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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
 WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY

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BONJOUR MARCH

A month full of celebrations – International Women’s Day, Francophone Month events, St Patrick’s Day, Spring back with Daylight Savings time, Employee Appreciation Day and my oldest brothers’ birthday! We continue with budget deliberations this month with the result a capital and operations budget finalized in April. It will be the most difficult year as we tackle climate change with our HalifACT 2050 Plan.

I for one; am desperate for Spring and a return to as near a new normal as possible. With restrictions lifting I encourage all to be patient as it will not be easy for everyone.

Please enjoy a safe and fun filled March Break.

May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door!

Cathy





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- Rita Nigam and Cory Bell, HRM Northern Suburban Area Community Turf Committee gave a presentation on the proposed Outdoor Recreation Facility.

NWCC MARCH 7TH DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

District 1 also has more than a few development agreements in process and a Site Plan Approval Appeal Hearing for 1109 Fall River Rd aka Carr Farm which was held Monday March 7th. I waited on this newsletter for that meeting to update our community.

The Appeal was denied, staff, community residents and the applicant made presentations. The process was observed, questions were asked and answered. Now we move forward aware of the community concerns and the work ahead to see this development come to fruition.

Many are excited to see four – four story buildings containing 500 units and a fifth building which will be a Long Term Care Facility with approximately 144 beds. The 500 units will be less the number of beds over the 100 according to the developer.

The video can be found here: at the HRM website: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/community-councils/march-7-2022-north-west-community-council-special-meeting>

NWCC FEBRUARY 28TH DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

The minutes of this meeting can be found [here](#).
[8.1 Case 22732: Development Agreement for lands off Kenwood Avenue, Hammonds Plains - Supplementary Report \[PDF\]](#)

- Development Agreement Approved

[10.1.1 Case 23058: Development Agreement for vacant lot on Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive \(PID 40109308\), Middle Sackville \[PDF\]](#)

- Public Hearing Development Approved

[11.3.1 An Outdoor Community Recreational and Teaching Facility](#) – Rita Nigam and Cory Bell, HRM Northern Suburban Area Community Turf Committee [\[PDF\]](#)

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MARCH IS FRANCOPHONIE MONTH | MOIS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE



Célébrez le Mois de la Francophonie avec moi en mars ! Que serait le Canada - ou même la Nouvelle-Écosse - sans notre culture francophone ? Ce serait un Canada bien différent, sans la culture et la diversité riches et célébrées que la langue française et les francophones apportent à notre identité nationale. Le bilinguisme et le fait de parler français sont également des éléments fondamentaux de nos valeurs canadiennes. L'histoire acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse est très complexe. Malgré de grandes difficultés au fil des ans, y compris la déportation tragique dans les années 1700, les Acadiens sont revenus et ont établi des communautés solides MARCH 2022 3 avec une culture très vivante qui continue de faire partie intégrante de la diversité de la Nouvelle-Écosse aujourd'hui. Notre culture francophone nous relie également au monde en termes de relations internationales. Saviez-vous que le Canada fait partie d'une organisation appelée "La Francophonie", un ensemble de 88 États et gouvernements membres et observateurs – y compris 300 millions de francophones - qui partagent le français comme langue commune et un système de valeurs communes à bien des égards.

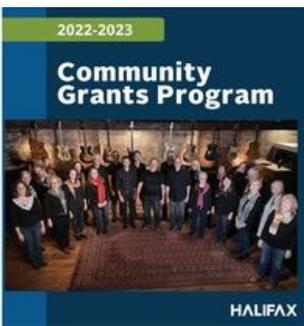


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Learn more about Francophonie Month events happening throughout the region. // Mars est le Mois de la Francophonie! Apprenez-en davantage sur les événements du Mois de la Francophonie qui auront lieu dans la region : <https://moisfrancohfx.ca> (Website is in French)

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM STILL TIME TO APPLY!



Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program 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 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!

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.

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EXTENDED: THE COVID-19 EVENTS RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFITS

HRM has developed a dedicated grant program to support nonprofits and community/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.
- ✓ The total budget for the COVID-19 Events Recovery Fund is \$150,000.
- ✓ Applications will be accepted no earlier than 30 days before the date of your event.

