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DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations to the graduates of 2023! You have reached a milestone in your life, and I wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

Happy Father's Day to all dads! I agree with [Tim Russert's](#) comment that the most precious things a father can provide are time, attention, and love. What better gift could you give to your child or yourself? Enjoy this special day with your loved ones!

Keep reading for updates on the West End Mall Annex development, Cogswell redevelopment, the stormwater infrastructure charge and much more!

To discuss a municipal program or service contact me at Shawn.Cleary@halifax.ca or 902.579.6746.

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NO OPEN FIRES!



The [Province of Nova Scotia has announced burn, travel, fireworks and activities restrictions](#). The restrictions are in place until June 25th or until conditions allow them to be lifted. There is a provincewide ban on open fires because of dry conditions. The ban applies to fires in provincial parks, private campgrounds, backyard campfires, brush burning and fireworks. Follow [#novascotia](#) or check the provincial [BURN map](#) for updates.

As crews battle multiple fires, there is a **zero-tolerance policy** in effect for the duration of

the outdoor burning ban. Fines will be issued against those who are burning outdoors, which



includes a penalty ranging from \$250 and \$10,000. 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.

Illegal outdoor burning puts lives, properties, and the environment at risk. It also ties up critical fire department resources.

WILDFIRE EVACUEE ONLINE REGISTRATION

Wildfires Evacuee Registration Form

All residents and businesses who have been required to evacuate must register with 311 via the [online form](#) (or by calling 1.800.835.6428), as staff will follow-up when more information becomes available.

Comfort centre details are as follows:

Black Point and Area Community Centre

8579 St. Margarets Bay Road.

The comfort centre opens at 8 a.m. and will remain open until 9 p.m.



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Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

1583 Beaver Bank Road.

The comfort centre will open at 9 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

Comfort centres are temporary accommodations where food and water are provided, as well as a place to charge devices and receive up-to-date information, when residents are impacted by prolonged power outages, extreme temperatures or other significant events.

Evacuation Centre:

Canada Games Centre

26 Thomas Raddall Drive.

The evacuation centre is open 24/7 and will remain open for the foreseeable future until it is no longer needed.

An evacuation centre is a type of emergency facility which is opened when residents have to be evacuated from their homes due to a specific emergency event and where evacuees are received, needs are identified, and food, water and overnight accommodations are provided.

JUNE MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council and Regional Centre Community Council meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW...

That June is: Recreation Month
Italian Heritage Month
Filippino Heritage Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
Launch of Pride Season

June 1st is [International Children's Day](#)

June 3rd is [Recreation Day](#)

June 5th is [World Environment Day](#)

June 18th is [Father's Day](#)

June 21st is the [First day of summer](#)

June 21st is [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

June 24th is [St. Jean Baptiste Day](#) (Quebec)

June 27th [Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

June 30th [Last day of school!](#)

YOUTH POET LAUREATES



The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce that **Damini Awoyiga** and **Asiah Sparks** have been selected as the inaugural

[Youth Poet Laureates](#).



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The Youth Poet Laureates will serve as literary ambassadors for youth in the region. During their one-year tenure, the Laureates will seek to inspire and engage local youth to share their stories through written and spoken word.

The Youth Poet Laureates will work closely alongside current Poet Laureate, **Sue Goyette**, who will serve an additional year on her term to provide mentorship and guidance to these young writers. Both Youth Poet Laureates assumed their position on Monday, May 15th. For more information, click [here](#).



Mayor Mike Savage, Madeline Campbell and me.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students across the municipality. Each school chooses one recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, as well as academic performance. I was pleased to present, along with Mayor Mike Savage, the Citizenship Award to District 9 recipients Maria Jane Greetsema and Madeline Campbell.



Mayor Mike Savage, Maria Jane Greetsema and me.

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY – CANCELLED



The [Curbside Giveaway Weekend](#), planned for June 3rd and

4th, has been cancelled due to the current local state of emergency. The next Curbside Giveaway Weekend will be held on October 14th and 15th.

STORMWATER RIGHT-OF-WAY CHARGE



charge?

Why do I get billed for the Right-of-Way



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Storm Drains (Catchbasins)



Buried Pipes & Manholes



In-Street (Cross) Culverts



Driveway Culverts



Roadside Ditches



Off-Street Drainage Corridors

In a 2013 rate hearing decision, the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#) (NSUARB) directed that the portion of stormwater costs related to the street right-of-way should be billed to the [Halifax Regional Municipality](#). Until 2016, this amount was billed on [Halifax Water](#) bills. The charge briefly appeared on municipal property tax bills in 2016/17. Since 2017, Halifax Water has collected the Right-of-Way charge on behalf of the municipality and that is why it appeared on the Halifax Water bills.

As directed by Regional Council on January 10th, 2023, the required amount – currently \$5.3 million per year – will now be collected through the municipal property tax billing process as an area rate. This charge will appear on the property tax bill as “Right-of-Way” charge.

