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



WELCOME JUNE!

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Happy Father's Day! Welcome summer! Congratulations graduates of 2021! Although the ongoing pandemic has us adhering to restrictions for the public good, we can still virtually celebrate all significant events with loved ones, and for that I am

grateful. Gratitude extends to my Dad for his support and the shoulder I still lean on for strength and encouragement.

This month's Enews is full of exciting opportunities to explore parks/trails in your district or information on how to start a community garden or naturalization space! Keep reading for updates on the finalized 2021/22 budget, Regional and Community Council news and much more!

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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JUNE VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m. (If required)

Tuesday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

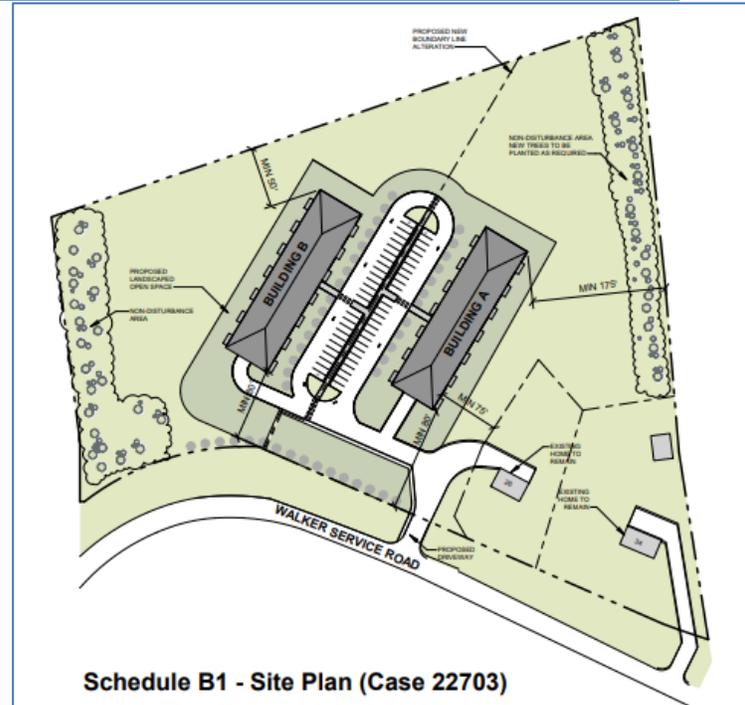
Please check our [website](#) to confirm meeting dates and times as they are subject to change.

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On May 10th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) held two public hearings on Cases 22703 and 21355. See details below:

[Case 22703: Amendments to Development Agreement for Lands on Walker Service Road, Lower Sackville](#)

Application by WM Fares Architects, on behalf of Cascade Property Group Limited, to amend an existing development agreement at 26 Walker Service Road, Lower Sackville to change from 1 multi-unit residential building with 52 units and 34 townhouse units on a new public street to two multi-unit residential buildings and two existing single-unit dwellings, for a total of 114 units on the site.



Schedule B1 - Site Plan (Case 22703)

The proposal was to amend the Development Agreement to allow for two 4-storey residential apartment buildings, each containing approximately 56 dwelling units, in the center of the site and the retention of the two existing single unit dwellings. The public street was removed from the proposal.

Motion passed to approve the Development Agreement for Case 22703.

[Case 21355: Development Agreement for a Residential Subdivision between Lively Road and Wilson Lake Drive, Middle Sackville](#)

Armco Capital Inc. applied to enter into a new development agreement to allow subdivision of the lands between Lively Road and Wilson Lake

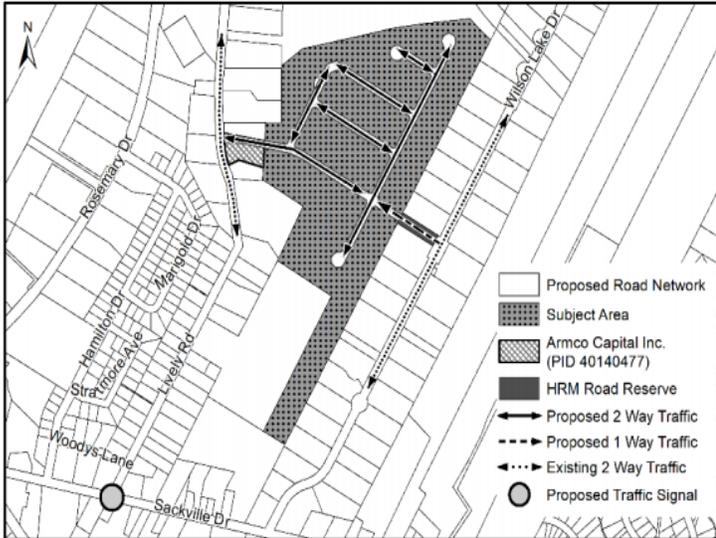


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Drive, Middle Sackville for a residential development with a total of 167 residential units.

