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 DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
 MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME MAY!

MAY 2nd – JOB FAIR



Good-bye to April showers, hello to May flowers! As soon as the ground dries out / firms up, our ball diamonds and natural grass fields will be open for the season!

This E-newsletter is full of updates on a variety of matters such as new parking restrictions for Windgate Drive (Beaver Bank), traffic calming for a few streets in Middle Sackville, advance notice of transit changes coming for Beaver Bank in November, volunteer opportunities on HRM Boards/Committees and, information on the approved 2019/20 Capital and Operating Budgets.

This month my office hours at the Beaver Bank Hub Office will be **Friday, May 10th** at 1583 Beaver Bank Road, from 2-4:00 p.m. Stop in for a chat about municipal services/programs!!

Spring Job Fair

Stand Out – Get Hired

Halifax Forum
Multi-Purpose Centre

May 2nd, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS
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TEAMWORK Cooperative



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Halifax Transit is Hiring

Truck and Transport Mechanics (Red Seal Certified)
3rd and 4th year apprentices will be considered



Be a part of the team that keeps our buses safe and on the road
Apply today: halifax.ca/transit

Questions: email jobs@halifax.ca or call 902.490.2469

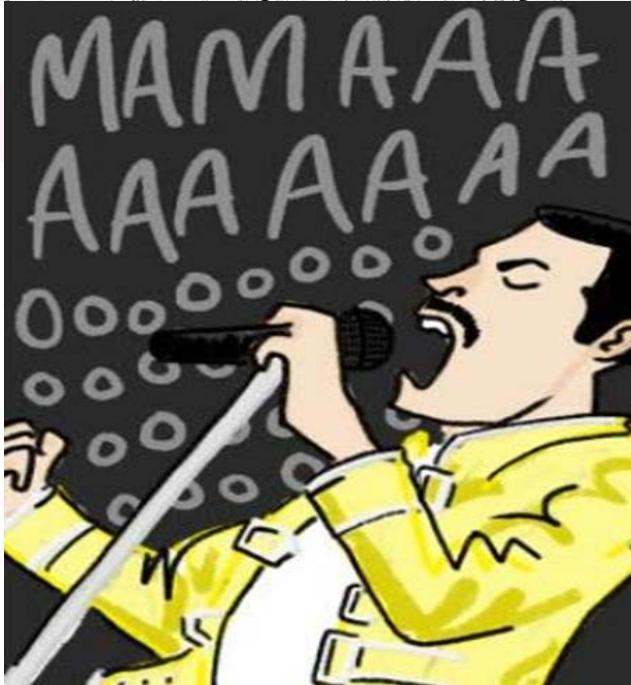


SACKVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION APRIL MEET 'N GREET



I was thrilled to chat with volunteers of the Sackville Rivers Association at the Sackville Business Association's Meet 'n Greet in April.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! - MAY 12th



REPORT A POTHOLE / SINKHOLE

Call 311 to [report a pothole or sinkhole](#) on HRM owned streets or sidewalks.

Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of the road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt under the hole.



Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into it, you can't see any pavement.



If you are reporting **potholes on a 100-series highway**, please **contact** Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca.



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REPORT LITTER ON HRM OWNED STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS

[Report](#) scattered litter or overflowing waste bins on HRM owned streets, sidewalks, paths, walkways, between streets or in ditches by calling **311** or using the link above.

Litter accumulates. It's ugly. The culmination of small transgressions by litterers – even those that happen by accident – looks bad in our community. One piece of litter turns to two, then three, and more. We are each responsible to stop litter before it starts.

“DYOD – DELITTER YOUR OWN DITCH”

Lucasville resident, Ryan Grant, is a wonderful example of an individual being pro-active and taking responsibility for litter clean-up in his community. You may have spotted Ryan picking up garbage along Lucasville Road; he plans to



do the entire length of the road but could use some help. “I also thought of a good slogan to spread around,” he said. “DYOD -

Delitter Your Own Ditch.” Wise words.

Thank-you Ryan.

ALL BALL DIAMONDS AND NATURAL GRASS FIELDS TO OPEN SOON



Our [Parks & Recreation](#) department has advised that all ball diamonds and natural grass sport fields are currently CLOSED with **an opening date of May / June pending weather conditions**. All-weather fields are open for programmed use: to book please call 311.

SPRING CLEANING

Now that the winter season has wrapped up, municipal staff have transitioned to annual spring cleanup activities across the region.

Crews are working in all areas to address litter, remove downed branches and other winter debris, and empty garbage cans in municipal parks, playgrounds, sports fields, trails and other open spaces.

All 1000 kilometers of sidewalks will be mechanically swept and cleared of debris over the next few weeks, with the initial effort focused on improving conditions in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.



