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DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME OCTOBER!



What an amazing month we have before us and I don't mean just the beauty of nature with

the colourful leaves – we have an event packed month!

October includes Mi'kmaq History Month, Thanksgiving, dedication of the Rita Joe Ferry, official opening of the Chanie Wenjack Legacy Room and much, much more!

You may wish to follow me on social media for daily updates on a variety of topics at:

[Lisa Blackburn \(@newsbag\) | Twitter](#)
[Lisa Blackburn HRM District 14 - Home | Facebook](#)

I look forward to seeing you out and about in District 14!



Mi'kmaq History Month is held every October. It is a time to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture and heritage, beginning with Treaty Day on October 1.

Treaty Day commemorates the Treaty of 1752 between the people of Mi'kma'ki and the Crown. Mi'kma'ki is made up of all of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and large areas of New Brunswick, the Gaspé Peninsula, and Newfoundland.

The Treaty of 1752 was intended to show the Crown's intentions to make peace, provide trading posts, and protect the land and way of life for the Mi'kmaq people.





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There are many wonderful [events](#) planned throughout HRM and many interesting [videos](#) highlighting the fascinating history of the Mi'kmaw people.

Check out the [HRM Public Libraries](#) for a list of events near you including:

- puppet shows
- Trevor Gould - traditional Mi'kmaw singer and dancer
- Rosanna Deerchild - Turtle Island's favourite cousin and Cree poet joined by local Indigenous poets Deirdre Lee, Rebecca Thomas and Arielle Twist
- Theresa Meuse - First Nations educator and advisor – hosting storytime, a rock-painting activity, and a sharing circle and much, much more!



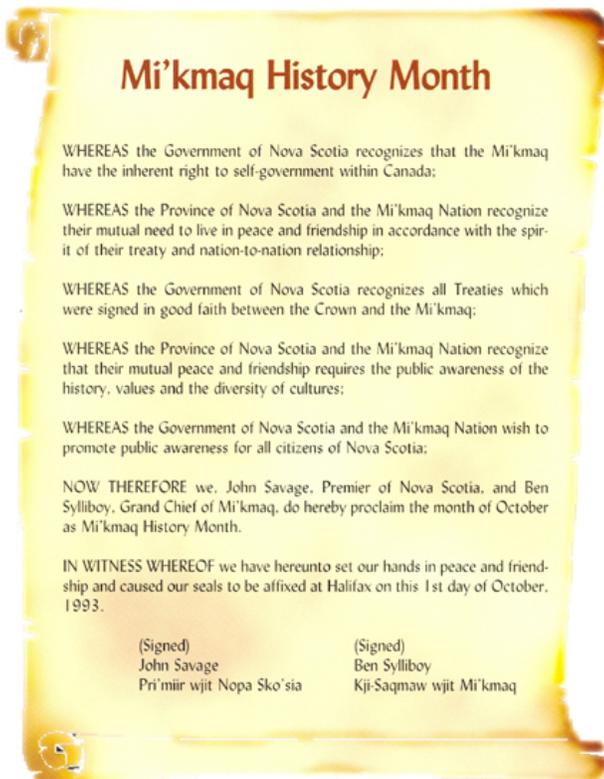
Sneak Peak: October 1st, 10:00 AM- Noon
Official Opening: October 4th

Halifax Regional Council has created a dedicate space in Halifax City Hall. This project is done in collaboration with [Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund](#). The Legacy Space in City Hall will provide information about Chanie Wenjack and reconciliation for staff and visitors.

We are committed to having accurate information available to all, regarding Indigenous History on our journey to reconciliation. The space will be safe, welcoming place where conversations about the past, present and future will be facilitated and encouraged. The space will serve as a symbol and reminder for Halifax Regional Council of the important work around reconciliation.



Figure 1 Chanie Wenjack - whose death sparked the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in Canadian residential schools.



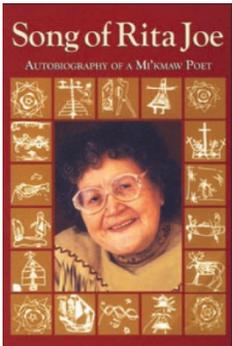


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DEDICATION OF RITA JOE FERRY – OCTOBER 26th

More than 11,000 votes were cast over 10 days in the spring of 2017 to name two new Halifax Transit Ferries. The names chosen were Vincent Coleman and Rita Joe. The [Vincent Coleman Ferry](#) was dedicated on March 14th and has been in operation since that time.



Rita Joe is a cultural icon and considered to be the "poet laureate" of the Mi'kmaq people. Her poem "[I Lost My Talk](#)" is a powerful reflection on her feelings about the disconnection from her language while at a Nova Scotia residential school.

The Rita Joe Ferry will be dedicated at 2:00 p.m. on October 26th at the Alderney Ferry Terminal, Dartmouth.



