



WELCOME JANUARY!



A brand-new year has arrived and with it, hopes for a budget that will help us to continue providing exceptional programs and services to you

with the least impact on your personal budgets. Over the next few months, my Council colleagues and I will be working hard to bring forward a budget that will see taxes increase as little as possible, considering the budget constraints we face to meet the requirements of recent union negotiations, fuel charges and the rising cost of essential services such as Police and Fire.

Some positive items to look forward to in 2019 include Halifax Transit's design for a new terminal at Mumford Road, continuation of the Low-Income Transit Pass Program and, later in the year, increased bus service along Purcells Cove Road and up Williams Lake Road. Another positive is the motion coming to Regional Council this month on single-use plastic. Details are provided further in this E-newsletter.

I look forward to representing you for another year and hope to hear from you regarding questions you may have about municipal programs and services.

Happy New Year!

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN

One of the Committees on which I serve is the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee. At our December 6th meeting, the following motion focusing on single-use plastic was passed:

"That the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct staff to:

1. **Initiate an education campaign** for residents and the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) sector focused on the reduction of single-use plastics;
2. Review and update the 2009 HRM Corporate Guidelines for Greening Meetings and Catering Requirements; and
3. Collaborate with the ten largest NS municipalities, and to **draft a By-law** for Council's consideration as soon as possible but **no later than December 2019**, to eliminate the **distribution of single-use plastic bags without first attempting a voluntary approach.**

You may follow the discussion at the **Regional Council** session on January 15, 2019 and provide feedback directly to me at: shawn.cleary@halifax.ca or, to the Clerk's Office at clerks@halifax.ca.





HALIFAX TRANSIT PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES FALL 2019

Halifax Transit’s **Moving Forward Together Plan** service adjustments for Purcells Cove / Governors Brook, pending budget approval, will actually increase service in most areas. New Routes 25 Governors Brook and 415 Purcells Cove will replace existing transit service in the communities of Purcells Cove, Williams Lake and surrounding areas. Details of the two routes are as follows:

Route 25 Governors Brook

Depart Mumford Terminal - right on Mumford Road, right on Chebucto Road, continue on Armdale Roundabout, right on Herring Cove Road, left on Purcells Cove Road, right on Williams Lake Road, left on Herring Cove Road, left on Pinegrove Drive, left on Theakston Avenue, right on Danforth Road, left on Katrina Crescent, continue to - **Alabaster Way**.

Depart Alabaster Way - right on Lier Ridge, right on Quartz Drive, left on Alabaster Way, continue on Katrina Crescent, right on Danforth Road, left on Theakston Avenue, right on Pinegrove Drive, right on Herring Cove Road, right on Williams Lake Road, left on Purcells Cove Road, right on Herring Cove Road, continue on Armdale Roundabout, right on Chebucto Road, left on Mumford Road, left into - **Mumford Terminal**.

Service Span & Frequency:		
	Period	Frequency
Weekday	6am-9am	Every 30 mins
	9am-3pm	Every 60 mins
	3pm-6:30pm	Every 30 mins
Saturday	6:30pm-11pm	Every 60 mins
Sunday	7am-11pm	Every 60 mins
	8am-10pm	Every 60 mins

Route 415 Purcells Cove

Depart Desmond Avenue - right on Bayers Road, left on Joseph Howe Drive, left on Mumford Road, right into Mumford Terminal, Leave Mumford Terminal, right on Mumford Road, right on Chebucto Road, through the Roundabout, continue to Herring Cove Road, left on Purcells Cove Road, left on second Fergusons Cove Road, right in to - York Redoubt turning loop.

Depart York Redoubt turning loop - left on Fergusons Cove Road, right on Purcells Cove Road, right on Herring Cove Road, through the Roundabout, continue to Chebucto Road, left on Mumford Road, left into Mumford Terminal. Leave Mumford Terminal, left on Mumford Road, right on Joseph Howe Drive, right on Scot Street, right on Desmond Avenue, continue - Bayers Road Shopping Centre.

Service Span & Frequency:		
	Period	Frequency
Weekdays	6am-9am	Every 60 mins
	3pm-6pm	Every 60 mins

Pending budget approval, it is hoped that these changes may be implemented in late Fall 2019.





IMPROVEMENTS TO MUMFORD ROAD TERMINAL 2020/21



A 188-page **Replacement Assessment Report** on the Mumford Transit Terminal was presented to the Transportation Standing Committee in mid-December. The proposed location is the existing terminal site with some improvements. Regional Council will be discussing the matter this month. Pending budget approval, the design phase is planned for 2019/20 with actual construction expected in 2020/21.

