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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JANUARY!

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Happy New Year to one and all. I look forward to 2022 with a bit of trepidation to be honest. There are major issues at the municipal level like the budget, addressing climate change, homelessness, major projects underway and we are still in the grasp of COVID and all it's variants.

Many are struggling with the cumulative effects of the restrictions , losses during isolation and challenges with restarts. During this journey please be kind, be safe, wear a mask, vaccinate (if you can) and social distance. Follow all provincial protocols.

Locally in our huge district we have concerns with developments, road conditions, traffic safety, and concern for our environment – specifically our lakes. Along with a lack of infrastructure there is a need for growth especially in housing for seniors and new families.

Please let me know what is important to you and how we are doing as a Council and I as your representative. Together is better! May 2022 bring us peace, hope and a brighter tomorrow.

Cathy



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NWCC DECEMBER 13TH DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

Draft minutes are available [here](#)

Case 20110: Rezoning and Development Agreement for an Open Space Design Development along Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank

- Correspondence was received from 19 residents
- At the Public Hearing there were 7 speakers

Motion was put and passed:

That North West Community Council adopt the amendment to Schedule 1-C of the Land Use Bylaw for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 5, 2021.

Donna Boutilier, Solicitor and Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant advised North West Community that the public hearing was held for both the rezoning of a portion of the property under the Land Use Bylaw and the proposed development agreement with the applicant. Community Council must first approve the rezoning and when the rezoning process is completed staff will return to Community Council for debate and decision on the development agreement.

Case 22218: Development Agreement for 32 Dutch Settlement Road, Lantz

Motion put and passed : ***That North West Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the November 3, 2021 staff report, to allow for the expansion of a salvage yard at 32 Dutch Settlement Road, Lantz, and schedule a public hearing.***

Case 22670: MPS and LUB amendments to allow for industrial and highway commercial uses on the Conrad Quarry Lands, Montague Gold Mines and Waverley

Motion put and passed : ***That North West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:***

1. ***Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-laws (LUB) for Cole Harbour/Westphal, Dartmouth and Planning Districts 14 and 17, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated November 22, 2021, to allow industrial and highway commercial uses on the Conrad Quarry Lands and schedule a public hearing; and***
2. ***Approve the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-laws (LUB) for Cole Harbour/Westphal, Dartmouth and Planning Districts 14 and 17, as set out in Attachments A and B of this report, to allow industrial and highway commercial uses on the Conrad Quarry Lands.***

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES

Regional Council updates are posted to Facebook the Wednesday after the Tuesday meeting.

<https://www.facebook.com/cathyincommunity>

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program will begin accepting applications January 4th, 2022 for the 2022-2023 program. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2022.

Application forms and program guidebooks will be found [here](#) and questions may be directed to e-mail: Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca

The Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. ***There are two types of grants: a project grant of up to \$5,000 and***



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a capital grant of up to \$25,000. The grants can aid specific types of projects in numerous categories, from Arts and Crafts, Diversity and Inclusion, Recreation and more.

[2021 Resident Survey Tabular Data \(by demographic - ethnicity, person with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+, Children <18\)](#)

[2021 Resident Survey Tabular Data \(by demographic - income/property tax/homeowner/area\)](#)

2021 RESIDENT SURVEY

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.

The 2021 Resident Survey was conducted between September 1 - 24, 2021. Invitations to participate were sent to randomly selected households across the municipality. The resident survey is an engagement tool used to gather information from a diverse range of municipal residents about their priorities, service experience, and expectations. The results of the survey will guide strategic and business planning and budgeting decisions and provide Regional Council and administration with valuable insight into what matters most to residents.

The Home Energy Assistance Top-up (HEAT) Fund supports Nova Scotians in need with home heating cost during the winter months. The HEAT Fund is open for applications now.

There were 1,766 responses to the survey. Results were provided to Regional Council on November 23, 2021.

The deadline for all 2021 applications has also been extended indefinitely, meaning those who received funds in 2020, may also apply in 2021.

District 1 represented 4% of respondents
[2021 Resident Survey Regional Council Report \(includes a copy of Consultants Report and the survey\)](#)

The HEAT Fund offers a maximum assistance in the amount of \$400 for individuals and families. If you are in an emergency home heating situation, you can download an application here:

<https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/programs/heat/>

[2021 Resident Survey Tabular Data \(by district\)](#)

[2021 Resident Survey Tabular Data \(by demographic - years, gender, age, education\)](#)



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HALIFAX TRANSIT TEMPORARY SERVICE DISRUPTIONS



Based on current Halifax Transit staff availability, conventional bus service and ferry service will be temporarily impacted over the coming weeks. Staff are working to minimize service loss and provide as much notice as possible to passengers.

A full list of service disruptions for buses and ferries can be found here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/service-disruptions>

For the most up-to-date information on service disruptions, residents can visit halifax.ca or follow [@hfxtransit](https://twitter.com/hfxtransit) and [@hfxtransitalert](https://twitter.com/hfxtransitalert) on Twitter.

DID YOU KNOW?

January 4th is World Braille Day.



The term 'Braille' was dubbed after its creator. Louis Braille was a Frenchman who lost his eyesight as a child when he accidentally stabbed himself in the eye with his father's awl. From the age of 10, he spent time at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in France, where he formulated and perfected the system of raised dots that eventually became known as Braille.

Braille completed his work, developing a code based on cells with six dots, making it possible for a fingertip to feel the entire cell unit with one touch and moving quickly from one cell to the next. Eventually, Braille slowly came to be accepted throughout the world as the main form of written information for blind people. Unfortunately, Braille didn't have the opportunity to see how useful his invention had become. He passed away in 1952, two years before the Royal Institute began teaching Braille.

Braille's marvelous aid that opened up a world of accessibility to the blind and visually impaired was recognized by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). In November 2018, January 4 was declared World Braille Day. The first-ever World Braille Day was commemorated the following year and it was celebrated as an international holiday. The date for the event, as chosen by UNGA via a proclamation, marks Louis Braille's birthday.





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JANUARY MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

- Tuesday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

- Friday, January 28th at 9:30 a.m.

North West Community Council

- Monday January 17th at 6PM

North West Planning Advisory Committee

- Wednesday January 12th at 7PM

Grants Committee

- Monday January 10th at 10AM

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

- Monday January 17th at 4PM

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday January 19th at 10AM

Environment & Sustainability Committee

- Thursday January 13th at 1PM

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

HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY

Our weather for the next week or so is forecasted to fluctuate significantly. Here are some good home heating safety reminders from @NFPA. [#communityriskreduction](#)

Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Did you know? As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!

DEC JAN FEB
Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source.

Logos: U.S. Fire Administration, Fire Department, NFPA

ICE SAFETY



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that it is not currently safe to be on frozen lakes and ponds as there is noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region.

The municipality's ice thickness testing program has not begun for the 2021/22 winter season as it is not yet safe for staff to be on the ice. Each year the municipality provides [weekly reports on ice thickness testing](#) undertaken on more than 70 lakes throughout the region. This testing will resume when conditions allow.

Residents are asked to take safety precautions for themselves and their families by avoiding any recreation activities on frozen lakes and ponds, including walking, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and skating until ice thickness testing resumes.

The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of lakes. It is also important to note that ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.

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hfx ALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

hfxALERT is the new mass notification system for the municipality, keeping residents informed about emergencies and operations

hfxALERT
Notifications
when you
need to know.

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updates. Residents who sign up for hfxALERT will receive urgent and non-urgent notifications from Halifax Regional Police, Halifax Fire & Emergency's Emergency Management Division, as well as municipal winter parking ban notices.

- [Click here to sign up for notifications](#)
- [Click here to download the mobile app](#)
- [Click here to view the tutorial video](#)

the Emergency Operations Centre, located in Dartmouth.

We are currently recruiting JEM teams for:
Musquodoboit Valley
Riverlake and District

Musquodoboit Valley: 7 p.m. on the **last Monday of each month** upstairs in the Middle Musquodoboit Fire Station.

Riverlake: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the **first Thursday of each month** at Fire Station 45, 1359 Fall River Road in Fall River.

Call 902-490-4213 for more information

VOLUNTEER DURING AN EMERGENCY

In the critical hours following a crisis situation, while local and provincial response agencies are dealing with the immediate and urgent needs of the municipality, residents in affected communities need to be prepared to help themselves and to assist their neighbours, who may have been seriously impacted by the event.

Joint Emergency Management (JEM) is a concept developed by the Halifax Regional Municipality's Emergency Management Office (EMO), to allow community organizations to prepare for, and respond quickly to, a wide range of emergencies.

JEM teams are all community volunteers. In times of crises, EMO will activate JEM Support Centres (JSC) to coordinate humanitarian response to the JEM coverage area. These centres are a facility where trained individuals can meet to provide local input to

THE LEDWIDGE BRIDGE



Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association: This is an update on the Tannery Brook off highway vehicle bridge. We have named it in honour of the amazing donation of decking boards and some other materials by Kyle Ledwidge and Ledwidge Lumber. The bridge was a collaboration between the Nova Scotia Off-Road Riders Association, the Beaverbank ATV club and residents of the area.

