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DISTRICT 3 ONLINE NEWS

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### MESSAGE FROM BECKY

Hello District 3 Residents,

It has been a very difficult and devastating week for us as a municipality and a province. As we continue to deal with the on-going wildfires across the province, my heart is heavy. My thoughts and concern are with the people and families who have been impacted and indirectly impacted by the wildfires. We need to wrap our arms around the impacted communities and offer our support in any way we can.

I want to send a huge thank you to all our First Responders and staff behind the scenes. The dedication to your work and community is unparalleled and you are appreciated more than you know.

You can find detailed information and links to resources relating to the on-going wildfires in this newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish a very happy Father's Day to all the wonderful Dad's out there! We appreciate all that you do.

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.*





## PROVINCIAL BURN BAN

As crews battle multiple fires, there is a **zero-tolerance policy** in effect for burning during the outdoor burning ban. Fines will be issued against those who are burning outdoors, which includes **penalties up to \$25,000** (an increase from \$10,000, as [announced](#) by the Province of Nova Scotia). Any person responsible for fire spread can also be required to pay all expenses related to controlling or extinguishing the fire, and all related fire damages.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Outdoor fires
- Campfires
- Fireworks and other pyrotechnics

Residents are also strongly urged to properly dispose of cigarettes and other smoking materials.

## WOODED AREAS OF MUNICIPAL PARKS CLOSED

In addition to the Province of Nova Scotia [restricting](#) travel and activities in wooded areas, the municipality has closed all wooded areas of municipal parks and all municipal trails.

Parks such as Shubie Park, Point Pleasant Park and Admiral Cove Park will be fully closed, as they are heavily wooded. However, non-wooded areas of municipal parks, such as greenspaces, playgrounds, sports fields and ball diamonds will remain open for use. Examples of non-wooded parks are the Halifax Common and Sullivan’s Pond.

For parks which have both wooded and non-wooded areas, the wooded areas are closed and the non-wooded areas remain open. An example of this would be Fort Needham Memorial Park where the monument, playground and sports field remain open but the wooded section is closed.

Please visit: [halifax.ca/fire](http://halifax.ca/fire) or follow [@hfxgov](https://twitter.com/hfxgov) on Twitter for all fire updates.

## UNITED WAY WILDFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL

United Way Halifax is launching the United Way Wildfire Recovery Appeal to support communities



impacted by the wildfires across Nova Scotia as they recover and rebuild.

Communities need a wide variety of supports and services when rebuilding after a climate change disaster such as a wildfire. Although there is not yet a full understanding of community needs, this fund will likely support things like basic needs, groceries, connection and mental health supports.

To make a donation to the wildfire recovery appeal, visit their [website](#) and click on the “donate now” button.

Emera Inc. is making a \$125,000 donation to kickstart the campaign. In addition, Emera will provide up to \$125,000 in matching funds to double the impact of individual donations.



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## 2023 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

I want to wish a big congratulations to this year's District 3 Citizenship Award recipients. Thank you for your dedication to your community. Well done!



Aryanna Vicars, Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School



Madeleine Filmore, Ellenvale Junior High School

## BAYSWATER ROAD ASPHALT OVERLAY AND TRAFFIC CALMING

HRM approved 2023/24 Capital Budget provides for the asphalt overlay of Bayswater Road from Regal Road to Regal Road. This involves removing and replacing the upper layer of existing asphalt pavement. This work will also include some curb replacement. Additionally, under the Traffic Calming Administrative Order, a review of Bayswater Road was completed which included the collection of vehicle speed and volume data as well as other features of the roadway. As a result, Bayswater Road was identified as eligible for traffic calming measures. Speed tables were selected as the appropriate traffic calming measure for Bayswater Road.

For more information regarding the traffic calming program in HRM, please visit our [website](#).

