

# *An Apartment-Seeker's Guide to* **Halifax Neighbourhoods**



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*If you're looking to rent an apartment in Halifax, there is an abundance of fantastic neighbourhoods to choose from to meet your needs, wants and lifestyle.*

With over 390,000 residents, Halifax is the largest city east of Montreal. In 2012, Halifax was rated by MoneySense Magazine as the fourth best place to live in Canada—scoring it high in culture, employment rates, low pollution levels and the ability to walk or bike to work. These and other desirable attributes are noticeable throughout the city's mix of well-established neighbourhoods. The following is an introduction to some of Halifax's neighbourhoods to guide you in your search.

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## The South End

The South End was historically bound by South Street (named for being south of Citadel Hill), the eastern shore of the North West Arm and Spring Garden Road to the north, which geographically isolates this part of the peninsula. The late Victorian architecture of the houses and the tree-lined streets make the South End enjoyable for walking, and impart the neighbourhood with an affluent feel. In addition to families, the South End is also home to a large university student population.

### Education

The South End is home to Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Saint Mary's University and the Atlantic School of Theology—all highly recognized post-secondary institutions.

*The South End is home to **4 universities***

High School students in the South End attend the recently built public school Citadel High which offers French Immersion and an International Baccalaureate program.

This area is also home to 5 elementary schools and two middle schools. Independent (private) schools in the South End of HRM include The Halifax Grammar School, Armbrae Academy and Sacred Heart School, all offering grades 1–12.

### Hospitals

This neighbourhood is home to both the IWK Children's Hospital and QEII Health Sciences Centre. The IWK Health Centre provides care to women, children, and youth throughout Atlantic Canada, and occupying two sites, the QEII provides care to tens of thousands of Atlantic Canadians each year.

## Arts and Culture

The South End's university campuses offer a variety of recreational and arts centres. Dalhousie's Rebecca Cohn auditorium is a major venue for local and traveling productions, including Symphony Nova Scotia and productions of the Dal Theatre program.

## Amenities

The South End boasts several large chain grocery stores, as well as boutique markets and the famous Seaport Farmer's Market. Professional services, veterinarian services, restaurants and all other imaginable amenities are only a walk away.

The South End is the place to live if you want to be a short stroll to the hustle and bustle of downtown, but still feel you're in a quiet, tree-lined neighbourhood. It's easy to walk to wherever you need to go, but if needed there are plenty of buses to get you where you need to be throughout the HRM.

## Southwest Properties in the South End

Southwest Properties offers a number of [great options](#) when it comes to places to live in the South End. A recent development in this neighbourhood is the [Grainery Lofts](#) which opened in the summer of 2012. By restoring an under-utilized urban site, Southwest Properties created an environmentally conscious building that embraces green transportation alternatives. This architecturally unique and ecologically-designed residential building achieved LEED® Gold certification, and offers a glimpse into the culture and future of this neighbourhood as its vibrancy.

### Point Pleasant Park



The South End has the distinction of being home to Point Pleasant Park. Created in 1866, Point Pleasant Park is a large, partially forested park renowned for its forest walks and views across the harbour and out toward the Atlantic. Once host to several artillery batteries, the park is now a popular recreational spot for strolling, dog walking, jogging and picnicking.

### Southwest Properties in the South End

The Grainery Lofts	5300 Morris Street	5278 Tobin Street
5240 Green Street	5314 Morris Street	5288 Tobin Street
5230 Harvey Street	961 South Bland Street	5294 Tobin Street
1055 Lucknow Street	5247 South Street	1119 Tower Road
5264 Morris Street	5241 South Street	

## Downtown Halifax & Waterfront

In charming juxtaposition to the tree-lined South End is Halifax's sophisticated, urban downtown core and waterfront area.

### Education

Adding to the urban chicness of HRM's downtown is the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD). One of Canada's oldest independent cultural institutions, NSCAD earned its reputation in the 1970s as a cutting edge post-secondary art school and maintains relationships with galleries and museums across Canada and around the world.

School age children who live downtown are serviced by the same schools as those in the nearby South

End neighbourhood. Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Saint Mary's University and the Atlantic School of Theology are all within walking distance.

*There are **3 kms** of ocean side boardwalk on the Halifax Waterfront*

## Parks & Public Spaces

Downtown is home to a variety of public spaces, each with their own character and appeal. At one end there is the historical Public Gardens, a 16-acre oasis of Victorian flora and fauna, while at the other is the famous Halifax Waterfront—3 kms of ocean side boardwalk, allowing visitors to walk alongside the wharfs while enjoying festivals, entertainment, shopping and dining.

Downtown also features Victoria Park, Parade Square and the famous historical site of Citadel Hill—a restored Victorian-area fortress operated by Parks Canada.

## Arts, Culture & Entertainment

As Atlantic Canada's entertainment and tourism hub, Downtown Halifax is home to a variety of artistic and performance venues, as well as the hundreds of stylish eateries and watering holes—from coffee houses and Irish pubs to wine bars and dance venues.

Downtown Halifax is also home to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the largest art museum in Atlantic Canada, and Neptune Theatre, Atlantic Canada's largest professional regional theatre.

