



COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT
DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS
DARTMOUTH SOUTH - EASTERN PASSAGE

MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

Happy April and welcome spring! Though we had a little bit of early spring snow it seems brighter and warmer days are finally ahead.

Easter is just around the corner, and I hope that you can spend some well-deserved time with family and friends over the holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind folks that spring registration is now open for our recreation and aquatic programs. A friendly reminder that registration for parents seeking inclusion support during summer camps closes on April 12. More information can be found below in this newsletter.

Budget deliberations have concluded with final budget approval coming to Regional Council on April 25. You can learn more about the budget and process [here](#). Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any of your municipal questions or concerns.

Warmly,

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.





APRIL IS WORLD AUTISM MONTH

Each April is World Autism Month.

The month is focused on sparking dialogue and action to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism and creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.



Instead of seeing autism as a disorder, people use the term “neurodiverse” to recognize the rich differences, abilities, and strengths autistic people and other neurodiverse people have.

Let’s be kind, accepting and inclusive all year-round. There is so much to learn from those who see and experience the world differently.

RAMADAN 2023

I wish a meaningful holy month to all Muslims in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and around the world who celebrate Ramadan.

It is comforting to know that many Muslims will be able to gather this year to meet and pray together at Masjids during Ramadan without pandemic restrictions.

In practicing the self-restraint and gratitude that Ramadan involves, adult Muslims fast from dawn until dusk at this time and exhibit goodwill through acts of kindness and charity.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. Ramadan is expected to last from March 22 to April 21 in 2023. However, these dates can vary slightly depending on the crescent moon’s appearance.

Ramadan Mubarak – Blessed Ramadan!



RCMP Town Hall



MUNICIPALITY IMPLEMENTS SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

To minimize potential damage to municipal roads, HRM introduced its annual spring weight restrictions on March 5th.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads. Residents can view which roads are exempt from spring weight restrictions on a [map](#). Regular weight tolerances apply on exempt roads.

The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place into the spring, at which time the municipality will advise when the restrictions are lifted.

The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works. More details of vehicle restrictions can be found [online](#).

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR PARKS & RECREATION SPRING PROGRAMMING



HRM is advising residents that registration has opened for spring recreation programs.

Parks & Recreation offers a variety of innovative, cost-effective programming lead by local, passionate instructors in a judgement-free zone. Programming is offered in a variety of fields – including health, wellness, outdoor and artistic – and is available for residents of all ages and abilities.

Many programs are available at residents' [local community centres](#), limiting travel time, and the [Recreation Affordable Access Program](#) provides discounted recreation opportunities for children, youth and adults in financial need.

Registration for **recreation programs** and **aquatics programs** is now open.

Residents are also reminded that [registration](#) for parents seeking **inclusion support** during summer camps closes on April 12th.

A full list of all programs can be found [here](#).

To learn more, and to register through your MyRec account, visit our [website](#).

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS EXPO 2023
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
EPABA.COM/EVENTS

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Island View High School
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Selling & Sampling permitted
Members & Non-Members Welcome

hosted by **epaba**
Eastern Passage & Area
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



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SPEED LIMIT CHANGES TO HINES ROAD AND CALDWELL ROAD

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the speed limit will be reduced on segments of Hines Road and Caldwell Road in Shearwater/Eastern Passage.

Hines Road between Raptor Way and Caldwell Road will be reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h. Caldwell Road between Hines Road and De Said Lake will be reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h. Caldwell Road between Hines Road and Civic 1500 will be reduced from 70 km/h to 60 km/h.

This change is a result of an assessment of the corridor related to changes in conditions and activities along the roadway.

This effort supports the municipality's [Strategic Road Safety Plan](#) which aims to reduce fatal and injury collisions on municipal roadways. For more information about the Strategic Road Safety Plan and other road safety countermeasures, visit our [website](#).



RCMP Regimental Dinner

2023-24 TO 2025-26 HALIFAX PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY APPROVED

An updated Halifax Public Safety Strategy has been approved for 2023-24 to 2025-26.