Please contact Ben Corkum at 902-399-4924 or email [ben.corkum@halifax.ca](mailto:ben.corkum@halifax.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

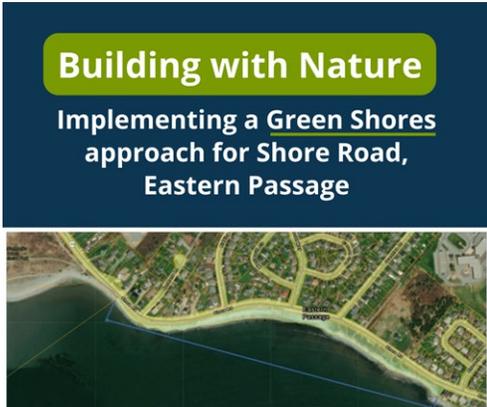


Ariane Irasubiza, École secondaire Mosaique



**\$5 MILLION IN FUNDING  
ANNOUNCED FOR THE GREEN  
SHORES CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT  
FOR SHORE ROAD**

I am elated to share great news that federal funding has been secured for an infrastructure project which aims to address climate adaptation in District 3 on Shore Road in Eastern Passage.



The Building with Nature Project will build infrastructure along a 555 metre stretch of vulnerable coastal road on Shore Road in Eastern Passage. This has been a municipal priority area, as the site has experienced storm impacts, including shoreline erosion, undercutting of the road and resulting road closures.

This road is a key access point for residents, and is a critical emergency management route and bus route to the community of Eastern Passage. To date, traditional hard infrastructure approaches have been used to mitigate the risk to this area, including rip rap and armour stone being constructed along the road. However, with increasing pressures from climate change, there is a dire need for a new long-term solution.

The Building with Nature project will bring protection to the road, and restoration to the coastal erosion along the shoreline and the area’s ecosystems that has disappeared over time. As part of the shoreline rehabilitation, a raised permeable waterfront trail will be installed, along with more trees, native shrubs and grasses, and rain gardens. This will provide public access to the beauty and nature in District 3, as well as stormwater management elements to improve the quality of stormwater runoff reaching the ocean.

This approach to creating a Green Shore reflects the Green Shores for Shoreline Development Program, a rating system for natural and hybrid shorelines that seeks to restore physical processes, maintain or enhance habitat function, reduce pollutants in the aquatic environment, and reduce cumulative impacts on shoreline environments.

The Building with Nature Project is in alignment with the Halifax Regional Municipality’s Green Network Plan and our climate action plan, HalifACT, one of the most ambitious climate action movements in Canada. As a community, it’s imperative that we continue to adapt and prepare for the impacts of climate change while protecting our natural environment.

The project has a total joint investment of \$5 million, \$3 million of which is funded through the Government of Canada’s Infrastructure Fund, and a contribution of \$2 million from the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Our community is full of vibrancy, being home to over 27,000 residents, with so many incredible, natural landscapes to explore and enjoy. This



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investment marks a significant milestone for our region and emphasizes a commitment to both preserving and safeguarding our environment, allowing future generations to experience the awe-inspiring beauty and serenity of our region for years to come.

For more information on the project, please visit our [website](#).

## TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



The municipality’s annual tree planting program ensures the continued health of our urban forest and contributes to our climate action goals. Beginning in mid-May, the Halifax Regional Municipality will plant approximately 2,500 trees throughout right-of-way spaces and other municipally-owned land.

Tree planting supports Regional Council-approved initiatives, including the Urban Forest Management Plan and HalifACT. Learn more about our tree planting program [here](#).



Green Shores Funding Announcement



Minister Brad Johns and I



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## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR READY FOR SUMER REC



The Ready for Rec Outdoor Camp offers an inclusive and supported environment for youth (13-18) with disabilities to learn and explore nature. Participants will engage in a combination of structured and unstructured seasonal activities, such as nature walks, scavenger hunts, creative expression and free play. This program offers one-to-one staffing if needed.

To register for Ready for Rec youth programs, please contact [inclusion@halifax.ca](mailto:inclusion@halifax.ca)

To learn more about our Ready for Rec programs, visit our [website](#).

Register now for Ready for Rec summer programs for youth 13-18.

Date: Weeks of July 4, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 and August 8  
Time: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Location: Central Spryfield Elementary School, 364 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield

This fun summer program is designed for youth with disabilities aged 13-18. Participants will explore the community and learn new things along the way. The focus is healthy living through fun recreation activities. Participants should be able to be in a group of two or three campers to one staff member.