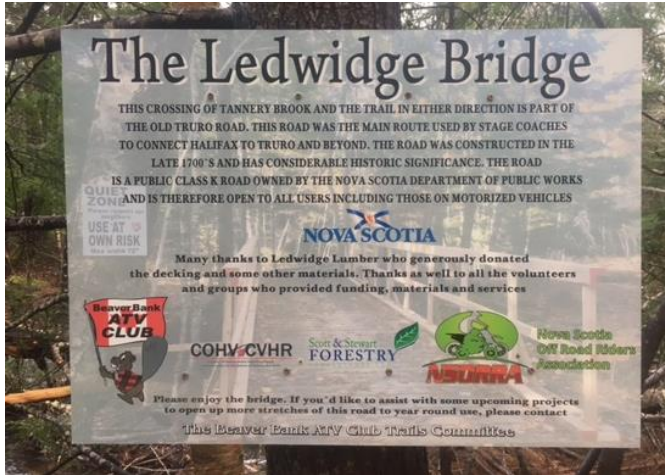
This dedicated group of volunteers will be continuing their efforts to make this section of the Old Truro Road stagecoach route passible to all in the Spring. This includes some water drainage improvements and the construction of one more bridge near Grant Road in Enfield.



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The bridge is now protecting Tannery Brook and allowing off highway vehicles to legally cross the brook.



Contributed by Grant MacLeod

NEVER MISS ANOTHER COLLECTION DAY

HRM's solid waste collection schedule will not be mailed out this year.

To get a calendar, you can use the free Halifax Recycles app, call 311 to have a schedule mailed to you, visit your local library, or customer service centre, or print a copy here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/2022%20Collection%20Calendar%20Print%20Ready.pdf>

You can also visit <http://halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere> and enter your address to get a custom calendar.



January 2022

NEW IN HALIFAX WEBSITE SUPPORTS NEWCOMERS IN OUR REGION



A new website has launched to assist newcomers as they settle into life in the municipality.

[New in Halifax](#) provides important information and resources for new residents. The website was designed as a dedicated, user-friendly experience tailored to the needs of newcomers in our communities.

Previously, the municipality provided a variety of information for newcomers on Halifax.ca, including details on assistance for refugees, transportation, education, health and safety, employment, income and taxes, and much more. *New in Halifax* is now the centralized hub for this type of information, so it's all readily available in one place.

The website is part of the [Halifax Immigration Partnership](#) (HIP) initiative, which was established in 2013 by the community partners including the Halifax Regional Municipality and is funded by

Out and About In DECEMBER

- 2021 Volunteer Awards
- FRABA Christmas Social
- Fall River Christmas Parade
- Waverley Community Association Mtg
- Christmas on the Waverley Green
- Councillors Christmas Dinner
- Walk Through Bethlehem (SJU)
- Bicentennial Theatre Gunning & Cormier



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- Port Wallace Participation Committee
- Regional Lunch Sackville MLA and Councillor
- Chaswood (2X) Christmas Express Deliveries
- Halifax Water Facilities Tour

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.

ContactUs@311.halifax.ca

WINTER DRIVING

With winter weather arriving soon to our region, Halifax Regional Police is sharing some winter safety tips to help road users be winter ready.



Vehicle maintenance

- Plan ahead to ensure your vehicle is roadworthy. Check your safety inspection sticker and the tread on your tires. Keep a snowbrush or ice scraper in your vehicle and consider topping up your vehicle with extra windshield washer fluid. It's also a good idea to have a shovel and/or a bag of salt or sand in your vehicle in case you get stuck.

Driving safely for the road conditions

- Stay up-to-date with the weather conditions.
- Visibility is key. Before you hit the road, clear all snow from the roof, hood, license plate, windows,

mirrors, lights, turn signals and cameras of your vehicle. Scrape/defrost your windshield if necessary.

- Be mindful that winter conditions create challenges for pedestrians who may need to walk in the roadway to avoid snow-covered or icy sidewalks.
- Never drive distracted. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Watch for other road users, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Adjust your speed to the conditions. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you so that you can safely slow down and/or stop. Remember not to accelerate or brake too quickly when the roads are slippery.

Parking

- **Think before you park on the street.** When and where you park in the winter can have a big impact on clearing streets and sidewalks, which, in turn, can affect road safety.
- In Nova Scotia, vehicles can be towed at any time during the day or night on any day of the year if they are interfering with snow clearing operations, as per Section 139 of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. In addition, the municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from Dec. 15 to March 31. It will be enforced only during declared weather events and ongoing clearing operations. When enforced, the parking ban is in effect from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m. [throughout the Regional Centre of the municipality](#). To learn more, visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/service-updates/parking-ban>
- To help make a responsible parking choice, ask yourself:
 - Is the overnight parking ban currently being enforced?
 - Is your vehicle causing a safety issue?
 - Is it making the road impassable?



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- Is it impeding snow operations underway in the area? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, do not park on the street.

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Website: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-1/councillor-cathy-deagle-gammon>

Council Constituency Coordinator:

Stephanie Brown

Phone: 902-490-4090

Email: browns@halifax.ca

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Share your thoughts on proposed regulations for Short-Term Rentals (like Airbnb or VRBO) in the municipality by filling out a survey.

The survey deadline has been extended to January 31. Click the link to learn about the project and take the survey:

<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/short-term-rentals>

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 or 902-490-4090

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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Meet Charlie our new addition Miniature Schnauzer

