



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

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**HELLO FEBRUARY!**

At the most recent North West Community Council (NWCC) meeting a decision was made to approve the development at Windgate, much to the concern of the community of Capilano, with the resulting road connections at Elise Victoria and Briancrest. There are more developments coming and we need to review the traffic issues that come along with them.

My email list has included items such as snow clearing, budget decisions, tax rates and assessments, Defunding the Police Report, zoning questions, outdoor rinks, playgrounds, concerns about permit delays, development agreements, green bins 😊, speeding, traffic safety and individual constituency concerns.

It is great to have such an engaged district!

*Happy NS Heritage Day &*



*Cathy*



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## NWCC JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

Draft minutes are available [here](#)

### Case 22218: Development Agreement for 32 Dutch Settlement Road, Lantz, which is an

application to construct a new building and demolish two existing buildings on the site.

1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the November 3, 2021 staff report; and

2. Require the development agreement be signed by the property owner within 240 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the October 5, 2021 staff report; and

2. Require that the development agreement be signed by the property owner within 240 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

*This approval may be appealed at the NS Utility and Review Board (NS UARB)*

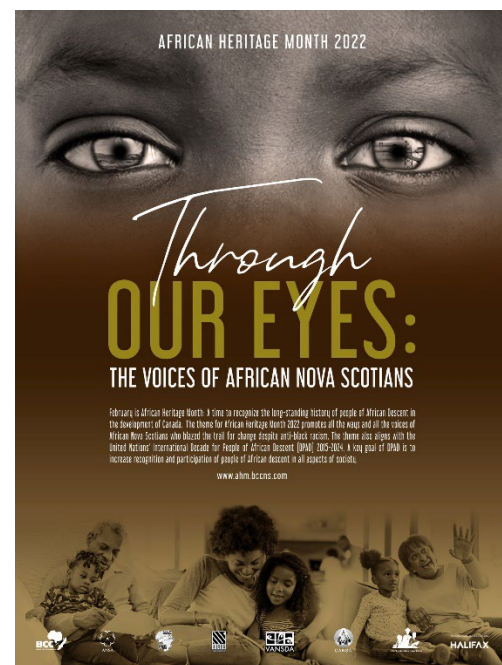
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## REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES

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

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

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH & AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



I invite you to recognize Canada's Black History Month and Nova Scotia's African Heritage Month with me throughout February.

As we commemorate this important month, please take time to celebrate and learn more about the rich culture, achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians and communities of African descent in our region and across the nation.

This year's African Heritage Month theme, Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians, recognizes the long-standing history of people of African descent in the development of Canada.



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The municipality is holding a variety of events to celebrate the legacy, achievements, and contributions of people of African descent as part of our collective Nova Scotia heritage.

For more information, visit the municipality's African Heritage Month website:

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/diversity-inclusion/african-nova-scotian-affairs/african-heritage-month>

And explore the Halifax Public Libraries African Heritage Month virtual portal, featuring programs that celebrate the African Nova Scotian community:

<https://ahm.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/>

## GRAND PRÉ WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Nova Scotia Heritage Day is on February 21, 2022. Each year the province honours a different person or event for this holiday, falling on the third Monday in February.

The [2022 Nova Scotia Heritage Day Honouree is "The Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site."](#)

As we enjoy this holiday in Nova Scotia, it is important to take time to reflect on the historical significance of Grand-Pré. Located along the shores of the Nova Scotia's Minas Basin (Annapolis Valley

area), Grand-Pré was a large, vibrant community of Acadian farmers.

Unfortunately things changed in 1744 when the English and French once declared war, and the English ultimately expelled more than 10,000 Acadians from their communities from 1755 until 1762. To this day, the site remains a significant place of memory for the Acadian diaspora as a centre of Acadian settlement from 1682 to 1755 and then the tragic Deportation of the Acadians.

On June 30th, 2012, the Landscape of Grand-Pré became Canada's 16th World Heritage Site, listed by UNESCO and 2022 will mark its 10th year anniversary. As we enjoy this holiday in Nova Scotia, please take time to reflect on the historical significance of Grand-Pré:

<https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/content/education-resources-heritage-day>

## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: STILL TIME TO APPLY!

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program will begin accepting applications January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 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. **If you need any assistance with completing the application, please reach out as I am happy to assist!**

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### CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS POPULATIONS

#### Modular Housing Updates

Municipal updates are issued on a weekly basis to keep us all informed about the status of the emergency accommodations that the municipality is helping to provide for unhoused individuals. There will be two modular housing unit sites: Church Street (downtown Dartmouth) and Cogswell Street (Centennial Pool parking lot in Halifax). Exact timing for occupancy at both the emergency accommodations sites is dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through a service provider.

