



**COUNCILLOR CATHY DEAGLE GAMMON**  
**DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS**  
 WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY

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**DEAR RESIDENTS**

July is leaving us as quickly as it arrived! Thankfully, a few community meetings and get togethers occurred. I had the pleasure of sampling local again at Reid’s, Fourth Lock, Inn on the Lake, LWF wings, Around the Corner Bakery 😊, Meagher’s Grant Community Hall fish and chips, Oakfield Golf Club and Good Day Café. As a result, I need to get out walking a bit more than I have!

The Oakfield Golf Course held a fantastic fund-raiser for Shelter Nova Scotia. Various Councillors collaborated to be a sponsor, additionally two Council colleagues - Councillor Trish Purdy and Councillor Iona Stoddard volunteered for the day with me. Teams totaling approximately 120 ladies generated a \$21,000 donation! Congratulations to all.

Attending community groups at either board or committee meetings in the district are always welcome so invite away and I will try my best to attend.

Regional Council highlights included a controversial motion to deactivate the operation of the Front-End Processor (FEP) and Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF) at the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility (Otter Lake). This is on the condition



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that the FEP/WSF be maintained in standby mode (i.e., operable state) Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) waste continue to not be landfilled at Otter Lake and continue to be processed through the transfer station and exported to other licensed landfills, and the Community Monitoring Committee will be consulted on any further proposed changes to the operations at Otter Lake. It does require approval from Nova Scotia Environment.

Parks and Recreation: Regional Council approved a motion that will help to standardize recreation fees in the municipality and to establish user charges for recreational facilities and recreation services, to be effective for all assets as of April 1, 2022. And YES, there is a STUDENT Rate!

The transfer of Provincial Roads to the Municipality was another discussion. We passed a motion to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue preparations to receive the transfer of provincial roads, effective June 1, 2022.

The staff report requested Council to consider adding a portion of Oaken Hills in District 1 into the water service boundary so that Halifax Water would take care of stormwater management, as they have the infrastructure and capacity to do so. At my request, Regional Council voted against amending the service exchange boundary and voted instead to delay this until the density targets identified in the staff report are met.

Staff and Councillors will be taking the Federal Government's Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) training program. While this is an elective course many of us are excited about the opportunity.

Council approved a motion to Retroactively Waiving Municipal Related Construction Fees for Registered

Non-Profit and Charitable Housing Developments.

There was much more, and you can read the minutes, watch the video of Regional Council meetings [here](#).

## EMANCIPATION DAY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 2021

Emancipation Day is the day when the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 became law across the British Empire, including Canada on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1834. On this day, the practice of slavery officially ended for millions of African people and their descendants in Canada and around the world.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, members of parliament unanimously voted to designate August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day in Canada. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the province of Nova Scotia followed the federal declaration by officially introducing [legislation](#) to annually recognize August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire, in Nova Scotia.



### Why Celebrate Emancipation Day?

- Haligonians are encouraged to observe Emancipation Day as an opportunity to learn more about the history of African Nova Scotian people



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- and communities, and to continue to address and eradicate systemic anti-Black racism.
- The day will also allow us, as a community, to reflect and acknowledge our shared history of the enslavement of people of African descent in Canada.
- Celebrating Emancipation Day will also provide us with an opportunity to maintain ongoing meaningful dialogue around race relations and inclusive society.
- Most importantly, the day should allow every citizen to begin to take action.

### **Commemorating Emancipation Day - 2021 Events**

As this year marks the inaugural Emancipation Day in Halifax, the municipality will be joining others across our region to observe this special and important day. Some events scheduled for the week include:

- Official Proclamation by the Mayor on behalf of regional council | Tuesday, July 27
- [Emancipation and Liberation: Where Do We Go From Here? Featuring Dr. Afua Cooper | Wednesday, July 28, 6 to 8 p.m.](#)
- Raising of the Pan-African Flag at Grand Parade | Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.
- An evening of variety shows to celebrate Emancipation Day hosted by Civic Events in Partnership with ANSAIO and GameChangers902 | Sunday, August 1, 6 to 9 p.m. at Grand Parade

### **How can you recognize Emancipation Day?**

- Attend and participate in events around the province.
- Engage in conversation around the history of enslavement and its impacts on our region and across the nation.
- Recognize and embrace the history of African Nova Scotians as part of our collective history.

