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 DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations graduates! Best wishes to you as you continue your educational goals and begin the next step on life's

wonderful journey. The following quote is of interest as some of life's important lessons are learned from mistakes: *"Now go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Leave the world more interesting for you being here."*

Keep reading for information on the Citizenship Awards, EV test drive dates, HalifACT Community Update, Cogswell project updates and much more!

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JUNE MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Regional Centre Community Council:

Wednesday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.

- Audit & Finance Standing Committee

No scheduled meeting at this time

- Community Design Advisory Committee

Monday, June 3 (Cancelled – next meeting is scheduled for September 9)

- Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m.

- Transportation Advisory Committee

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

DID YOU KNOW...

That June is: National Dairy Month

June 1 is National Say Something Nice Day

June 2 is Canadian Armed Forces Day

June 2 is National Cancer Survivors Day

June 2 is Leave the Office Early Day

June 3 is World Bicycle Day

June 5 is Global Running Day

June 5 is World Environment Day

June 6 is D-Day Anniversary

June 7 is World Food Safety Day

June 8 is Global Wellness Day

June 8 is National Best Friends Day

June 8 is World Oceans Day

June 12 is World Day Against Child Labour

June 13 is World Softball Day

June 13 is National Sewing Machine Day

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day

June 15 is Nature Photography Day

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day]

June 15 is World Juggling Day

June 16 is National Fudge Day

June 16 is Father's Day

June 18 is International Picnic Day

June 20 is International Surfing Day

June 20 is World Refugee Day

June 20 is Summer Solstice

June 21 is National Selfie Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is International Yoga Day

June 21 is Take Your Dog To Work Day

June 22 is World Rainforest Day

June 23 International Women in Engineering Day

June 23 is National Pink Day

June 24 is St. Jean Baptiste Day

June 27 is Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Day

June 27 is National PTSD Awareness Day

June 27 is National HIVA Testing Day

June 27 is National Sunglasses Day



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June 29 is National Camera Day
June 30 is International Asteroid Day

HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Every spring, Halifax Regional Municipality hosts the Citizenship Awards ceremony to recognize grade nine students throughout the municipality who exemplify qualities of leadership in, and service to, their school and community, while maintaining commendable academic performance.

This year we were pleased to honor 39 Grade 9 students with the Citizenship Award. A ceremony and awards presentation took place on May 7 as part of a special presentation at Halifax Regional Council.

Congratulations to District 9 Citizenship Award Recipients: Areta Panopolis, Jack Harrington and Sophie Connick.



Jack Harrington, Armbrae Academy

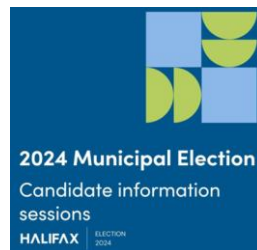


Sophie Connick, Halifax Central Junior High .



Areti Panopolis, St. Agnes Junior High

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS - MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Residents interested in running in the 2024 [Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial \(CSAP\) Election](#) are invited to attend an upcoming candidate information session. These sessions are designed to help equip potential candidates with important information and resources

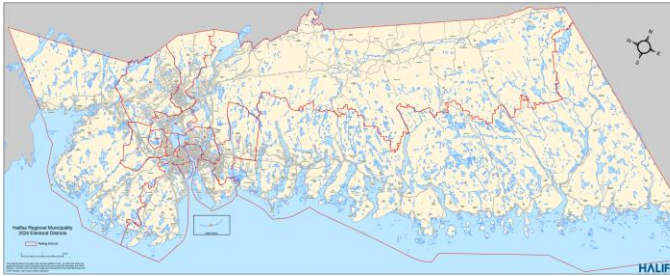


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about running in the 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election.

Registration is not required to attend the [in-person information sessions](#), but is required for the Wednesday, June 5 [virtual session](#) on Zoom. Attendees are encouraged to contact the Election Office in advance to inquire about specific accommodation requests. A closed-captioned recording of the online session will be made available on halifax.ca/election. For more information, click [here](#).



HRM 2024 Electoral District Boundary

MARKETING LEVY AMENDMENTS

Marketing Levy Amendments

Amendments to By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy and includes the following changes:

- forgive fines and issue refunds for those who paid the fines and had \$0 to remit
 - for the reporting periods of October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024
- give the Treasurer or designate the authority to waive, remove or reduce the fines
- staff will contact impacted operators by mail and email within 30 days of the By-law amendment

Learn more about the marketing levy changes at halifax.ca/MarketingLevy.

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On March 5, 2024, the Province gave first reading to [Bill 419 – Financial Measures \(2024\) Act](#). The Bill includes the requirement for online marketing platform operators (such as AirBnB and Vrbo) to collect and remit the marketing levy to the Municipality.

