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 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME FEBRUARY!

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February has traditionally been the month for celebrating “love”. More recently, it has become a month for celebrating our heritage.

February is African Heritage Month and also

the month we celebrate Nova Scotia Heritage Day. We celebrate our collective heritage by recognizing those who have come before us and who helped form our local communities. Take time this month to reflect on the sacrifices made by our ancestors and the changes they helped to form in our local communities.

This month’s newsletter includes decisions by the Halifax & West Community Council, Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes trailhead survey and much more!

If you wish to chat about a municipal program or service, contact me at **902.240.7926** or by email at Iona.Stoddard@halifax.ca.

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Virtual meetings of Halifax Regional Council, Budget Committee and Halifax & West Community Council will take place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

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

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.

Wednesday, February 17th at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 19th at 9:30 a.m.

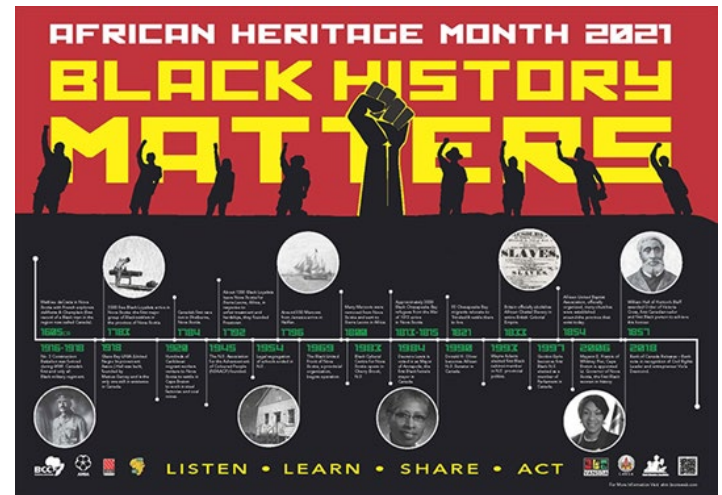
Wednesday, February 24th at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on our [website](#) as dates and times are subject to change.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The 2021 African Heritage Month theme, **Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act**, recognizes the important legacy of people of African descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada.

African Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture, legacy, achievements, and contributions by people of African Descent – past and present.

During the US presidential inauguration, I witnessed history when Vice-President Kamala Harris took the oath of office, becoming the first Black, the first South Asian and the first woman to hold this position. I felt gratitude. I felt hope. I thought it could not get any better. Then, the youngest inaugural poet ever in the United States, 22-year-old [Amanda Gorman](#), recited a spoken word that was crafted during the insurrection and attempted overturn of democracy. I felt inspired

Here are some links to local events, information and celebrations surrounding African Heritage Month:

Halifax Public Libraries:

<http://ahm.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca>



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Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia:

<http://ahm.bccnsweb.com/wp/home/>

Government of Nova Scotia:

<https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

Click [here](#) for a list of virtual events.

MY EAST COAST EXPERIENCE



What an honour to be on the cover of [@MyEastCoastExp](#) magazine and have my story, as the first woman of colour elected to Halifax Regional Council, shared during African Heritage Month!

NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY

Introduced in 2015, Heritage Day (February 15th) honours a person or event chosen by Nova Scotian school children. The first honoree was [Viola Desmond](#).

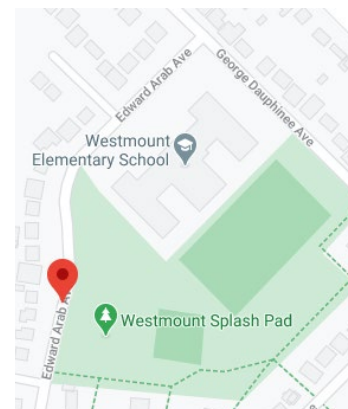


2021 will honour Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab. Edward, grandson to some of the first Lebanese immigrants to Halifax, was a graduate of Dalhousie University Law School. He practiced law until enlisting in the army in August 1942.



Lieutenant Arab received the following citation(s): 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp and the War Medal 1939-45.

Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab, aged 29, was killed in action on October 25, 1944 in the Netherlands.



The Westmount subdivision in Halifax has streets named in honour of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, including Edward Arab.



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BLUE MOUNTAIN BIRCH COVE LAKES



Friends of
**BLUE MOUNTAIN -
BIRCH COVE LAKES**

The Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes continue to do great work in supporting the development of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. They have some wonderful information about this topic on their website that you can find [here](#).

HOBSONS LAKE TRAILHEAD SURVEY

Recognizing the possible interest in accessing the greater Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area, the municipality has planned a trail route to Hobsons Lake. This is envisioned as a backcountry trail that has considered factors such as topography, environmental features, and surrounding developed areas. A broader review of other possible trails is to be the subject of future planning.

The trailhead will be connected to gravel walking trails that are anticipated to be used for daily walking activities. From these gravel trails, there are opportunities to access the greater Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area. The distance to Hobsons Lake is approximately 800 metres and is uphill.

The municipality is interested in hearing how this trailhead might impact how people enter the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area. The information gathered from this engagement will be incorporated into a future report to Regional Council.

The survey closes on March 5th.

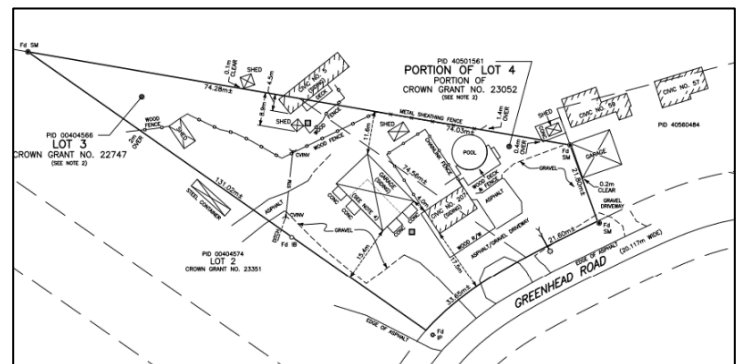
If you have additional questions or comments, contact: Douglas Reid (reiddo@halifax.ca) or Penelope Kuhn (kuhnp@halifax.ca) at Parks & Recreation.

[Take the Survey](#)

HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On January 19th, the Halifax & West Community Council held public hearings on the following:

Case 22617: Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville Land Use By-law (LUB) amendment for 207 and 209 Greenhead Road, Lakeside. The proposal was to amend the LUB to enable expansion of an existing commercial garage. Halifax & West Community Council approved the LUB amendment.

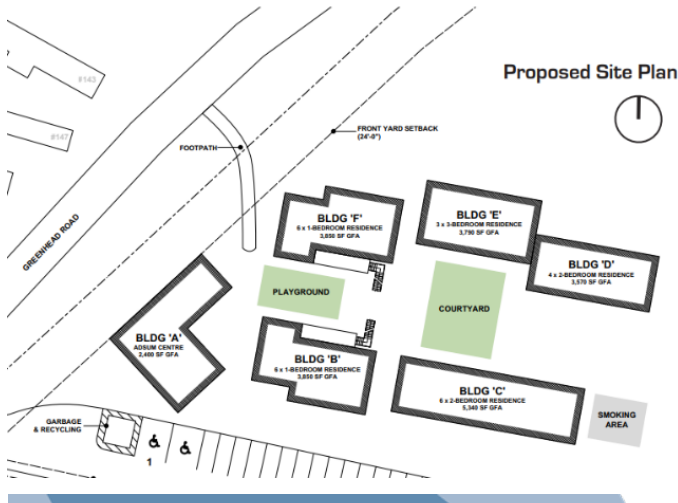


Case 22978: 158 Greenhead Road, Lakeside – Adsum Association for Women and Children. The proposal to redevelop the existing residential care facility by Development Agreement for a 25-unit campus style residential care facility was approved. This project is one put forward as part of the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) funding.



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CHILDREN ON TRANSIT SURVEY



FREE VIRTUAL FINE ART CLASSES

I wanted to let everyone know that Halifax Regional Arts is having a second semester of free virtual online art classes for those in Grades 3 to 12. To register, or to check out what classes are offered, visit their [website](#) for more information.