- Find meaningful and respectful ways to remember the many souls lost during the transatlantic slave trade.

### **Resources for Emancipation Day:**

- [African Nova Scotian Affairs](#)
- [Black Loyalist Heritage Centre](#)
- [Africville Museum](#)
- [Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia](#)



## MEAGHER'S GRANT COMMUNITY MEETING

August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm

The Meagher's Grant Community Meeting has been rescheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will begin at the ball field for a 6:00 pm stroll around the site and return to the Meaghers Grant Community Hall to continue. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. There will be a facilitator at the meeting after the walk around the property. She is very interested to hear from children who use the property (in all seasons) and adults of all ages. Together, we will do our best to come up with a workable plan and a project that meets the needs of the community. Please join us!



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## COMMUNITY GRANTS APPROVED FOR DISTRICT 1

It was a pleasure to present the recommendations for Community Grants to Regional Council as Chair of the Grants Committee. \$479,646 was allocated from a \$500,000 fund. There were a few applications from District 1 that didn't make this round. However, they were advised of why and how to rectify the situation. A supplemental report is coming back to council for those that councillors requested another review.

While the Community Grant Fund has its limits, councillors can use their Capital Funds for projects within their district, that meet the appropriate criteria.

Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley/Fall River – Capital Grant/Accessibility	A grant of \$25,000 towards the purchase and installation of an exterior wheelchair lift to enable participation in adaptive paddling and kayaking programs.
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Waverley Heritage Society – Waverley – Project Grant/Interpretation	A grant of \$4,000 to establish a permanent display recognizing the Indigenous history of the Waverley area.
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Waverley Amateur Athletic Association – Waverley – Project Grant/Equipment	A grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of outdoor adaptive furnishings for the Waverley Sports Park.
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LWF Minor Baseball Association – Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River – Capital	A grant of \$8,480 is towards the purchase of a mini-tractor and accessories to be shared among community groups for annual maintenance of community recreation facilities
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Lemmon Hill Sports Association - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Building Upgrade	A grant of \$10,000 towards a clubhouse roof upgrade is recommended conditional upon submission of proof of insurance.
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Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher's Grant – Capital Grant/Equipment	A grant of \$8,000 towards the purchase of a shipping container for storage subject to confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits.
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Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade	A grant of \$5,000 towards the construction of a replacement outdoor riding ring.
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Todd Hill Farm Association	A grant of \$12,500 towards the installation of an accessible washroom.
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## DISTRICT CAPITAL FUNDS

In my July newsletter I advised that due to COVID-19 we were unable to organize our Participatory Budgeting event, that we were looking forward to hosting. However, we were still able to donate to some wonderful community organizations. The information below indicates what you need to do when applying for District Capital Funds. Additionally, in July's [e newsletter](#) you will see what has already been allocated in our district.

The annual amount this this year 2021/2022 is \$94,000 and there was a carryover from last year of \$45,386.60, for a total of \$139,388.60. Thus far we



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have allocated \$20,845.00 . **The remainder is \$118,543.60**

### What are District Capital Grants ?

- A District Capital Grant provides support for capital projects and infrastructure enhancements for HRM owned or community owned assets
- Capital items are tangible items of an enduring nature
- To complete small scale HRM projects not included in the annual HRM departmental capital budget
- To provide a simple and responsive method of providing modest donations and grants in support of local community initiatives

### Who can apply?

- Groups are registered charity or non-profit organization with a bank account
- If for facility enhancements, not for profit(s) must own the property or lease from HRM
- Project must provide public benefit & have reasonable access
- Projects must fall within HRM's mandate and not be for things provided by another level of government, i.e., funding for health care, education etc. which fall under the Province

### What are some examples?

- Examples include playgrounds, community gardens, street scaping, community signage, building upgrades, accessibility enhancements, park benches, kitchen equipment etc.