The Halifax Public Safety Strategy is a strategic framework for guiding all municipal decision-making regarding public safety. The four strategic priorities of this framework include:

1. Building Resident Resilience;
2. Ensuring Safe Spaces;
3. Strengthening Communities; and,
4. Preventing and Reducing Crime.

The Halifax Public Safety Strategy adheres to the municipality's mandate to sustain safe and viable communities and is built on an understanding that partnerships with the province and other stakeholders are vital to moving this work forward in a meaningful and sustained way.

Throughout the development of the updated Halifax Public Safety Strategy, consultations occurred both internally with business units and Regional Council, and externally with community stakeholders and service providers.

Additional external engagement with service providers, community organizations, and communities will continue as the actions within the strategy are advanced, including the establishment of a community voice and advisory structure.

For more information, read the [staff report](#).



**PUBLIC HEARING:
CASE 24573 – 519 COW BAY ROAD**

ROMS KAIG Spryfield Ltd have submitted an application to develop a multi-unit residential building containing 12 units through the Development Agreement process at 519 Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage.

The applicant wishes to develop the property by building a 2-storey, 12-unit residential dwelling. Policy UR-8 of the Municipal Planning Strategy for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay enables multiple unit dwellings to be considered by Council through a development agreement process.

The proposed development includes the following:

- 2 storey development that contains 12 residential units.
- The design contains 1 two-bedroom + den units, 3 two-bedroom units, 4 one-bedroom + den units, and 4 one-bedroom units (one barrier-free).
- On-grade 16 vehicle parking spaces
- 10 bicycle parking spaces

The [development plans](#) outline the development proposal in detail, and include information related to driveway access, parking locations, building elevations, landscaping and other design details.

The community engagement process has been completed. The consultation was achieved through providing information and seeking comments through the HRM website, signage posted on the subject site and letters mailed to property owners within the notification area.

A staff report was considered by Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council on Monday, March 27. The staff report is available [here](#). HEMDCC decided to move forward with considering the proposal, and a public hearing has been scheduled.

A public hearing will be held by Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Landing, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

All oral and written submissions will be considered at the meeting. Information on how to sign up in advance to speak can be found [here](#). Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5; by fax, 902.490.4208; or by e-mail clerks@halifax.ca.

Written submissions should be received by the Municipal Clerk’s office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact the planner at 782-641-5657 or Yanan.Gou@halifax.ca.





LITTER CLEAN UP RESOURCES



Residents and groups looking to clean up litter in their communities can access programs supported by HRM Solid Waste Resources.

Between the months of April to November, residents of HRM can register with the Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up (GNSPMU) by visiting their [website](#). GNSPMU is coordinated by Divert Nova Scotia and is supported in part by HRM. Upon registration, residents can pick up their free litter cleanup kit, which consists of litter bags and nitrile gloves, at their local Halifax Public Library or at one of the three Customer Service Centres located throughout HRM.

In addition to providing litter kits, HRM also provides three different disposal options for residents participating in the GNSPMU program. These disposal options include:

1. Placing the materials curbside to be collected on your next garbage collection day if it does not exceed curbside bag limits.
2. Taking the materials directly to the Otter Lake landfill for disposal. HRM will waive tipping fees for any groups or residents who are registered with the GNSPMU.

3. Residents can also get the materials picked by HRM road operations. Residents who choose this disposal option must contact 311 two weeks prior to their litter clean up date to help ensure that the materials are collected.

Residents and groups who are looking to complete litter cleanups during the winter months can contact wasteless@halifax.ca directly to access litter kits and to arrange for pickup from their cleanup event.

If residents have any additional questions about our litter programs, they can contact wasteless@halifax.ca or visit our [website](#).

