe start to the school year.

### Recruiting Event - 292 Halifax Fairview Branch 142 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

292 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. They also offer summer camp opportunities, as well as the possibility to receive your private pilot's license. Their first night back is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:15 p.m. and you are invited to join them! For more details visit

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

### Dutch Village Road Plan



Help us shape how Dutch Village Road should grow!

Dutch Village Road Plan is going to public hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup>. At the public hearing, the public will be invited to speak about their thoughts or concerns with the proposal.

For more detailed information about the Dutch Village Road Plan, please visit:

<http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/dutch-village-road>

### Why do you vote?

Tell us for a chance to win prizes in our new #halifaxvotesbecause contest. The Halifax Regional Municipality wants to get voters talking and sharing their thoughts on the municipal and school board elections this fall through the first ever #halifaxvotesbecause social media contest.

Residents are invited to submit videos and images sharing their thoughts on why they vote in the municipal and/or school board elections. The contest starts on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and runs for six weeks, with



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weekly prize winners selected by random draw. A grand prize recipient will be chosen by drawing from the previous five weekly winners on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the day before the election (October 15<sup>th</sup>). Weekly prizes include event tickets, gift certificates, transit passes and other promotional items such as T-shirts and water bottles. The grand prize winner receives a tablet. To submit your entry, participants must use “#halifaxvotesbecause” and “#contest” in a post via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Posts can be images or brief videos stating “I vote because...”. Participants are encouraged to be creative and respectful with their entries.

All entrants must be 19 years or older and a resident of the Halifax Regional Municipality. There is a limit of one entry per person.

The municipality wishes all participants luck and thanks those who help spread the word about the upcoming municipal and school board elections through this new social media initiative. For full contest details, please visit: [halifax.ca/halifaxvotesbecause](http://halifax.ca/halifaxvotesbecause)

### Are you on the list?

Revisions to municipal voters list began on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. As the municipal election approaches on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Halifax Regional Municipality encourages all eligible voters to check and verify their voting information is accurate.

Take a moment and check your information here: <https://www.halifax.ca/election/>

If you are not on the list or your information has changed, please contact the Voter Help Line at 902.490.VOTE (8683) or 1-844-301-VOTE (8683) as soon as possible to ensure you are listed correctly to vote in the upcoming municipal, Halifax Regional School Board and CSAP elections.

Revisions to the voters list can be made until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Voter Help Line is now open until Election Day, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and is available to assist from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For full election details, including information about e-voting and advance polls, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/election/>

There are many ways to vote in the upcoming municipal election. The first step is to make sure you are on the list.

The municipality thanks all eligible voters for taking part.



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome BBQ was postponed due to weather and will now be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to

2:00 pm at the South Commons in Halifax.

Free family event with entertainment, games, food and music. Free BBQ while supplies last. Bringing newcomers and current residents together to build relationships and make connections.

### 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<sup>th</sup>, 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 located at:

- Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, 2nd floor, Dartmouth
- Acadia Centre, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville
- Musquodoboit Harbour Strip Mall, Corner of Highway 7 & East Petpeswick Road
- Bayer's Road, 7071 Bayer's Road, 2nd floor, Halifax,
- Scotia Square Mall, 5201 Duke Street, 1st floor, Halifax

Inquiries should be directed to Halifax Regional Municipality Finance: Grants & Contributions at 902.490.7310 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm).

## Curbside Give Away Weekend



Free up some space and get some free stuff! Give your clutter a second life with HRM's Curbside Give Away Weekend October 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Your old armchair could be someone's new throne. Your old lamp could be someone's masterpiece. **This event will happen RAIN or SHINE. Please use your discretion when deciding whether or not to put items at the curb.** The aim of this

weekend's event is to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in our landfill by diverting unwanted items to be re-used! Reusing and Recycling household items instead of discarding them reduces pressures on our municipal facilities, and is a great way to get rid of your under-used items, and find some great FREE items of your own! **On Curbside Give Away Weekend:**

- Place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home on Friday evening;
- Only place items for "FREE" with "Free" stickers or signs on items;
- Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday;
  - Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations;
  - Place any garbage for collection on your regular garbage day and week. [Regular limits and preparation is required.](#)

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK -

[Facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles) and Twitter @hfxgov. Share your curbside finds using #hfxcurbside

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