## Getting Around

The Metro Transit ferry terminal is located on the Halifax Waterfront, where it's only a 10 minute ride across the harbour to Dartmouth.

Downtown Halifax is known for both its pedestrian friendly streets and frequent bus service.

### The Piazza at Bishop's Landing



Developed by Southwest Properties, the boardwalk also includes the Piazza at [Bishop's Landing](#): an international, award-winning development on the Halifax waterfront, comprised of 206 residential suites and 40,000 sq. ft. of retail and commercial space at 1475 Lower Water Street. Popular establishments onsite include independent boutiques featuring clothing, jewelry, wines and more to the city's most talked-about restaurants.

## The Waterfront: Unique Entertainment, Shopping & Dining

With its views of sparkling water and harbour traffic, the Halifax waterfront is not only one of Nova Scotia's most visited locations, but it is an area where many Haligonians work and enjoy leisure time.

Home to countless world-class events each year, the waterfront hosts the International Busker Festival, the International Tall Ships, Nocturne, the Atlantic Jazz Festival, Wine Festivals, and a plethora of other events.

It is also home to the three museums (Pier 21 immigration museum, The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and the HMCS Sackville naval museum) as well as the

Historic Properties buildings and "Cable Wharf"—a former cable ship terminal now used as a tour boat base for several vessels.



## Southwest Properties in Downtown Halifax

Just next door to the Piazza at Bishop's Landing on the Halifax waterfront, Southwest Properties is proposing to construct one of the largest multi-unit residential complexes in the downtown core at the [Cunard Block](#). The development will feature unmatched views of the city and Halifax Harbour, retail space and cutting-edge amenities on the ground floor, as well as beautifully designed public spaces.

Southwest Properties is also constructing one of the largest multi-unit residential complexes in the downtown core at [1583 Hollis Street](#). Residents will be able to choose from 270 units located on the three-storey podium and 16-storey tower, which will feature unmatched views of the city and Halifax Harbour from floor-to-ceiling windows and balconies. The ground floor will include retail space and cutting-edge amenities, as well as beautifully designed public spaces.

Southwest Properties will be targeting LEED® Gold certification with this environmentally sustainable building, making it the largest residential project in the region to do so.

### Southwest Properties in Downtown Halifax & the Waterfront

Bishop's Landing

Cunard Block

1583 Hollis Street

## Central Halifax

About a ten minute walk from downtown Halifax, this neighbourhood surrounds Quinpool Road in Halifax. A lively and growing area of Halifax, it is known for having variety of amenities while maintaining a tree-lined street atmosphere.

### Restaurants & Amenities

Quinpool Road is the retail and restaurant hub of this area. With its

*Quinpool Road is home to over **120 businesses**, retailers and restaurants*

many shops and services, restaurants, gyms, a movie theatre and a diverse array of small businesses, it reminds one of a true “Main Street” within a neighbourhood, even though many of the businesses on Quinpool are city-wide destinations.

Home to vegetarian restaurants, an alternative video store, pet groomers and even large hardware, grocery and drug stores, Quinpool Road is undergoing a surge of vitality.

## Education

Schools in the area include Sir Charles Tupper Elementary, Central Halifax Junior High (formally Cornwallis Jr. High), and Citadel High School.

## Atmosphere & Convenience

Only one street away from Quinpool Road, one finds themselves on quiet, tree-lined residential streets. On a bus route but also within walking distance to downtown and the universities, this area is ideal for those who like to travel by bike or transit. A charming mix of single family homes, homes that have become multiplexes, as well as apartments and condominiums, this area is ideal for families or single individuals.

## The Halifax Common

At one end of Quinpool Road is the Halifax Common, a large green space home to several softball diamonds, fountains, tennis courts, a soccer field, an outdoor city-owned swimming pool, skateboarding facilities and a playground. There is also the pavilion—a venue that showcases many different entertainment acts throughout the year. People from around the Halifax Regional Municipality come to the Common to play Frisbee, soccer rugby and other sports, as well as to walk their dogs and enjoy a jog or walk.

### The Emera Oval



Across from the Pavilion on the Halifax Common is the Emera Oval, a 400-metre skating track originally constructed to host speed skating events in the 2011 Canadian Masters Championships and the 2011 Canada Games. The Oval is a popular public skating destination in the colder months. During warmer times it is used for inline and roller skating.

## Southwest Properties in Central Halifax

When it comes to places to live in Central Halifax, Southwest Properties offers one, two and three bedroom apartments, optimally located at [6050 and 6058 Pepperrell Street](#).

### Southwest Properties in Central Halifax

6058 Pepperrell Street

6080 Pepperrell Street

## The West End

The West End, aptly named for its location on the western half of the Halifax Peninsula, is a charming neighbourhood with many blocks of tree-lined, older residential streets. The border between the West and South Ends of Halifax is not official, although many now regard west of Quinpool Road to be the beginning of the West End.

### Education

Children in the West End attend St. Catherine's Elementary, Westmount Elementary, Oxford School, St. Agnes Junior High and Citadel High.

