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

WELCOME JANUARY!



To quote the lyrics of one of my favorite bands, ABBA: *“Happy New Year, Happy New Year. May we all have a vision now and then, of a*

world where every neighbour is a friend. Happy New Year, Happy New Year. May we all have our hopes, our will to try”. As we face another new year living with COVID-19 and its variants, Delta and Omicron, let’s be mindful of the positives – our friends and family – who will help us through the tough times. Let’s not lose hope. We have come this far through our extraordinary commitment to help our neighbours/friends/family by continuing to mask, social distance, frequently handwash/sanitize, in a joint effort to halt COVID-19 once and for all.

Keep reading for updates on local/regional matters including Halifax Transit service disruptions.

Due to COVID-19, I have postponed my community office hours until further notice. You may contact me by Email at: Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca or call me at 902.579.7164.

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JANUARY MEETING DATES

The following meetings will be held virtually in January:

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 7:00 p.m.

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On December 13th the North West Community Council (NWCC) considered the following:

Tabling Of 2021 Annual Report

Motion passed to accept the 2021 annual report.

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

Motion passed that North West Community Council (NWCC) adopt the amendment to Schedule 1-C of the Land Use Bylaw for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville.

The NWCC raised concerns with the impact of traffic generated by the proposed development on neighbouring properties and noted that further information on traffic mitigation may be requested at a subsequent meeting when evaluating the proposed development agreement.

Case 23662: Amendments to Development Agreement for lands at Walker Service Road, Lower Sackville

Motion passed that NWCC approve by resolution the proposed amending development agreement.

Case 21639 - Phase 1: Amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to remove Growth Management Area Policies from portions of the Indigo Shores Subdivision, Middle Sackville

Motion passed that NWCC recommend that Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Subdivision Bylaw (RSBL) to remove Growth Management Area restrictions that currently apply to the Indigo Shores subdivision at McCabe Lake North to permit the development of more than 25 lots per year and schedule a public hearing; and adopt the proposed amendments to the RSBL.

Review of Proposed North West Community Council 2022 Meeting Schedule



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Motion passed approving the 2022 North West Community Council meeting schedule.

January 17, 2022
February 28, 2022 <i>(one week later due to Heritage Day)</i>
March 21, 2022
April 25, 2022 <i>(one week later due to Easter)</i>
May 16, 2022
June 20, 2022
July 18, 2022 – <i>if required, meeting will be held virtually</i>
September 19, 2022
October 17, 2022
November 21, 2022
December 12, 2022 <i>(one week early due to Christmas)</i>

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

DID YOU KNOW...

January 4th is World Braille Day

Braille is a tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols that uses six dots to represent letters and numbers. It also includes musical, mathematical, and scientific symbols. It is named after its inventor - Louis Braille - who developed it from the military code called night writing, developed in 1819 by the French army as a tool for communication at night.

January 18th is Winnie the Pooh Day

This day seeks to honor the designer of the character, Alan A. Milne. Winnie the Pooh is an anthropomorphic teddy bear created by Milne. Real-life Winnie was a female black bear that belonged to Harry Colebourn, who was from

Winnipeg, Canada. He brought her to England, where he served during World War I. Winnie's permanent residence became the London Zoo where Milne visited her with son Christopher.

January 27th is Holocaust Memorial Day

This day commemorates the millions of Jews and minority groups killed in the 1930s and 40s. The Holocaust was one of the most horrific genocides in history with an estimated 11 million lives lost. January 27, the remembrance date, is significant as it was the date that Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest and most infamous Nazi extermination camp in Poland, was liberated in 1945. In 2005, Holocaust Memorial Day was established by the [United Nations](#) General Assembly.

RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER

RCMP Road Safety Stats
November Summary - District 14
Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville

- 459 calls for service in November 2021**
Up 86.5% from November 2020
- 21 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 13 in Nov. 2020)**
 - 3 aggressive driving, 11 other MVA (i.e. fail to signal, driving while suspended, etc.), 7 speeding
- 199 Proactive Assignments (vs. 39 in Nov. 2020)**
- 51 Cellphone/impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints**
- 93 Traffic Stops (vs. 34 in Nov. 2020)**
- 2 Impaired Driving Charges (same as Nov. 2020)**
- 3 Impaired Suspensions (vs. 0 in Nov. 2020)**
- 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 13 in Nov. 2020)**
 - Of these, 7 resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!



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HALIFAX TRANSIT SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

Beginning Thursday, December 30th, both the Woodside and Alderney ferries will be reduced to 30-minute service due to resourcing challenges resulting from mounting positive COVID-19 cases amongst Halifax Transit staff, employee exposures, provincially mandated self-isolation and testing requirements. This change will remain in place until further notice.

For the most up-to-date information on [service disruptions](#) and a full list of cancellations, residents can visit halifax.ca or follow [@hfxtransit](#) and [@hfxtransitalert](#) on Twitter.