### How to apply?

- Letter of request which should describe the project, including community benefit
- Capital Fund [Request Form](#)

- Please provide proof that your organization is registered with the Registry of Joint Stocks as a Society or NFP Co-op.
- Send your completed application to Stephanie Brown my Council Constituent Coordinator at: Email: [browns@halifax.ca](mailto:browns@halifax.ca) or 902-490-4090 for support with the application.

### What are the eligibility criteria?

- To be eligible for this program, you must be a not-for-profit community group or organization – or be partnered with one.
- You should know in advance that all HRM policies and guidelines must be met. There are a bunch of rules that help define what can and can't be funded, you can read the [HRM District Capital Policy](#).
- Organizations are eligible to receive funds from only one HRM grant program in any one fiscal year.
- We must have evidence that a previous project is complete before an organization can apply for more funds.

If you have any questions or need support please email me at [cathy.deaglegammon@halifax.ca](mailto:cathy.deaglegammon@halifax.ca)

## CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS IN DISTRICT 1

As your Councillor, I am compiling my list of Non-Profits in our District. If you have not already reached out to me or if I haven't connected with you yet – please send me an email with a link to any information about your mission. I want to get to know you and have a chat, so I be of assistance and share your mission!



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### HRM'S AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

The Affordable Access Program allows qualified residents to apply for municipal subsidized programs. This new intake process will allow you to apply once and have that application considered for multiple programs. It includes:

#### [Low Income Transit Pass](#)

Allows participants to purchase a monthly adult transit pass for 50% of the regular price for one year.

#### [Recreation Access Program](#)

Provides either partial (50%) or full (100%) payment for Recreation programs for children, youth, and adults in financial need.

#### [Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Program](#)

Helps homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a deferral of property tax (payment is delayed to a later date), or a deferral of local improvement charges.

#### **Learn more about this program:**

- [Application Deadlines](#)
- [Apply for the Affordable Access Program](#)
- [Affordable Access Program Qualifications](#)

### GROWING ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION: SHARE YOUR INPUT ON THE TAXI-STYLE SERVICE COMING TO HRM

For many years, the municipality has heard from residents and visitors about the lack of accessible vehicles for hire (i.e. taxis), making spontaneous

travel a challenge for people requiring these vehicles. Past efforts to grow accessible taxi services in Halifax have been unsuccessful, largely due to the high cost of providing these services.

On February 23, 2021, Regional Council gave approval to contract an accessible taxi-style service. Under this new program, the municipality will pay a fee to the

contracted company to provide an accessible taxi-style service, while users will pay the standard taxi rate for trips.



The accessible taxi-style service will be required to meet specific standards, and Halifax Regional Municipality is currently looking for your thoughts on what these standards should be, how many vehicles should be available, how should customers be able to book a trip, and more.

To share your ideas, please complete the online survey:

[https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessible-taxi-style-service/survey\\_tools/accessible-taxi-style-service](https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessible-taxi-style-service/survey_tools/accessible-taxi-style-service)

The service is expected to be in operation this year. Your feedback, along with existing policy and best practices, will be used to create a framework for how this service will operate.



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### MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HALIFAX

\$13 million has been announced under the Rapid Housing Initiative to build 43 new affordable homes in Halifax. These housing units will support individuals who are in uncertain housing situations, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, or living in temporary shelters because of the pandemic. This is a significant step forward as we work with all levels of government to try and end the housing crisis and resulting homelessness that far too many individuals are facing.

The announcement was made on July 14 at City Hall by the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Andy Fillmore, Member of Parliament for Halifax, and Mayor Mike Savage.

As Mayor Savage said, "safe, supportive, affordable housing is a pressing need in Halifax. [this] announcement, in addition to the three projects already approved under the Rapid Housing Initiative, will allow us to work quickly with community partners to help more people find a lasting home." We know there is more work to be done on the complex issue of chronic homelessness, however, steps like this funding through the Rapid Housing Initiative will provide significant help to the most vulnerable individuals.