You may watch the January 15, 2019 **Regional Council** session – the date when this item is expected to be discussed - on Live Stream.

ESIA LOW INCOME TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM

The Employment Support and Income Assistance (ESIA) Pass Program is free to qualified candidates and their spouse/dependents. The pass provides unlimited travel on all Halifax Transit services,

including MetroX, MetroLink, conventional bus service, and ferry. The pass is not identifiable as a Department of Community Services (DCS) pass as it is identical to other annual transit passes offered through Halifax Transit. If you, or someone you know, believe you are a candidate for the program, call your case worker or the Telephone Service Income Assistance line at **1-877-424-1177**.

NOT AN ESIA CLIENT? YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HRM LOW INCOME TRANSIT PASS

The program is capped at 1000 people with **applications** received and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. To qualify, you must meet all the following requirements:

- you must live in the Halifax Regional Municipality
- your combined gross household* income is less than \$33,000
- you do not receive a transportation subsidy under the Nova Scotia Employment Support and Income Assistance program (ESIA)

*A household is all family members living in the same home related by blood, marriage, common-law or adoption. Roommates are not considered part of the household. Adults are considered persons 18 years and over.

Subsidized Pass Rates		
Transit Passes	Regular Rate	50% discount available through the Low Income Transit Pass Program
Regular Adult Pass	\$78.00	\$39.00
MetroLink Pass	\$94.50	\$47.25
MetroX Pass	\$111.00	\$55.50



CANNABIS AND SMOKING IN HRM

As of October 17, 2018, recreational cannabis is legal in Canada resulting in changes at all levels of government to address its legalization. For the municipality, this meant significant amendments to [By-Law N-300](#) (Respecting Nuisances and Smoking) which came into effect October 15, 2018.

Smoking and vaping on municipal property is permitted only within municipal designated smoking areas (DSAs). [CLICK HERE to view the online map of DSAs](#) that have been installed to date. As of November 28, 2018, there are **80 DSAs** throughout the Halifax region.

[Requests for DSAs are being accepted by the municipality](#) and assessed on a location-by-location basis. Each potential location must be compliant with [the Nova Scotia Smoke Free Places Act](#). Other considerations include: accessibility, lighting, impact on snow clearing, safe distance from intersections/driveways, and whether a DSA on municipal property is unnecessary due to a smoking area already present nearby on private property (the municipality only installs DSAs on municipal property). DSA's will be identified by stickers/decals as shown below.



CN BRIDGES REHABILITATION PROJECT MID-APRIL TO AUGUST 2019

The Canadian National Railway (CN) is planning rehabilitation / repairs on three cost-shared structures at Quinpool Road, Belmont on the Arm and Marlborough Woods from mid-April to August 2019.

The work will include:

- Rehabilitation to the arch bridge structures (CN)
- Full replacement of the paved surface and railing at each location (HRM). The sidewalks at Quinpool and Marlborough will also be replaced. **Note:** *There is insufficient room for a sidewalk to be installed at Belmont (currently there is not a sidewalk at this location).*

The nature of the work requires that the **three bridges be closed for the duration** of the project. Motorists should **expect traffic delays** on routes normally requiring access to and from the CN bridges. Please visit our website for **construction details** on each location including detour routes. The Detour Map is shown below.





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HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

MAINLAND NORTH JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (JEM)



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

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The Joint Emergency Management teams (JEM) are a concept

developed by the **Halifax Regional Municipality's Emergency Management Division Office (EMD)**, to allow communities to prepare for, and respond quickly to, a wide range of emergencies. JEM teams are the community volunteers of EM. In times of crisis, HRM may activate Comfort Centres to meet individual community needs in times of extreme weather, or any crisis event. These centres are facilities where trained individuals can meet to provide local input to the HRM Emergency Operations Centre, located in Dartmouth.

In the critical hours following a crisis situation, while HRM is dealing with the immediate and urgent needs of the municipality, residents in affected communities need to be prepared to help themselves and to assist their neighbours, who may have been seriously impacted by the event. We need volunteers from our communities to join together and form JEM teams so we are proactively prepared to deal with an emergency.

The Mainland North JEM team meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Canada Games Centre. The next meeting is planned for January 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Dave Alders at daalders@ns.sympatico.ca or call 902.490.4213.

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I am a member of the following boards and committees:

- Halifax and West Community Council
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership
- Halifax Harbour Bridges

