

Parade Day: What you need to know!

The DND Dock Yards & Marshaling Area

- Assigned Spot Numbers will be emailed out the week of the parade.
- Arrival Time: 9:30am-12:30pm. Gates to marshaling area will close at 12:30pm. Large floats and vehicles are encouraged to arrive early! Manoeuvring these vehicles becomes more difficult closer to 12pm.
- Entrance: Enter the DND Dock Yards from Barrington St. directly below the MacDonald Bridge. Access from Cornwallis St. is not permitted and will be barricaded.
- Check Point #1: All traffic entering Dock Yards will need to stop at Check Point #1. If your vehicle is not the vehicle being used in the parade, you will be directed to the parking areas immediately. Only vehicles used in the parade will be allowed passed this point, except for quick drop offs.
- There will be drop off areas alongside the cordoned off area, however these spaces are limited and drop offs need to be extremely quick (5 minutes). Drop off vehicles will then have to proceed down Valour Way towards Cornwallis St. and back out Barrington St. to return to parking areas.
- It is advised to have all decorations and float related materials in/on vehicle used in the parade. Dropping off people and supplies will not be possible within the cordoned off marshaling grounds.
- Check Point #2: Entrance to the cordoned off area will be permitted only to registered vehicles and participants on foot. Check Point #2 is the main information and check in area.
- One member of each participating entrant must check in with a parade marshal at Check Point #2.
- Ensure all lanes are kept clear within the marshaling area. Vehicles and large floats need to pass through these areas. Absolutely NO PARKING is permitted!

The Parade!

- Parade will begin at 1pm. Rainbow Run at 12:30pm.
- The Moment of Silence will commence when the parade reaches corner of Spring Garden and South Park St.(approx 1:45pm) The lead parade entry will be the only person to initiate the beginning of The Moment of Silence. They will raise their hand to begin the process of silencing the parade. Once you see the moment of silence starting, you can also alert the parade participants behind you that the moment is starting by raising your hand and silencing any music.

- Please ensure that all participants in front and behind you are preparing themselves for the moment of silence. Visibly check and alert others if they have not noticed the Moment of Silence starting.
- ALL participants must turn off ALL music and ALL noise generating equipment, as soon as possible, when they see the hands go up in the air. Music and noise generating equipment can be turned back on after the lead parade entrant and parade marshals have lowered their hands. This will end the Moment of Silence.
- Parade will end at the Garrison Grounds (Ahem Ave) off of Bell Rd.
- Please do not linger here as the rest of the parade will be coming up behind you and will need to push through this area as well.

Additional Information

- Loblaws will be teaming up with the Nova Scotia Food Bank will be canvassing for donations! Please let your friends and co-workers know that they can donate nonperishable items and monies during the parade. **Parade participants that would like to make donations can also do so on the marshaling grounds by locating the Loblaws (Superstore) float. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!**
- All participants are required to abide by the Parade policy. Please ensure you have communicated the details to your group.
- Parade Judges will be located near the accessibility viewing area by the Halifax Central Library. Save a bit of energy when you get to this point and try to win one of those Pride Parade Awards!!!
- It is the responsibility of each participant to manage their own garbage on the marshaling grounds. No garbage is to be left behind!
- As parking is limited, participants are encouraged to carpool to the marshaling grounds.
- Walk down if you can!
- Saint John's Ambulance Medical Assistance will be located at the Check-in and Information Booth at the lower end of the marshaling area.
- Washroom will be located along the eastern side of the marshaling ground (the treed side) approximately in the middle of the marshaling grounds.
- Weather is always unpredictable in the Maritimes! Prepare for what is forecast and adapt as needed. Sunscreen, rain gear, umbrellas.....you get the idea!
- **Water, water, water.....** Please ensure all your participants are kept hydrated, especially in warmer temperatures and during physical activity.

Parade Theme



“THIS IS WHY” continues as a theme for this year’s festival. There is still much work to do together as a community. The parade is a great opportunity to celebrate and offer a platform where all 2SLGBTQ+ peoples, along with our allies, can come together in a safe space to be active, celebrate their achievements and contribute to the advancement of the ideals of Pride and our collective community.

In terms of creative direction for the parade, it is your pride parade! Please take this opportunity to show what Pride means to you. The bigger, the louder, the brighter and the more GLITTER: the better! Hint, hint!

After Parade

- Enjoy yourselves at the festival grounds on the Garrison Grounds after a job well done!

On behalf of The Halifax Pride Society, volunteers and all the 2SLGBTQ+ members of our community: THANK YOU! Your support and participation in the 2017 Pride parade makes us all a better, stronger community.

Need More Info:

Please contact the Parade Coordinator, David Duplisea at Parade@HalifaxPride.com