

WELCOME AUGUST!



Happy Natal Day! Now that we are able to gather, under public health guidelines, let's get out there and celebrate Natal Day together with free concerts at the

Dartmouth waterfront and Grand Parade! Check out the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre's Natal Day Fireworks event too!

Keep reading for information on Emancipation Day, Busker Festival, Accessible Taxi Survey, Rainbow Crosswalk Artwork, Back To School, and much more!

I am thrilled to announce that I will be hosting my Beaver Bank Hub office hours starting in September on the 1st Friday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre. You may also contact me via email at: Lisa.Blackburn@Halifax.ca or call: 902-579-7164.

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AUGUST VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 31st at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. (If required)

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal website

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On July 12th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) considered the following:

Case 23247: Measurement of Building Height under the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law

Motion approved that North West Community Council direct staff to commence the planning process to amend the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law to allow for the height of a building to be based on the mean grade of the building, not the lowest grade of the curb.

<u>Case 23617: Upper Hammonds Plains Land</u> Use Designation Review

Motion approved that North West Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

 Initiate a process to review and amend the land use polices and regulations under the Upper Hammonds Plains Land Use Designation within the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville; and any other planning

- documents as necessary to mitigate conflict between allowable uses in the area; and
- Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

Check the municipal <u>website</u> for more information on the July 12th meeting.

EMANCIPATION DAY



August 1st, 2021 marks the inaugural Emancipation

Day in Halifax. The municipality will join others across the region to observe this special and important day starting with

the flying of the Pan-African flag in the Grand Parade.

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

Why Celebrate Emancipation Day?

Residents are encouraged to observe
 Emancipation Day as an opportunity to
 learn more about the history of African
 Nova Scotian people and communities,
 and to continue to address and eradicate
 systemic anti-Black racism.



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- 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.



Additional Resources for Emancipation Day:

- African Nova Scotian Affairs
- Black Loyalist Heritage Centre
- Africville Museum
- Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia
- Government of Canada Canadian Heritage

HALIFAX BUSKER FESTIVAL 2021



Welcome to the <u>Halifax Busker Festival 2021</u> running until August 2nd at the Salt Yard Too Stage Halifax waterfront location. Performers include Christine Campbell, Blake Johnston, Keonté Beals, Che, Gizelle du Guzman, Andru Branch & Halfway Tree, Zamani, Morgan Toney, Ian Stewart, Michael James and East Coast Amusements Midway!.

Performance schedule is subject to change without notice. All performances take place at the Salt Yard Too Stage. All provincial COVID-19 protocols effective as of July 31, 2021 will be followed at this event.

The Festival runs for six days over the Natal Day long weekend. With hundreds of shows over six days, the Festival highlights performances on multiple stages.

Founded in 1986, Halifax Busker Festival brings the best street performers in the world to the Halifax waterfront.

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ACCESSIBLE TAXI - PUBLIC SURVEY



As you are aware, 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.

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Based on Regional Council's approval to contract an accessible taxi-style service on February 23, 2021, municipal staff have AUGUST 2021

created a survey to assess the public's feedback about the requirements and standards that a service provider would have to meet, such as:

- How many vehicles should be available?
- How should customers be able to book a trip?
- What should the response time be?



Residents are invited to complete the online survey by August 13, 2021.

The survey is available at:
www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/accessible-taxi-style-service.





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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



RAINBOW ARTWORK CROSSWALK PROGRAM



The Rainbow Artwork at Crosswalks Program has been expanded this year with 11 new sites for a total of 53 painted crossings. The rainbow

artwork was to be completed by Sunday, August 1st.

This year, in consultation with the office of Diversity & Inclusion, the crosswalk design was updated to include the colours of the progressive pride flag – black, brown, pink, light blue and white.

The Halifax Regional Municipality has fully funded the repainting of the following three signalized intersections:

- Spring Garden Road and Queen Street (four at this location)
- Gottingen and Cornwallis streets (four at this location)
- Alderney Drive and Ochterloney Street (four at this location)

Councillors and Business Improvement Districts funded the painting of the additional crosswalks throughout HRM. Crosswalks you may notice around District 14 and neighbouring communities are:

- Hammonds Plains Road and Bedford Highway (crosswalk on Hammonds Plains Road only)
- Sackville Drive and Cobequid Road
- Sackville and Leaside drives
- Sackville and Millwood Drives

Diverse ideas and inclusive actions create stronger communities. This fun and creative approach to sharing the municipality's Pride as a community is just one way the municipality celebrates and supports Halifax Pride 2021. For upcoming activities, visit halifaxpride.com or halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.



