



DEPUTY MAYOR LISA BLACKBURN
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME FEBRUARY!



February is going to be a busy, fun-filled month with lots of events taking place including: African Heritage month, Sackville Snow Days, Valentine's Dance, Casino Night, Karaoke, and much more! Keep

reading for an opportunity to apply for a position on a municipal Board/Committee or even as Poet Laurette.

Budget discussions are under way and you can have your say by attending a [Budget Committee meeting](#) or by following along [online](#).

Look forward to chatting with you about municipal services or programs at my Beaver Bank-Hub office. Hours are: **1st Friday of every month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre, 1583 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank.

ROADSIDE MEMORIAL SURVEY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 2nd!

Your input is important as we consider legislative amendments to permit the placement of roadside memorials in the municipal public right of way. Staff will use the data from the survey to prepare a report concerning the size and placement of roadside memorials, as well as setting criteria and a process for removal, if required. Take the survey now at:

shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/roadside-memorials.

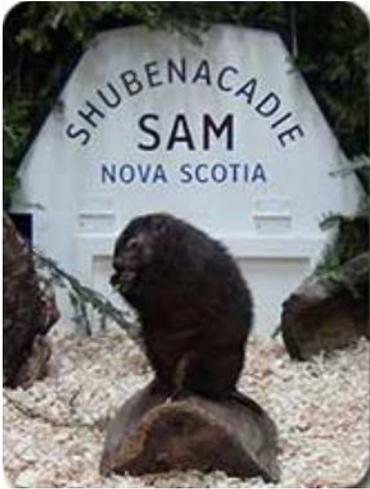




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WILL HE OR WON'T HE?



February 2nd is Groundhog Day – will Shubenacadie Sam see his shadow? The Shubenacadie Wildlife Park opens at 7 a.m. and at 8 a.m. Sam's door is opened - he steps out to predict whether there will

be 6 more weeks of winter or an early spring.

See details for [the 2020 events](#) here.

There is now a SamCam (webcam) that you can watch to see his big moment live: [link to the webcam](#).

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Here I am reading the proclamation following the flag raising at City Hall to commence African Heritage Month.

The 2020 [African Heritage Month](#) theme, **The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family & Community**, recognizes the unique bond People of African Decent share through Faith, Family and Community. This theme is about celebrating the longstanding legacy of Faith and Spirituality, acknowledging strong family ties and honouring the togetherness of the African Nova Scotian Community. These ties help facilitate a greater bond and understanding of all cultures in Nova Scotia.

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SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION



Walter Regan and I supporting the Sackville Rivers Association initiatives in the community.





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COMMUNITY FOOT CARE CLINIC – FEBRUARY 6th

Date: Thursday, February 6th
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Wallace Lucas Community Centre, 596 Lucasville Road

Come for an assessment, education and treatment.

We hope to make this a monthly service for the community.

For more information or to book a time, call Jane at 902 452-3668.



VALENTINE’S DANCE FEBRUARY 8th

SAT, FEB 8 AT 9 PM - 1 AM

Annual Valentine's Dance featuring Chambermade

Springfield Lake Rec Center -
Middle Sackville



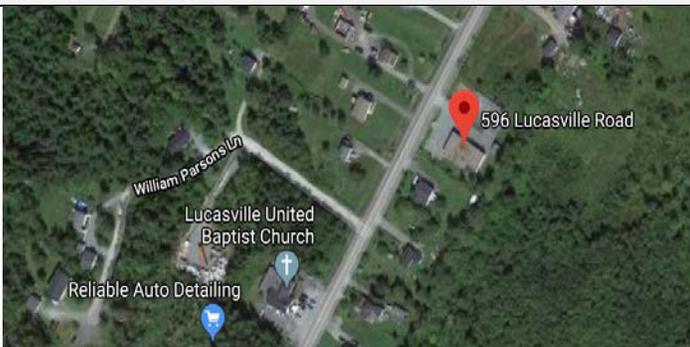
WE NEED **YOU!**

HRM is seeking community-minded residents for a variety of opportunities on Regional Council advisory committees and boards.

Application deadline is February 10th for the following:

- [Women’s Advisory Committee](#) (8 positions)
- [Design Advisory Committee](#) (12 positions)
- [Western Common Advisory Committee](#) (6 positions)
- [Regional Watersheds Advisory Board](#) (2 positions)

Contact the [Office of the Municipal Clerk](#) for more information, including eligibility requirements, or call 902-490-4210.