### HOMELESSNESS AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

One of the most challenging parts of being a Councillor for me is learning what you can do and what you cannot – who has jurisdiction and how far you can stretch your mandate, motivate and partner to get the results you need. Never has this been truer than with the decision to remove the shelters.

The numerous (literally hundreds) of emails I received are a testament to the concern that our community has about homelessness. Like you I am very concerned about the housing crisis and want to see rapid and effective change that protects these vulnerable residents.

HRM's decision to provide notice to residents living in temporary structures in HRM parks wasn't a decision that the municipality came to lightly. There are, however, real problems with the structures that require HRM to act. The structures have no electricity, running water, or toilets, there are security issues with them, they're not built to any sort of building code, and one of them recently burned in a fire. They're not a solution to homelessness. They're, at best, better than a tent or nothing at all. They're not a replacement for safe indoor spaces with supporting services.

So, what has changed? What has changed now is the Province has agreed to provide ongoing short-term accommodation for structure residents until they can be provided with permanent housing. Community Services has made arrangements to house residents in a hotel, with needed services, until supportive housing units become available in the fall. The result of HRM removing the structures isn't that the people living in them will be left with nowhere to go, they will have an indoor option to bridge them to permanent housing with support. There is no two-



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week timeline. This has been key in HRM reaching the decision to provide notice for removal.

The Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes that all residents deserve a home. It has adopted an empathy-based human rights approach to homelessness and homeless encampments that recognizes the human dignity of people experiencing homelessness.

As housing insecurity continues to be an issue in the region, work with community partners and other levels of government has significantly accelerated, and collaboration has expanded to help address both affordable housing and homelessness.

The Province of Nova Scotia has the mandate to provide public housing and programs for people with low to moderate incomes and maintain and build affordable housing throughout the province, including housing options for those experiencing homelessness. Residents with questions related to provincial supports and services for those experiencing homelessness can call 211 for more information.

The Halifax Regional Municipality also has an important role to play and is committed to applying resources to support efforts aimed at helping to address homelessness in the region.

Changes have been made to remove regulatory and service barriers for people experiencing housing insecurity such as removing fees, tax relief and donation of municipal land for affordable housing projects and installing public washrooms.

In the 2021-22 fiscal year, the municipality is hiring a new position focused on homelessness that will be responsible for guiding policy development and collaboration with stakeholders on addressing

homelessness. The municipality will also be developing a longer-term strategy to guide the municipality's response to homelessness.

As part of the Major Cities funding stream, the Halifax Regional Municipality has been identified for immediate funding of \$8,659,527 to create a minimum of 28 units of new permanent affordable housing.

The municipality evaluated Expressions of Interest and selected the following projects: Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, Adsum for Women and Children and the North End Community Health Association for a total of 52 units/rooms. [View the report.](#)

The projects will include a focus on people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness including urban Indigenous people, women and their children, Black Canadians as well as people with physical disabilities. [View the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation press release.](#)

During the winter of 2020/21, the municipality provided \$60,000 through the Downtown Halifax Business Commission (DHBC) to help Street Outreach Navigators provide short term stays to the most vulnerable individuals – those sleeping outside (including those in temporary structures), without shelter, and/or facing immediate danger of homelessness. This support also includes increased access to services and supports with the goal of finding more permanent housing.

The municipality is the primary funding partner for the Street Outreach Navigators through the downtown business improvement districts for Halifax and Dartmouth. The annual contribution for 2021/22 is \$140,000.





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All three levels of government play a role in the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing. The municipality acknowledges housing is a shared responsibility, and that issues surrounding affordable housing and homelessness cannot be solved by any single group or any single solution.

In 2020, the municipality established a [new surplus land category](#) that will make land suitable for the development of housing available to registered non-profit or charitable housing organizations. Prior to the creation of this new surplus land category, Council approved the [sale of four properties on True North Crescent](#) in North Dartmouth to the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia.

More information regarding the municipality’s initiatives to support affordable housing can be found [here](#).

A provincial election is coming. I would encourage anyone who is concerned about this issue to scrutinize the party platforms and to keep housing in mind when you consider your vote.

