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HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

## WELCOME FEBRUARY!



February is a month full of events that remind us of our common heritage as Nova Scotians and love for our family and friends. First is

recognition of African Heritage month, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is all about the tradition of Groundhog Day with a visit to Shubenacadie Sam, the 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine’s Day, the 18<sup>th</sup> is Nova Scotian Heritage Day - this year celebrating Maud Lewis.

February is also the time for a public hearing on Case 20267 – proposal for a five-storey plus penthouse development on Chebucto Road / Beech / Elm Streets. See more detail further along in this E-newsletter.

Remember to “Think before you Park” in adherence to the Winter Parking Ban to ensure our streets are clear for snow removal services.

## GROUND HOG DAY – FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day across North America and, according to tradition, the groundhog will poke his head out of his winter burrow to forecast spring. Should the groundhog see his shadow, winter will hang on for another six weeks, but should the groundhog not see his shadow, an early spring is on the way. Is Sam's prediction accurate? Always. Whether the weather agrees is inconsequential as Sam is always correct in his prediction regarding the arrival of spring (exactly six weeks from February 2<sup>nd</sup>).



## AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Africa Festival of Arts and Culture Society's annual celebration of African Canadian and African Nova Scotian history returns, with a full-course dinner being accompanied with performances by artists of African descent, including Master Drummer Amadou Kienou and the Djeli Sira group on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Rosaria Hall Seton Road, Halifax.

For more information on events involving Black History Month, please visit the provincial website for African Nova Scotian Affairs and our municipal website for Diversity and Inclusion’s African Nova Scotia Affairs Integration Office (ANSAIO) as well as our Halifax Public Libraries website.

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### The 2019 African Nova Scotian History Challenges

Entries accepted from October 19, 2018 to February 8, 2019  
Awards include bursaries totalling \$3,000.00, prizes and gifts.



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## African Nova Scotian History Challenges 2019 Rules

Open to all students and classes from all schools in Nova Scotia.

Submissions are accepted from

October 19, 2018 to February 8, 2019

Entries via mail only or delivered during regular business hours.

You are encouraged to send your entries early.

DBDLI Awards for Excellence in African Nova Scotian History are presented to students whose submissions to the Challenges best exemplify the contributions that African Nova Scotians have made to the history, heritage and culture of our province and our country. All Awards include cash bursaries.

Mail or deliver your entries from October 19, 2018 to February 8, 2019 to:

The African Nova Scotian History Challenges  
Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute  
5450 Cornwallis Street  
Halifax, NS  
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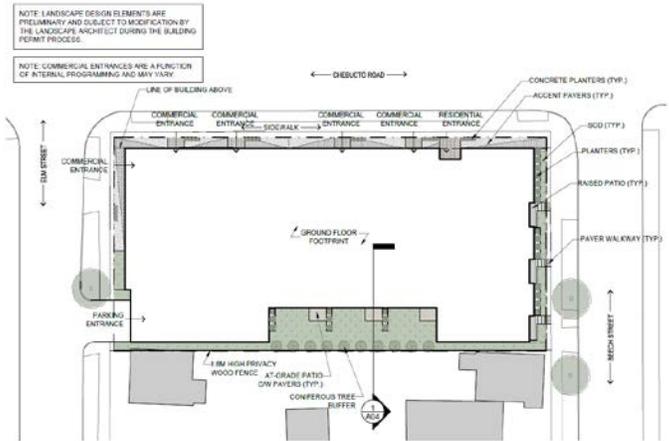
Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, the name of your school, your grade, your teacher's name and your teacher's contact number.

DBDLI Awards will be presented solely at the discretion of the Judging Committee and the Judging Committee's decisions will be deemed final. Judges will consider content, grade level, creativity and presentation in evaluating each submission. The Judging Committee may award one top prize and one or more runners-up prizes for each Challenge. Awards range from \$50.00 to \$250.00 each. Prizes will be awarded by category: High School (Grades 10-12), Junior High (Grades 7-9) and Elementary (Grades P-6). Submissions post-marked or delivered after the deadline date will not be considered. Students may submit one entry to each Challenge. Teachers may submit one class entry only. Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Only Award winners will be contacted. A complete list of Award winners will be published on our website.

located at the corners of Chebucto Road, Beech Street and Elm Street.

All are welcome to attend the **Public Hearing** and provide comment on these proposals. If unable to attend the meeting, you may submit your written comments before 3:00 p.m. the day of the public hearing (Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019) to [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca). Comments received after this time will not be distributed.

For further information, please contact Jesse Morton, Planner II, Planning and Development, Urban Plan Amendments at [902.490.4844](tel:902.490.4844).



## PUBLIC HEARING ON CASE 20267 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Halifax Regional Council will host a joint public hearing on Case 20267 with Halifax and West Community Council at 6:00 p.m. at 1841 Argyle Street. Under consideration are proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Halifax Peninsula; and, a development agreement as per the application by WM Fares, on behalf of Jane Group Limited, to permit a 5-storey building, with residential units and ground floor commercial at 6482 Chebucto Road



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## NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY – FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

Primary to Grade 12 classes were invited to submit their suggestions for significant cultural and historical contributions that should be honoured during future Heritage Day celebrations following the introduction of Nova Scotia Heritage Day as the province’s newest holiday. More than 75 submissions were received and reviewed by a three-member panel. From those submissions, a list of Heritage Day honourees was created as follows:

- 2015 Viola Desmond
- 2016 Joseph Howe
- 2017 Mi’kmaq Heritage
- 2018 Mona Louise Parsons

### 2019 Maud Lewis

A world famous folk artist, Maud Lewis painted scenes that evoke feelings of innocence and child-like exuberance that is as enduring as the spring times she loved to paint.



Maud Lewis

### 2020 Africville

### 2021 Edward Francis Arab

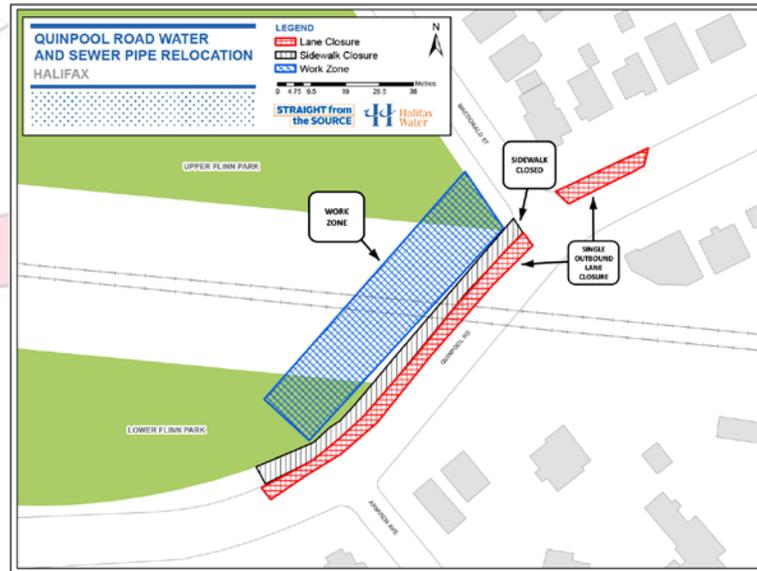
### 2022 Grand Pré National Historic Site



January 19, 2016 unveiling of the Heritage Day Flag by former Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Tony Ince and Deputy Premier Diana Whalen.

## QUINPOOL ROAD WATER AND SEWER PIPE RELOCATION

STRAIGHT from the SOURCE



Atlantic Road Construction & Paving Limited (ARCP), on behalf of Halifax Water, commenced a periodic lane drop on Quinpool Road near the CN Railway - Quinpool Road bridge. The periodic lane drop and sidewalk closure will take place from 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the outbound curb lane of Quinpool Road in the vicinity of MacDonald Street and Armview Avenue.

The lane drop is part of preliminary work to install a water and wastewater pipe bridge adjacent to the existing Quinpool Road Bridge and is required to ensure the safety of the travelling public as equipment accesses the site. The work will continue until April.

There will be temporary closures of sections of Flinn Park however, the trail will remain open. For safety during construction, at times a temporary trail will



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be in place to divert trail users around the work zone.



Experienced traffic control personnel will be on-site to ensure smooth traffic flow around the work zone. On-site personnel will also maintain communication with residents and businesses to help minimize disruption. Motorists can expect delays as materials and equipment access the work site. **Motorists are also reminded that speed fines double in work zones.**



We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary infrastructure improvement work may cause. For more information visit [www.halifaxwater.ca](http://www.halifaxwater.ca) or call our Customer Care Centre at 902-420-9287.

## THINK BEFORE YOU PARK



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To help us clear streets as thoroughly as possible this winter, and to help you avoid a ticket, as well as the inconvenience and cost of being towed, please ask yourself these four questions when considering parking on the street this winter:

1. Is the overnight parking ban currently being enforced?
2. Is your vehicle causing a safety issue?
3. Is it making the road impassable?
4. Is it impeding snow operations underway in the area?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, **do not** park on the street.

Understand your responsibilities for complying with the [municipal overnight parking ban](#) and Section 139 of the [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#). The easiest way to know when the parking ban will be enforced is to [register for notifications](#). Residents can also email a request to [contact@halifax.ca](mailto:contact@halifax.ca) or [call 311](#). For those who signed up last season, you will continue to receive notifications when the ban is enforced.





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### HALIFAX TRANSIT IS GROWING AND HIRING BUS OPERATORS / TRUCK & TRANSPORT MECHANICS



#### WE'RE HIRING BUS OPERATORS!

Do you enjoy interacting with the public, work that's always changing, and making a difference? Are you looking for meaningful work with full time hours, pension and benefits? Consider becoming an operator with Halifax Transit. Successful candidates will be placed in a Resource Bank and hired from that bank as required.

[Apply now.](#) Applications for the position will be accepted until Tuesday, February 12.

#### WE'RE RECRUITING TRUCK & TRANSPORT MECHANICS (RED SEAL)

Come work with us! Halifax Transit is inviting applications for a candidate pool of Truck & Transport Mechanics at our locations in Halifax and Dartmouth. Candidates selected for this opportunity may be considered for available positions over the next six months. 3rd and 4th year apprentices will also be considered.

Halifax Transit offers: defined benefit pension, three-weeks vacation in your first full year,

medical/dental, unionized, training opportunities, mentorship opportunities, clothing and boot allowance, tool replacement program after two years employment, shop and specialty tools are provided and much more.

Be a part of the team that ensures our buses are safe. [Read the full job description and apply today.](#)



For questions regarding the recruiting process at Halifax Transit, please contact:

Cassandra Jones  
Coordinator, Resource Support and Development  
Halifax Transit  
902-490-2398

**Please note:** To apply for any position with Halifax Transit, please visit the [Work for the Halifax Regional Municipality](#) page.

### QUARRY ROAD UPDATE

STRAIGHT from the SOURCE



Halifax Water has advised that the damage to Quarry Road, caused by a water main break, will be permanently repaired this spring (May). Due to winter weather and the unavailability of asphalt, cold mix asphalt patching is the temporary solution.



- continue plowing/salting every 3 hours during weather event;
- cleared within 12 hours of end of weather event.

Secondary & Residential Streets:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 6-8 hours or when accumulations have reached 10 cms for cut-throughs;
- continue plowing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather events;
- cleared to passable within 24 hours from the end of a weather event.

Cycling Lanes and Sidewalks in downtown core of Halifax & Dartmouth:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 4 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 4-8 hours during extended weather events;
- clearing within 12 hours from end of weather event.

Cycle Lanes and Primary Sidewalks (bus routes, commercial mainstreets) outside of downtown:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 4-6 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather event;
- cleared within 16 hours from end of weather event.

**SNOW CLEARING STANDARDS**

At the January 29th, 2019 Regional Council session, I put forward the motion below. Although the motion was defeated, I will continue to push for better snow clearing for Halifax in the future.

**That Halifax Regional Council** request a staff report that assesses the costs and benefits of implementing the following snow clearing standards when snowfalls are 30 cms or less:

Major Roads (main arterials, major bus routes, steep inclines, emergency routes, streets to schools and public buildings):

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 2-4 hours;



# Winterful WATERFRONT WEEKEND

Come enjoy some outdoor **winter fun** for the whole family on the Halifax Waterfront February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>!

There will be lots of activities for children and adults alike. Fire, food, hot drinks, music, mascots, games, winter yoga, and more. Takes place on the Halifax Waterfront around Sands at Salter, and Foundations Place; located at 1549 Lower Water Street; end of Salter Street and the boardwalk area around the wave.

Activities run:

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Dress warmly and come down to the water's edge to play!



## BUDGET 2019/20



Budget discussions continue and I encourage you to participate by commenting on the budget either in person at one of the Committee of the Whole

budget sessions or, via [email](#) or online using the Budget Allocator tool. Each year the municipal budget is presented to, debated, and approved by Regional Council. Each department (Business Unit) presents their proposed capital budget to Regional Council. These meetings are open to the public, and can be [watched](#) or [listened to](#) online.

The municipal budget determines spending priorities and service delivery for residents. The municipality operates on a 12-month fiscal cycle, from April 1st to March 31st of the following year. Under the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Council must adopt an operating and a capital budget each year:

The **Operating Budget** deals with the annual cost of delivering services, and includes wages, materials and supplies, office and work space costs, etc. The Operating Budget also includes amounts to be transferred each year to support capital budget investments. The municipality's operating budget is fully balanced.

The **Capital Budget** deals with significant investments that have long term value to the municipality, including buildings, roads, bridges, recreation centres and other infrastructure. The Capital Budget is financed through a mixture of



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debt, cost sharing, reserve withdrawals and transfers from the operating budget.

Below is the list of upcoming meeting dates and the Business Units presenting (note: these are subject to change so always check our website for accuracy).

## 01 February 2019

Capital Budget: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., located in Council Chambers, City Hall.

\*Please note: Fire budget committee meeting, originally scheduled for Feb. 1, will now take place on Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

## 06 February 2019

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.,  
Parks & Recreation  
Halifax Public Libraries  
Planning & Development

## 08 February 2019

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,  
Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

## 13 February 2019

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m  
Fiscal & Consolidated Accounts  
Halifax Regional Police

## 15 February 2019

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.,  
Budget Adjustment List (BAL) review

## 02 April 2019

Regional Council - Budget Approval  
10 a.m., located in Council Chambers, City Hall.  
Regional Council will review and approve the 2019-2020 budget.

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I am a member of the following boards and committees:

- Halifax and West Community Council
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership
- Halifax Harbour Bridges