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The municipality recognizes that many residents and business owners have a desire to express support for Halifax Pride 2021 through street art, however, sidewalk painting is not permitted for residents. Some materials, especially when applied to sidewalks, can become slippery in wet weather. It is in the best interest of public safety that material, other than chalk sticks, is not applied on the right-of-way by residents. Crews will remove artwork on sidewalks that violate municipal By-laws S-300 and S-801. The cooperation and consideration of residents and business owners is appreciated.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Students head back to class on Tuesday, September 7th. If you are looking for information on school transportation, bus stop locations or the school calendar, please contact the <u>Halifax</u> Regional Centre for Education's (HRCE) at 902-464-2000 or visit the HRCE website.

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre is hosting Natal Day fireworks at the Beaver Bank ball field on Monday, August 2nd at 10:00 p.m. Come on out and see the show!!

COVID restrictions will be followed at this event.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Birthday Parties: Now renting the gymnasium for parties. Renting the facilities is 100% dependent on the restrictions outlined by Nova

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Scotia Public Health. Please note these restrictions can change at any time which may affect our ability to rent our facilities. Check for COVID updates at:

https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictionupdates/

Contact Heather for further information at: 902-869-4764.



SACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY





1-on-1 Technology Appointments

Book a free 1 hour appointment with library staff for help with:

- · Basic Computer and Tablet skills
- · How to use email
- Word Processing
- Using E-Books and E-Library resources
- Using Social Media
- · Getting Started with a new device

Sackville Public Library

To learn more or to book an appointment please visit the Information Desk or call (902) 865-8653



CAN I SET OFF FIREWORKS IN MY BACKYARD?



An unlicensed person is limited to consumer (family) fireworks. Consumer fireworks are the type you can buy at a local retailer. But, just because you can purchase them,

doesn't necessarily mean you can set them off any time you like in your own backyard.

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Halifax's <u>By-Law N-200 Respecting Noise</u> outlines the detonation of fireworks or explosive devices not used in construction or quarrying as activities that unreasonably disturb the peace and tranquility of a residential area, at the specified times. The only exemptions are the days listed in Schedule "B" which are:

- New Year's Eve
- Canada Day
- Natal Day
- Recognized religious holidays

So, no you cannot set off fireworks on Junior's 13th birthday nor your 25th anniversary or other special family event unless it falls on one of the days listed in By-Law N-200 and meets the provincial Fire Marshall restrictions.

The only other *"time of use"* restriction is by the Province which states 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")."

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.

For general, non-urgent questions or concerns regarding the use of fireworks in our municipality, please contact non-emergency police at 902.490.5020 or call 311.

NEW PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

In the fall of 2019, the House of Assembly legislated 55 electoral district boundaries as recommended by the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The 55 new district boundaries come into force for the next provincial general election (41st) after March 1, 2020. Any by-elections taking place prior to the next provincial general election will be based on the 51 boundaries defined in 2012.

The new provincial boundary areas that impact municipal District 14 are:

- 31 Hammonds Plains Lucasville
- 47 Sackville Cobequid
- 48 Sackville Uniacke
- 54 Waverley Fall River Beaver Bank.



Electoral District Information:

 Electoral District Finder - follow this link to find your <u>electoral district</u> for the 41st Provincial General Election in the new 55 electoral districts

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- 55 Provincial electoral districts
 (Shapefile, KMZ Google Earth Format)
- <u>55 Provincial electoral district Interactive</u>
 Map
- Provincial Polling Divisions (as of January 2021) (Shapefile, KMZ)
- Online Map Guide Book and Street Key Tool

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



Provincial Representatives in District 14:

- MLA Brad Johns Sackville Beaver Bank (New district name: Sackville – Uniacke) Unit 103, 1710 Sackville Drive Middle Sackville, NS B4E 3A9 Phone: 902-865-6467 mlabradjohns@gmail.com
- MLA Steve Craig Sackville Cobequid (Electoral District – check boundaries)
 Unit 104, 445 Sackville Drive Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2S1 Phone: 902-864-6271

Fax: 902-864-0483

Steve.Craig@novascotia.ca

 MLA Bill Horne (Not Reoffering)
 Waverley – Fall River – Beaver Bank (Electoral District – check boundaries)
 Suite 101, 1265 Fall River Road Fall River, NS B2T 1E6 Phone: 902-576-3411 Fax: 902-576-3413 billhornemla@gmail.com

 MLA Ben Jessome Hammonds Plains – Lucasville

(Electoral District - check boundaries)

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Federal Representatives in District 14:

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 MP Darrell Samson Sackville – Preston - Chezzetcook
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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

"The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmag people. The municipality acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People."

Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Now, making a respectful Land Acknowledgement remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

A land acknowledgment is an important statement that acknowledges we understand the long-standing history that has brought us to reside on this land and that we seek to understand our place with that history. In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

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Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