**At the Dartmouth site**, occupancy was approved for the four modular bedroom units (total capacity 24 persons) on January 13; the provincial service provider (Out of the Cold) facilitated placement of individuals on January 16. Most individuals who have been accommodated at the Gray Arena have moved to the Dartmouth modular site. Alternate accommodations have been provided by the province to those individuals at the arena who did not relocate to the modular units.

With the Dartmouth site now occupied, the design and construction team has shifted focus to completing the **Halifax modular unit site**. Nine units will be installed on a portion of the Centennial Pool parking lot accessed from Cogswell Street. This site will be able to accommodate 38 individuals. It is anticipated the civil site work for the modular units will begin the week of February 7.

#### Crisis Accommodations Funding

- The municipality has provided some of the crisis accommodation funding approved by Regional Council to a coalition of 11 community service providers for hotel stays to support those

experiencing homelessness. In conjunction with service providers, the municipality is also directly covering the cost of hotels rooms for some individuals.

- Between September and the first week of January, 109 people accessed hotel rooms via this funding, for a total of 2,496 nights.

#### Other Updates

During cold weather events, the municipality has been continuing to support Nova Scotia's Department of Community Service to address homelessness by providing access to municipal facilities as emergency shelters such as the George Dixon Centre in Halifax. There are also community-run warming centres located at St. Matthew's Church (Barrington Street) and the Sackville Area Warming Centre (located at Gateway Community Church).

The Province announced it will be working with HRM and the Government of Canada to create 65 additional supportive housing options. The former Travelodge hotel in Dartmouth is being converted to supportive housing units for people who are chronically unhoused. This is in addition to both modular housing sites that the municipality has already funded (Dartmouth and Halifax). Learn more: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220127001>. Read a full summary of ongoing efforts by the municipality to help our homeless population: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/helping-address-homelessness/recent-ongoing-efforts>

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*If you see an individual in need of shelter during extreme weather and they have requested help, please **call 311 or 211** to connect them with service providers and ensure help is on the way. But if their life is in danger, please **call 911**.*

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## A LOOK AHEAD: 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET



### How does the budget process work?

Each of the municipality’s business units will present their proposed business plan and budget. Then, Regional Council will debate budget changes and refer them for final decision on Wednesday, March 23. Full approval of the budget will be on Tuesday, April 12.

To be added to the speakers list for virtual meetings, pre-registration is 4:30 p.m. the business day before the meeting.

Registration information will be included on the meeting agenda page for each meeting:  
<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

Here is the proposed schedule. Dates could change, the most up to date info and more background on the budget process can be found here:  
[www.halifax.ca/budget](http://www.halifax.ca/budget)

Wednesday, Feb. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate &amp; Customer Services</li> <li>• Chief Administrative Office</li> <li>• Auditor General</li> </ul>
Friday, Feb. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal &amp; Legislative Services</li> <li>• Finance &amp; Asset Management</li> <li>• Human Resources &amp; Corporate Communications</li> <li>• IT</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Feb. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation &amp; Public Works</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Feb. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halifax Transit</li> <li>• Parks &amp; Recreation</li> </ul>
Friday, Feb. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; Development</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Feb. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halifax Regional Police</li> <li>• RCMP</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halifax Regional Fire &amp; Emergency</li> <li>• Halifax Public Libraries</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation Report and Presentation: Budget Adjustment List (BAL - aka the "Parking Lot") review</li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full review of final budget</li> </ul>

## OUTDOOR SKATING



HRM Parks staff are currently testing ice on various lakes across the municipality. Most of the lakes are now ice covered, however some lakes have not formed ice to the recommended thickness of 15 cm required for safe use.



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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.

Parks staff will continue to monitor, test, and update the ice thickness table as conditions permit. Be sure to check the updates for your local lake here before heading out: <https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/programs-activities/skating/ice-thickness>.

Where is your favourite place to skate in [District 1?](#)

*Please note that only measurements over 15cm will be posted, and not all of the lakes have been tested.*

## PARKS & REC FEE CHANGES COMING

**Parks and Recreation Fees are Changing on April 1, 2022**

Learn more at [halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes](https://halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes)

On April 1, 2022 the Parks and Recreation Fee structure will be changing. These changes will affect

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all recreation services, programs, rentals, drop ins, voucher and memberships fees.

This does not mean prices are going up across the board; as a result of the fee structure changes that was approved by regional council, some fees are increasing in cost while others are staying the same or decreasing. Please see the full list of [fee structure changes here](#).

The updated fee structure will reflect the actual cost of providing recreation services to residents.

Learn more, and explore a list of FAQs at [halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes](https://halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes)

## MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARKLAND

Survey for input coming February 7<sup>th</sup>!

**MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARKLAND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Halifax Regional Municipality purchased this land (Lot 74-1 Highway 224) in 2021 for the purpose of constructing an outdoor recreation facility. We're looking for input from residents on how they would like to see this parkland used.

