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DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME APRIL!



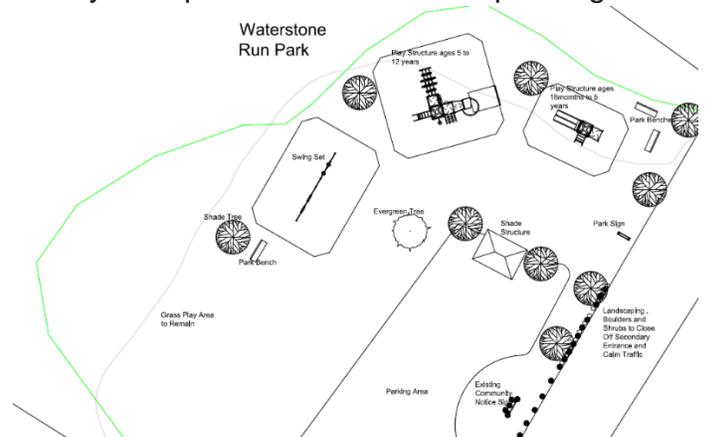
Although the temperature is still rather chilly, signs of spring are here: crocuses appearing, buds on trees and birds happily singing spring is here!

This month's e-newsletter has important information on the concept design for upgrades to Waterstone Run Park located off Lucasville Road, the Centre Plan Package B, service adjustments for Halifax Transit, COVID-19 updates plus much more! Thank you for all you are doing to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Your concern for friends, family, neighbours & community is commendable and very much appreciated!

In adherence to directives from health professionals to limit public gatherings, the monthly Beaver Bank Hub office hours are cancelled until further notice. Please contact me via email at: Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca or by phone: 902.579.7164.

WATERSTONE RUN PARK

I am thrilled to announce that plans to upgrade Waterstone Run Park are underway and, we want your input! Here is the concept design:



We have applied for Provincial Grant funding and, once that funding is approved, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued for the redevelopment of Waterstone Run Park. The project will include:

- two new play structures: one for tots aged 18 months to 5 years and one for children aged 5 to 12 years
- a new swing set



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- a picnic shelter
- a redesigned entrance
- the addition of shade trees / shrubs
- new signage.

If you wish to provide input on the proposed upgrades to Waterstone Run Park, please contact Gary Young, HRM's Landscape Architect for this project at:

T. 902.490.7174

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Park & Community Facility Designation



WHAT ARE THE PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITY ZONES?

WHERE IS THE PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITY DESIGNATION LOCATED?

The Park and Community Facility Designation will apply to existing parks and open spaces of regional and national significance, local parks, cemeteries, conservation lands, and waterfronts used for recreation or leisure activities. This designation will also apply to the following uses within predominantly park and open space settings: public schools, community facilities and club recreation facilities.

WHICH ZONES FALL WITHIN THE DESIGNATION?

There are two zones within the designation; Regional Park Zone (RPK) and Park and Community Facility Zone (PCF).

Water Access



WHAT IS THE WATER ACCESS ZONE?

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Pre-Confederation water lots exist along the Northwest Arm, Lake Banook, and Lake MicMac. These lots, unlike most water bodies, are in private hands. They may be infilled if approval is granted by the Federal government for the Northwest Arm, or the Provincial government for Lakes Banook and MicMac. HRM has no authority over the infilling of these lots, but can regulate any development that occurs after infilling.



CENTRE PLAN PACKAGE B

The municipal website has [videos](#) available that outline the Centre Plan Packages A and B.

There are also links to fact sheets on the various themes for [Centre Plan Package B](#) such as Water Access and Parks & Recreation Facility Designation plus many more that you may find of interest:

- [Centre Plan - Package B - Fact Sheet - Parks and Community Facility Designation \(PCF\) \(3.12 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Centre Plan - Package B - Fact Sheet - Water Access \(2.09 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)



HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Efforts to protect the public and transit staff from exposure to COVID-19 has led to the decision to implement a **30% service reduction on weekdays**.

