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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
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DEAR RESIDENTS,
A Nod to March!

The last few weeks of meetings have been heavy on budget, Regional Council, discussions with Halifax Fire, the RCMP, Audit & Finance, North West Community Council and North West Planning Advisory Committee. I also attended my first committee of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

With social distancing and masks, celebrating March 8th, 2021 International Women’s Day as a panelist with fellow Councillor Pam Lovelace as co-host of: **Choose to Challenge: Women’s Resilience in the Time of COVID-19** was a highlight for me. As was a Sunday trip to **Carroll’s Corner Vendor Market** to purchase a few goodies and say hello. I was also able to attend the **Waverley Community Association** Board meeting and a trip to **Meaghers Grant**. It was a pleasure to meet with The Square Roots ladies in Chaswood.

The Fall River Lions Christmas Express – **Easter Caring Operation** was a success thanks to a caring community!





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APRIL AT A GLANCE:

Happy Passover, Happy Easter, Ramadan Mubarak and welcome Spring! April has certainly brought us the rain showers and with a bit of luck hopefully the last of the snow.

April is [#AutismAcceptanceMonth](#)



April 22nd, 2021 is Earth Day - HalifACT
HalifACT is our collective response to the climate crisis. Visit our website to learn how we plan to support an equitable shift to a low-carbon economy by 2050 and join us at the 2021 Smart Energy Conference, taking place virtually April 20-22, 2021.

Get started and become part of the HalifACT movement: halifax.ca/climate

BUDGET UPDATE

Budget deliberations continue into April, and there are so many factors to consider which is one reason we ask for briefing notes on options that are considered over budget or under budget. Council needs as much information as possible to make the best decisions. That includes our residents – please consider making your opinions known. Citizens will be given an opportunity to speak directly to Regional Council about budget priorities. Time will be set aside during these meetings for the public to provide insight and comments virtually. Registration is required to be added to the speakers list. Please contact the Clerk’s Office at 902-490-4210 or by email at clerks@halifax.ca no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before a meeting. Here is our schedule for April and May:

Wednesday, April 7
Planning & Development
Contingency date: Friday, April 9

Wednesday, April 21
Budget Adjustment List (BAL) review
Contingency date: Thursday, April 22

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
Full review of final budget
Contingency date: Wednesday, May 5



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MEAGHERS GRANT UPCOMING MEETING



Members of the **Meaghers Grant Community Association** invited me for a visit of the baseball field, and that led to a great opportunity! Please join us for a walking tour of the Meagher's Grant ball field property and public brainstorming

session at the **Community Hall on May 3rd, 2021 at 6pm.**

All ages are encouraged to come show what you love about the ball field and share any concerns you have. After the tour we will move to the Hall to brainstorm and share your visions for the future.

The Association has also confirmed that your MLA Larry Harrison and MP Sean Fraser plan to be in attendance.

through the shared activity. Supplies will be limited, and will be first come, first serve, per recreation area. Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information.

CASE 19117 – OLD TRURO ROAD, ELMSDALE

IF YOU REGISTERED TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING THAT WAS POSTPONED PLEASE **RE-REGISTER** FOR THE APRIL 12TH PUBLIC HEARING

North West Community Council will be holding a virtual public hearing regarding Case 19117 (Castlegrove Mobile Home Park) on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm. If you wish to speak at the public hearing, please email clerks@halifax.ca or call 902.490.4210 to register as a speaker by 4:30 pm Friday April 9, 2021. You may also send the Community Council your comments regarding Case 19117 by emailing clerks@halifax.ca prior to 3:00 pm the day of the public hearing (April 12th).

<https://www.halifax.ca/.../case-19117-old-truro-road...>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACEMAKING

HRM will be launching our first of four Neighbourhood Placemaking kits during National Volunteer Week – April 18th -24th. Since Covid has put a pause on gathering for large placemaking projects, we're offering neighbourhood kits as a booster project. There will be seed kits, chalk kits, recipe kits and storytelling kits. Participants will make a plan to grow their plants 'together apart' and connect

PICTURES WANTED!

