

30TH ANNUAL



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Parade Entry Application Package





On Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 6:00pm, Downtown Halifax will celebrate the 30th annual Nova Scotia Power Holiday Parade of Lights presented by Eastlink. The parade attracts tens of thousands of spectators who look forward to the sights and sounds of this highly anticipated kick off to the holiday season.

The Holiday Parade of Lights is a community event that also serves as an integral fundraiser for several non-profit organizations and is organized by members of the Holiday Parade of Lights Society with the help of the Halifax Regional Municipality and volunteers.

Parade route attached.

TO APPLY:

Please complete the application form.

Responses go to: HPOLSociety@gmail.com

DEADLINE:

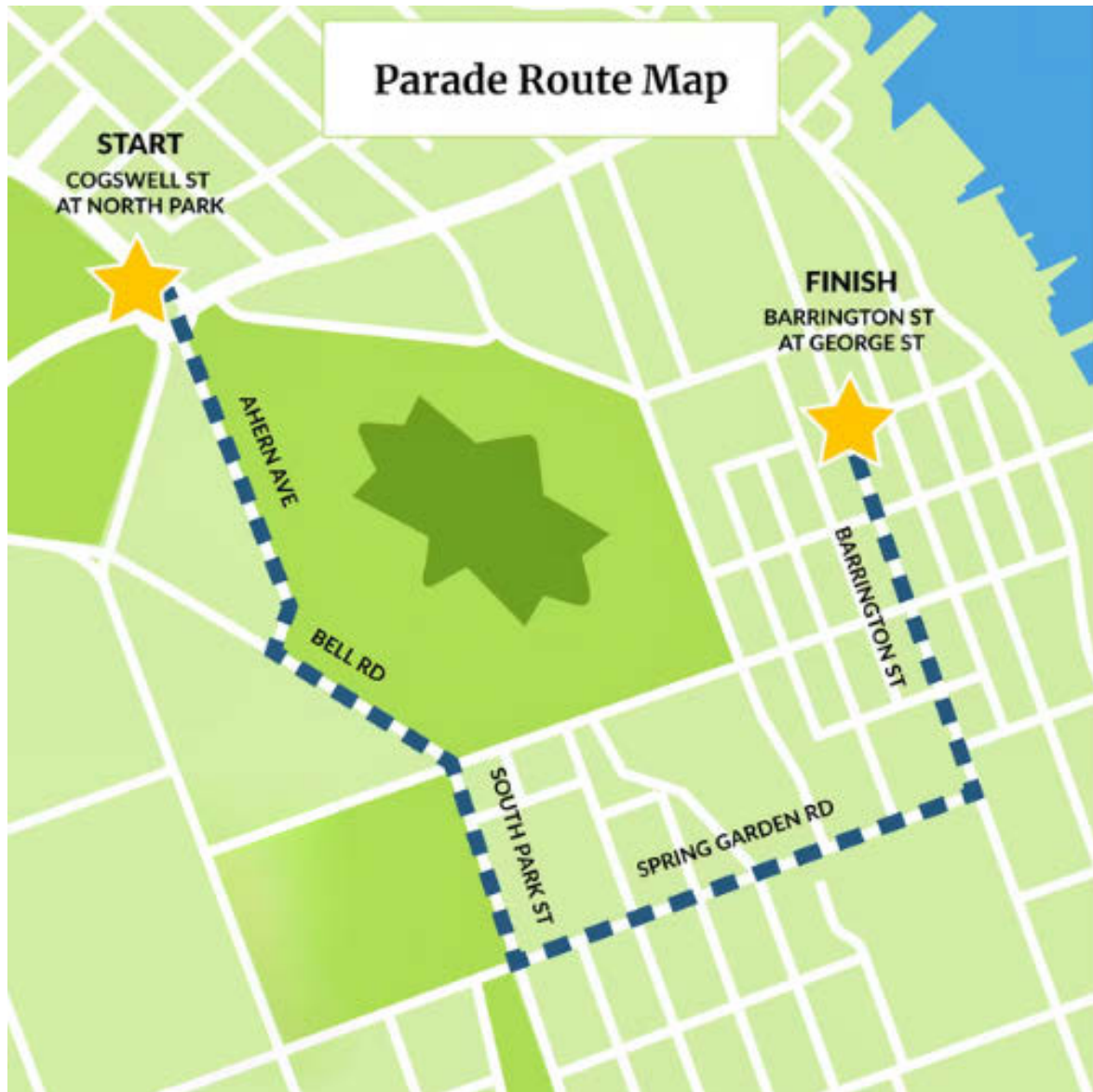
Friday, October 17, 2025
at 12:00pm



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries in the parade must first be accepted by the selection committee through the application process. The Holiday Parade of Lights reserves the right to accept or refuse any application or accepted participant. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, October 17 at 12 noon. No late applications will be accepted.
2. Submitting an application does not guarantee participation in the 2025 Parade. Previous participation does not guarantee entry in the 2025 Parade.
3. The Holiday Parade of Lights has the right to limit the number and size of entries per company or organization.
4. Participants must be in position in the marshalling area by 4:30 p.m. on parade day – Saturday, November 15, 2025. Participants must be ready to depart the marshalling area at 5:45 p.m.
5. The total dimensions of a float, including towing vehicle, cannot exceed the following measurements: 13.6' height, 8.5' width, 53' length (40' max. for flatbed and 20' max for vehicle). These measurements are in place for the safety of parade participants and viewers.
6. Four safety persons are required to walk with a float, one at each corner.
7. Safety harnesses and handholds or railings are required for the safety of participants standing or sitting on floats.
8. All electrical devices must meet safety standards and electrical output must not exceed the maximum amperage of the generator.
9. Participants must not get on or off moving vehicles or floats anywhere along the parade route and participants on any float MUST sit while descending Duke Street.