Birds & Nature of Eastern Passage & Cow Bay

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

FREE WORKSHOP
ALL AGES
ALL SKILL LEVELS
10 AM - NOON

Fisherman's Cove Heritage Centre, Eastern Passage



CHANGES TO PARKING PERMITS

As of Saturday, April 1, changes to annual parking permit fees, visitor parking permits, commuter permits, carshare parking and the ability to purchase second permits will be in effect.

- Annual parking permit fees will increase from \$40/year to \$75/year.
- Residents can purchase a second annual parking permit for \$175/year.
- Annual visitor parking permits will shift to pay-per-use:
 - One day: \$15
 - Two days: \$25
 - Seven days: \$35
- Carshare vehicles will be able to park at any on-street paid parking location.
- Commuter permits will see price increases or price decreases, depending on the zone. Student commuter permits will change from a flat rate of \$35/month to \$10/month discount off the regular zone price.
- All permits will shift to a digital format, removing the need for replacement fees.

These changes, supported by amendments to [By-law P-1200](#) and approved by Regional Council, will streamline purchases, increase flexibility and create efficiencies in a new digital format. These changes are also based on resident feedback and will better align with residents' needs and reflect the cost of administering these programs.

All current parking permits will remain valid until they expire.

For more details, visit our [website](#).



EPABA banner project cheque presentation



CACP Conference in Ottawa with Chief Kinsella



UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



There is one Regional Council meeting scheduled for April. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- April 25th

I look forward to participating in this meeting, and I hope you can join us – in person or by tuning in on YouTube! Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees [here](#).

Meeting agendas (including the specific start time of 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) and a link to watch the video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports on the items that councillors vote on are available and are linked throughout the meeting agenda.

HEMDCC NOW STREAMED ONLINE

As part of continued efforts to support open and accessible meetings, webcasts will now be available from the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council Chamber (60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth), thanks to some recent technical upgrades. This means that all Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council (HEMDCC) meetings that take place at that location will be streamed online for residents to watch. This follows a soft launch webcast pilot that occurred at the HEMDCC meeting on January 12th. This pilot was a success and the [video from this meeting can be found here](#).

Where to watch:

The HEMDCC webcast will be live on HRM's [YouTube channel](#) and [agenda postings](#). Stay tuned for the video link to be shared closer to the next HEMDCC meeting, scheduled for April 20th.

Other webcast opportunities:

Due to the ability to webcast in this room, this space will also be available to other meeting bodies. Other meetings may take place there in the future, and if they do, they may also be webcasted. For example, Regional Centre Community Council also uses this space. Community Councils that do not use this space will not have a webcast, aside from Halifax and West Community Council (meetings occur in Council Chambers, which also has the capacity to webcast).



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WORK WITH HRM'S RECREATION TEAM THIS SUMMER!

Are you a student or young adult looking for a summer job that offers more than minimum wage? Check out exciting opportunities with HRM's recreation team this summer!



There are a variety of positions available in recreation programming, aquatics and inclusion support. These fun summer jobs pay \$16.30 to \$19.30 per hour.

Visit our [website](#) for a full list of postings until April 16th.

DISTRICT 3 RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATS: FEBRUARY 2023

Calls for service were down 22% in February from last year.

RCMP responded to 159 calls for service including issuing tickets for 5 summary offences, 1 cell phone use, 2 speeding offences and 3 other motor vehicle act violations like lack of registration and insurance.

There was 1 impaired driving charge and 1 suspension in February and RCMP completed 22 traffic stops. They also responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, versus 7 in February 2022. For more information on our RCMP's work in the community, see their [website](#).

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SIGNS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in a slow down sign for your lawn/personal property, please email me. These signs are made of plastic and come with the lawn stakes for installation. Please be informed that the District 3 "Please Drive Slowly" signs are NOT a traffic calming measure, and they have no authority to direct or slow down traffic or make children safer on the streets.



CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at becky.kent@halifax.ca or 902-478-5368. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311. To reach my office, please call Emily Simonov at 902-490-7177.

To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Emily at smithem@halifax.ca.

For information on all things municipal, please visit our [website](#).