With all our virtual meetings, many Councillors have pictures of their District as virtual backgrounds. While I do have some, I would love to have more.

Please send me your community photos, so that I'm able to feature them. Provide me with a description of the picture as well. When I post it



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as a screen background, I'll let everyone know where it came from and who was gracious enough to share it with us all.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT LAND ACQUISITION

HRM acquired Lot 74-1, Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit PID 40219396, approximately 21,300 square feet in area to be used for a park type. Next steps - we need to determine which assets will be installed and prepare a cost estimate for possible inclusion into the 2022/23 Capital Budget. We shall work with our Community Developer to consult with the community and make a plan! Stay tuned for an outdoor meeting in May.

The purpose of the rural recreation strategy is to provide analysis on future needs for parks and recreation services in the rural areas of the municipality.

Your responses will help guide the municipality in determining effective ways of providing recreational and park opportunities.

For the purposes of this survey, the municipality defines "rural" as those areas outside the urban transit boundary. These areas include the Musquodoboit Valley Region, Peggy's Cove, Eastern Shore Region, St. Margarets Bay, Upper Sackville, Sambro, and Timberlea.

The deadline for completing this survey is Sunday, May 23, 2021. To take part, go to: <https://www.halifax.ca/home/surveys>

RURAL RECREATION STRATEGY SURVEY

HALIFAX RECREATION 2021 SUMMER REGISTRATION



The Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting a series of surveys on recreation services in rural areas.





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Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages: Participants are encouraged to register by phone at (902)490-6666 or [online](#).

Summer 2021 Recreation Programming

Registration begins at 10 a.m. each day for all ages:

Day camps & Dryland Programs

- Wednesday, May 5 – for July programs
- Wednesday, June 2 – for August programs

Indoor & Outdoor Pool and Beach programs

- Thursday, June 3 – for July programs
- Wednesday, July 14 – for August programs

Detailed information on summer registration and programs will be viewable online as of Thursday, April 22.

Currently, Public Health is allowing for multiple cohorts of 15 children in day camps and camp activities can be provided in both an indoor and outdoor setting while maintaining physical distancing protocols. Both full-day and half-day camps will be offered throughout this summer.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our recreation centres, community centres, terminals, and all Halifax Public Library locations offer free menstrual products that are re-stocked daily. This is one way we can help address period poverty. To see locations, visit our [website](#).

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



April 19 – 24, 2021 is National Volunteer Week. Celebrate by learning more about the programs offered through Parks & Recreation’s Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services, and the Community Developers who help our municipality thrive.

Thank you to all of the volunteers throughout the municipality who contribute their time, talent, and energy to help build amazing communities!

Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services

We support residents, volunteers, and community groups to reach their goals and make a difference in their communities. Learn more about what Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services has to offer or reach out to our Community Developers for training, support, resources, and more!

Volunteer Awards

Each year during National Volunteer Week, we recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who have volunteered in local communities through our Annual Volunteer Awards. 2021 Award recipients will be announced in May.



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Community Gardens

Did you know that Parks & Recreation's Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services supports over 23 volunteer-run community gardens across the municipality? Get in touch with our Community Developers to learn more about starting a community garden in your neighbourhood.

Step Up to Leadership

Did you know that Neighbourhood & Volunteer Services offers a free nine-week program to help you develop leadership skills and build strong communities? Step Up to Leadership was developed by volunteers for volunteers and has already trained over 600 residents.

For more information on volunteering and celebrating our volunteers, go to:

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/national-volunteer-week>

REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE

Tis the season! Report a pothole or sinkhole on a municipally-owned street or sidewalk.

Potholes are caused when the asphalt on the surface of a road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt underneath.

Sinkholes are caused by erosion from underneath and when you look into the hole you cannot see any pavement.

If you are reporting a pothole on a 100-series highway, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca. This includes ramps leading to and from the highway, as well as overpasses above 100-series highways.

To learn more about the municipality's roadway and sidewalk maintenance program, [click here](#).

SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES

Recent amendments to secondary and backyard suites now permit accessory to a single unit, two-unit or townhouse dwellings. Secondary and backyard suites can be used by aging parents or adult children or used as rental units for the general public.

<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/allowing-secondary..>



**LWF Community Hall
Annual General Meeting
Sunday April 25th at 1 PM
843 Fall River Road**



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ATV's: Ride Safe, Respect the Rules and Personal Property



With warmer weather approaching, the Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) enthusiasts to make safety a priority when on the trails this season.

Each year, the Nova Scotia RCMP responds to ATV collisions, some resulting in fatality or serious injury. The majority of these collisions are a result of speed, impaired driving and not wearing a helmet. Since 2018, there were 38 ATV collisions that resulted in fatality or serious injury in areas policed by the Nova Scotia RCMP.

“We have seen first-hand the painful impacts fatal and serious collisions can have on everyone involved,” says Cpl. Lisa Croteau of the Halifax District RCMP. “We want to remind riders that the laws are in place to help keep everyone safe while enjoying the outdoors.”

Here are some tips to ensure everyone’s safety when out on the trails:

- Start with safety training. This will prepare you to confidently and safely enjoy your ATV.
- Stay on marked trails except where travel across a roadway is necessary.

- Obey the rules of the road/trail and respect posted signs, as well as the rights of other riders.
- Ride sober. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a criminal offence and can lead to serious injuries or even death for riders, passengers and others.
- Always wear protective clothing, including a helmet, gloves and eye protection. Helmets are required, even if you are driving in a side-by-side.
- Tell someone when you are leaving and when you will be back. Avoid riding alone, and carry a first aid kit, tow rope, overnight bag in case you need it.
- Do a pre-ride inspection every time you drive your ATV. Check the tires for wear and rims for damage. Look over your controls and make sure all cables and connections are intact.

It is important to know that the Nova Scotia Off-highway Vehicles Act has specific requirements for youth. All ATV operators under 16 years of age must complete an approved safety training course and be supervised by someone who is at least 19 years old.

Nova Scotia RCMP will continue to patrol roadways and trails to enforce safe off-highway vehicle use.

Those who violate the Off-highway Vehicles Act could face a penalty of over \$400 for a first offence and have their vehicle seized.

Please help protect everyone by riding safely and responsibly. For more information on off-highway vehicle use, visit <http://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/>.



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Caregivers Nova Scotia

for friends and family giving care

At Caregivers Nova Scotia, we're focused on empowering caregivers, supporting their efforts, and recognizing the invaluable contribution they make both to those in need and to society in general. We do this through programs, support groups, advocacy, and services all geared toward the unique needs of friends and family giving care.

We are here to help in every way we can, from providing information, having someone to talk to on the phone, and offering supports groups. Contact us toll free at 1.877.488.7390 or via email at info@CaregiversNS.org

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 AT 2 PM UTC-03 WJCC Annual General Meeting

48 Community Centre Lane, Windsor Junction



CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainable Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Community Committees
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison Committee

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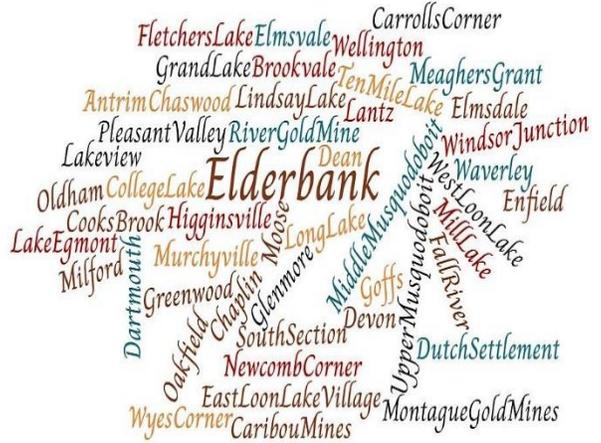
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SIGN UP TO MY E-NEWSLETTER

I'll be regularly sending out e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with Stephanie Brown, my Council Constituent Coordinator at:

Email: browns@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090



311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more:

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Or email: ContactUs@311.halifax.ca