Vincent Coleman Ferry

HAPPY THANKSGIVING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th



OUTBOUND TRAFFIC – BEAVER BANK ROAD

Many residents have been reaching out with concerns about traffic outbound on Beaver Bank Road during the morning rush and what role the lights at Stokil Drive might play. The following is an update from our traffic analyst:

"In 2016 the left turn signal for northbound traffic on Beaver Bank Road was turned on for the AM peak hours after a review of the intersection found that left turning vehicles were not able to make the turn onto Millwood Drive until the all-red phase of the signals due to the high volumes of traffic headed southbound on Beaver Bank Road. When the phase was



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implemented, it was set so that it would only turn-on when there were a queue of vehicles waiting in the left turn lane, and would turn off after the queue cleared or 13 seconds, whichever came first.”



I brought your request to the attention of our Signals Analyst and he indicated that he was just on site to fix a problem with the detector. It was turning on every cycle, whether there were cars waiting to turn or not. He was able to successfully fix this and now the left turn phase should only turn on with the presence of vehicles in the lane. With this functioning properly and not turning on each cycle, back-ups in inbound traffic should be alleviated.

I have also requested data to be collected for this intersection to review if the left turn phase is still warranted for the AM hours.



CANNABIS – WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

The federal government has approved recreational cannabis use effective October 17, 2018. The following information table is from a staff report that was before Regional Council on June 19, 2018. The table outlines the three levels of government and their responsibilities in relation to Cannabis regulations.

REMINDER: * *Until federal legislation comes into effect, it is still against the law to possess, use, cultivate, or sell recreational cannabis in Nova Scotia. Except for rules around amending current leases to address cannabis and Part 1 of the Act expanding NSLC mandate to include cannabis, the province’s legislative framework will not come into effect until federal legislation is proclaimed.*

Table 1 – Cannabis Regulation: Government Responsibilities

Federal Government	Provincial Government	Halifax Regional Municipality
Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession limits • Types of Cannabis products permitted • New criminal offences • Packaging and labelling • Serving Sizes and potency • Ingredients • Production • Advertising • Impaired driving • Medical cannabis • Age limit (Federal) • Public health • Education • Taxation • Home cultivation • Regulatory compliance 	Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale and distribution • Retail model • Retail locations and rules • Possession • Social consumption • Public health and safety • Protecting youth • Deterring unlawful activities • Cultivation, propagation and harvesting • Taxation 	Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public safety • Locations of commercial production and testing facilities • Impacts on Neighborhoods • Enforcement • Home cultivation • Social consumption (where cannabis can be consumed) • Education
Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis Act • Laws for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada 	Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis Control Act 	Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nuisance By-law ◦ Municipal Parks By-law ◦ Land-use By-law(s)



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SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION DINNER AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Perusing the items available at the Penny Auction

KINSMAN BOWL - COUNCILLOR CRAIG AND I BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE TROPHY



The fight for football supremacy between Sackville High and Millwood High

MYLEE AND HALEY POTHIER – CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION



Mayor Savage and I presented Haley and Mylee Pothier of Beaver Bank with certificates in recognition of their homemade dog cookie sales that raise \$3600 for Hope for Wildlife this summer.





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FIFTH ANNUAL FUR BALL – OCTOBER 27th

Fifth Annual Fur Ball

*Join us for a special evening of Dinner and Dance,
and a Silent Auction*

Date: Saturday, October 27th, 2018

Dinner: 7:00 pm Dance: 9:00pm

Place: Schooner Showroom, Casino Nova Scotia

Tickets \$75.00 Early Bird Tickets: \$50.00

All proceeds go to Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada



CHARLES FENERTY BAND STAND ACADIA PARK GRAND OPENING



I was pleased to speak at the grand opening of the Acadia Park Band Stand



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SACKVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEET 'N GREET



SBA Meet 'n Greet with Subway's Tara Hill, MP Darrell Samson and Councillor Steve Craig

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE HALLOWEEN DANCE

HALLOWEEN DANCE
at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
1583 Beaver Bank Road

19+-CASH BAR

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
8PM-1AM**

TICKETS - \$15/ PERSON OR \$25/COUPLE

PRIZES FOR THE SCARIEST, FUNNIEST AND MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME+ MANY MORE!

DJ ANDREW TUFT'S SPINNING RECORDS ALL NIGHT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET TICKETS CALL 902-865-5114 OR EMAIL US AT BBKCC@EASTLINK.CA

HIKE THROUGH SHAW LANDS – SOON-TO-BE PARK AREA



With MP Andy Fillmore, Council colleagues Lorelei Nicoll and Shawn Cleary





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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Halloween Fun Night!

OCTOBER 19th, 2018 - 6-8pm
@ Springfield Lake Recreation Centre
\$10.00 per family
 All proceeds going to Val and Rob West
(They lost everything in a house fire)

- Games
- Gross Food Wheel
- Dancing
- Face painting
- Crafts




When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, November 4, 2018, 1:00:00 am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 4, 2018 than the day before. There will be [more light in the morning](#).

Also called [Fall Back](#) and [Winter Time](#).





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OVARIAN CANCER FUNDRAISER



Champagne Dress at the Lady Ball – ovarian cancer fundraiser



A little glam for the Lady Ball held on September 27th. So honoured to have been asked to participate in this wonderful fundraiser.

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North-West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Destination Halifax
- Halifax Water
- Diverse Voices