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The municipality has also deployed its eight vacuum street sweepers and two tandem broom trucks for an initial cleaning of approximately 1,500 kilometers of roadway and 3,000 kilometers of curb in the core areas of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford. In areas where snow clearing was done by contractors, street and sidewalk cleaning will be completed by the same contractor, as needed.



Clearing debris from the region's bicycle lanes is also a priority, which will take place in tandem with the street cleaning work.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON WINDGATE DRIVE



Due to concerns expressed by residents, HRM's Traffic Analysts have reviewed the issue of parking along Windgate

Drive in Beaver Bank and will be installing parking restrictions on the east side of the road (see red line in photo), from civic #977 (2nd utility pole) to the intersection at Beaver Bank Road. Staff will monitor the effects of these restrictions and may add more if required.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY – THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre volunteers for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event.

Vibrant communities are a result of generous volunteers who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to provide us with wonderful family events like the recent *Breakfast with the Easter Bunny*. This photo shows the number of hands needed to provide social gatherings like this one.

I thank **each** of you for all you have done and continue to do!





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EMERALD ASH BORER



Signs of the Emerald Ash Borer are the "tunnels" found in Ash trees such as the one pictured above.

Due to the recent detection of the [Emerald Ash Borer](#), residents are reminded that the movement of ash materials, including logs, branches, woodchips, and firewood of any kind is [restricted](#) by the Federal Government.



Emerald Ash Borer - photo courtesy of CBC.

HALIFAX TRANSIT BEAVER BANK SERVICE CHANGES—NOVEMBER 2019

When the [MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER](#) plan was approved three years ago, changes to Beaver Bank transit service were planned to occur in August 2020. However, plans have changed a little due to software changes coming in 2020. **We are now planning to make all the Sackville changes in November 2019.**

The proposed changes to Route 400 will now occur in November 2019 rather than August 2020. The new routes were to be called Route 89/189 (and are still referenced as such in the Moving Forward Together Plan), they will actually be called [Routes 86/186](#).

Route 400 Beaver Bank will become local **Route 86 Beaver Bank** and express **Route 186 Beaver Bank**. This change is a result of the truncation of the route to eliminate the low ridership segment beyond Kinsac Road. There will be a higher level of service than the former Route 400 Beaver Bank.

More detail will be provide as we approach the November 2019 implementation deadline.





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WATERSTONE COMMUNITY – SAVE THE DATE!

May 11th

Ditch cleanup – 9:00 a.m. at the park
Bottle drive and paper shredding also on site

May 25th

Subdivision wide yard sale

TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS APPROVED FOR MIDDLE SACKVILLE

Speed humps and sign posts for traffic calming have been approved for the 2019 construction season as follows:

Wilson Lake Drive	Sackville Drive to Snowberry Court	4 locations
Lively Road	Sackville Drive to Rosemary Drive	4 locations
Rosemary Drive	Sackville Drive to Rhodora Drive	8 locations
Hamilton Drive	Sackville Drive to Stratmore Avenue (north leg)	2 locations

Please contact **Nicholas Hussy**, Design Engineer, at **902.490.6968** or email: hussyn@halifax.ca if you have any questions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A:

MUSIC SOCIAL- JAM AFTERNOON

ENJOY: COUNTRY, FOLK, ROCK 'N' ROLL

SUNDAY-MAY 5 2:00-4:00PM

BRING AN INSTRUMENT, YOUR SINGING VOICE, A FRIEND OR JUST YOURSELF & JOIN THE FUN!

TO THE
BBKCC - DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE
1583 BEAVER BANK RD
EVERYONE WELCOME!
FAMILY FRIENDLY
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FREE WILL OFFERING

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT:
MARY BARRETT: 902-864-2144
NANCY/LYLE MAILMAN: 902-864-6572
SUSAN PARTRIDGE: 902-252-0799

2019-2020 BUDGET APPROVED!

2019-2020 Highlights

- \$793.7 Million** Municipal expenditures
- \$164 Million** Capital
- \$36.1 Million** Road and bridge renewals
- Design plan approved, tender for deconstruction/construction, public engagement next for city-building project
- \$7.6 Million** Active transportation projects as part of the Integrated Mobility Plan
- \$2 Million*** Woodside Ferry Terminal upgrades
- *Multi-year project. Total project cost of \$9 million.
- 10+ Firefighters** Enhanced fire safety presence in Fall River
- \$15.4 Million** Conventional bus replacement



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landed in a place that ensures we continue to invest municipal tax dollars responsibly.”

Key programs and capital projects:

Transit and Moving Forward Together Plan

- Conventional bus replacement \$15.4-million
- Rural transit funding \$220,000

Integrated Mobility Plan

- Active transportation projects \$7.6-million
- Transit Priority Measures, land and facility investment \$7.5-million
- Parking technology \$1.7-million

Safe Communities

- Bridge and street improvements \$36.1-million
- Enhanced fire presence in Fall River \$400,000
- Water quality monitoring \$150,000

Innovation and Culture

- Investing in innovation with Volta \$125,000
- Arts Halifax \$75,000

SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION



Sackville Rivers Association volunteers at the recent Lake District Recreation community dinner.



2019-2020

BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLANS



HALIFAX

On April 16th, Regional Council approved \$793.7-million in total municipal expenditures and a capital plan of \$164-million as part of the 2019-20 municipal budget.

Council approved a decline in the residential tax rate of 0.3 per cent, acknowledging that the average residential tax bill will increase due to growth in property assessment. The average single-family home tax bill will increase by \$43, or 2.3 per cent in 2019-20 to \$1,967. The overall average commercial tax bill will also increase by 2.3 per cent.

Mayor Savage said that: *“This is a solid budget, in my opinion, reflecting Council’s consistent commitment to respect the taxpayer of today and all of our citizens,” ... “I’m proud of our open and transparent budgeting process and I feel we*

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HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

What will happen to the Memorial Library?

A public consultation

May 23, 2019 - 6:30pm

Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess
Corner of Queen and Sackville
Free parking available

11.00 in

Please join us for a presentation on the history of the Halifax Memorial Library and the hallowed ground it occupies, followed by a public consultation on what is to become of this significant Halifax landmark.



RSVP kindly requested by May 17, 2019:
rsvp@hmhps.ca

SACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BACKYARD BIRDING

Kick off your long weekend with some time spent in nature! The Nova Scotia Bird Society will lead us through a presentation on backyard birding and, weather permitting, a short walk in the park outside.



Saturday, May 18
10:30am - 12:00pm

Sackville Public Library
636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

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SPRING FAIR

Beaverbank Monarch Drive Elementary Spring Fair

🕒 Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 11

AM

📍 38 Monarch Dr, Beaver Bank,

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SACKVILLE HERITAGE PARK



WE WANT YOU!

[Apply](#) to serve on a municipal board, committee, or commission. We need community participation to help advise regional / community councils & standing committees on important municipal issues. There are openings on the following boards/committees:



[Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group \(Staff Committee\) - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **ten (10) citizens** of the municipality to sit on the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group.

[Police Diversity Working Group \(Staff Committee\) - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **four (4) citizens** of the municipality to sit on the Police Diversity Working Group.

[Halifax Harbour Bridges Board of Commissioners - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **one (1) citizen** of the municipality to sit on the Halifax Harbour Bridges Board of Commissioners.

[Halifax Regional Water Commission Board - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **two (2) citizens** of the municipality to sit on the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board.

[Regional Watersheds Advisory Board - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **five (5) citizens** of the municipality to sit on the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

[Western Common Advisory Committee - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **one (1) resident** of the municipality to sit on the Western Common Advisory Committee.

[Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority - Volunteer Opportunity](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking to recruit **two (2) citizens** of the municipality to sit on the Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority Board.





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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE – EVENTUROUS THEATRE COMPANY’S **DISASTER** SHOWING MAY 10th – 12th

BIKE WEEK – JUNE 1ST - 9TH

Bike Week is a nine-day long celebration of cycling in the Halifax Regional Municipality, from June 1-9. Activities include signature events like the **Southwest Sunday Cycle**, **MEC Bike to School Day**, and **SWITCH**, but also dozens of smaller community events, rides, workshops and safety campaigns throughout the municipality targeting cyclists of all ages and abilities.

On average, 50 events take place over 10 days encouraging over 7,000 people in the region to take part in physical activity, learn about cycling, and - of course- have fun!

Bike Week has grown from 18 events with just 800 participants in 2006, to **60 events reaching 7,000+ participants** in 2018. It is through community groups, bike enthusiasts and supporters like you that we can expand our reach and improve the lives of residents living in the municipality by encouraging them to get out and become more active.

If you have questions, contact Eliza Jackson at 902.478.9725.

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Springfield Lake Recreation Centre

266 Lakeview Avenue, Sackville, NS B4E 3B6

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm - \$ 17.00

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 7:30 pm - \$ 17.00

Mother's Day Dessert Matinee

Sunday May 12, 2019 at 2:00 pm - \$ 25.00

(doors open 30 minutes prior to each show)





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CURB SIDE GIVE AWAY WEEKEND – JUNE 8th - 9th

FREE yourself of clutter and find some great FREE items of your own!

Put out your unwanted household items during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It's a great way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while letting someone else find something new.

This event happens rain or shine!



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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
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Halifax Water Commission