The Municipality acknowledges there were tourism accommodation operators without rental revenue from their accommodations who experienced issues with the recent changes to the marketing levy By-Law. To alleviate concerns expressed by these operators, HRM staff recommended that Regional Council [amend section 14 of By-Law M-400](#) to forgive fines and issue refunds for fines charged under this section for operators who had \$0 to remit, per monthly remittance, for the reporting periods of October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

On April 1, 2024, the Municipality resumed issuing and collecting fines for all late remittances, including operators who have \$0 to remit. For the October 2023 reporting period, 56% of operators submitted the remittance report on time; this increased to 72% of operators remitting on time for the period of December 2023. Of the penalties issued for the reporting periods October – December 2023, 72% of the number of penalties issued were for operators who had \$0 to remit.

LAND USE POLICIES - COGSWELL DISTRICT

Residents are invited to participate in community engagement activities to share their feedback on the future land use policies in the Cogswell District neighbourhood. The municipality is seeking feedback on building design rules, such as building heights and



materials, and permitted land uses, such as mixed-use, residential, commercial, affordable housing, etc. To learn more or share feedback, residents are invited to:

- Join a [Design Walk](#) of the Cogswell District on June 4, 5 or 8.
- Participate in a [Reddit Ask me Anything](#) on June 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Take part in a [survey](#), which closes on June 15

Feedback will be captured and included in a What We Heard report, which will inform draft amendments to existing planning documents. The draft amendments will be posted on our [website](#) before they are brought to Regional Council for discussion in 2025.

The Cogswell District project will convert 16 acres of road infrastructure into a mixed-use neighbourhood, extending the entrance of the downtown northwards and reuniting communities separated by the interchange lands. The urban street grid will be reinstated and will create development blocks capable of supporting new residential and commercial environments for thousands of residents. To learn more, visit our [website](#).



COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT - IMPACT ON TRAFFIC & TRANSIT SERVICES

Location: Barrington Street from Upper Water Street to Duke Street

Date: Beginning June 17 for approximately six months

Time: 24/7

Work details: This long-term closure is to facilitate work on the [Cogswell District project](#). Crews will be realigning and regrading Barrington Street, installing underground services and building a new Halifax Transit hub. Crews will also remove the last overpass of the former Cogswell Interchange, marking another major project milestone.

Halifax Transit Service Impacts

Halifax Transit users will be significantly impacted as the four bus bays in front of Scotia Square will be relocated. As a result, 30 routes passing through Barrington Street and surrounding area will be rerouted. The impacted bus bays will be relocated to:

- Granville Street before Duke Street (Bay 1)
- Barrington Street before George Street (Bay 2)
- Albemarle Street before Duke Street (Bay 3)
- Barrington Street before Prince Street (Bay 4)



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For more information on the service disruptions, click [here](#) or contact 311.

Road Closure Impacts

Barrington Street, from Upper Water Street to Duke Street, will be fully closed. A section of the new Cogswell Street will be temporarily connected to Barrington Street at Upper Water Street, which will allow for the re-opening of Albemarle Street and will reconnect a key east-west corridor downtown.

With the closure of Barrington Street, access to Hotel Halifax will be from a new driveway off Cogswell Street. Access for loading and deliveries has been coordinated with abutting property owners.

Halifax Transit Hub

It is anticipated the new Halifax Transit hub on Barrington Street will open by end of year and include new heated shelters, additional seating space, wider sidewalks and layover space for passengers and buses.

The new permanent Cogswell Street from Brunswick Street to Upper Water Street is

expected to open, replacing the overpass that was previously demolished. Additionally, it is projected the new permanent Barrington Street from the roundabout at Nora Bernard Street and Barrington Street to Duke Street will open, including access to Valour Way.

More information about these future traffic changes will be shared in the coming months. For project updates, click [here](#).

NATAL DAY PARADE REGISTRATION



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration is now open for participants in the annual Natal Day parade.

The 127th Pepsi Natal Day Parade will take place on Monday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. This



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annual event attracts hundreds of residents and is a key piece of the municipality’s annual Natal Day programming.

[Application forms](#) will be accepted until Friday, July 19. For more information, click [here](#).

PILOT PROGRAM USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO DETECT WILDFIRES



In partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a pilot program using artificial intelligence (AI) software to detect wildfires in three areas across the municipality.

Specialized cameras have been placed on provincial communications towers in Hammonds Plains, Musquodoboit Harbour and Middle Sackville. AI software monitors the imagery for signs of smoke. When smoke is

detected, an alert is sent to Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency for assessment and action.

