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

WELCOME MAY!

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Happy Mother's Day!
 This is a special Mother's Day for me as my daughter graduates and begins her career as a Registered Nurse in the ER department this month! I am also grateful

for my mother as she has been my biggest support and role model on what it means to be a good Mom.

2021/22 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets are being finalized with a proposed 1% tax increase for residential and commercial properties. My Council colleagues and I did our very best to ensure fiscal responsibility while providing programs and services to serve you, the taxpayer.

My Beaver Bank Hub office hours are suspended until further notice. Contact me via email at: LISA.BLACKBURN@HALIFAX.CA or call: 902-579-7164.

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MAY VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Budget Committee:

Wednesday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On April 12th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) addressed the following matters:

Case 19117: Development Agreement for 525-unit Mobile Home Park on the Old Truro Road, Enfield. The North West Community Council (NWCC) held a public hearing on Case 1917 and approved the proposed development agreement for the 525-unit Mobile Home Park.

Case 21355: Berryhill Development Agreement, Middle Sackville. The North West Community Council (NWCC) gave notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement to enable a 167-unit residential subdivision between Lively Road and Wilson Lake Drive in Middle Sackville and schedule a public hearing.

Case 23111: North West Community Council (NWCC) gave first reading to consider approval of the proposed amendment to the Land Use By law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville to add a School Bus Yard to the list of permitted uses in the MU-1 (Mixed Use) Zone and schedule a public hearing.

North West Community Council (NWCC) also requested a staff report on changes to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Land Use By-Law (LUB) **to consider additional uses for children beyond daycare and education in MU-1 zones.** The report should also consider creation of a new category(ies) within the MU-1 zoning to allow for businesses supporting children’s developmental activities.

On April 14th, the North West Community Council held a joint Public Hearing with Halifax & West Community Council on:

Case 23274: Secondary and Backyard Suites - Housekeeping Amendments.

The joint public hearing was held and closed with a motion passed to approve the proposed amendments.



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ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT



Who intentionally dumps garbage? It is difficult to understand why people are illegally dumping garbage in the woods, along trails, on private property or along roadsides when HRM has a high level of residential curbside service compared to other municipalities. We allow one large, bulky item (furniture/appliance) at curbside each garbage collection day and have fairly low-cost tipping fees at our facilities. Pre-pandemic, we also had bi-annual Curbside Giveaways where you could place unwanted items at the curb for others to take for free. So, again, I question why anyone, purposely, illegally dumps their garbage?

Total complaints received:

2018 = 224
2019 = 156
2020 = 97

Staff believe the decline in reported cases in 2020 can be attributed to residents being at home making it more difficult for someone to dump materials at their property.

Municipal Compliance (By-Law) staff respond to illegal dumping complaints 7 days per week between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and HRP responds 7 days per week between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Halifax District RCMP receives approximately 100 calls annually and has issued summary offence tickets and warnings in each of the last three years for litter and illegal dumping related offences against the Environment Act, Motor Vehicle Act (littering from a vehicle), and Protection of Property Act.

To address the issue of illegal dumping, [proposed amendments By-Law S-600](#) were approved by Regional Council on April 6th to:

- Place the municipality in a leadership role to address an issue of concern for residents and businesses;
- Reduce the burden on victims by holding more offenders accountable to remedy/clean-up; and
- Heighten the profile of enforcement activities to deter future violations/activity.

One of the proposed amendments is to introduce the concept of **reverse-onus**:

- a person whose name or address is identified within waste that has been illegally dumped is deemed to be the owner of the waste.

The suggested fine amounts for illegal dumping range from \$500 to \$10,000 (plus associated court costs).



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GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP



Individuals and community groups who would like to organize a neighbourhood litter clean-up event are invited to register with the **Nova Scotia Pick-Me Up**. Administered by Nova

Scotia Adopt-A-Highway, the program is supported in-kind by Halifax Regional Municipality. Since its inception in 1992, the program has provided free supplies and support to participants who wish to carry out community-based clean-ups.

Participating is easy! Select an area within the municipality where you would like to run a clean-up event. Teams or individuals should **register a minimum of two weeks prior to the anticipated date at:**

<https://www.nspickmeup.ca/sign-up-today/>

Have fun and thank you for helping to keep our communities clean and litter free!

WEEKLY GREEN BIN COLLECTION RETURNS THIS SEASON



On April 22nd, Regional Council's Budget Committee recommended the return of

the weekly green bin collection for summer 2021. Pending budget approval, residents will see weekly collection of green bins this year.

RURAL RECREATION STRATEGY SURVEY



Exciting news! Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in a survey to help inform the Rural Recreation Strategy.

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. For the purpose of this survey, "rural" is defined as those areas outside the [urban transit boundary](#). These areas include the Musquodoboit Valley Region, Peggys Cove, Eastern Shore Region, St. Margarets Bay, Upper Sackville, Sambro, and Timberlea.

The online survey is open until Sunday, May 23, 2021.

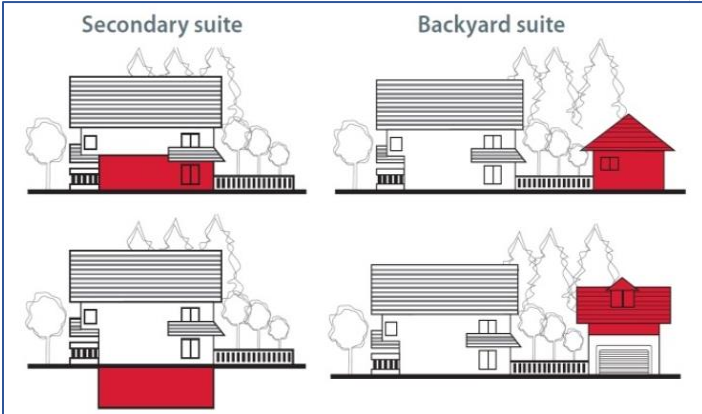
For more information, and to take the survey, visit halifax.ca/surveys.



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SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITES



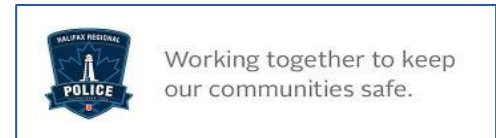
As of November 2020, all [Land Use By-Laws](#) have been updated to include developing a secondary or backyard suite. Please [visit halifax.ca](#) or call 311 for more information on applying for a construction permit.

Secondary suites - are separate dwelling units that are completely contained within a home. They are often referred to as in-law suites or basement apartments.

Backyard suites - are separate free-standing buildings, either built overtop an accessory structure like a garage, or simply on their own. They are often referred to as granny suites, carriage flats and could be in the form of a tiny house.

Secondary and Backyard suites can be used by aging parents or adult children or can be used as rental units for the general public.

POLICING SERVICES REVIEW



On April 6th, Regional Council passed a motion requesting a

staff report for an independent review of the current model of delivering policing services in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The report is to provide an evaluation of, and make recommendations, with respect to the effectiveness and community safety standards of the current division of policing responsibilities between the Halifax Regional Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in their capacity as Nova Scotia Provincial Police.

RCMP URGE DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN



RCMP, in the role of Nova Scotia's Provincial Police, are making an effort to keep citizens informed about enforcement on roadways by releasing monthly statistics on stunting charges.



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In March 2021, the Nova Scotia RCMP charged 10 drivers with stunting - four of whom were in the Halifax District:

- One driver was travelling on Highway 103 in Timberlea at 190 km/h in a 100 km/h zone.
- One driver was travelling 119 km/h in a 60 km/h zone on Lucasville Road in Lucasville.
- One driver was travelling 110 km/h in a 50 km/h zone on Connolly Road in Lower Sackville.

Stunting is defined as any person who operates a motor vehicle on a highway in a race, in a contest, while performing a stunt or on a bet or wager. Anyone driving a motor vehicle 50 km/hr or more, over a speed limit, may be charged with stunting. The fine for stunting is \$2,422.50 for a first offence, six points on your license and an immediate seven-day roadside license suspension.

If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, **please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267)**. If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.



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RCMP TO USE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE ROAD SAFETY



Image is a sample only of Traffic Surveyor equipment and not intended to represent what the local RCMP Sackville Detachment will be using.

Announced on April 22nd, the Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit will be using new [Traffic Surveyors](#) to increase road safety in throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The equipment surveys the speed of each vehicle that passes, as well as the date, time and direction of travel. The Traffic Surveyors do not collect images or any identifying information about vehicles or occupants. The Halifax District Traffic Unit will analyze the data collected by the surveyors and use it to deploy resources where they are most needed, in order to best serve our communities.

“The traffic surveyors will give us information to help target our resources and have the greatest



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affect on road safety,” stated Cpl. Murray Smith, Supervisor for the Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit.

There are approximately 2,000 motor vehicle collisions each year, within the RCMP coverage areas throughout HRM, which result in 300 injuries and 16 fatalities. Analyzing traffic patterns and behaviours is an important first step to address this safety concern.

The Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit consists of five members and is designed to enhance and focus operations related to traffic safety, education and enforcement throughout the district. The priority of the unit are the four causal factors of serious injuries and fatalities on our highways which are:

- aggressive driving,
- occupancy restraints
- impaired driving
- distracted driving.