### Green Spaces, Recreation & Entertainment

There are a number of small parks throughout the West End, including baseball and soccer fields, an off-leash dog park, and Horseshoe Island Park on the North West Arm.

The West End also features the Halifax Forum for hockey, skating, concerts and events such as craft fairs, festivals and trade shows.

There are also a number of independent and well-loved restaurants such as the Brooklyn Warehouse sprinkled throughout the area.

## Shopping & Amenities

The West End is home to the West End Mall, Halifax Shopping Centre and The Village at Bayer's Road Professional Centre. These shopping destinations feature large anchor department stores, as well as specialty boutiques, restaurants and professional services.

## Getting Around

A great appeal of the West End is its pivotal location. Residents can bike or bus to the universities, hospitals or downtown within minutes. At the same time, it is easy to get from the West End to Bayers Lake and even to the highways that lead out of the city by bus or car.

### Halifax Shopping Centre



The Halifax Shopping Centre is Atlantic Canada's largest multi-building shopping centre, attracting over 110,000 people each week and home to anchor stores like Apple, Sephora, MAC, Gap, Hollister, Little Burgundy, Victoria Secret and more.

## Southwest Properties in the West End

Southwest Properties offers a selection of apartments in the West End on conveniently-located [Olivet Street](#), close to all of the neighbourhood's amenities and major transit terminal.

### Southwest Properties in the West End

3095 Olivet Street

3065 Olivet Street

3045 Olivet Street

3083 Olivet Street

3055 Olivet Street

## The North End

An older, established neighbourhood, Halifax's North End is undergoing a revival both commercially and residentially. It has become noticed country-wide for its unique shops and hip, urban, but increasingly family-friendly atmosphere.

Located in the urban core of Halifax, extending approximately from Cogswell St. in the South to Bedford Basin in the North, the North End is a vibrant, multicultural area of the city that's home to large populations of students and young families.

### Lifestyle

Toward the Bedford Basin, the North End houses the Halifax Shipyard and the Naval Dockyard both of which employ thousands of Haligonians. Historically, the North End was been known as largely working class; however, it's also increasingly being recognized for its growing arts community, upscale restaurants and ethnic food cafes, shops, music venues and bars.

### Recreation

Fort Needham Park in the North End is home to the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bell Tower and overlooks the area devastated by the Halifax Explosion of December 6, 1917. The park features a large green space, baseball diamond and an off-leash dog area.

### Education

Children in the North End attend St. Stephen's Elementary School, Joseph Howe Elementary School, St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary School, Highland Park Junior High, Oxford Junior High and Citadel High School.

### Getting Around

The North End is only a few blocks from downtown, which is easily accessible by foot, bike and transit. The Angus L. MacDonald Bridge is located at the foot of the North End, connecting North Street with Dartmouth.

*The Angus L. MacDonald Bridge opened in **1955**, connecting the North End to Dartmouth*

## Clayton Park

Located along the southwestern border of Rockingham and bordering the northern part of Fairview, Clayton Park is as a suburban community created in the 1970s.

Clayton Park includes two different areas—the original Clayton Park and Clayton Park West, with the dividing line at Dunbrack Street. Clayton Park West

was developed in 1990's with a mixture of single family, semi-detached, townhouse, condominiums and rental apartments. With one of the highest population densities in metro Halifax, Clayton Park is also one of the most ethnically diverse areas of Nova Scotia.

*Clayton Park became a suburban community in the **1970s***

### Green Spaces & Recreation

Clayton Park features an extensive network of parks, lakes, walking trails, and recreation facilities. In particular, the Halifax Mainland Common is a large regional recreation area consisting of parkland, trails, indoor and outdoor all-weather sports fields and baseball diamonds.

### Shopping & Amenities

Clayton Park includes the Bayer's Lake Industrial Park, featuring big box stores like Costco, Home Depot, Futureshop, Walmart and many others, as well as a 17 screen theatre. Smaller malls that are home to professional services, restaurants and shops can also be found throughout Clayton Park.

#### Canada Games Center



The Canada Games Center is also located in Clayton Park and includes an Aquatics Centre with pools, water slides, a sauna and hot tub, swimming lessons and aquatic exercise classes as well as ample court space, a 6-lane running track and a large fitness centre.

## Education

There are a number of elementary, junior high and high schools in Clayton Park, including a French P-12 and the newly built Halifax West High School. Mount Saint Vincent University is also in this area, also contributing recreational and social opportunities to the community.

## Getting Around

With good access via the #102 highway and the Bedford Highway, Clayton Park is a 20–25 minute bus ride to the downtown core. As a suburban community, it is necessary to travel by transit or car to reach Halifax's downtown.

## Southwest Properties in Clayton Park

In addition to its existing apartments in [Clayton Park](#), Southwest Properties is working on a new development in the neighbourhood: [The Motherhouse Lands](#). Located adjacent to Mount Saint Vincent University, this project will include single family homes, townhouses, multi-unit apartment and condominiums as well as recreational and retail/commercial opportunities.



### Southwest Properties in Clayton Park

190 Glenforest Drive

210 Glenforest Drive

Motherhouse Lands

200 Glenforest Drive

181 Willet Street