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DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME FEBRUARY!

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Although our collective and diverse heritage is important every day of the year, February has

become a month when we formally recognize our heritage with the provincial Nova Scotia Heritage Day and recognition of the vital contribution to our communities by people of African heritage by marking February as African Heritage Month.

This month's E-newsletter has information on the provincial Heritage Day holiday and virtual events planned for African Heritage Month as well as important updates on a variety of municipal programs and services.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, my Beaver Bank Hub office hours are suspended until further notice.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Virtual meetings of Regional Council and the Budget Committee will be held on the following dates:

Budget Committee:

- Wednesday, February 3rd at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 5th at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 10th at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 12th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)
- Wednesday, February 17th at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 19th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)
- Wednesday, February 24th at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 26th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Regional Council:

- Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Please check our [website](#) to confirm dates and times as the meeting schedule is subject to change.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



African Heritage Month 2021

The [2021 African Heritage Month's](#) provincial theme, **Black History Matters: Listen, Learn,**

January 2021

Share and Act, recognizes the important legacy of people of African Descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada.

For more information on the planned virtual events [see here](#).

NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY 2021

Introduced in 2015, [Nova Scotia Heritage Day](#) honours a person or event chosen by Nova Scotian school children. The first honoree, in 2015, was Viola Desmond.

In 2021, we honour Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab. Edward, grandson to some of the first Lebanese immigrants to Halifax, was a graduate of Dalhousie University Law School. He practiced law until enlisting in the army in August 1942.



Lieutenant Arab received the following citations: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, War Medal 1939-45.

Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab, aged 29, was killed in action on October 25, 1944 in the Netherlands. A street in the Westmount subdivision of Halifax was named in honour of Lieutenant Arab in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice he made.



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INDEPENDENT LIVING NOVA SCOTIA (ILNS) NEW PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AGED 18+



New Year = New Pre-Employment Program Offerings

Community Access Program (CAP):

- For youth with disabilities ages **18 - 24** who live within the HRM
- Runs from **February 1 - March 26, 2021**
- Helps participants develop life, essential & employability skills while also connecting participants to their community through social and volunteer opportunities

In Motion and Momentum Plus (IM&M+) Program:

- For PWD ages **18+** who live within the HRM
- Runs from **February 1 - May 11, 2021**
- Helps participants who may feel like they're moving in a direction that is not right for them. IM&M+ is about getting unstuck, moving in a way that feels good, harnessing participants' considerable potential & creating the life they want to live.

For more information or to apply for either of these programs, visit our website today at ilns.ca

Community Access Program (CAP):

February 1st - March 26th, 2021 - specifically designed for youth with disabilities ages 18 - 24.

This program helps youth with disabilities develop life, essential and employability skills while also promoting the independent living principles of integration and full participation in one's community.

Participants will complete mandatory life and employability skills workshops and will also

have the opportunity to connect with their community through a variety of social activities. Additionally, CAP will have a blended delivery model with both in person and virtual workshops and activities.

For complete details about the Community Access Program or to apply for this program go to: <https://ilns.ca/community-access-program/>.

If you have any questions about CAP please contact ILNS at cap@ilns.ca.

In Motion and Momentum Plus (IM&M+):

New start date is February 16th (not Feb. 1st as shown in poster) to May 11th, 2021.

This 13-week program is for persons with disabilities who are 18+ years of age with significant potential for success in their lives. The program is especially helpful for those who, for one reason or another, may feel stuck or wish to change direction as it focusses on: getting unstuck, moving in a way that feels good, harnessing your considerable potential and creating the life you want to live.

For more information about the IM&M+ Program or to apply for this program go to:

<https://ilns.ca/in-motion-and-momentum-program/>.

If you have any questions about IM&M+ please contact: inmotionandmomentum@ilns.ca.



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BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre (BBKCC) Board Members are looking to fill the positions of Secretary and Youth Representative. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please call 902-865-5114 or email bbkcc@eastlink.ca for more information.

SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Interested in programs and services available at the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre located at 266 Lakeview Avenue in Middle Sackville? Just call [\(902\) 865-2866](tel:9028652866) for more information,.

WATERSTONE RUN PARK



I am pleased to announce that the Waterstone Run Park and Playground has re-opened. The new park sign is in production and should be installed soon. HRM staff will be inspecting the site again this spring to ensure all plant material is growing well.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

New!! 4 week Registered time slots!



*Please note there is no Instructor onsite.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

For more information or to register please call:
(902) 864-6751
or email:
shccprograms@gmail.com



SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE
www.myshcc.com

**45 CONNOLLY ROAD
MIDDLE SACKVILLE**

Register your group for 4 weeks of play during one of the following time slots: (max of 4 players)

\$8 per player for 4 weeks
(\$2 per day)

- #1: Tuesday 9:30am - 11:30am
- #2: Tuesday 1pm - 3pm
- #3: Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30pm (FULL)
- #4: Thursday 1pm-3pm
- #4: Saturday 3pm-5pm (FULL)
- #5: Sunday 2pm - 4pm (FULL)
- #6: Sunday 4:30pm - 6pm (FULL)
- #7: Saturday 3pm - 5pm (FULL)
- #8: Sunday 6:30pm - 8:30pm (FULL)

WEEKLY REGISTERED TIME SLOTS:
(\$2 per player)

- #1 Monday 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- #2: Thursday 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- #3: Saturday 12:30pm - 2:30pm

FREE!! REGISTERED DROP IN:

Friday 1pm - 3pm
Register by calling
(902) 864-6751



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WE'RE HIRING!

HRM is seeking career Firefighters and Red Seal Mechanics.



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) will be accepting applications for the development of a candidate pool to fulfill

hiring requirements for [permanent full-time career Firefighters](#).

A career as a Firefighter is both challenging and rewarding, offering individuals the opportunity to serve their community while working as a member of a highly skilled professional team. HRFE is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of life, property and environment, through leadership, partnership and effective response to emergencies.

Under the direction of the Station Officer, the Firefighter is responsible for firefighting, rescue, emergency medical, and other related services. The Firefighter also participates in fire prevention and public safety education programs and activities.

To submit your application visit our [web-based job application system](#) and create an account when the posting is live.



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. 2nd, 3rd and 4th-year apprentices will also be considered. Be part of the team that keeps the buses safe and on the road.

Halifax Transit offers:

- defined benefit pension
- three vacation weeks 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.](#)



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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



The 2021 Community Grants Program is now open and accepting applications until March 31st, 2021.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, assistance is provided to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

[2021 Community Grants Program Guide book](#) (contains application).

[2021 Application Fillable pdf](#) (Please review Program Guidebook)

For more information or assistance, please contact **Peter Greechan - Community Developer, Grants and Contributions** at: 902.490.7310 or email: greechp@halifax.ca.

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Two virtual public hearings were held at the January 11th North West Community Council meeting on Case 22865 and Case 21863. The results of the public hearings are:

Case 22865: Rezoning Application, PID 41489048, Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville

A rezoning of the lands from R-6 (Rural Residential) to R-4 (Multiple Unit Dwelling) to enable the construction of a 4-unit, townhouse style multi-unit dwelling was approved.

Case 21863: Development Agreement at Wilson Lake Drive and Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville.

The proposal for a development agreement to enable a 7-unit, townhouse style multi-unit dwelling was approved with a substantive amendment for the driveway to be a one-way driveway (separate entrance and exit).



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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
- Advisory Committee on Accessibility
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