Please call the Lower Sackville detachment of the RCMP to report incidents of speeding or unsafe driving in District 14 at 902.244.7208



AFRICVILLE VISIONING PROCESS



Photo courtesy of Eric Wynne, Chronicle-Herald

On April 6th, Regional Council approved a motion for a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process to ultimately create an Africville Visioning Process to include but not be limited to:

1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM and community partners and organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.
2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government whose interest could potentially impact Africville lands and/or Africville descendants to determine how they can support the Africville Visioning Process and its outcomes.
3. Reviewing the 2010 Africville Agreement and determining which commitments have been met, where further action is required, and whether these past commitments address the current desires of the community



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4. Identifying all municipal led or partnered projects and initiatives that have a direct impact on the lands at Africville, lands surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect they will have on the Africville lands.
5. Developing a comprehensive, co-facilitated public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville focused organizations, and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process.
6. Re-visiting the 2003 Bayne Street Master Plan, and work with partners to collaborate to reimagine the Master Plan that would include land specifically dedicated to descendants of Africville and/or uses that would be supported by descendants, community members or organizations who broadly represent the interest of Africville descendants.
7. Examine the possibility of using the Africville Visioning Process to address the ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.

REGIONAL AND RURAL TRANSIT



On April 6th, Regional Council requested a staff report on:

1. Moving funding of the ferry system to the Local Transit Tax Area from the Regional Transportation Tax;
2. Funding cooperative rural transit from the Regional Transportation Tax;
3. Establishing a new Regional Transportation Tax boundary to apply to those within:
 - 3kms of a Regional Express stop,
 - 1km of a conventional or rural bus stop, or within a Rural Transit Funded service area, and,
4. Expanding the Rural Transit Funding Program to include share in capital funding.

For more information on Halifax Transit plans, see the [Moving Forward Together Plan](#).



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VICTORIA DAY – MAY 24TH



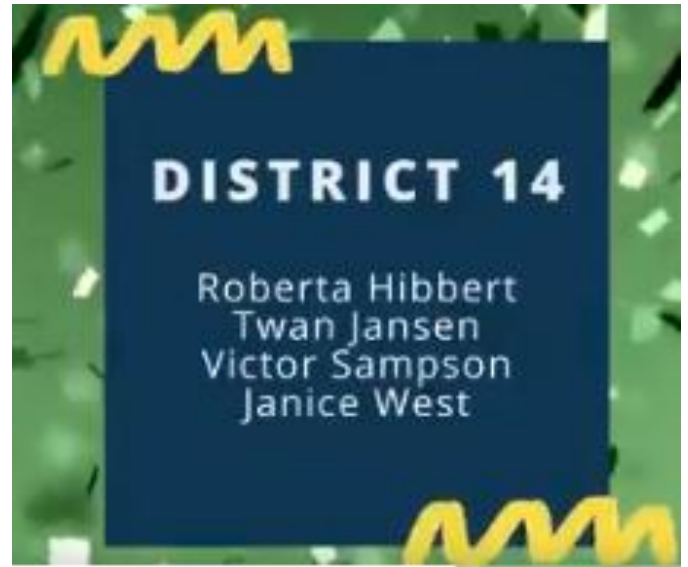
Victoria Day (French: Fête de la Reine) is a federal Canadian statutory holiday observed on the Monday before May 25th each year. Nova Scotia is the only province or territory not to designate the day as a statutory holiday, though many employers will give staff the day off and schools are closed.

Victoria Day is Canada's oldest non-religious holiday. It marks the birthday of Queen Victoria (1837-1901). Today, Canada is the only country that still has a holiday on the day.

For many, Victoria Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer, with many people opening their summer cabins. It is the first holiday to take place in the warmer months

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

HRM is pleased to acknowledge and celebrate the valuable asset we have in the form of volunteers who generously donate their time, passion and skills to make our communities more vibrant and fun! The four phenomenal folks awarded the 2020 Volunteer Award for District 14 are:



Thank you for all you do for our residents. Your dedication and commitment are humbling.

COVID-19

Please follow the guidelines and restrictions as outlined by the [Public Health Authority](#).





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VIRTUAL LOW INTENSITY EXERCISE PROGRAM



Virtual Low Intensity Exercise Program

For residents of greater HRM

Are you:

- limited by a chronic health condition and
- unable to walk or exercise for more than 15 min without stopping and
- interested in increasing your exercise ability?



This physiotherapist-led program involves:

- participation in an individualized exercise program
- one-to-one support calls with your physiotherapist
- group education and support sessions with other participants.

For more information or to register call: 902-460-4560



Community Health Teams

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Community Health Teams

IN THE COMMUNITY



I was so happy to present a cheque for \$100,000, from the Sackville Landfill

Compensation Trust Fund, on behalf of the North West Community Council, to the Lucasville Greenway Society toward the construction of a multi-use pathway along Lucasville Road.

COBEQUID HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION BURSARY



APPLY FOR A \$1,000 BURSARY OPEN TO GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

Four bursaries awarded to students from Charles P. Allen, Lockview, Sackville High, or Millwood High School who are entering into ANY health related post secondary educational program!



DEADLINE FOR BURSARY APPLICATION: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2021 AT 4PM COBEQUIDFOUNDATION.CA





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