PROVINCIAL SNOW REMOVAL STANDARDS

When will my road get plowed?

SERVICE TIMES

Type of Road	Clearing Time
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	8 hours after snow stops
Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	12 hours after snow stops
Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	24 hours after snow stops
Gravel roads	24 hours after snow stops

SALTING¹ AND SANDING

100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads

- ♦ Salted to achieve bare pavement
- ♦ Salt applied before, during and after a storm if required

*Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads

- ♦ Salted to achieve a bare centre line
- ♦ Salt applied at beginning of storm and after a storm if required

*Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets

- ♦ Salted to achieve a bare centre line
- ♦ Salt applied only after a storm



There are more than 400 snow plows and other snow-clearing vehicles working to keep Nova Scotia's roads, highways, and bridges safe during the winter months. Crews are on the job day and night, 24/7, keeping the roads as safe and as clear as possible. Work starts before the storm and continues during and after the storm. At left is more information to help explain what you can expect this winter.



SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Springfield Lake Recreation Association

Starting in April 2022, Springfield Lake Recreation Centre will be offering an after school program running Mondays to Fridays. **Registration starts April 1st, 2022.**

[Download registration forms here.](#)

Read more: [2021-20202After School Fall Program.](#)

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Scholarship Fund 2022

The Sackville Heights Community Centre Scholarship - in the amount of \$1,000 - is open to Grade 12 students attending Sackville High / Millwood High Schools and continuing on to their first year of post-secondary education (university or college) in 2022-2023. For more information or to apply, [click here.](#)

Applications to be emailed by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2022 to: fm@myshcc.com.



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WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville, NS B4B 1R9
Phone: [\(902\) 865-0944](tel:9028650944).

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

Play Learn Grow

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

The Right Place to Play, Learn & Grow for Your Children
Only \$ 13.13 a day!
Help your little one, grow their social skills with our qualified staff!

Open for Children Ages 3 and 4 years old.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!

FOR MORE INFO: 902 865-5114 or bbkcc@eastlink.ca or at www.bbkcc.ca

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The BBKCC is hoping to start their **Preschooler Play** in the New Year – to run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for 24 days. For more information or to register please call (902) 865-5114 or email: bbkcc@eastlink.ca.

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS
Career Skills Community Power

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 program
- 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

ZUMBA

LET IT MOVE YOU™

Connie Smith

Starting January 8

Zumba with Connie
902-490-0099 | emagbonnie@hotmail.com
Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
1560 Beaver Bank Road

Unleash Your Inner Zumba
Zumba is a trademark fitness brand. World Musical Group licensed.

CLASSES: WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 pm
SATURDAY @ 9:30 am

\$1.00 DROP IN
\$15.00 4 CLASS PASS

ZUMBA.COM



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OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINK PROGRAM



HRM has initiated an [Outdoor Community Rink Program](#) for interested organizations wishing to obtain permission to build and operate a community rink on Municipal property. Support is available for up to **5 organizations** for insurance costs for approved community rinks on Municipal Property. **Community rinks not on Municipal property are excluded from the program.**

To apply for this season, please complete the [Outdoor Community Rink Program](#). You may also request an application and submit to Darren Hirtle at hirtled@halifax.ca.

Deadline for submission for the 2022 season is 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2022.

SHORT TERM RENTALS (AIRBNB) PUBLIC SURVEY



Please complete the Short Term Rental Survey! The survey has been extended to January 31, 2022.

To build on the information collected from the 2019 survey, we've prepared a follow-up survey to gather feedback on proposed approaches to regulating short term rentals in HRM.

Short-Term Rentals (STRs) are temporary overnight accommodations rented out for a few nights or weeks at a time. In recent years, the prevalence and popularity of STRs has grown through online platforms like Airbnb, VRBO and HomeAway. While STRs provide a unique form of a tourist accommodation and can have benefits for the local economy, their recent popularity raises concerns about their impact on residential neighborhoods and the availability of properties for long-term rental.

[Take Survey](#)

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.



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Registration for the 2022 program begins In January and ends March 31st. Grants Program staff are available to assist you with general inquiries at: NonProfitGrants@halifax.ca.

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-senior-snow-removal/>.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Here I am at the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Middle Sackville, pictured with Church Wardens Megan Sheen and Murray Watson and the AED machine that District 14 District Capital Funds helped to purchase.



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PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



Provincial Representatives in District 14:

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North West Community Council:



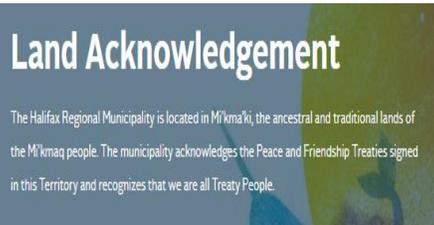
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- Appeals Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY’S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.”*

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.