The municipality’s Right-of-Way charge applies to all properties within the municipal stormwater service boundary; roads within the municipal stormwater service boundary are owned by the municipality and the services are provided by both the municipality and Halifax Water. For roads outside of the service

boundary, the services are provided by the Province of Nova Scotia.

How is the Right-of-Way charge calculated?

When the municipality collected the Right-of-Way charge in 2016/17, the charge was a flat fee on the property tax bill and created challenges for certain types of properties, such as condos, leased land communities, and water lots. Beginning in 2023/24, the Right-of-Way charge will be an area rate and property owners will pay a rate multiplied by the assessed value of their property, similar to other charges on the property tax bill.

Property owners with an assessed value of up to \$475,000 will see a lower charge than what they were paying to Halifax Water, while property owners with an assessed value of over \$475,000 will see an increase. This will be a new charge for approximately 26,000 property owners who were not previously billed this charge because they were not billed the Halifax Water stormwater charge for their private property. With the new stormwater service boundary, these properties will now receive only the municipal Right-of-Way charge (the charge for public property).

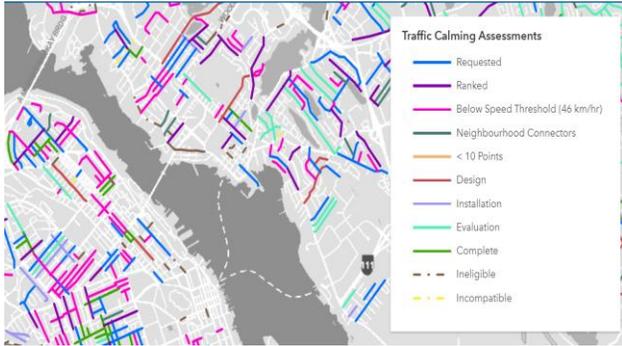
When will I see this charge on my property tax bill and removed from my Halifax Water bill?

This change became effective April 1st, 2023, and the charge will first appear on the municipality’s October 2023 final property tax bill as a separate line item. Halifax Water



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WEST END MALL ANNEX DEVELOPMENT



The proposed redevelopment of the Halifax Shopping Centre Annex, which is the shopping mall property bounded by the CN Rail cut, Mumford Road and Leppert Street is coming. Given the size of the site, and the number of buildings that could be built, redevelopment is expected to take many years. There are 10 property owners within the West End Mall Growth Node.

This process was initiated by Cushman Wakefield, who own most of the growth node. The applicant’s preliminary plan is to remove some of the existing buildings in phases,

creating space for new streets and buildings. The applicant is proposing high density, high-rise housing on much of the site, with a mix of commercial and residential land uses. The main aspects of the proposal include:

- Removing some mall buildings;
- Creating new public streets and new development blocks;
- A new municipal transit (bus) terminal, presently proposed by the applicant to be underground;
- 15 residential towers, up to 90 metres in height, on mid-rise podiums;
- A mix of residential and commercial uses;
- About 5,560 new residential units.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact: **Ross Grant**, Planner III, Planned Growth Projects, Telephone: [902.717.5524](tel:902.717.5524) Email: Ross.Grant@halifax.ca

COGSWELL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Curious about the #CogswellDistrict project? Read our latest quarterly update to find out about recent work and milestones related to



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one of the biggest city-building projects in the history of Halifax. Click [here](#) for more information.

Want to stay up to date on the go? Halifax Regional Municipality launched a mobile app in support of the Cogswell District project in November 2022. This free app provides users with the most effective directions to travel by various modes of transportation, (driving, cycling, walking, rolling and taking transit) through the Cogswell District while it is under construction. The app is integrated with Google Maps to reflect current road closures so users can plan their route in advance. Find out more [here](#).

WATCH FOR TICKS!

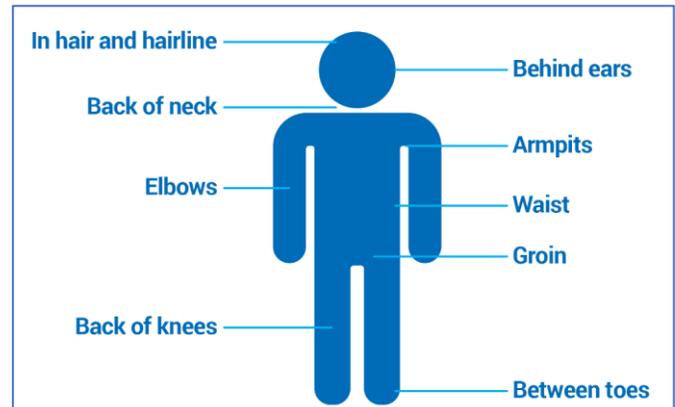
According to the [provincial website](#), there are several kinds of ticks in Nova Scotia, but only the blacklegged tick, sometimes known as deer tick, carries the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.



Black legged tick

Tick-borne illnesses are preventable by taking some simple precautions to reduce your risk:

- Wear long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- Wear light coloured clothing – it's easier to see ticks
- Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- Apply insect repellents containing DEET or Icaridin to exposed skin and clothes. Follow directions on the package carefully.



