



NOTICE TO VACATE/LEAVE AND TO REMOVE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PARKS BY-LAW AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY ACT

This Notice is to advise that the erection or placing in a park of anything for the purpose of temporary or permanent accommodation is prohibited under Halifax Regional Municipality By-Law P-600, the *Municipal Parks By-Law*, unless otherwise posted or permitted.

Also be advised that in accordance with the Protection of Property Act the owner of any premises can direct any person entering or present on premises, which includes Municipal Parks, to vacate those premises.

Further be advised that effective February 7th, 2024, any permission granted by Halifax Regional Municipality to use the Grand Parade, Victoria Park, Correctional Centre Park, Saunders Park, or the Geary Street green space, for camping as accommodation is hereby withdrawn, any designation of those properties for camping as accommodation is retracted, and those Parks are closed.

The Halifax Regional Municipality, as the owner of Municipal Parks or other property, and in accordance with the Municipal Parks By-Law and the Protection of Property Act, hereby directs any person having erected or placed anything in the Grand Parade, Victoria Park, Correctional Centre Park, Saunders Park, or the Geary Street green space, for the purpose of temporary or permanent accommodation, to vacate those properties and remove that temporary or permanent accommodation, including tents, and all personal belongings from those locations by February 26th, 2024.

This Notice serves as official notification to those persons having a temporary or permanent accommodation in the Grand Parade, Victoria Park, Correctional Centre Park, Saunders Park, or the Geary Street green space, and any other person hereby having notice of this direction, that they must vacate those properties and remove any temporary or permanent accommodation, including tents, and all personal belongings from those locations by February 26th, 2024.

Failure to act in accordance with this Notice is an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine under the *Municipal Parks By-Law* and/or under the provisions of the *Protection of Property Act*. R.S.N.S., c. 363, s. 1.

Failure to remove any temporary or permanent accommodation from the Grand Parade, Victoria Park, Correctional Centre Park, Saunders Park, or the Geary Street green space, or vacate these properties following this direction from the Halifax Regional Municipality as owner, is an

offence under the Protection of Property Act for which any person can be arrested by a peace officer and removed from the property.

Failure to remove any temporary or permanent accommodation, including tents, and all personal belongings from those locations by February 26th, 2024, may result in the Municipality removing such property, storing it for a period of 30 days for retrieval, if uncontaminated, and thereafter disposing of it. Contaminated property will be disposed of following removal.

Street Outreach Navigators and Housing Support Workers will continue to directly engage with occupants of temporary or permanent shelters to offer resources and support, including housing options and/or temporary accommodation.

By authority of the Halifax Regional Municipality