

#### HRM COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The HRM Community Grants Program provides aid to registered non-profit organizations and charities throughout the municipality to help with their endeavours. There are two types of grants:

- Project Grants up to \$5,000
- Capital Grants up to \$25,000

The program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts & Crafts
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance & Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

Application deadline is March 31st. More info is at: [www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants](http://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants). HRM Grants Guidebook & Applications can also be obtained from a HRM Service Centre or by e-mailing: [nonprofitgrants@Halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@Halifax.ca), or call 902-490-7310.

#### HRM EVENTS RECOVERY PROGRAM

Reigniting our vibrant community events calendar, stimulating the local economy, attracting visitors and providing opportunities for social connection and leisure are vital to our region's recovery from COVID-19. HRM has developed a dedicated grant program for Non-Profit Organizations to support non-profit community and cultural event organizations to maintain or restart in-person events and increase activity that benefits residents and visitors to the municipality under the public health guidelines. The one-time grant is to assist with COVID-19 adaptation expenses incurred directly related to deliver in-person (live) events. This rolling intake grant program will remain open until the stated deadline or until such time as program funds have been fully allocated. Applications will be accepted no earlier than 30 days before the date of the event. Applications will close at 4 PM on March 31st subject to availability of funds. More details can be found at: [www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/supporting-your-event/grants](http://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/supporting-your-event/grants).

#### OPEN-AIR BURNING: MARCH 15th

Normally Open-Air Burning Season begins on March 15th. There is an on-line fire index map at: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe>. It will ensure everyone knows the risks of wildfire in all areas of the province each day. The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county to let us know if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe with restrictions. The map and recorded phone message will be updated daily. Call Burn Safe toll-free 1-855-564-2876.

These changes affect brush burning on domestic properties, such as rural residential lots, woodlots, fishing camps and cottage lots. But Commercial / Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from a DNR office. Be sure to follow all instructions, rules of conduct and be respectful of your neighbours when you want to burn. Be cognizant of those with any sensitivity to smoke. Please be careful when burning.

#### DOG LICENSES: NEW or RENEWAL

HRM requires all pet owners to license their dogs annually by April 1st. The licensing year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Pet owners are required to apply for a license within 10 days of obtaining a dog. Amendments were made to By-Law A-700 regarding dog licensing. Dogs aged 6 months or younger, or dogs already licensed in another jurisdiction are no longer required to be licensed in HRM. We also offer a "LIFE-TIME" registration that also requires your pet to have a micro-chip for easy identification purposes.

There are discounted license prices for seniors, as well for any dog that has been spayed or neutered. There is no fee for Special Aid Personal Assistance Service Dogs. But there are rates for any dog that is deemed to be registered as "Dangerous".

License Type	One Year		Life Time	
	Standard	Senior	Standard	Senior
Unaltered	\$50	\$25	\$200	\$100
Spayed Neutered	\$15	\$7.50	\$75	\$37.50
Service Dog	N/C - No Charge - Free			
Dangerous Dog	\$100		\$300	
Replaced Tag	\$5			

You can license your dog or have its license renewed either in person at any HRM Customer Service Centre or at select veterinary clinics, or by mailing a completed licensing form with the correct payment to: HRM Dog Licensing, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS B3J 3A5 or for license renewals only with a credit card by calling the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or 1-800-835-6428 (NS toll-free). Pet owners found to be in violation of HRM By-Law A-700 licensing regulations may be issued a warning notice or be issued a Summary Offense Ticket of \$237.50 or greater; and/or could have their dog seized by Animal Services and face further prosecution in court. For more information: [www.halifax.ca/home-property/animal-services/getting-a-dog-licence](http://www.halifax.ca/home-property/animal-services/getting-a-dog-licence)

#### DISTRICT REVIEW PANEL

HRM Clerk's office is seeking citizens to serve on its District Boundary Resident Review Panel. This group will help inform proposed boundaries for the HRM districts for the 2024 Municipal Election.

The application link for this District Review Panel is on the [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) website and is open until March 7th. There will be 3-7 members appointed with the aim to have at least one member from each of the rural, suburban, and urban areas of the Municipality.

#### ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA NOMINEES

The nomination deadline for the Order of Nova Scotia (ONS) is on the third Friday of March (March 18th, 2022). The ONS recognizes Nova Scotians for outstanding contributions to their communities. NS citizens are encouraged to nominate or re-nominate someone they feel has made a significant contribution. Nomination forms are available at Access Nova Scotia Centres throughout the province.

For more information, please call the NS Protocol Office - One Government Place, Barrington Level, 1700 Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1X5. Telephone: 902-424-2467 Fax: 902-424-4309 or by E-mail: [orderofnovascotia@gov.ns.ca](mailto:orderofnovascotia@gov.ns.ca) or check ONS Website: <https://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp>

#### COMMONWEALTH DAY

This Day is celebrated in more than 50 countries around the world. Once known as Empire Day, it is envisioned as a celebration of the cultural exchange and shared values of former Empire states.

Commonwealth Day (March 14th) is aimed to celebrate the unity, diversity and links of the modern Commonwealth of Nations and to foster a greater understanding of its achievements and role. Of course, today the notion of celebrating Britain's colonial past is a topic of some debate but let's acknowledge the Platinum Anniversary – 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II reign on the British Throne.

#### NATIONAL AT STRATEGIC FUND

The National Active Transportation Fund (ATF) provide \$400 million over five years to support capital and planning projects for the expansion and enhancement of active transportation infrastructure and a modal shift away from cars and toward active transportation.

More details can be found at: [www.infrastructure.gc.ca/trans/application-eng.html](http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/trans/application-eng.html) Application deadline is March 31st If you have any questions about the ATF, please contact the ATF team at: [ATF-FTA@inf.gc.ca](mailto:ATF-FTA@inf.gc.ca)



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