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MUNICIPAL POET LAURETTE 2020 – 2023 - DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14th

6th ANNUAL SACKVILLE SNOW DAYS FEBRUARY 14th – 17th



Could you be our next municipal Poet Laurette? The position is an ambassador

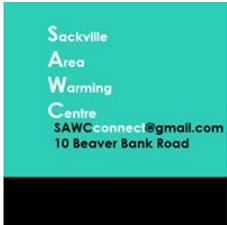
and advocate for literacy, literature and the arts and serves to reflect the breadth, complexity and vitality of the community during the three-year term beginning April 2020 and ending March 31, 2023. Details regarding the role and responsibilities of the position can be found at: [2020-2023 Poet Laureate Application](#).

Check out the [Sackville Business Association's](#) website for more information on all the family fun activities planned for the 6th annual Sackville Snow Days! A little something for everyone of every age.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th IS NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY

SUPPORT THE SACKVILLE WARMING CENTRE BY DONATING YOUR BOTTLES & CANS



Unveiling the Heritage Day Flag: design inspired by students.

Heritage Day is Nova Scotia's provincial holiday, celebrated on the 3rd Monday in February. The day honours a person or event chosen by Nova Scotian school children (K-12).

2020 is the 10th anniversary of the formal apology to Africville, therefore; Heritage Day 2020 will honour the National Historic Site, a site of great significance to the African Nova Scotian community.

How can you help our Sackville Area Warming Centre? Fader's Bottle Exchange, at 15 Sackville Cross Rd, is hosting an account for us. Drop your bottles and cans off there and donate the return to our SAWC.

We are grateful for the support from our community.





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MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S NEW YEAR'S DAY LEEVE AT CITY HALL



At the New Year's Day Levee at City Hall with Councillors Wayne Mason, Lorelei Nicoll, me and MLA Steve Craig.

SIGNING PETITION FOR RETURN OF BEAVER BANK NORTH TRANSIT SERVICE



Here I am with Lyle Mailman, signing the petition to have transit service returned to north Beaver Bank.



Ring in the New Year with MLA Steve Craig and Councillor Paul Russell at the Royal Canadian Legion Calais Branch 162 New Year's Day Levee.

CRIMESTOPPERS BATTLE OF WITS FUNDRAISER 2020



Councillor Tony Mancini, MLA Tim Halman and I working as judges for the Crime Stoppers Battle of Wits fundraiser.





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KARAOKE AT WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th



Time: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cash Bar.
Kitchen open for wings.
All welcome!



BEAVER BANK'S 8th ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT – MARCH 7th

8th Annual CASINO NIGHT
BBK Community Center
BEAVER BANK
Dress As Your Favourite Star
Saturday, March 7, 2020
 A Mock Casino Fundraiser
 Hosted by the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association
 in support of the **Bulletin** and the BBKSA Keeners seniors group
 7:00PM - 11:00pm Mock Casino / Balloon Pop / Auction
 864-4112
 \$15 GETS YOU \$150
 Advance Tickets Available at the Community Center
 BALLOON POP
 BLACKJACK • LIVE AUCTION ITEMS • PRIZES!
 support A community Where Friends Play! CASINO
 Helping You Help Your Community. The House Rules: Please do not drink and drive. Considered and shared. Your health is our priority. For the latest updates of the 2020 event, please visit the website: www.bbkcommunity.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CN RAIL

CN Public Inquiry Line

CN's Public Inquiry Line is the central point of contact for the public with non-emergency concerns, such as:

- Noise
- Train whistling
- General property maintenance
- Etc.

To contact the team:
(Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET)
1-888-888-5909 | contact@cn.ca

CN Police

CN Police staff will answer emergency calls and dispatch officers when appropriate.

There are many reasons to call CN Police, such as:

- Trespassing on tracks
- Unlawful activity
- Crossing signal defect
- Etc.

To contact CN Police
Emergencies: **1-800-465-9239** (24/7)
Non-urgent suspicious activities: CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca



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MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2020

Each year the municipal budget is presented to, debated, and approved by Regional Council. The municipal budget determines spending priorities and service delivery. HRM's business units present their proposed capital budgets to Council at [Budget Committee meetings](#). These meetings are open to the public, and may be [watched](#) or [listened to](#) online.

Your input is needed and encouraged! You may provide comment by using the Budget Allocator tool, via [email](#), or in person at one of the [Committee of the Whole Budget presentations](#).

Under the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Council must adopt an operating and a capital budget each year:

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.

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

Budget Allocator: The allocator allows you to increase, decrease, or maintain municipal spending by business unit. These results will help Regional Council understand what's important to you. [Participate Now](#)

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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
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Discover Halifax
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee

