

MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

Each October, community activities, events, sharing and showcasing Mi'kmaw people, history and heritage take place across Nova Scotia to more broadly heighten knowledge and awareness of Mi'kmaw communities across the region. October was chosen as Mi'kmaw History Month because it coincides with the anniversary of English settlers signing the inaugural peace and friendship treaty with the Mi'kmaw people. Treaty Day is designated October 1st as the date on which the Mi'kmaw people received a promise of peace along with compensation for appropriated lands, resources and the impact of conflict on people and communities across Mi'kma'ki. In an effort to assist all Nova Scotians in increasing their knowledge and awareness of Mi'kmaw culture, history and heritage, a Mi'kmaq History Month Committee was established to promote and encourage educational and cultural activities during the month of October. For more information, go to: <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca>

TRANSIT FARES INCREASE—SEPT. 30TH

Transit fares are increasing to reflect increased levels of service and rising operational costs. A jurisdictional scan shows that Halifax Transit fares are consistently lowest or second-lowest when compared with Canadian cities of similar population and transit fleet size. HRM Regional Council approved the motion to increase fares on Jan 30th, then approved the fare by-law amendment on Sept. 17th and as a result, Halifax Transit fares will increase as of Sept. 30th. Cash fares for regular transit & ferry will be: Children—FREE, Youth & Seniors \$2 and Adult \$2.75 and Metro-X Rural Express rates will be: Youth & Seniors \$3 and Adult \$4.25 There are discount savings for bulk purchase of 10 ticket packages or Monthly Passes. For more information: www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes/fare-strategy-frequently-asked-questions

PROPERTY TAXES DUE—OCT. 31ST

HRM invoices property tax bills to all property owners twice each year. The tax year covers the fiscal period of April 1st–March 31st. The first tax bill was sent out (either by mail or e-post) in March and was due on the last working day of April. The second and final bill will be sent out (either by mail or e-post) in September and is due on the last working day of October (Wednesday, October 31st). The first (or interim) invoice is based on 50 per cent of the current year's estimated taxes but based on last year's rates. The final invoice is calculated using the current assessment with the current year's tax rates, less the amount you already paid from the first invoice. The total amounts billed must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. Interest is applied daily to all outstanding taxes at a rate of 15 per cent per annum. For more information; please call 311 or visit HRM web-site: www.halifax.ca/home-property/municipal-payments/making-a-payment

HRM HSW MOBILE DEPOT—OCT. 5TH



HRM has rescheduled its Household Special Waste (HSW) Mobile Drop Off Depot at the Oyster Pond Academy parking lot on Saturday, October 5th. This replaces the event that was cancelled due to Hurricane Dorian back on Sept 7th. Hours of operation will be from 9AM-4PM. This is a Rain or Shine event! Electronics products and medical needles and sharps are not accepted at the HSW depot. Business waste is not permitted and will not be accepted either. For more information on HRM solid waste program including updates on any future mobile HSW depots; please call 311 or visit: www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY: OCT. 19TH & 20TH



Curbside / Roadside Give Away is a bi-annual event that promotes diversion of reusable items from landfill by offering items for others to claim for free. It's time to give someone the chance to reuse things you no longer need, by recycling your clean and working goods. The dates are Saturday & Sunday, October 19th & 20th. Please check out this webpage for more information: www.halifax.ca/recycle/CGAW.php or at: [Facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles) and Twitter @hfxgov and #hfxcurbside.

AID FOR INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY

As we coped with another dry summer, many rural residents experienced dry or very low wells. HRM now has a bylaw whereby landowners that are experiencing inadequate water supply on their home property to apply to the municipality to assist with the financing of drilling a new well or seek other water supply alternatives such as a cistern or water collection systems. Basically, taking out a 10 year term loan from HRM that places a lien onto your property like any local betterment charge. This is similar arrangement for the Solar City Program. More details about the this program can be found at: www.halifax.ca/home-property/property-taxes/water-supply-program/water-supply-program-faq. And the HRM Council Bylaw C-1000 Report is found at: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/190226rci05.pdf. Anyone with additional questions can direct their enquiries to: bylawc1000@halifax.ca or contact Rose Preston at prestor@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4197 or 311. An application form for this program can be downloaded at: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/home-property/property-taxes/HRM-By-Law-C-1000-Dry-Wells-Application-Form.pdf. Furthermore, HRM EMO wants to know more data about exactly where rural residents are having dry well problems. Please call 311 or 902-490-4000 and have your property documented. This information will help HRM to prepare for future Emergency Drinking Water distribution programs.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS FUNDS

The Southeastern and Eastern Shore Musquodoboit Community Health Boards annually provides "Wellness Funds" grants to support projects addressing the social determinants of health such as; poverty, food insecurity, healthy lifestyles, early childhood development, literacy, safe/affordable housing and social isolation. Deadline to apply is October 15th. For more info, contact: Monique Mullins-Roberts; SECHB Coordinator Monique.Mullins-Roberts@nshealth.ca at 902-460-6869 or Denise VanWychen, ESMCHB Coordinator denise.vanwychen@nshealth.ca at 902-891-0372 For full funding details visit: www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/wellness-funds or check out their Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/SoutheasternCHB/> <https://www.facebook.com/ESMCHB/>

OPEN-AIR BURNING SEASON AGAIN

As of October 16th, (weather permitting) and whether the NS Forest Weather Index (FWI) www.novascotia.ca/BurnSafe is at a low or moderate reading, the time of day burning restrictions will be lifted. For more information about open-air burning and safe burning practices: www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/burning-permits/burning-rules-regulations. Please be careful whenever burning!

CLAM HARBOUR SALVAGE YARD PIM

There will be a Public Information Meeting (PIM) on Wed. October 16th at 7P.M. in the West Ship Harbour Community Hall to receive public input about an application for a proposed Salvage Yard facility at 4442 Clam Harbour Road. More information about Case #22198 can be found at: www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications/case-22198-clam-harbour-bay-rd-clam-harbour or contact HRM Planner: Maria Jacobs by phone 902-490-4911 or by email at jacobsm@halifax.ca

NS FOREST FESTIVAL—OCT. 26TH

Memory Lane Heritage Village at 5435 Clam Harbour Road in Lake Charlotte will be hosting its third annual Forest Festival on Saturday, October 26th, from 10A.M.–4P.M. Free Admission. This will be a showcase of the many ways Nova Scotians connect to the Province's forests for their livelihood, housing, recreation, food, and heritage. Enjoy demonstrations and hands-on activities for all ages. Try your hand at axe-throwing. So grab your plaid and head for the woods! For more information; call 902-845-1937 or go to: <https://heritagevillage.ca>



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