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DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
 MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME MARCH!



Spring officially arrives on Saturday, March 20th. Spring - a time to prepare for new beginnings and planning spring/summer projects. One of the biggest projects I will be tackling is

finalizing the proposed 2021/22 municipal capital and operating budgets! I encourage you to [listen in](#) as business units present to the Budget Committee and Council discusses how to maintain municipal programs and services with as minimal an impact on the tax payer as possible.

Keep reading for Budget Committee/Regional Council meeting dates, Sackville Lakes Wilderness Area news, diversity in Halifax, CN Rail track at Windgate/Beaver Bank, summer employment opportunities and much more!

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 the Budget Committee, Regional Council and North West Community Council will be held on the following dates:

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, March 3rd at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, March 24th at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, March 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council:

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

North West Community Council:

Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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

CN RAIL TRACK AT WINDGATE DRIVE/BEAVER BANK ROAD



On January 28th, CN Rail removed and paved over a section of track at the intersection

of Windgate Drive and Beaver Bank Road due to safety concerns. CN plans to return later this

March 2021

spring (once asphalt plants open) to reassess and determine next steps to be taken.

Transport Canada requires the lights and gates to remain on site as this location remains an active crossing in their books. As such, traffic lights cannot be installed, and buses are required to continue stopping until the issue of “active crossing” is addressed.

Prior to the work being done on the track, I met with both CN Rail and MP Darrell Samson to discuss the situation. Both CN Rail and MP Samson are aware of the ongoing safety concerns at this intersection and are committed to finding a permanent solution.

Contact information:

CN Rail



Public Inquiries

To learn about CN's involvement in the community, what it is like to live near the railway or for general inquiries, email [Public Inquiries](#).

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SACKVILLE RIVERS WILDERNESS AREA

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(LtoR) Chris Miller, Executive Director - Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, with Walter Regan, President - Sackville Rivers Association, pictured at Lewis Lake.

Thank you to the province of Nova Scotia for including the Sackville Rivers Wilderness area as part of their goal to protect 13 per cent of its land. Walter Regan, President of the Sackville Rivers Association, has dedicated 32 years toward conservation of the area and has lobbied since 2011 for wilderness protection.



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.



Hawkins Hill Lake in Beaver Bank. (Photograph courtesy of Irwin Barrett)



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NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On February 8th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) approved the following motions:

Sackville Community Bursary Award: request a staff report and recommendation to effect amendments to the Sackville Community Award in order to remove Clause 4 – *An applicant who has received a major scholarship of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more is ineligible for a Sackville Community Award* and, that this amendment be made retroactive to the 2020/21 school-year term.

Planning Provisions and Regulations for Agricultural, Commercial and Recreational Uses in Lucasville: request an information report outlining the planning provisions and regulations for agricultural uses and commercial recreation uses within the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for the Lucasville area. The report should include the scope and intensity of these land uses within the community and regulations to mitigate conflict between allowable uses in the area.

Case 23274: Secondary and Backyard Suites - Housekeeping Amendments:

- First reading was given to consider approval of the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for Bedford, Planning Districts 1 & 3 and Sackville Drive to complete housekeeping amendments regarding secondary and backyard suites and schedule a public hearing.

- First reading was given to consider approval of the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law for Halifax Mainland to complete housekeeping amendments to the provisions relating to secondary and backyard suites and schedule a joint public hearing with Halifax and West Community Council.

YOUTH LIVE

MOVIN' ON
YouthLive Stories

"Youth Live helped me gain the skills and knowledge to obtain the job I have now as a Bus Operator for Halifax Transit. The best memories I have of Youth Live is Rick always singing while doing carts and all the ways I shared with the staff. A few things I love about Halifax Transit are my co-workers, the positive energy in my workplace, and being Captain of my own bus."

-Lexie M.
Current Bus Operator for Halifax Transit

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Are you between 16-24?
Not in school?

Join Youth Live and gain work experience now!

CONTACT INFORMATION
902.579.5446
yirecruit@halifax.ca
www.halifax.ca/youthlive
facebook.com/hfxyouthlive

Interested? Apply now!

Check us out online at halifax.ca/youthlive or fill out the application below and you can either:

- Take a photo of the application and email it to yirecruit@halifax.ca
- Take a photo and send it through a private message on our Facebook page @hfxyouthlive
- Drop it off at the nearest rec centre
- Call or text us at 902.579.5446

Application Form

Name: _____
Age: _____
City/Community: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Why do you feel you are having trouble finding/keeping a job?

How can Youth Live help?

How did you hear about Youth Live?

What is Youth Live?
Youth Live is a program run by the Halifax Regional Municipality's Parks & Recreation department. You'll gain confidence and experience during 24 weeks of job and life skills development while providing municipal services.

So, what work will you do at Youth Live?

Working with staff, you will help:

- Operate the Enviro Depot. Residents return refundable beverage containers to the Enviro Depot, where you will sort and count containers and issue customers a refund.
- Collect paper from Recreation Centres, Libraries and other businesses and take it to be recycled.
- Deliver new green carts and repair broken or damaged green carts for residents. You'll have the opportunity to travel all over the municipality.
- Sort and count refundable beverage containers and receive and sort end of life electronics - diverting them from the landfill.

What you'll get out of Youth Live?