HALIFAX TRANSIT WEEKDAY SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES	
REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE	SATURDAY SERVICE
5, 11, 32, 64, 78, 79, 82, 83, 85, 86, 123, 135, 136, 137, 138, 159, 182, 183, 185, 186, 194, 196, 330, 370, 401, 415, 433	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 39, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 65, 66, 68, 72, 84, 87, 88, 90, 91, 320
FERRIES	NO SERVICE
30 MINUTE SERVICE	41, 63, 93
ACCESS-A-BUS	
ESSENTIAL TRIPS ONLY	

halifax.ca/coronavirus

Please continue to monitor our [website](#) for further updates on Halifax Transit service adjustments. I thank you for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time.

The following is information from our website on measures that have been implemented to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- The five-person social gathering limit and two-metre social distancing limit does not apply to Halifax Transit as stated in the [provincial order](#).
- Regular weekday schedules will continue on some routes, while other routes are operating on their Saturday schedules during weekdays.
- Three routes have no service.
- Weekend service will not be impacted.
- Details regarding route changes can be found at halifax.ca/transit
- Ferry service has been reduced to 30-minute service on both routes
- Access-a-Bus passengers are requested to limit trip requests to essential trips only

- including physician appointments, medical services, grocery trips, dialysis and prescription retrieval.
- All fare collection is suspended on bus and ferry services to support the municipality’s commitment to safe social distancing.
- Changes in fare collection are in response to keeping the community safe from the spread of COVID-19 and are not intended to encourage increased use of transit services.
- Riders are asked not to loiter on buses and ferries and to only use for necessary trips
- An increased frequency in wipe-downs of high-touch surfaces, making the first seat unavailable to riders on buses (this does not impact accessible seating), limiting passengers on buses to seated passengers only, and limiting the number of ferry passengers to 50 per trip.
- Passengers are asked to use the rear doors for boarding and exiting. For those who require the use of the ramp for accessibility, the front door will continue to be used.
- Regular ferry boarding service remains in place.
- Some Halifax Transit operators may be wearing masks. This is not a mandated requirement but a personal choice we support.
- Residents and visitors who are feeling ill are asked not to use transit services until your health returns to normal.

Halifax Transit continues to monitor and adapt in this rapidly evolving situation.

For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, follow [@hfxtransit](https://twitter.com/hfxtransit) on Twitter.



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HAPPY PASSOVER – APRIL 8th - 16th!

HAPPY EASTER – APRIL 10th – 13th!





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BEAVER BANK HOODIES AVAILABLE

Although the office at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre is closed, you may still call 902-865-5114 and leave a message if you are interested in purchasing a hoodie. Support local!

BEAVER BANK HOODIES!

\$30 EACH

SIZES SMALL – 3XL

COLOUR AND SAMPLE SIZES AVAILABLE AT THE BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

PAYMENT DUE UPON ORDERING

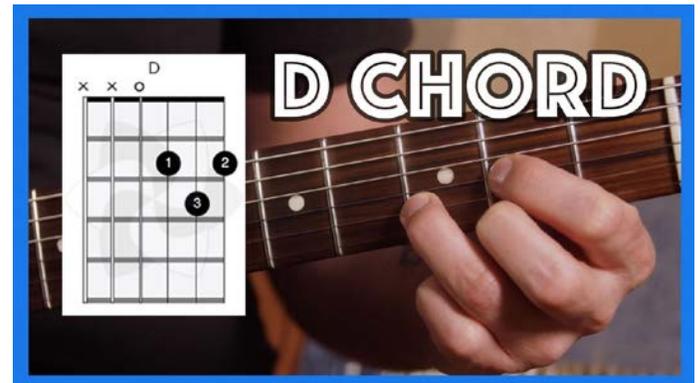


TO ORDER CALL THE BBKCC AT 902-865-5114 OR DROP IN TO SEE THE COLOURS AND SIZES!