FREE ONLINE VIRTUAL FINE ARTS CLASSES STARTING FEBRUARY 1st!
 (Late registrants welcome)

Singing, Drama, Play-Writing, Voice Acting, Performance, Music Theory, Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching, Rapping, Street Art, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz, a Virtual Kitchen Party, Trumpet, Tap and Musical Theatre Dance training are all currently being offered with more to come!

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/halifax-regional-arts-re-source/home/online-programs-2021>

Halifax Regional Arts is the supplementary funded Fine Arts school that provides support and enhancement across the HRCE for music, dance, drama and visual art. We graciously acknowledge the support of HRM Taxpayers and Halifax City Council in providing the support that makes so many amazing arts experiences possible for our students. #ThanksToYouHalifax

Hold your Smart Phone over this image in Camera Setting for the link:

Halifax Transit is seeking your input by completing an [online survey](#) to help develop policy and guidelines for those travelling with groups of children (aged 0-12). The survey runs from February 3rd to 22nd.

Halifax Transit staff will be engaging with local primary schools, daycares and day camps to gain their insight, experiences, opinions and challenges when travelling on transit with groups of children.

This critical feedback will inform policy development aimed to provide a more consistent and enjoyable customer experience for all customers traveling with groups of children.





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IN THE COMMUNITY



Here I am with Councillors Patty Cuttell and Pam Lovelace touring the Otter Lake facility. This tour was just one way I am continuing to educate

myself about our community needs. Remember to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Councillor Pam Lovelace and I hiking Charles Lake Trail in the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area. Even on

a cold winter day, the rugged wilderness was beautiful!



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2020/21



The 2021 Community Grants Program is now open. Deadline for applications is March 31st.

The 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, the Program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

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

Here are the links to the guide and application form:

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

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

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



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LIVESTREAMING IN HRM FACILITIES



Due to public health restrictions that prohibit spectators in facilities, including arenas, and recent changes permitting games, the

municipality has received intense interest to record and livestream in our arenas. The municipality appreciates the interest and desire to be able to livestream games, especially in light of current circumstances.

Following discussions with Hockey Nova Scotia and further examination of the privacy concerns, the municipality **will permit livestreaming for facility rentals at the discretion of the renter as of January 28, 2021**. Signage will be placed in the facilities to indicate that renters in the facility may be livestreaming or digitally recording their activities.

Recording/livestreaming of participants had not been permitted in municipal facilities including arenas. This practice was in place for many years in order to protect the privacy of participants.

We will continue to work with recreation partners to balance personal privacy with the use of digital recording to record and broadcast activities that occur in municipal facilities.

OPTIONS NOVA SCOTIA METROWORKS PROGRAM



Free training program for people 16 and older who face barriers to employment.

Full-time, on-site programming.

Program is up to 26 weeks, and individualized.

Work with an on-site Job Developer to find work placement and meaningful employment.



Employability Training (5 weeks)

- WHMIS, First Aid, Food Handlers certificates
- Resume, Cover letter, and Interview skills
- Individual employment counseling



Hands-on Training (up to 11 weeks)

- Office Skills
- Food Service
- Customer Service
- Building Maintenance
- Bakery production



Work Placement (10 weeks)

- On-the-job training
- Continued support and job-coaching
- On-site or in the community

For more information or to book an interview, Contact Angie
902.453.6246, ext. 118
info@optionswork.ca



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YMCA MICROGRANT PROGRAM

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YMCA Microgrant Program

The YMCA has partnered with the Government of Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage to launch the Thriving Communities Microgrant program.

This program is for individuals and/or groups to empower them to respond to their communities needs regarding recreation and healthy living during this Pandemic.

The goal is to support individuals and groups that have been negatively impacted by this pandemic.

We hope to award **50 grants of up to \$500** to a wide array individuals and groups with diverse backgrounds and life experiences.

We are encouraging projects that maintain Covid-19 public safety protocols and engage community in activities that promote wellness and physical activity.

For more information and how to apply, please contact TL Johannesson at tl.johannesson@halifax.ymca.ca



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee

