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

WELCOME DECEMBER!

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Happy Chanukah! Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy New Year!

December is a busy month but a month filled with wonderful events and

activities to share with family and friends. Check out the activities happening in District 14 this month with a few samples shown in this newsletter - breakfast with Santa anyone? Keep reading for updates on action taken for emergency accommodations, new data sets available in OPENDATA, speed limit changes for Lower Sackville and recent updates from North West Community Council.

Do you have a question about a municipal program or service? I am offering a drop-in session the 1st Friday of each month at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Or you may email or call me at: Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca, 902.579.7164.

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DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, December 7th following budget

Tuesday, December 14th following budget

Budget Committee:

Tuesday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#)

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On November 8th the North West Community Council (NWCC) considered the following:

[Case 22820: Amendments to Development Agreement, Hanwell Drive \(Sunset Ridge subdivision\), Middle Sackville](#)

Public hearing held and closed. Motion defeated in regard to the substantive change from a commercial to residential development. The North West Community Council raised concerns with the substantive change from a complete community perspective and discussed the impact a large residential project would have on the local school system, which is currently exceeding capacity, with no concrete plans for the adjustments of school boundaries or a new school from the provincial government in the immediate future. NWCC agreed with the recommendation of the North West Planning

Advisory Committee to refuse the application based on concerns related to traffic, incompatibility with the existing neighborhood and the original intent of the neighborhood.

[Case 23662: Amendments to Development Agreement for lands at Walker Service Road, Lower Sackville](#)

Notice of Motion given to allow a non-substantive amendment to an existing development agreement extending the commencement date for the building construction.

[Case 20110: Rezoning and Development Agreement for an Open Space Design Development along Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank](#)

First Reading and Notice of Motion given. Public hearing scheduled to consider rezoning 19.6-hectare (48.5 acre) of land along Windgate Drive between Capilano Estates and Monarch-Rivendale subdivisions in Beaver Bank to the MU-1 (Mixed Use 1) Zone.

[Case 22732: Development Agreement for lands off Kenwood Avenue, Hammonds Plains](#)

Notice of Motion given to consider a 19-unit seniors housing development off Kenwood Avenue in Hammonds Plains and schedule a public hearing.

Click [here](#) to view the full agenda.



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DID YOU KNOW...



December 3 is International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD)

This day aims to raise awareness and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS



RCMP Road Safety Stats
October 2021 - District 14
Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville

571 calls for service in October
Up 110.7% vs. Oct, 2020

21 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 8 in Oct, 2020)
• 4 aggressive driving, 5 other MVA (i.e. no registration), 12 speeding

212 Proactive Assignments (vs. 48 in Oct, 2020)

61 Cellphone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints
144 Traffic Stops (vs. 35 in Oct, 2020)

2 Impaired Driving Charge (vs. 3 in Oct, 2020), 1 Impaired Suspension (no change from last year)

15 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 11 in Oct, 2020)
• Of these, 4 resulted in injuries

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

FIVE NEW DATASETS AVAILABLE



Five (5) new datasets have been released as of November 24th as part of HRM's ongoing commitment to

provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality.

The five new datasets include the following:

- Bike Amenities;
- Cityworks Service Requests;
- Cityworks Service Requests Custom Fields;
- Road Safety Countermeasures Tracking; and,
- Traffic Calming Infrastructure.

The addition of these five sets brings the total number of open data datasets to 165.

Additionally, the following datasets have been updated:

- **PPL&C Issued Building Permits** – building permits from the new permitting & licensing application;
- **PPL&C Issued Construction Permits** – construction permits from the new permitting & licensing application; and,
- **HRM Tax Rates** – adding in new rates for 2021 (this dataset is updated annually).

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases



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occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on [September 22](#).

The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. The program was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the data sets, [click here](#).

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES LOWER SACKVILLE



Speed limits will be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in the residential streets bound by Glendale Drive and Cobequid Road in Lower Sackville. All streets with reduced speeds are

inside the highlighted area of the map shown at left.

Crews have begun site preparations and new signage was installed at the end of November.

This initiative, which reflects Council's focus on making communities safer by reducing speeding in residential neighbourhoods, is part of the

[December 2021](#)

municipality's road safety actions to move toward zero fatalities and injuries for people using any mode of transportation.

The Province of Nova Scotia legislates speed limits on public roadways – via the *Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) which provides for a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The MVA allows for the municipality to request posted speed limits below 50 km/h if accompanied by necessary documentation including current operating speeds and roadway characteristics.

The speed limit reduction in these areas is being implemented following provincial approval based on available data and an assessment of roadway characteristics that meet their qualifications.

Municipal staff continue to assess other neighbourhoods for possible speed reduction implementation in the future. Once identified, applications to the province will be submitted for consideration.





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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

Holiday Toy & Food Drive

FROM NOV 1ST TO DEC 10TH 2021

Let's help families have a fabulous Holiday!

SPRINGFIELD LAKE TOY & FOOD DRIVE
LET'S HELP OUR LOCAL CHARITIES AND FAMILIES HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS

PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD ITEMS AND UN-WRAPPED GIFT TO:
251 SPRINGFIELD LAKE ROAD
PLEASE TEXT 902.225.3280 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL/TEXT KERRI @ 902.225.3280

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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www.mysbcc.com

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE
45 CONNOLLY ROAD, MIDDLE SACKVILLE

Community Cafe

FRIDAYS
10:00-11:30AM
\$2/PERSON (CHILDREN FREE)
CALL (902) 864-6751 OR EMAIL SHCCPROGRAMS@GMAIL.COM

Coffee - Tea - Juice - Sweets

Pancake Breakfast – December 19th



Join Santa and his helpers on December 19th for a delicious pancake breakfast!

breakfast!

Meet and Greet Santa himself at the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre!

▷ HAPPY CHANUKAH
▷ MERRY CHRISTMAS
▷ HAPPY KWANZAA
▷ HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BE LOVING & KIND
HAVE FUN CELEBRATE
STAY SAFE & KEEP OTHERS SAFE



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WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

NS WORKS OPPORTUNITY PLACE IS EXCITED TO PRESENT
THE WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE
WILL NOW BE OFFERING EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES



Staff will be available to provide support with your employment and career needs

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

- One on one coaching and support
- Resume and cover letter preparation and critique
- Mock Interviews
- Skills Development and support
- Career counselling and assessments
- Information on funding options, apprenticeships and provincial programs
- Employer services to facilitate their needs and connect them with job-ready qualified candidates.

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY
9AM-12PM

596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville, NS
www.opportunityplace.ca
staff@opportunityplace.ca
902-864-7520

system built on existing strengths and community wisdom.

They are seeking input from community members to help shape actions for positive change in the food system! I encourage you to head over to <http://justfoodhalifax.ca> to have your say by completing their Action Survey. #justfoodhfx.

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
Presents
Breakfast with Santa

Saturday
December 4, 2021
8:00 am – 10:30 am

We will be pre selling Tickets Only!

8:00am to 8:30am
8:30 am to 9:00am
9:00 am to 9:30am
9:30am to 10:00am
10:00 am to 10:30am
With limited seats available!!

Please note that all participants are required to show proof of vaccination and ID when purchasing tickets. Masks must be worn at all times other than when actively eating or drinking. We will be following the current restrictions put in place at the time of the event.

Breakfast \$5.00 per person
Pancakes, sausages, Hash browns, Orange Slice, juice and tea or coffee.

Santa Claus will be there!!
Bring Santa a letter, to let him know what you would like this year!!
Don't forget to include your full name & address if leaving a letter for Santa.

JUST FOOD ACTION PLAN

JustFOOD
Action Plan for the Halifax Region

Fill out the Action Survey at justfoodhalifax.ca



HRM and the Halifax Food Policy Alliance have teamed up to develop JustFOOD: an action plan for the Halifax region, working towards a more healthy, just, and sustainable food

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CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

U CUT CHRISTMAS TREES – BOY SCOUTS

Christmas Wish Tree
*Coming again this year at Walmart,
 Bedford Commons
 Starting Friday, November 26*



*Gifts purchased are for
 adults ages 16 and up.*

*Distributed to
 individuals and families
 in our communities.*

*Make a brighter
 Christmas for
 disadvantaged adults.*






U-cut Tree Farm

2021



It starts with Scouts.

In support of 2nd Beaver Bank Scouting

A classic, holiday family adventure.

COVID 19 Safety Protocols In Place

\$30 per tree 9 ft and under / \$40 per tree over 9 ft. Cash Only

Hours for Christmas 2021:

Open Saturday & Sunday (10-4) starting Dec. 4 until December 19.

Location: 454 Beaver Bank Rd (across from Majestic Ave)

Email: Troop.2ndbeaverbank@gmail.com

Bring rope. Tree wrapping service not available.



**May your Christmas
 be blessed
 with lots of love, fun,
 peace, joy and happiness.**



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) FOOD BANK SUPPORT

January and ends March 31st, 2022. Presently, our Grants Program staff are available to assist you with general inquiries at: NonProfitGrants@halifax.ca.

A wide variety of projects are eligible for the grants such as publishing maps or guidebooks, creating interpretive panels, buying safety equipment, or renovating a building for community use.

SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE



Removing snow around your property can be a challenging – or impossible – task for many people. There is help available! Halifax Regional Municipality provides an annual contribution of \$400,000 in support of the YMCA for its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. To find out more about this program and to apply, please call YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit their website at: <https://ymcafx.ca/community-initiatives/ymca->



Sackville Superstore
&
CERT (COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM)

Invite you to help support the Gateway Food Bank
on
Saturday, December 11, 2021
from
11:00am-3:00pm
At 745 Sackville Drive, Sackville, NS

The Sackville Superstore in partnership with CERT invite you to help with non-perishable food items, Cash donations &/or gift cards.
All proceeds will go to the Gateway Food Bank.
Come out and support a great cause!



HRM's COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

HRM's Community Grants Program offers funding for community projects led by registered, non-profit organizations and charities throughout the Halifax region. There are project grants of up to \$5,000 and capital grants of up to \$25,000.

Registration for the 2022 program begins In

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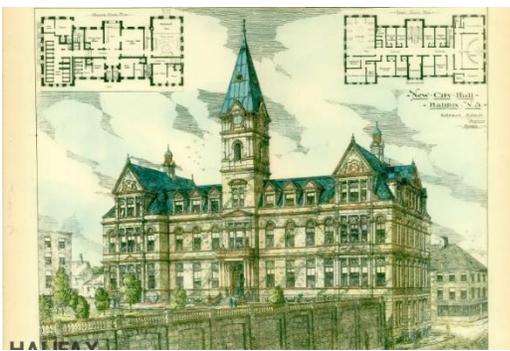
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senior-snow-removal/

TWO BELLS INSTALLED AT CITY HALL



Real bells have been installed at City Hall! For the first time in almost 100 years, real bells are ringing at City Hall after the original bell was damaged during the Halifax Explosion in 1917. Since 1995, the bells have been a recording of Westminster Abbey. The two bells, one quite possibly an original bell of City Hall, offer historical significance and a traditional sound experience. Learn more about this project here: <http://halifax.ca/cityhallbells>.



COGSWELL DISTRICT PROJECT



In case you haven't heard, the biggest city-building project in Halifax's history officially launched on November 2nd: www.halifax.ca/cogswell.

The Cogswell District project will more cohesively connect downtown Halifax, the north end, and the city's waterfront. Fully mobilized construction will begin in winter 2022. The construction phase of the project is expected to take up to four years to complete.

The Cogswell District project will:

- Convert 16 acres of road infrastructure into a mixed-use neighborhood, extending the entrance of the downtown northwards and reuniting communities separated by the interchange lands.
- Reinstate the urban street grid and create development blocks capable of supporting new residential and commercial environments for 2,500 people.
- Create high quality dedicated cycling lanes, multi-use trails, new parks and open spaces, a reimagined transit hub,



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and a significant central urban square will transform this traffic-centric area into a livable pedestrian friendly area for people to live, work, and play.

The completion of the Cogswell District project is expected to cost approximately \$122.6 million in total. However, the project has the potential to be primarily self-funded in the long term once construction is over and the redevelopment of the area is completed.

THE HEAT FUND



Helping Nova Scotians in need with home heating costs.

The Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT) Fund provides up to \$400 for these income thresholds:

- \$29,000 for a 1-person household
- \$47,703 for a 2-4 person household
- \$67,937 for households with 5+ people

Apply **online** or by **phone**:

www.SalvationArmy.ca/Maritime/Heat
902-422-3435

The Fund is proudly administered by The Salvation Army.

2022/23 FISCAL FRAMEWORK

The [2022/23 Fiscal Framework report](#), presented to Regional Council on Tuesday, November 23rd, contained recommendations for tax modifications to accommodate changing operational costs, capital investments, as well as debt and reserve changes including funding for current and new strategic initiatives. The Framework sets the broad, opening strategy for developing the initial municipal budget.

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Detailed discussions, along with public input, will begin in February 2022. This will provide appropriate time for Regional Council to debate and adjust the budget over the coming months, with the final budget expected to be completed April 12, 2022.

Currently, staff are seeking direction regarding the development of the 2022/23 municipal budget. This includes a recommendation to increase the average property tax bill for residential and commercial properties by 2.9 per cent. Additionally, a 3.0 per cent increase is being recommended as part of a new dedicated Climate Action Tax. If approved, the average property tax bill would increase by a total of 5.9 per cent.

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATIONS

Updates are currently issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates are part of HRM's ongoing efforts to ensure you are informed with the most up-to-date information. Click on the following link for the latest update as of November 23rd: <https://bit.ly/3l8Xk3q>.

Updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has begun to place individuals at the sites and provide wrap around services. Depending upon the status of progress, frequency of updates may vary.



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IN THE COMMUNITY



(LtoR: Constable Ben Boutilier, Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Constable Dart)

I was thrilled to do a ride-along with our RCMP Officers and experience first-hand the phenomenal job they do on a daily basis for our safety.

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

The annual Menorah lighting took place on November 29th with a reception following in Halifax Hall, City Hall.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The annual Christmas Tree lighting took place in the Grand Parade on November 27th with fireworks and a visit from Santa.





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HAPPY KWANZAA!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Stay tuned for more details on HRM's New Year's Eve **FREE** event to be held in the Grand Parade on Friday, December 31st from 11:00 p.m. to midnight!

HRM's Civic Events web page will be updated with more detail in the coming weeks:

<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/new-years-eve> .

Proof of Vaccination will be required.



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NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE 2022



Due to COVID-19 limitations on social gatherings, there will **not** be a New Year's Day Levee at City Hall this January 1st.

Sackville Volunteer Firefighter's Association

There will be a New Year's Day Levee hosted by the Sackville Volunteer Fire Fighters Association on January 1, 2022 at the Sackville Fire Station located at 9 Metropolitan Avenue.

Contact Dana Eisan for more information at: Dana Eisan eisanfrank57@gmail.com.

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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



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HALIFAX

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY’S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement

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

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: *“The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi’kmaq 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.