COVID-19



The major aspects of the proposal are:

- 107 single unit dwelling lots;
- 56 semi-detached dwelling units (28 lots);
- 4 additional units if the detailed survey of wetlands and watercourses permits;
- access from Wilson Lake Drive (entrance only) and Lively Road (two-way access);
- maintenance of a tree buffer between existing lots along Lively Road and Wilson Lake Drive and the proposed lots; and
- 1,789 square metres of parkland.

Traffic signal lights are being considered for Lively Road and Sackville Drive intersection once development is underway (approximately 2024 installation).

Motion passed to approve the Development Agreement for Case 21355.

THE COVID-19 VACCINE HELPS PROTECT YOU & YOUR FAMILY.

A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.

Regular and drive-thru appointments are available for eligible Nova Scotians.

Eligible Nova Scotians can book vaccine appointments across the municipality. The shot isn't just for you; it's to protect your family, your friends, and our community! Many Nova Scotians can book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment online today.

Regular appointments:

<https://novascotia.flow.canimmunize.ca/en/9874123-19-7418965>

Drive-thru appointments:

<https://novascotia.flow.canimmunize.ca/en/8675309>

Or, call **1-833-797-7772** to book by phone (7am- 10pm, 7 days a week)

Stay up to date with the latest updates and



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restrictions on COVID-19:

www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus

For provincial restrictions, isolation guidance, symptoms and testing information, vaccine information for Nova Scotians, and more.

www.canada.ca/coronavirus

For travel and immigration information, federal financial supports, national virus and vaccine data, and more.

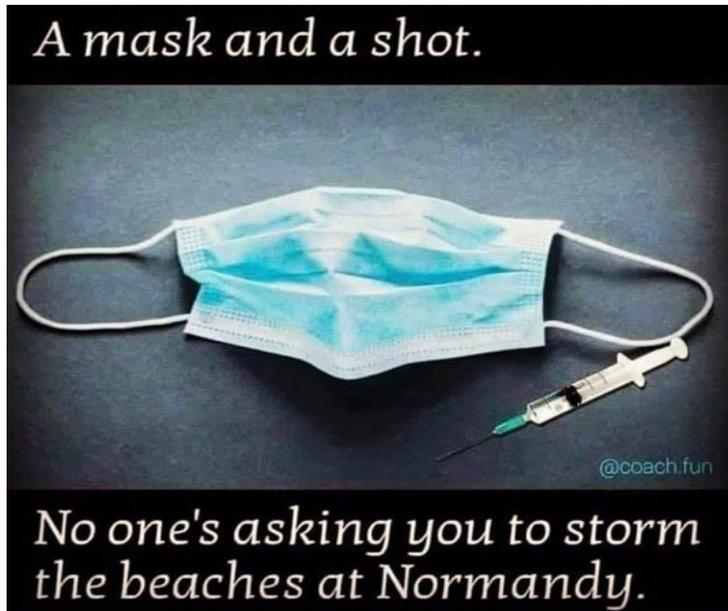
CHANGES TO GREEN BIN & RECYCLABLE COLLECTION



Weekly green cart collection of organic waste is returning for July, August, and September 2021.

However, **blue bag recyclable collection will occur once every two weeks.** Both changes come into effect on July 2nd, 2021.

Sign up for weekly collection reminders, get a refresher on what goes where, check out recycling tips and much more, [here](#). You can also download the free *Halifax Recycles* app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand. And don't forget to [follow Halifax Recycles](#) on Facebook!





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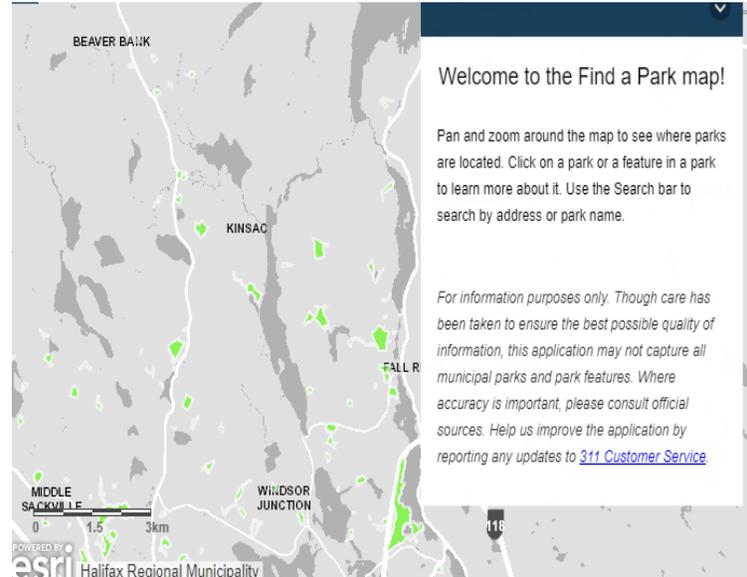
HRM PARKS AND TRAILS