### FIRST ELECTRIC FLEET IN ATLANTIC CANADA: GREENER BUSES ARE EN ROUTE

Halifax Regional Municipality will be getting 60 new battery-operated, electric buses by 2024 thanks to combined funding totaling \$112 million from all three levels of government. The electric fleet will be the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

This is significant news for Halifax - once in service, these buses are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 3,800 tonnes annually by 2030. They will also reduce operating costs for Halifax Transit.

Mayor Savage said that this investment brings us

much closer to the modernization of a public transit service that will reliably and sustainably meet the needs of a growing community and make taking transit a better choice for more people.

The fleet will expand our existing public transit service and will help Nova Scotia achieve its ambitious climate change goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2050.

Funding will also be used to purchase related charging equipment and expand the Ragged Lake Transit Centre to accommodate the new fleet. The facility will also undergo a deep energy retrofit to achieve a net-zero standard.

Learn more about how Halifax is transforming transit and creating a more convenient, cost-effective and environmentally responsible transit system, including added ferry routes: <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/transportation-projects/transforming-transit>

### DID YOU KNOW - FIREWORKS

*What type of fireworks can I use?*

An unlicensed person is limited to consumer (family) fireworks.



*When can I use consumer fireworks?*

The Noise By-law restricts:

*“The detonation of fireworks or explosive devices not used in construction or quarrying”*

under Part 2, which applies to:



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*“Activities that unreasonably disturb the peace and tranquility of a residential area, at the specified times, where the sound resulting therefrom is audible at a point of reception.”*

But also provides an exemption:

*“Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law, this By-law shall not apply to the days listed in **Schedule “B”**, the emission of sound in connection with any of the traditional, festive, religious or other activities listed therein”*

Where **Schedule “B”** includes:

*“New Year’s Eve, Canada Day, Natal Day, and on recognized religious holidays”*

Also note that permission to set off fireworks outside the days above would be possible with an approved exemption from Regional Council.

The only other “time of use” restriction is by the Province. They state that:

*“Fireworks restrictions are set by the Office of the Fire Marshall. The Office of the Fire Marshall is placing a ban on consumer fireworks when the burnsafe map is red (“no burn”).”*

### **Do I need to apply for a permit to use fireworks on my own property?**

Consumer fireworks do not require a permit. Display and pyrotechnic grade fireworks require a permit and can only be purchased and set off by a licensed person.

### **Where can I use consumer fireworks?**

Anywhere that meets the safety requirements and does not conflict with other Federal, Provincial, or Municipal property legislation.

### **Can I set off fireworks somewhere other than private property in my community?**

See above. Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is not in a position to interpret other Federal, Provincial, or Municipal property legislation that may conflict with their use.

### **It is possible that my property may not be suitable or safe to set off fireworks?**

Yes, it is possible. Most fireworks have a minimum clearance requirement of 20m clear in all directions for ground displays and 30m for any aerial display. Individual fireworks often require larger clearances based on manufacturer specification due to the size or design of the effect.

### **I am concerned about fireworks being set off in my neighbourhood. Who do I contact?**

If you witness illegal fireworks use, **please call 911.**

For general, non-urgent questions or concerns regarding the use of fireworks in our municipality, please contact **311.**

### **Why can't HRM ban the sale of consumer fireworks?**

Fireworks are not prohibited due to repealed legislation by the province which was never replaced. **Consumer (family) fireworks are predominantly a Federal jurisdiction, enabled under the Explosives Act (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/E-17/>) and regulated under Part 16 of the Explosives Regulations (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-211/index.html>).**

**Provincially, there is no regulation for consumer (family) fireworks, however display (commercial) fireworks are regulated under the Fire Safety Act. The now repealed “Fireworks Act” regulated consumer fireworks it effectively prohibited their sale. There was nothing established to replace it.**

**Additional information:**

<http://legacycontent.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/090106ca1013.pdf>

**More facts on consumer fireworks from the [report and jurisdictional scan on the regulation and safe use of “Display” and “Consumer/Family” Fireworks in HRM \(May 18, 2021\)](#):**