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

WANTED: Beginner Guitar Instructor

If you are interested, please email bbkcc@eastlink.ca.



WANTED: Adult Art Instructor

If you are interested, please email bbkcc@eastlink.ca.



Note: only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

HELP SMALL BUSINESS GET THROUGH THIS!

ORDER TAKEOUT OR DELIVERY

IF YOU'RE FEELING SICK, STAY HOME.

PAY WITH PLASTIC WHEN POSSIBLE

CHECK IN WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS + EMPLOYEES

CALL IN YOUR ORDERS!

GET CREATIVE ABOUT SAYING HI!

SHARE HOARDED SANITIZER WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

BUY GIFT CARDS FOR LATER

SHOP SMALL ONLINE

UNDERSTAND THE HARD DECISIONS

CONSIDER SMALL BEFORE THE BIG GUYS

@CommonDEER



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WANTED: Board Members

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre is looking for volunteer Board members! There are openings for a Secretary, Bar Manager, Youth Rep and, Directors!

For more information, please call 902-865-5114 or email bbkcc@eastlink.ca.



NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

At the March 10th meeting, the Northwest Community Council gave notice of motion to consider [Case 22334: Development Agreement 1401 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville](#).



SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Consistent with the decision by the Province of Nova Scotia to close all provincial parks, **all municipal parks, beaches, playgrounds,**

sports fields/courts and trails are closed until further notice. This includes the sport court, playground and turf at Springfield Lake Recreation Centre and Weir Field.

Springfield Lake Recreation Centre and the Upper Sackville Recreation Centre will be closed until further notice. It is vitally important for everyone to do their part in keeping the larger community as safe as possible.

The proposal is for a commercial leasehold building at the corner of Sackville Drive and Executive Drive.

The major aspects of the proposal are as follows:

- Maximum one storey - approximately 6.096 m. (20 ft.) tall commercial building
- 650 sq. m. (7,000 sq. ft.) gross leasehold space
- 40 parking spaces located in the rear of the building
- Landscaping and fencing requirements

The date for the public hearing is to be determined.



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BARRETT FIREWOOD ART CHALLENGE

Robin Barrett of Barrett Firewood has found a creative way to keep families entertained during the COVID-19 pandemic – a Firewood Art Challenge.

Mr. Barrett proposes that families get creative with their firewood piles and create something artistic for display to provide a little cheer and to challenge their neighbours to also get creative. This is a great family fun idea to help pass the time during social distancing measures of the pandemic.

Let the challenge begin!



Other creative ideas for firewood art:



Barrett Firewood Arch



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COVID-19 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following information may be helpful to you as you maneuver through this time of self-isolation, unemployment and health concerns while we battle hard to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- If you have recently been laid off, check with your employer's Employee Assistant Program. Most have mental health supports and counselors available via telephone. Even if laid off, these services are available for up to six months after the job loss.
- National Mental Health Hotline: 1-833-456-4566 or text "talk" to 686868
- For younger residents, the Kid's Help Phone is 1-800-668-6868
- Nova Scotia Mobile Mental Health Crisis line is: 1-888-429-8167.

The above listed services are available 24-7.

General medical / health related questions related to COVID-19 in Nova Scotia:

- 211 OR Public Health support line 902-481-5800 (staffed 8am-8pm M-F)

Note: For people concerned they may have COVID-19 –use this online self-assessment BEFORE calling 811 - <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>.

- To report people not following social distancing rules in the community:
Police non-emergency line 902-490-5020 OR 902-490-7252
- To report workplaces not following social distancing rules:
1-800-952-2687 to register concern with provincial occupational health and safety inspector.

- Government of Canada coronavirus information line: 1-833-784-4397.

Provincial Representatives for District 14 and area:

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Virtual Special Regional Council meetings will be held on **April 2, April 14 and April 28 at 1:00 pm**. The purpose of these special meetings is to deal with matters as determined by the CAO and Mayor.

The regularly scheduled **meetings on April 7 and 21 have been cancelled.**

The special meeting agenda and reports for April 2 will be posted on Halifax.ca on Tuesday March 31 at 1:00 pm.

A LETTER TO NOVA SCOTIANS FROM DR. ROBERT STRANG

My fellow Nova Scotians,

COVID-19 is an unprecedented and rapidly evolving situation, and I recognize this is a scary time for Nova Scotians. Public health officials are working closely with our colleagues across the country and our partners in Nova Scotia to limit the spread of the virus and increase capacity within the health system to respond.

During this state of emergency, we must all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here are important steps we are requiring all Nova Scotians to take:

- Stay home as much as possible. When you are out, practice social distancing by limiting contact with other people (stay 2 metres (6 feet) apart) and have no more than 5 people together
- Shop only for essentials, such as groceries and prescription medication and only have one person doing the shopping
- If you've traveled outside the province, self-isolate for 14 days
- If you feel unwell, go to 811.novascotia.ca and use the self-assessment questionnaire to find out if you need to call 811
- Wash your hands often, avoid touching your face and clean surfaces regularly

I understand that this situation may be creating a lot of fear. This is normal. However, it's important that we respond, not in fear, but with caring, a sense of community and common sense.

No one person is responsible, but we can all be part of the solution. If someone in your community is self-isolating or ill, what they need is your support, compassion and understanding.



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I encourage you to:

- Check in with those closest to you by phone, text or social media
- Have a video chat with someone in isolation
- Make sure your neighbours have what they need
- Encourage people to get information from reliable sources, like:
novascotia.ca/coronavirus

Following public health direction and supporting each other is how we will beat this virus.

For the latest information, advice and resources, visit:

Government of Nova Scotia:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus>

Government of Canada:

<https://canada.ca/coronavirus>

For general information on novel coronavirus information, call:

Toll-free: 1-833-784-4397

For updates on social media, follow:

Government of Nova Scotia Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/nsgov/>

Government of Nova Scotia Twitter account:

<https://twitter.com/nsgov>

Department of Health and Wellness Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaHealthAndWellness/>

Department of Health and Wellness Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/nshealth>

We will continue to provide you with the latest information to help you protect yourself, your family and community members. Thank you for your help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our province.

Dr. Robert Strang
Chief Medical Officer of Health
Province of Nova Scotia

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Closure Extension to April 30, 2020.

All branches of [Halifax Public Libraries](#) will be closed until April 30, 2020, as a precaution to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Visit the Halifax Public Libraries website for the multitude of services available online for all ages!

Local Poetry - Call for Submissions

The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia (WFNS) in partnership with the Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Public Libraries, is bringing back another year of Poetry in Motion to the city of Halifax and beyond.

Poetry in Motion is a public poetry art project that features short poems on transit ads in buses; on digital signs at libraries, ferry terminals, and recreation centres; and on social media posts.

Poems will be original work by Nova Scotian residents 16 years of age or older on the theme - journeys - this theme can be interpreted broadly, and may touch on journeys outward, journeys back home, the passage of time, or other forms of travel, transportation, and exploration.

Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2020. For more information or to submit a poem, click [here](#).



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IN THE COMMUNITY



Me with Councillors Waye Mason, Paul Russell and Lorelei Nicoll at the Boys 'n Girls Club of Greater Halifax fundraiser breakfast.



Thank you to CN Rail for the invitation to join their table at the International Women's Day breakfast with this group of fabulous community leaders.



So much gratitude to our health care providers who continue to protect us during this COVID-19 virus.



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HALIFAX

I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the NorthWest 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



Congratulations to our own Ericka Fleck, Division Chief EMO, on the opening of her own business in Sackville - Clinch Training.

“When things are bad, we take comfort in the thought that they could always get worse. And when they are, we find hope in the thought that things are so bad they have to get better.”

Malcolm S. Forbes