Embrace the outdoors, safely! Staying close to home doesn't mean we need to hibernate as our weather continues to get more beautiful each day. While adhering to public health restrictions, it's a great time to connect with nature, and explore our local parks and trails. Sandy Lake Park in Lucasville, Millwood Common Park, Springfield Lake Recreation Centre Park or Harold T. Barrett Park in Middle Sackville or the Lost Creek Park in Beaver Bank to name just a few!

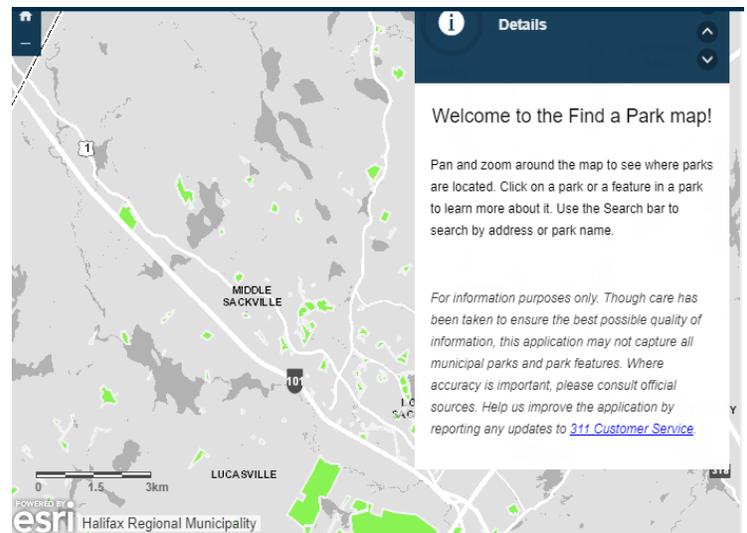
An [interactive parks and outdoor spaces map](#) is available on our municipality's website. You may be surprised to discover just how many parks and trails may not be far from your own neighbourhood.

There are [26 municipal trails](#) of varying difficulty and accessibility listed on the HRM website, for residents to walk, wheel, or cycle.



As we've realized even more than ever during the pandemic, spaces such as parks, natural areas and community gardens promote physical, mental, and social health and tangible well-being for all. Learn more about these benefits, and find out about exploring nature in the municipality [here](#).

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COMMUNITY GARDENS & NATURALIZED AREAS

While the [Public Gardens](#) are a renowned gem of our city, there are also opportunities to enjoy (or create) [community gardens](#) throughout other parts of the municipality.



Community gardens provide a shared opportunity for residents to grow food and produce floral or landscape displays.

flowering perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees.

On January 29, 2019, Halifax Regional Council provided direction to expand naturalization efforts in parks and right of ways and, on March 23, 2021, [approved a report](#) providing updates and requesting an extension of the current pilot projects.

Where we've naturalized



Local residents initiated a naturalization project in a right-of-way area along [Sime Court in Kingswood](#). A grassed area has been converted to a pollinator meadow using native and non-invasive-adapted plant species. Please contact [Penelope Kuhn](#), HRM's Planner, Parks and Recreation, Strategic Planning & Design, for more information.



[Naturalized spaces](#), such as Sime Court in Hammonds Plains, are another option to provide stewardship over our natural environment. Naturalization is an ecologically based approach to landscape management that seeks to enhance biodiversity and ecological resilience in the urban landscape using native or non-invasive-adapted plant species including



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CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY



Due to Public Health advisories, Curbside Giveaway Weekend has been **postponed until further notice.**

Learn about

Curbside Give Away etiquette, tips, and stay tuned for new dates [here.](#)

WONDERING ABOUT OUR LOCAL ECONOMY?



If you want to stay up to date on what is happening with our local economy, follow the [Halifax Partnership's Economic Dashboard.](#)



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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GRADUATE OF 2021

Behind you
all your memories
Before you
all your dreams
Around you
all who love you
Within you
all you need





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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR HRM YOUTH

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in our municipality. Each school has only one award recipient, and schools choose their award recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, and academic performance. Citizenship Award recipients receive a special plaque with the HRM crest, along with their name and the year engraved in it.

