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NEWSLETTER FOR NEWCOMERS

## Public Transit in Halifax



Welcome to Halifax! As the largest city in Atlantic Canada, Halifax is also the political, commercial, financial, and cultural center of Nova Scotia, and its public transit is very convenient. You can get real-time information from Google Transit or Bing Maps.

### Bus Services

Halifax's downtown area is not significant. Living in the city you can rely on buses. Most lines begin operation from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm. The services will be reduced on weekends and holidays, and extreme weather will change the schedule. Express Routes usually operated only on weekdays with fewer stops at peak hours to help people commute to work.

Buses are crewless ticketing buses, you need to bring your change, and drivers do not change. You can purchase paper tickets at Shoppers Drug Mart, Lawton's Drug Mart, etc. If you want to transfer, you need to ask the driver for a transfer ticket when you board the bus or ferry, and the ticket marks the valid time (up to one and a half hours after the last time point on the route) for a free transfer at the bottom. Keep your eyes on the road or stop announcements when taking the bus. The driver will not stop if there is no pull line or button to stop and no one is waiting at the bus stop.

Free for children under 12, discount for youth 13-17 and seniors over 65. People over 65 can travel free during off-peak hours on Tuesdays (10:00 am to 3:30 pm and after 6:00 pm). A university student can use a U-pass to get an annual discounted transit pass during the school year.

### Regional Express Routes

There are three Regional Express routes, named 320, 330, and 370 lines, which connect three surrounding areas of Halifax (the Airport, Tantallon, and Porters Lake, respectively) to Scotia Square downtown. Only route 320 (serving the Airport) provides service on the weekend.

### Access-A-Bus

The entire Halifax Transit fleet is accessible, and senior and disabled persons may use the Access-A-Bus service. Access-A-Bus is a shared, door-to-door transit service for people unable to use the conventional transit system due to mobility impairment or cognitive disability. Any individual who qualifies for the service must apply to use the Access-A-Bus before becoming a passenger.

### Ferry Service

Downtown Halifax is conveniently connected to Dartmouth by ferry, which takes only a dozen minutes to reach the other side. Two ferry routes are accessible and integrated with the bus services. The ferry starts service at 6:30 am and ends at 11:30 pm. During the weekday rush hour, there is a ferry every 15 minutes. There will also be ferries on weekends and holidays, but Halifax Transit will reduce the number of ferries. Note that there will be no ferries on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday.



### Useful websites:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit>

<https://novascotiainmigration.com/live-here/transportation/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9AWCocPYmU>

by Andrew Sun

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## Quiz



**1. In which of the following types of places can I not buy transit tickets and passes in Halifax?**

- A. Drug Mart
- B. Superstore
- C. Halifax regional municipality
- D. Bus stop

**2. Where should I ride my bike on the road if I have enough space?**

- A. On the right side
- B. On the centre
- C. On the left side
- D. None of above

**3. Can I bike on the sidewalk in Nova Scotia?**

- A. Yes, if there are no pedestrians
- B. No, cyclists are not permitted to ride on sidewalks
- C. Yes, I can bike on the sidewalk anytime
- D. No, if there are too many pedestrians

**4. Can I use my bus ticket for the ferry?**

- A. Yes, any time
- B. Yes, but only for transfer
- C. No, the ferry has special tickets
- D. No, the ferry can only be used with passes

**5. When can a police officer inspect your vehicle?**

- A. At anytime
- B. Only at an authorized garage
- C. During daylight hours
- D. Only with the owner's permission

**6. Which of following are not a way to pay for the transit in Halifax?**

- A. Coins
- B. Tickets
- C. Transit pass
- D. Visa

**7. How long is a transfer good for Halifax transit?**

- A. up to 60 minutes
- B. up to 90 minutes
- C. up to 120 minutes
- D. up to 150 minutes

**8. Can I bring my pet on the bus and ferry?**

- A. Yes, but only service animal
- B. Yes, but in a carrier or leashed
- C. No, pets are not allowed
- D. Yes, if you have submitted an application

**9. What types of bicycles are not allowed to be brought on bus/ferry?**

- A. conventional bicycle
- B. ebike
- C. gasoline-powered bicycle
- D. all bicycles are not allowed

**10. Which of the following items can be brought on the bus/ferry?**

- A. open alcohol
- B. garbage
- C. recycling
- D. a non spill reusable mug

**Answers: 1.D 2.A 3.B 4.A 5.A 6.D 7.B 8.B 9.C 10.D**

by Lindsay Wang

## Useful Links

**Halifax Newcomer Choir**

<https://halifaxnewcomerchoir.ca/>

**How to make GREAT Small Talk**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGoIoDuf83o>

**The Magnificent Beauty of Nature**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B66lqt0K2IO>

**Spectacular fall colours on the Cabot Trail! (Nova Scotia Autumn Road Trip)**

<https://youtu.be/i3HBgpb7BaE>

**10 Interesting And Unknown Facts About Nova Scotia**

<https://youtu.be/d8bDR6tGMKY>

**211 NS Helpline**

<https://ns.211.ca/>

**Local and international events**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/>

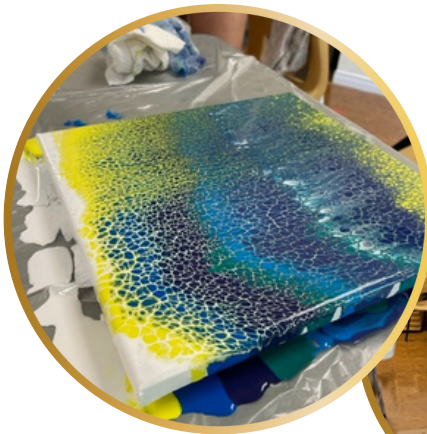




## Newcomer's Business

Hi! My name is Dasha and I am the owner and artpreneur @ The Acrylic Pouring Studio - a mobile fluid art studio operating in Halifax area. We offer interactive paint pouring classes for public as well as private workshops for any occasion - birthday parties, weddings and corporate events.