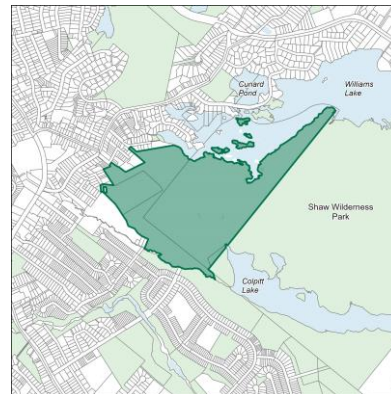
The cameras run 24/7 and offer a 360-degree view of their area, enhancing wildfire safety through early detection and accuracy.

As we experienced last year, wildfires pose a very serious risk to our communities. Residents are encouraged to prepare for wildfire season (March 15 to October 15), by:

- Staying informed about weather conditions and [fire restrictions](#)
- Planning an evacuation route
- Having an [emergency kit](#)
- Learning about the [FireSmart](#) program, which helps protect residents, their homes, neighbourhoods, critical infrastructure and vital natural resources from wildfire

For more information, visit: halifax.ca/fire.

HRM PURCHASED LAND - SHAW WILDERNESS PARK



The Halifax Regional Municipality has purchased four parcels of land totaling approximately 46 hectares, located to the west of Shaw Wilderness

Park, in Halifax.



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The municipality intends to use most of this land to add to Shaw Wilderness Park, providing additional opportunities for wilderness recreation and nature appreciation. These acquisitions align with the municipality's [2021-25 Strategic Priorities Plan](#) in obtaining land to contribute to the municipality's regional wilderness parks.

Approximately 10 hectares near existing streets and utilities will be retained for potential future uses.

The land being added to Shaw Wilderness Park will be incorporated into future park planning. This process will include public consultation, as well as collaboration with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, which partnered with the municipality in establishing the original Shaw Wilderness Park lands.

HAPPY AT HOME HALIFAX



HAPPY AT HOME

Happy at Home Halifax is seeking volunteers who have a heart for helping seniors in our community. There are many seniors who need practical supports such as light

housekeeping, general home maintenance, essential services delivery, and navigation support.

If you or anyone you know would be willing to give some time to help seniors live comfortably in their homes longer, please contact Dian

Campbell, Outreach Coordinator, at: info@happyathomehalifax.com or call 902-414-7032 or click on this [website](#).



EV TEST DRIVES



Join us for an electric vehicle test drive!
 June 6 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre
halifax.ca/EV

Next Ride ³ HalifACT ^{EE} HALIFAX

The Halifax Regional Municipality is partnering with Next Ride to host events from June to August where residents will have an opportunity to test drive electric vehicles (EV). Participants will also get a chance to learn more about EV rebates and chat about the links between transportation and climate change. For the full schedule, and to find out how to register, [click here](#).



NEW DATASETS AVAILABLE!

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released one new dataset on [Open Data](#), as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. The new dataset includes: [PPL&C Permit Processing Times](#).

The addition of this dataset brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 244.

The following existing datasets have been modified:

[Commuter Permit Parking Streets](#)

A new field called COMMUTER PERMIT is being added to the dataset to better identify commuter parking.

[PPL&C Building Permits](#)

New fields are being added called INSPECTION OUTCOME to provide more insight into the inspection data and OVERALL BUILDING HEIGHT which has been frequently requested. Also, the dataset is being changed from refreshed weekly to daily.

[PPL&C Building Permits Geolocated](#)

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[PPL&C Construction Permits](#)

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[PPL&C Engineering Permits Geolocated](#)

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[PPL&C Halifax Water Permits](#)

A new field is being added called INSPECTION OUTCOME to provide more insight into the inspection data. Also, the dataset is being changed from refreshed weekly to daily.

[PPL&C Halifax Water Permits Geolocated](#)

A new field is being added called INSPECTION OUTCOME to provide more insight into the inspection data.

[PPL&C Issued Public Works ROW Permits](#)

The dataset refresh frequency is being updated from weekly to daily

[PPL&C Land Use Approvals Permits](#)

A new permit type called LAND-LEASE COMMUNITY PERMIT is being added. Also, the dataset is being changed from refreshed weekly to daily.

[PPL&C Land Use Approvals Permits Geolocated](#)



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A new permit type called LAND-LEASE COMMUNITY PERMIT is being added.

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on April 3, 2024.

The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 and was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit: [Halifax Data, Mapping & Analytics Hub/Open Data](#).

HALIFAX BLUENOSE MARATHON



I was proud to volunteer at the Emera Bluenose Marathon Race Kit Pick-up day. So happy to see so many folks excited about their 5k, 10k,

Half-, Full-Marathons, and their kids' 2 & 4km runs. It's hard to believe this is the 21st Bluenose! Thanks to Myles and all the other volunteers who made the event such a success!

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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:

- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Chain of Lakes Trails Association

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.



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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:

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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.

Thursday, June 20 is the first day of summer!