I was very pleased to take part in the 2021 Citizenship Award presentations held during the virtual May 18th session of Regional Council. This year, 38 students in total received the award of distinction. I extend my congratulations to each award recipient; your hard work and service to our community is so appreciated.

I would like to particularly highlight District 14's own **Abigail Kohler**, this year's award recipient from Millwood High School. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!

ENVIRONMENT WEEK: MAY 30TH-JUNE 5TH



Halifax Regional Municipality is focused on supporting our environment including short and long-term initiatives such as: creating and acting on [HalifACT](#) (Halifax's climate action plan); investing in electric buses; acquiring more park land ([Budget 2021/22](#)); and much more. A greener Halifax is a better Halifax for all, which is why Environment Week is something I'd like to highlight!

Established in 1971, Canadian Environment Week celebrates our country's environmental accomplishments and encourages us to do our part in conserving and protecting the environment. Canadian Environment Week occurs the first week of June each year to coincide with [World Environment Day](#) (June 5).

Let's consider how we can each mark this important week: planting one tree, like having one conversation, can spark big things in time.





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SPCA NEWS



The TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program benefits the whole community. It improves the lives of feral cats, decreases the size of colonies over time, and eliminates neighbourhood nuisance.

HRM, in collaboration with Spay Day Halifax and the Nova Scotia SPCA, has been working to address these concerns over the last four years. This year, more than ever, we need your input in locating a cat colony in your area. You can email information directly to: catcolony@spcans.ca or call 902-468-7877.

Through TNR, young kittens and friendly cats are taken to SPCA shelters where they will be cared for until they're ready to find a forever home. Feral cats, or wild cats, are much different; what would cause your cuddly, pet cat to purr, would cause them stress. This is due to them having spent the majority of their lives outside with little or no human interaction. Feral cats are much happier continuing to live outside. They are therefore humanely trapped,

spayed/neutered, ear-tipped and returned to their local colony.

Due to TNR interventions, there are fewer feral cats in HRM. **Neutering/spaying one stray or feral cat can prevent as many as 180 kittens from being born.** The Nova Scotia SPCA vet team is specialized and equipped to do spays and neuters for all of HRM.

One of the colony caretakers reported: *“Having our feral colony neutered has been amazing! We don’t have to look at rounded tummies and wonder where, and when, the new litter would be. Rounded tummies are now just well-fed kitties. I can’t stress enough the burden and stress lifted from our shoulders. We are so very grateful!”*

Feral/stray cats impact the entire community and requires a community to help solve the problem. We are so thankful to the amazing team and volunteers who spend their evenings and weekends dedicated to TNR. As a direct result of their hard work, fewer kittens are born into harsh conditions where they would be at risk of food scarcity, disease and predators. Feral cats can live happy, healthy lives no longer in constant distress.





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SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

DO YOU HAVE A VISION FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY AND PROMOTING RECREATION IN THE SACKVILLE AREA?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 3 COMMUNITY MINDED VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS AND A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

THE MISSION OF THE SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS WHICH ENHANCE THE HEALTH, CULTURE, WELLNESS, AND SPIRIT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF SACKVILLE.



Interested in joining the Board of Directors for Sackville Heights Community Centre (SHCC)? Would you like to nominate someone for a position? Please email a letter of interest to the Nomination Committee c/o the Board Secretary, Tara Hill, at tmhill@eastlink.ca.

If you have questions or for further information, please contact Heather Coffin, Facility Manager at fm@myshcc.com.



GIRLS BASEBALL SUMMER PROGRAM



LET'S PLAY BALL!

DARTMOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

Saturday, July 10, 2021 - Saturday, August 28, 2021

9 AM - 10 AM (Ages 4 - 7)
10:15 AM - 12 PM (Ages 8 - 16)

Dartmouth Commons

No baseball experience necessary!
All abilities welcome!
All female coaching staff
T-shirt, uniform & hat to keep!
Use of equipment
Personalized baseball card & medal!

\$165 PER PERSON- REGISTER NOW!

FOR DETAILS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Contact: Kaitlyn Leibert
kaitlyn@canadiangirlsbaseball.com



Canadian Girls Baseball is a national not-for-profit organization that serves to deliver baseball programs to girls aged 4-16 years old. Empowering young girls in sport is a big focus amongst our programs.

There will be a girl's baseball program this summer in Dartmouth! The program runs from Saturday July 10th to Saturday August 28th: program duration is 7 weeks and includes 7



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sessions that take place each Saturday morning. **No session during the August long weekend.**

All playing levels are welcome, including girls who are new to the game of baseball! Here is the link to the Canadian Girls Baseball program for more information:

<https://www.canadiangirlsbaseball.com/copy-of-programs>.

All COVID-19 safety protocols are in place for upcoming programs.

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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