All ages and skill levels are welcome, no previous art experience is required. Check our FB page for more details or contact us via email [acrylicpouringstudio@gmail.com](mailto:acrylicpouringstudio@gmail.com) or at 902 304 0944



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<https://www.facebook.com/AcrylicPouringStudio/>

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### Brigadeiro Recipe Brazilian Chocolate Truffles



#### Ingredients

- One can of condensed milk
- One tablespoon of cocoa powder
- A teaspoon of butter (salted or unsalted, it doesn't matter) [Optional]

#### How to do:

Put all ingredients in a pan (The butter is optional) and heat it over low heat. Stir well carefully, all the time, so as not to burn the bottom of the pan. The fudge will be ready when it becomes pasty and consistent, 10 min approximately. After these steps, wait until it becomes at room temperature and make balls with hands, you can butter your hands to make the balls easier. Finally, roll them on sprinkles and done.

<https://youtu.be/5nOEFtOuH9s>

By Max Fraga

### Must-o- Khiyar Recipe Iranian Yogurt & Cucumber Appetizer

Without a doubt, you will love it if you try it once!

#### Ingredients (4 Servings):

- 750g Greek Yogurt
- 1 cup chopped unpeeled cucumber
- ¼ teaspoon Salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ tablespoon dried mint (or 1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint)
- ½ cup Sultana raisins(optional)
- ½ cup chopped walnuts(optional)
- ¼ cup chopped onion(optional)

#### Topping:

- . Dried mint for decorating(optional)
- . Dried rose buds(optional)

#### Tips:

- . You will need 4 small bowls for individual serving.
- . You can use low- fat yogurt based on your diet as well.

#### Structure:

- 1- Pour yogurt, salt, mint, and pepper into a large bowl and stir them with a spoon for a minute.
- 2- Now, add cucumber, raisins, walnuts, and onion to the bowl.
- 3- Mix all ingredients together with the spoon.
- 4- Your easy and fast making appetizer is ready to be poured into serving bowls.
- 5- Decorate your Must-o-Khiyar bowls to your taste.
- 6- Serve with Naan, crackers or chips. Enjoy!

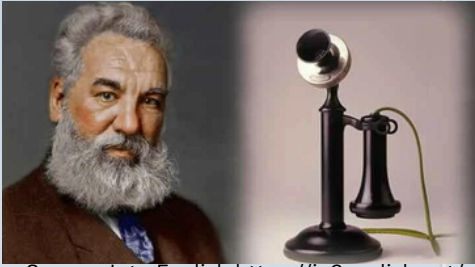


By Roya Fahimi





# Nova Scotia Our Home



Source: Into English <https://in2english.net/>

Alexander Graham Bell (1847.3.3-1922.8.2), a Scottish-born American inventor, scientist, and educator of the deaf, is known as the inventor of the telephone and the founder of the Bell Telephone Company (a predecessor of AT&T). Bell immigrated to Canada when he was 23 years old before

moving to the USA. He spent his later years working and living in Baddeck, a village in the middle of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Bell's home where he lived and worked is now a national historic site, which displays the inventor's mementos, photos, and models. If you are touring Cape Breton Island, this museum is worth a visit.

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/grahambell>

by Andrew Sun

## Supernova Market

The Supernova Market is a spectacular outdoor Artisan Market.

Website:

[www.sparklesawsawdust.com](http://www.sparklesawsawdust.com)

Date: **October 15**

Time: **1:00 - 6:00 PM**

Location: Foundation Wharf, Halifax Waterfront

Admission: **Free**

## Halifax Events

October 15- November 15, 2021

## Brine Farm's Haunted Halloween Trail

Clocking in at over half a kilometers long, Brine Farm's Halloween Haunted Trail is Nova Scotia's longest haunted trail!

Date: **October 21-30**

Time: **8 - 11 PM**

Location: 2280 Athol Road, Springhill

Admission: **\$5.00 to \$10.00**

## Ta'n me'j Tel-keknuo'tiek: How Unique We Still Are

Mi'kmaw people past and present are shaped by their deep and abiding relations to the place they sprouted from.

Date: **Nov. 09, 2022- July 31, 2023**

Time: **9:30 - 5:30 PM**

Location: Halifax Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Admission: **\$3.10 to \$9.55**

## Halifax VegFest

Brings you Atlantic Canada's best in plant-based food and drink, clothing, beauty, and more.

Website: [www.hfxvegfest.ca](http://www.hfxvegfest.ca)

Date: **October 23**

Time: **10 - 5 PM**

Location: 1800 Argyle St

Admission: **\$5.00**

## Agricola Street Holiday Night Market

Live Music, Beer Garden & warm Mulled Wine, Food Trucks, Local Artisans, Family Activities... and all around good time!

Website: [www.gonorthhalifax.ca/agricola-holiday-market](http://www.gonorthhalifax.ca/agricola-holiday-market)

Date: **November 12**

Time: **All day**

Location: Agricola Street

Admission: **Free**

by Joyce Ding