**We invite you to visit [Halifax.ca/surveys](https://halifax.ca/surveys) to share your feedback.** You can also call Meaghan at 902-456-9683 for more information or to request a printed copy of the survey. As gathering limits permit, we may plan for additional opportunities for community engagement.

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## DID YOU KNOW?



## CITIZENS ON PATROL

The RCMP has shared that its community-based crime prevention initiative, Citizens on Patrol (COP), is seeking new volunteers province-wide to help keep communities safe. The successful program has been running for decades.



The Citizens on Patrol Program is a partnership between police and volunteers that helps ensure safe homes and safe communities. COP volunteers are trained by the RCMP and are the eyes and ears of their communities.

Volunteers contribute a minimum of four volunteer hours each month. COP members make observations and take notes of areas visited throughout their communities and should suspicious or unlawful activity be observed, RCMP dispatch is contacted and details of the suspicious or unlawful activity is reported for appropriate police response.

In order to become a COP volunteer, you must;

- Be at least 19 years of age.
- Possess a valid driver's license and maintain a good driving record.
- Complete an interview.
- Pass the security screening required by the RCMP.

If Citizens on Patrol is just the opportunity you're looking for, contact the RCMP at [hdiv.volunteer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:hdiv.volunteer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) with your name, address, phone number and nearest detachment. They'll provide you with more info.



### Independent Living Nova Scotia Winter Program Offering

We are recruiting participants for 2 pre-employment programs:

#### Gaining Access to Meaningful Employment (GAME)

- ✓ Youth with disabilities ages 18-24
- ✓ Who live in the Halifax area
- Participants build life & employability skills as well as community connections through workshops & activities
- 2 month program starting **February 2022**
- To apply: <https://ilns.ca/game/>
- Questions? Email [game@ilns.ca](mailto:game@ilns.ca)

#### In Motion and Momentum Plus (IM&M+)

- ✓ Persons with disabilities ages 18 or older
- ✓ Who live in the Halifax area
- Participants harness their potential to create the life they want to live through workshops, experiences & opportunities that help them take charge
- 10 week program starting **March 2022**
- To apply: <https://bit.ly/3fDrml>
- Questions? Email [inmotionandmomentum@ilns.ca](mailto:inmotionandmomentum@ilns.ca)



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## HALIFACT: ACTING ON CLIMATE TOGETHER

Read about the HalifACT here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/energy-environment/halifact-2050-acting-climate-together>

On June 23rd, 2020, Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT: a community response to the climate crisis, a plan for a healthy and resilient future, and a commitment to a net-zero community by 2050.

HalifACT is the climate action movement for Halifax. It's our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future in Atlantic Canada while preparing for current and future climate impacts. HalifACT is more than a plan - it's a commitment to reducing emissions, switching to clean and reliable energy sources and demonstrating local government leadership. This transformational plan aligns the municipality's efforts to support an equitable shift to a net-zero economy by 2050. HalifACT is one of the **most ambitious climate action movements in Canada.**

## FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

### Regional Council:

- Tuesday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### Budget Committee:

- Wednesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

### North West Community Council

- Monday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

### North West Planning Advisory Committee

- Wednesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM

### Grants Committee

- Monday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

### Advisory Committee on Accessibility

- Monday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 4PM

### Audit and Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

### Environment & Sustainability Committee

- Thursday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1PM

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

## Out and About In January

- Waverley Community Association (p)
- Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre (v)
- Lantz Kenny's U Haul & Recycling (p)
- Halifax Water Board Meeting (v)
- Oakfield Skating Rink (p)
- Mooseland Community Mtg re Traffic (v)
- Ride A Long with HRP (p)
- Carroll's Corner Project (v)
- Elderbank Rink Project & MVGSR







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### 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](mailto:ContactUs@311.halifax.ca)

### 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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Email: [browns@halifax.ca](mailto:browns@halifax.ca)

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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

### BE SAFE DRIVE FOR CONDITIONS



It's critical to slow down and modify your speed during inclement weather conditions. I urge residents to practice safe commuting during the winter months, especially during stormy weather and around crosswalks and intersections.

Please reduce your speed and always scan for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

Learn more: [halifax.ca/road-safety](http://halifax.ca/road-safety)  
[#headsuphalifax](https://twitter.com/headsuphalifax)



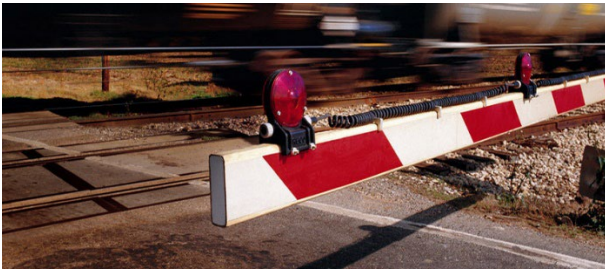
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### CN RAILWAY CROSSINGS



Do you have an issue with a CN Rail Crossing please  
Phone #: 1-888-888-5909 or they can be reached via  
email at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca)