10. The use of fire, gas, or propane on a float is not permitted.
11. Alcoholic beverages and drugs in the marshalling area and during the parade are strictly forbidden.
12. Floats are required to have skirting around the bottom to cover the wheels.
13. Distribution of candy and/or promotional materials is not permitted. Exceptions may apply to pre-approved fundraisers or sponsors.
14. All children must be supervised by an adult.
15. Santa Claus is presented by the title sponsor. No other entry is permitted to have Santa Claus represented in their entry.
16. All floats are required to have recorded or live (amplified) music which is to be played loud enough to be heard by spectators. The music selection must be festive.
17. After completing the parade route, all floats must turn off lights and music, and participants must safely exit the float following the instructions of Halifax Regional Police and parade staff.
18. A certificate of insurance for all floats must be received no later than Monday, November 3, 2025 at 12 noon. Each vehicle must show proof of at least \$2 million in liability insurance. Vehicles without a certificate of insurance will not be permitted in the parade.
19. Participant fees must be received no later than Monday, November 3, 2025 at 12 noon. Any participant who has not paid after this date will not be permitted in the parade.
20. Floats and walking groups should provide entertainment value suitable for a family audience and should not be purely promotional.
21. Promotional vehicles are not permitted unless towing a float.
22. All walking participants should be able to travel from the beginning of the parade route to the end without a support vehicle.
23. At least one representative from each entry must attend one information session prior to the parade. This applies to those who have participated in the past.
24. We cannot guarantee your entry will be on television or that your description will be read in its entirety.
25. If the above rules and regulations are not met, The Holiday Parade of Lights staff has the right to refuse participants.





Starting at 6:00pm, the parade will begin at the Cogswell Street roundabout adjacent to the Emera Oval and Citadel Community Centre, head south on Ahern Avenue, onto Bell Road, then to South Park Street, east onto Spring Garden Road, turning left onto Barrington Street before finishing at George Street.