### Ready for Rec youth outdoor fun

Date: Weeks of Aug. 14 and Aug. 21  
Time: 10 a.m.- 2p.m.  
Location: Shubie Park (drop off by the Fairbanks Centre)



Congratulations to Doris and Donald Warwick on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



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### PARK LIGHTING STRATEGY



The Halifax Regional Municipality has over 900 parks in urban, suburban and rural settings that are used for a variety of recreation and leisure purposes. In some circumstances, parks are also locations through which people travel between destinations. While parks are typically used during daylight hours, park lighting needs to be considered to accommodate evening use as well. Currently, there is no formal process to evaluate when and where lighting might be installed, and which parks, or areas within parks, should be prioritized.

A Park Lighting Strategy is being developed to address the safe use and passageway in parks. The information gathered through this survey will help shape the process, criteria, prioritization, and design of spaces within parks that could be considered for lighting.

The engagement program is organized into two tasks:

**Task 1** includes a few questions about you and preferences for lighting.

**Task 2** includes interactive maps for you to highlight your experiences in parks as they relate to lighting.

The engagement program will be available until June 11. Paper copies of the survey can also be collected from all branches of the Halifax Public Libraries. If you require special accommodation to participate in the engagement program, please contact Stephen Cushing at [cushins@halifax.ca](mailto:cushins@halifax.ca).

For all information and to access the survey, visit our [website](#).



RCMP 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### NEW TRAFFIC CALMING ASSESSMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE WEB MAP

The municipality has just released a new traffic calming map on our [website](#) that enables public users to check in on the status of any traffic calming assessment. This new map replaces the previous lists posted online and will be updated on a frequent basis.



## AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

With the Halifax Regional Municipality's **Affordable Access Program** you only need one application to apply for:

- Affordable Transit Pass (applications open mid-May and processed on a first-come, first-served basis)
- Recreation programming funding (applications are open year-round with no deadline)
- Property tax payment assistance (deadline of August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill)

To learn more, to see if you qualify, or to apply, call 311 or visit our [website](#).



RCMP 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## UPCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two Regional Council meetings scheduled for June. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays:**

- June 6<sup>th</sup>
- June 20<sup>th</sup>

I look forward to participating in these meetings, 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.

## COW BAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

There will asphalt and shoulder repair on the Cow Bay Road, between Dyke and Bissett Roads and Bissett Road and the Rainbow Haven Park Bridge. This project supports the [2021-25 Regional Council Strategic Priorities Plan](#) to establish a safe and accessible integrated mobility network.



**The work is expected to be complete by June 12.** Stop-and-go traffic will be in place while work is underway. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to take alternative routes whenever possible.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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).

## SILVER SANDS BEACH ACCESS UPDATE

The matter of the neighbouring resident obstructing the public from walking from the municipal public parking at the Cow Bay Park to the Silver Sands Beach was before the Court on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In front of the Judge, it was acknowledged that the neighbouring resident had breached HRM's easement rights and the prior June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Order of the Court. It was agreed by the parties that the neighbouring resident would pay HRM \$7,000 in damages for those breaches. HRM will be proceeding shortly to remove obstacles that HRM perceives as impeding reasonable public access across the neighbouring resident's property.

Unfortunately, there remains a fence and locked gate preventing public travel to the Silver Sands Beach across the lands of an adjoining property owner. While HRM has an easement for maintenance and emergency access across these lands, there is no public right to cross them and the owner has signage making it a trespass for members of the public to be on that property. HRM is pursuing options to precure the ability of the public to access these lands, but in the interim requests that the public respect private property rights.





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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:smithem@halifax.ca).

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

### RCMP Road Safety Stats

April 1 2023, District 3 Eastern Passage

- 224 Calls for Service in April 2023 - Up 0.9% over same period in 2022
- 7 Summary Offence Tickets (same issued in April 2022)
  - 3 speeding, 4 other MVA (e.g., no insurance, no registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 45 Proactive Assignments (vs. 63 in April 2022)
- 12 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 46 Traffic Stops (vs. 48 in April 2022)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charges (same as April 2022)
- 0 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 1 in April 2022)
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents (same as April 2022)
  - 1 of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as April 2022)

**Please Drive Safely!**