

ICE & SNOW WINTER MAINTENANCE



The NS Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) does most of the snow removal, ice control and winter road maintenance services in District 2. Our local NS Highway Depots are in West Chezzetcook at 902-827-2544 and in Spry Bay at 902-885-2821. If you want to e-mail any roadway concerns to the attention of the NSTIR Operations Contact Centre, please send it to: TIR-OCC@novascotia.ca or call 1-844-696-7737. The TIR-OCC will log it, assign a service ticket number and send it to the appropriate supervisor. The Province also has an on-line "plowtracker" tool that allows citizens to track snowplows by zooming in on a provincial map: <http://novascotia.ca/tran/winter/plowtracker.asp> or you can see current highway conditions by going on-line to their roadside cameras website: <https://novascotia.ca/tran/cameras/>. Drivers can also get up-to-date road conditions across Nova Scotia by calling the SNOW-line: 1-800-307-SNOW (7669) or 511 or 1-888-432-3233 or 902-424-3933 or just go on-line at: <http://novascotia.ca/tran/winter> and click on the Road & Weather Report Icon Button. The SNOW-line is updated regularly at 7 AM, 1 PM and 5 PM or more frequently in case of a major storm event. You can follow them on Twitter @NS_TIR. If you should have any concerns or complaints about snow removal service in your area that is served by NSDOTIR, then please contact your respective MLAs offices: Lloyd Hines (hineslp@gov.ns.ca) at 1-902-533-2280, or Kevin Murphy (murphyke@gov.ns.ca) at 902-281-3005 or Keith Colwell (colwelkw@gov.ns.ca) at 902-433-1494. With respect to the communities of North Preston, Westphal, and almost all of the Lawrencetown subdivision streets, these areas are done under the auspices of HRM with a Performance Base Contracted Out Service provider. If you have any concerns about our Snow and Ice Control winter road maintenance, please call the HRM Citizen Contact Centre at 311. For information about HRM Winter Road Maintenance, please go to: www.halifax.ca/transportation/winter-operations. Be sure to have proper tires and emergency supplies kit on hand in your vehicle. Please drive carefully this winter season.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR ENERGY FUND

The Salvation Army Good Neighbour Energy Fund (GNEF) is an emergency heating program available to Nova Scotian families who meet their criteria. This program, which is administered by The Salvation Army, receives its funds from Nova Scotia Power Inc., NSP employees and customers, and the Provincial Government. Applicants are now able to re-apply every 24 months to the program, which runs annually from January 15th through April 15th. If you are in an emergency home heating situation please download the application form (see link below) or pick one up from your local Salvation Army church, thrift store, as well as your local MLA offices. The 2019 GNEF application is now available on-line at: <https://salvationarmy.ca/wp-content/uploads/docs/2019%20GNEF-%20New%20Application.pdf> Please check this link for more details: <http://www.salvationarmy.ca/maritime/gnef/>

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out on January 14th. There is a 31 day official Appeal Period from that date whereby property owners can review and perhaps refute their appraisals. You can now access your property file on-line. Your Notice will provide you with an AAN – Assessment Account Number with a PIN to view your data. If you feel it is not assessed properly, then you should contact the NS Municipality Agency - Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) and speak with an Assessment representative. PVSC Assessment Office is located at Park Place Two, 238-A Brownlow Avenue, Suite 200, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 2B4. Toll-free Phone: 1-800-380-7775 or Fax: 1-888-339-4555. Property owners are encouraged to call and talk to an Assessor, prior to appealing an assessment. Perhaps this approach may answer and clear up some questions that you may have, hopefully avoiding the time and expense of an appeal. If not, you have the right to make a formal appeal, (in writing) either by letter or fax which must be received by their office on, or before the deadline date. For more info, please refer to your notice or go to PVSC Appeal Guide: www.pvsc.ca/site/media/PVSC/Documents/Appeal%20Brochure%20December%202012_final.pdf. If you should have any further enquiries about property valuation, please refer to their web-site at: www.PVSC.ca for more information.

FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS FUND



HRM supports events that builds community, fosters good community relations, supports culture, develops local economy and tourism industry, and enriches the quality of life of all residents and visitors. The 2019-20 Festival & Event Grant Applications are now available for community-based events. Preference will be given to events that are free to the public, are run by not-for-profit organizations, and have a broad appeal. Application deadline is 12 Noon on Thursday, January 31st. Application forms can either be mailed to you or download them on-line at: www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/events/grants For further details, contact HRM Civic Events Co-Ordinator Paul Forrester at e-mail: forresterp@halifax.ca or call 902-490-6979 or fax 902-490-5950.

FEDERAL ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS

The Federal Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) has a Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH) Program. Does your community organize a local festival? There are three intake period deadlines for applications under the Local Festivals component of the BCAH program: January 31st, April 30th and September 30th. Is there a significant local anniversary in our municipality or your community in 2019? If the anniversary marks a 100th anniversary or greater, in increments of 25 years (e.g., 125th, 150th) and it commemorates a significant local historical event or pays tribute to a significant local historical personality, consider applying to the Community Anniversaries component of BCAH www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/festivals.html. The deadline is also January 31st. For details, please contact them via e-mail at: pch.enligne-online.pch@canada.ca or call Toll-free 1-866-811-0055 or TTY 1-888-997-3123. The Legacy Fund component which provides funding for community capital projects that commemorate significant anniversaries and involve the restoration, renovation, or transformation of existing buildings and/or exterior spaces with local community significance; encourage arts and heritage activities in your community; and are intended for and accessible to the general public For more details about the Legacy Program, www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/legacy-fund.html e-mail them at: PCH.bcah-dcap.PCH@canada.ca

NEW HORIZONS SENIORS PROGRAM



The Federal Government is now accepting applications from organizations interested in receiving contribution funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). Some of this program's goals are: empowering seniors; encouraging seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experience with others in the community; and enhancing seniors' social well-being and community vitality. The NHSP provides grants and contributions funding for projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors and in their communities. Eligible organizations can apply up to \$5 Million for a project consisting of a 3 to 5 year collective impact initiative. The deadline for the Call for Concepts process (CFC) is January 21st. NHSP will fund initiatives that will support the development and implementation of collaborative approaches to increase the social inclusion of seniors. Social inclusion is the ability to fully participate in, contribute to and benefit from all aspects of society. For more info: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html>



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