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- Between 2008 and 2021, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) responded to 27 consumer fireworks related incidents. All 27 incidents violated at least one (but often multiple) sections of the Regulations.
- A recent [jurisdictional scan](#) by HRM staff indicates all provinces appear to allow the use of fireworks, with the exception of Prince Edward Island. For the provinces that allow consumer fireworks, none require permits, restrict dates or sale except British Columbia.
- When looking at municipal government, it appears that the restrictions are more varied. For the municipalities that do allow consumer fireworks, very few require a permit to use them, or limit the sale.
- Some municipalities like Moncton ban the use of fireworks, but do not ban or limit the sale of them. The underlying reason for municipal regulation is not always clear. In addition to fire and life safety, some restrictions on consumer fireworks appear to be attributed to the noise and nuisance they generate as well as their impact on people, animals, and the environment.
- When examining limitations on the use of fireworks, Halifax appears to be in the middle of the Atlantic jurisdictions included in the scan. Halifax does not have a complete ban on fireworks or a specific fireworks by-law but does limit the dates where they can be used.
- **Halifax is consistent with almost all other jurisdictions about restrictions on the sale and permit requirements.** Halifax does not restrict the sale and does not require any permits for consumer use.

## AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting Description
Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meaghers Grant Community Meeting (5-10pm, Meagher's Grant Rec Hall)
Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Plan Review for rural communities
Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	North West Planning Advisory Committee
Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grants Committee Meeting
Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	North West Community Council
Aug. 16 <sup>h</sup>	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Council
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Audit & Finance Standing Committee
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	North West Planning Advisory Committee - Public Information Meeting for Case 21639
Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Regional Council
<b>Always subject to change add or deletions 😊</b>	

## OTHER EVENTS

### Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society

AUG 14 AT 12 AM UTC-03 – AUG 15 AT 12 AM UTC-03  
 Musq. Junior Beef Show 2021  
 190 Exhibition Grounds Road, Middle Musquodoboit, NS  
 Reminder that all forms for the Beef Show are due by August 01, 2021!  
 Find all your forms here!  
<http://www.musquodoboitag.ca/2021-shows.html>

### Keloose 2021

Keloose 2021 will take place on August 22, 2021 at the Windsor Junction Community Centre.

The event will consist of a single day of kid's activities, food trucks and live music. It will be an



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opportunity to bring the community together to enjoy each other's company in a well-loved setting. We will not be having fireworks, or some of the other flash this year. However, if it's totally up to us, Keloose 2022 will be one for the ages! A version of Keloose right for our time, and fun for all.



## MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



This volunteer Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers for the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society have been busy building the new Ring #2. The overall expenses have been reduced due to the support of volunteers. We had assistance from several members of the community who had heavy equipment to do the following:

- Remove, destroy and cart the old rotten wooden fence away
- Harrow the ring with a tractor and disc harrow

- Pick up rocks that you can see on top of the ground.
- Brought in another piece of heavy equipment to level the ground and move rocks into widrows
- Volunteers picked up the rocks
- Another piece of equipment was used to level the ground (again)
- The metal fencing (56 pieces at 10feet each) was erected by a group of volunteers.
- 20 treated posts were purchased
- A firm donated 50 pieces of 7 ft rebar
- A cinching machine was bought to secure the fencing to the posts (about \$250.)
- 6 loads of sand was purchased from a local business
- Another tractor was used to distribute the sand.
- Experienced horse people were brought in to inspect the ring and would be satisfied if another 2 loads of sand was purchased.
- It has been done.

\*Information supplied by Joe Fisher – thanks Joe!

Once again, demonstrating the power of COMMUNITY!

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## CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

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

- Environment and Sustainability 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



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Council Constituency Coordinator:  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca)

### HAPPY NATAL DAY

Everyone loves to celebrate a birthday, so on August 2, have a Happy Natal Day . A holiday that began in 1895, Natal Day was organized as a way to celebrate Nova Scotia's history. Natal, in case you're wondering, is from the Latin word for "birth." Be safe, have fun, enjoy!