Remove a tick safely

- Carefully grasp the tick with tweezers – the pointier, the better - as close to the skin as possible
- Gently and slowly pull the tick straight out of the skin. Do not jerk, twist or squeeze it
- Once the tick is removed, clean the area of the bite with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitizer.
- Make a note of the date and where on the body the bite occurred. This will be important if you, or a loved one, begin to feel unwell.



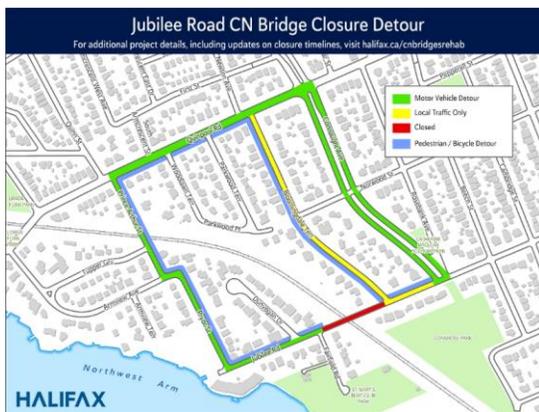
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Once removed, flush the tick down toilet, drown in rubbing alcohol or freeze in a plastic sealed bag prior to putting in the garbage. **Avoid crushing ticks with exposed fingers.**

To have a tick identified please visit [eTick.ca](https://www.eTick.ca) for more information.

CN RAIL BRIDGE – JUBILEE ROAD



A full closure of the CN bridge is necessary to complete rehabilitation, repairs, and safety improvements to the aging infrastructure. The bridge cannot be open to traffic as the geometry of the structure does not lend itself to maintaining any traffic access while extensive work is being completed.

I have shared your concerns regarding traffic congestion and speed on residential streets in this area to our Traffic Authority, Right of Way staff, Halifax Regional Police and Gregory Conrad, Senior Construction Inspector. They are monitoring the situation and will take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all during this CN Rail rehabilitation project.

Follow [@hfxgov](https://twitter.com/hfxgov) on Twitter for ongoing updates.

BIDS & TENDERS – PROCUREMENT PROCESS



The municipality recently launched a new digital procurement platform, bids&tenders. Click [here](#) to learn more. The Procurement department performs the procurement function for all municipal business units and agencies, striving to achieve best value for the citizens of Halifax.

Effective May 1st, all Halifax Regional Municipality public bid opportunities issued on or after May 1, 2023 will be advertised through the [Halifax's bids&tenders webpage](#). Bid opportunities with an estimated value over applicable trade agreement thresholds are also advertised on the [Nova Scotia Public Tenders website](#) and on [CanadaBuys](#). Vendors are responsible for staying informed of current or upcoming procurement opportunities.

The municipality encourages any interested bidder who can fulfill the bid requirements to respond to advertised opportunities. Find out more, including how to register as a supplier on bidsandtenders [here](#).



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ADVENTURE EARTH SUMMER CAMPS

Adventure Earth Centres

The Adventure Earth Centre is offering a variety of outdoor recreation programming this summer!

- Overnight Camps at Camp Mockingee
- Day Camps at Shubie Park
- Day Camps at Fleming Park

Visit www.halifax.ca/aec or www.facebook.com/hfxaec to learn more about these outdoor, interactive summer programs.

Registration is now open! Visit www.halifax.ca/myrec to register.

FEDERAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND



The Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF) facilitates the acquisition of equipment by non-profit organizations for the purposes of harvesting, storing, preparing, packaging and/or delivering food within their respective communities. This initiative is designed to strengthen food security in communities by

providing grants that cover 100% of project costs, ranging from \$15,000 to \$120,000.

Since August 2019, the LFIF has supported 900 growth-generating food security projects across Canada, such as: community gardens and kitchens; refrigerated trucks and storage units for donated food; greenhouses in remote and Northern communities; and more.

Eligible organizations must be community-led and dedicated to improving access to safe and healthy food so Canadians most at risk can improve their food security, including:

- Non-profit organizations;
- Municipal and regional governments;
- Indigenous organizations (First Nations, Métis, Inuit).

WATER QUALITY MONITORING



Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean.

The program will involve community teams to:

- Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.



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- Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#).

Data collection will take place twice yearly through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program.

Interested in getting involved? Learn more [here](#). *Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1st to August 31st.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS NOW AVAILABLE



Youth 15-30 can now apply for the federal government's [Canada Summer Jobs program](#), as the hiring period for 2023 has launched! This is your chance to gain experience and put your skills to use to help your community!

Canada Summer Jobs aims to help younger

Canadians develop the skills and experience to transition successfully into the labour market.

Keep an eye out here for the many opportunities that will be posted [here](#).

New jobs will be added regularly as they are approved for funding by the Canada Summer Jobs program.

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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax & West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards & committees:

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation and Impact Fund
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee



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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

"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."

Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Making a respectful Land Acknowledgement now, remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



When life gives you
a hundred reasons to
break down & cry,
show life that
you have a thousand
reasons to smile & laugh.

STAY STRONG!