- Training and support while learning skills such as cash management, customer service, data collection and shipping/receiving
- Coaching in time management, accountability, teamwork, motivation and much more
- Certifications in Emergency First Aid and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and Food Safety Training
- Money...and you'll learn how to save it

If you are between the ages of 16 and 24, you may be eligible to participate in the [Youth Live](#)



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Program. The Youth Live Program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. While in our supportive environment the program participants will gain hands-on work experience and participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills.

Apply now!

Call: 902.490.5589

Text: 902.579.5446

Email: ylrecruit@halifax.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/hfxyouthlive

At Youth Live you will **Work to Learn and Learn to Work!**

MARCH BREAK - MARCH 15TH TO 19TH

Check out your local [public library](#) for interesting activities during March Break 2021!



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SACKVILLE AREA WARMING CENTRE



LtoR: Councillor Paul Russell, Councillor Lisa Blackburn, MP Darrell Samson, Mike Poworoznyk (Director), Mayor Mike Savage, MLA Geoff Regan and MLA Steve Craig.

I was honoured to attend the open house for elected officials at the Sackville Warming Centre on February 12th.

The Warming Centre hours for the 2020/21 season are: 9:30 p.m. - 5:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

If you'd like to make a financial donation we ask that you E-transfer or write a cheque to Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

Note SAWC in the memo.

Include your mailing address for a tax receipt.

hfxvineyard@eastlink.ca

(Send another email with the password)

**Sackville Area Warming Centre
C/O Vineyard Christian Fellowship
1129 Sackville Drive
Middle Sackville, Nova Scotia
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Our Sackville Area Warming Centre is a non-profit program led by our community stakeholders, located at Gateway Community Church, and administrated by Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

We serve the communities of Sackville, Bedford, Beaver Bank, Fall River and Waverly, Nova Scotia.

Vineyard Christian Fellowships provincial charitable number is: 1776280
Their federal charitable number is: 10818 4367



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SACKVILLE SNOW DAYS

DIVERSITY IN HALIFAX



Virtual events planned for the 2021 Sackville Snow Days made for a fun winter weekend for families and friends.

The Halifax Partnership recently posted an article describing Halifax as the multicultural hub of Atlantic Canada. *“Halifax had the third fastest population growth in 2019, and the second-fastest in 2020 across all cities in Canada. The largest component of growth in both years was international migration.”* Read the full article [here.](#)

Thanks to all for making Snow Days 2021 a wonderful event.

STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY

SACKVILLE GREENWAY TRAIL VIRTUAL TOUR



Want to know how we are doing as a municipality? Here is the link to the State of the Municipality address for your viewing pleasure: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZsnOFGJ6ol>

Thanks to the Sackville Business Association and Sackville Rivers Association, for providing a virtual tour experience of the Sackville Greenway Trail. Guide Clarence Stevens shares his knowledge of the flora, fauna and history of the trail. Enjoy! <https://youtu.be/Efy4pTjJuU>



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WE'RE HIRING!



Gain experience and build your resume while being active and having fun. Browse the variety of [job opportunities](#)

with Parks & Recreation this summer and apply at halifax.ca/employment.

Application Deadline: March 7th

[Summer Recreation Canoe/Kayak Instructor](#)

[Summer Recreation Canoe Renter](#)

[Summer Recreation Sailing Instructor](#)

[Outdoor Pool Lifeguard/Supervisor - Bedford](#)

[Outdoor Pool Lifeguard/Supervisor - Cole](#)

[Harbour](#)

[Summer Oval Supervisor](#)

[Summer Oval Skating Monitor](#)

Application Deadline: March 28th

[Summer Recreation Coordinator](#)

[Summer Recreation Day Camp Leader](#)

[Specialized Inclusion Support Coordinator](#)

[Summer Inclusion Support Staff](#)

[Summer Youth Leadership Coordinator](#)

Application Deadline: April 18th

[Summer Community Arts Support Coordinator](#)

[Summer Recreation Art Instructor](#)

[Summer Recreation Dance Instructor](#)

[Summer Recreation Skate Park Instructor](#)

[Summer Recreation Tennis Instructor](#)

[Summer R.E.C. Van Coordinator](#)

[Summer R.E.C. Van Leader](#)

[Summer Youth Live Vehicle Operator](#)

NOVA SCOTIA POWER 2021 SCHOLARSHIP / BURSARY PROGRAM

WE ARE INVESTING IN A BRIGHT FUTURE

Fostering education, diversity and inclusion to support strong, healthy communities of tomorrow

THE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM:

- EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS
- WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS
- AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS
- NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS
- MI'KMAQ BURSARIES



Deadline for applications: **APRIL 19, 2021**

Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply



There are a total of 28 Nova Scotia Power scholarships and bursaries available each year to qualifying students enrolled in trades and degree programs. The categories include: Emerging Leaders; Mi'kmaq Bursary; Women in Trades, Engineering and Technology; African Nova Scotian; and Nova Scotia Power Family.

The company's 2021 Scholarship and Bursary Program is now accepting applications, with a **deadline of April 19th**.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – MARCH 8TH



The theme for the 2021 International Women's Day is: #ChooseToChallenge. A challenged world is an alert world.

Individually, we are all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements.

Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION – MARCH 21ST



This year, the United Nations recognizes the focus for the

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as the midterm review of the [International Decade for People of African Descent](#) undertaken by the Human Rights Council in Geneva as part of its 43rd session.

The United Nations General Assembly reiterates that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies.



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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



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- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