Details of the program including applicant eligibility, program criteria and the application, can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3gCrtWr>

Applications will close on March 31, 2022, subject to availability of funds.

A LOOK AHEAD: 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET



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.



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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

Wednesday, March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency • Halifax Public Libraries
Friday March 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halifax Libraries cont'd • Fiscal Services
Friday March 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRP RCMP cont'd
Wednesday, March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation Report and Presentation: Budget Adjustment List (BAL - aka the "Parking Lot") review
Tuesday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full review of final budget



March Daffodil

HELP WITH YOUR INCOME TAX



Have Your Taxes Done for Free at the Library!

Halifax Public Libraries has shared that registration for free tax clinics with the Library opened on March 1. You can register for 2022 tax clinics by calling your

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local library branch or by visiting in-person.

This year, tax clinics will be held via telephone with a volunteer from CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. You may be eligible for help at a free tax clinic if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

Learn more about whether you're eligible, and register here: <https://bit.ly/33oT1eI>



This program collaborates with community organizations and volunteers to provide free tax preparation services to Canadian taxpayers with a modest income and simple tax situation, and who are unable to complete their returns on their own.

Free tax clinics are offered in a number of ways depending on the preference of the organization hosting.

Walk-in: A clinic where your tax return is completed during advertised hours on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment needed.

Drop-off: A clinic where your income tax documents are dropped off during advertised hours. Tax returns completed by a volunteer, and the taxpayer will pick it up later.



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By appointment: A clinic where an appointment is needed to file your tax return. Appointments can be in person or virtual.

- In person: A volunteer will do your tax return at the scheduled time, following local public health advice and measures.
- Virtual: A volunteer within your province or territory will do your tax return at the scheduled time by videoconference or by phone.

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.



PARKS & REC FEE CHANGES COMING



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

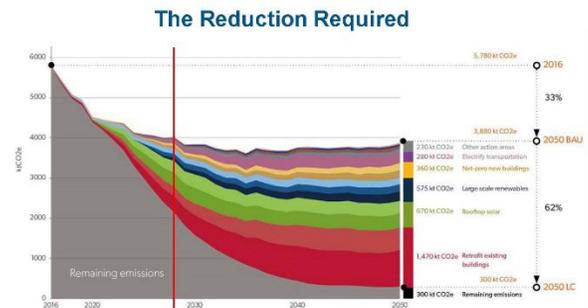
The updated fee structure will reflect the actual cost of providing recreation services to residents. Learn more, and explore a list of FAQs at halifax.ca/parks-rec-fee-changes

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARKLAND

We want to hear how you'd like to see newly acquired municipal parkland used in Middle Musquodoboit. Share your thoughts by taking our online survey at halifax.ca/surveys until March, 11, 2022.

For more information, or to request a printed version of the survey, please contact Meaghan at 902-456-9683 or daltonm@halifax.ca.

HALIFACT: ACTING ON CLIMATE TOGETHER



On June 23rd, 2020, Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT: 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



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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.

While implementing HalifACT will require significant financial contribution from all levels of government, investing today will save money, prevent loss, prepare communities and improve wellbeing. As it comes to climate adaptation measures, \$1 spent in preparation saves \$6 in future impact costs according to a [2020 report by Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#).

The municipality is already seeing early signs of these savings. Since 2018, as part of a three-year partnership with Efficiency Nova Scotia, **the municipality has implemented approximately 200 energy efficiency projects, saving over \$2 million annually and reducing green house gas emissions by 15%**.

Where are things with the HalifACT plan today?

HRM staff presented the latest [progress report](#) to the Committee of the Whole - which includes all Councillors - on January 21, 2022. Here are some highlights:

Early successes: Mitigation

- \$175,000 grant to support retrofit program received from the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#)
- Net-zero Mill Cove ferry design, purchase of 60 e-buses and electrification of Ragged Lake Transit Facility expansion.
- New strategies and municipal guidance such as EV strategy, Deep energy retrofit pilot, administrative order mandating net-zero corporate builds Retrofits and



renewables: \$18 million in solar energy systems installed through [Solar City](#)

- One third of [Regional Centre All Ages and Abilities Bike Network](#) is complete

Early successes: Adaptation

- \$275,000 worth of trees to support Urban Forest Master Plan
- Application for Natural Infrastructure Funding to improve Eastern Passage's Shore Road (\$5 million project)
- 1.25 acres of land and \$750,000 for Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes land acquisition
- Emergency backup generators installed at four community locations to provide emergency comfort centres during extreme weather events.



Despite these successes, HalifACT is 20% on track and 14% adequately resourced. It requires further resources, major systems change, mainstreaming climate action, education and awareness, and ultimately collective action by all.

Currently, there is a proposed 3% Climate Tax currently being debated at Council to fund climate mitigation and adaption initiatives. I look forward to discussing this option further with my colleagues at municipal budget deliberations continue. Acting now will save money, prevent loss, prepare communities and improve wellbeing.

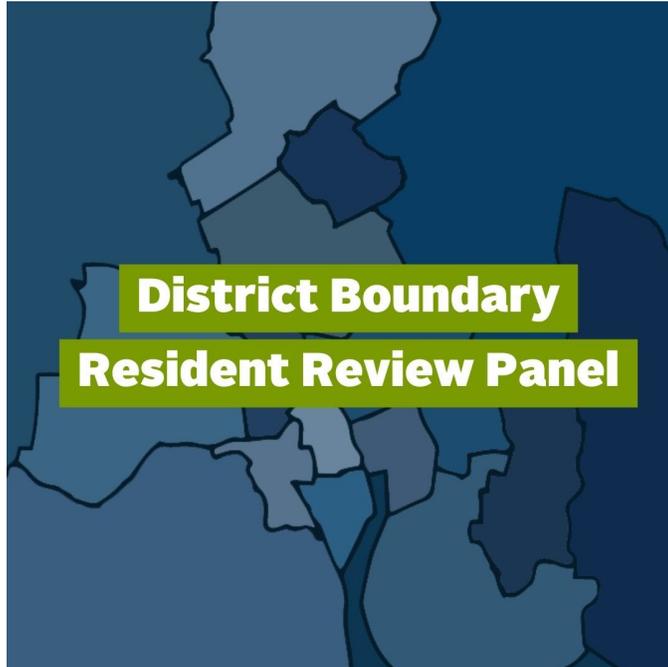
Learn more about HalifACT, its aims, and the role of both the municipality and residents in achieving its targets: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/energy-environment/halifact-2050-acting-climate-together>



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DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW



A municipal district boundary review is required in 2022; changes coming from this review will not come into effect until the 2024 Municipal Election. The Municipal Government Act requires that all municipalities in Nova Scotia conduct a review of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality on a regular basis. The final decision on municipal polling districts and boundaries is made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and is binding on the municipality.

The 2022 District Boundary Review process includes:

- Phase 1**, which will determine the size of Council and its governance structure; and,
- Phase 2**, which will set specific district boundaries.

Public consultation will be conducted as a part of the process. The District Boundary Resident Review Panel will be heavily involved with this. A public recruitment process is open until March 7th to seek qualified candidates for this panel.

The District Boundary Resident Review Panel, supported by municipal staff, will begin their work in

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Phase 2. The Panel will consider how to draw boundaries of municipal districts, based on the recommendations from Phase 1.

Information on the role, including an application, can be found at halifax.ca/serve. Residents may also contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902-490-4210 or by email at serve@halifax.ca. It is recommended that applicants have professional expertise in the field of urban planning, municipal governance, public policy and/or political science.

RCMP FEB STATS

RCMP Road Safety Stats
District 1 - February 2022
Fall River / Waverley Rd. / Musquodoboit Valley

- 592 calls for service in February 2022
Up 20.1% from February 2021
- 13 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 20 in Feb. 2021)
 - 1 aggressive driving, 3 speeding, 2 unregistered vehicle, 7 other MVA (e.g. no registration, no insurance, expired vehicle permit, etc.)
- 189 Proactive Assignments (vs. 147 in Feb. 2021)
- 75 Cellphone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints
- 97 Traffic Stops (vs. 95 conducted in Feb. 2021)
- 1 Impaired Driving Charge (vs. 4 in Feb. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Suspensions (same as Feb. 2021)
- 31 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 17 in Feb. 2021)
 - 3 of these accidents resulted in injuries.

Please Drive Safely!

March is Fraud Prevention Month

Do you know what fraud looks like?
It's time to learn!

If you're a victim of fraud, contact your local police and file a report with the CAFC at www.antifraudcentre.ca or 1-888-495-8501.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada | Competition Bureau / Bureau de la concurrence Canada | Ontario Provincial Police | Canada



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SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT WITH HRM RECREATION

There are lots of great summer job opportunities with the Halifax Regional Municipality! REC jobs offer a rewarding experience and offer a fun culture, the opportunity to gain valuable career skills, and an environment that promotes health, wellness, and physical activity.

These jobs give you an opportunity to work in areas of interest – with children, at beach and pools and in sports, recreation, and inclusion. Plus, most jobs offer free evenings and weekends!

Check out the current postings --

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/seasonal-youth-employment-recreation>



Discover Halifax receives municipal support

Regional Council has signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the [Hotel Association of Nova Scotia](#) to provide [Discover Halifax](#) with \$250,000 per year for the next three years.

Discover Halifax takes on a leadership role in the attraction and selling of events on behalf of the municipality. The municipality's role as funder of major events is governed through Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV Respecting Marketing Levy

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Special Events Grants and the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Business Case and administered by staff through recommendations to the Special Events Advisory Committee.

Beginning in fiscal 2022/2023, funds will be used to enhance tourism marketing and event leadership services through destination development programs. The MOU is predicated on a principle of matching an industry supported increase to the marketing levy with funds from municipal general revenue and marketing levy funds from short term rentals.

SUPPORT FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

Regional Council has awarded [Seniors Transit](#) with a three-year contract to provide Private On Demand Accessible Transportation Services. The contract will have a maximum life-cycle cost of \$1,805,013 (net HST included) with funding from the [Halifax Transit 2022/23 proposed operating budget](#).

Council approved the procurement of an On Demand Accessible Transportation Service, on [Feb. 23, 2021](#) with the goal of improving the financial viability of operating accessible taxi services for service providers.

The municipality will pay a fixed unit price rate to SeniorsTransit Inc. to ensure the availability of accessible transportation to the public and SeniorsTransit Inc. will charge members of the public the fares and rates outlined in Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation.

MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Regional Council has allocated a \$415,245 increase in the total funding allocated to the [2021/22 Affordable Housing Grant Program](#) in support of an affordable housing project at 2095-2219 Maitland Street in Halifax. [Compass NS](#), a registered non-profit focused on developing co-operative housing throughout



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Nova Scotia, will develop the project and will provide 56 new affordable housing units. Units will rent for less than 75% of the median market rent for new units in the surrounding area and will provide a variety of household types for populations that are often in need of affordable housing.

Currently these properties are being used as a parking lot and were formerly owned by the municipality. In 2018 ownership was transferred to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which then undertook a call for submissions. Compass NS was the successful proponent.



MARCH MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

- Tuesday March 1st at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:00 AM

Budget Committee:

- Wednesday March 2nd at 9:30 AM
- Friday March 4th at 9:30 AM
- Friday March 11th at 1PM
- Wednesday March 23rd at 9:30 AM
- Friday March 25th at 9:30AM

North West Community Council

- Monday March 7th at 6PM
- Monday March 21st at 6PM

North West Planning Advisory Committee

- Wednesday March 2nd at 7PM

Grants Committee

- Monday March 21st at 10AM

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

- Monday March 21st at 4PM

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday March 9th at 10AM

Environment & Sustainability Committee

- Thursday March 3rd at 1PM

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

Out and About in February

- Eastern Shore Musquodoboit Community Health Board (v)
- Tour Conrad Quarry Lands (p)
- Musquodoboit Valley Bi Centennial Theatre Funding Committee (p)
- Meaghers Grant Community Hall AGM (p)
- Middle Musquodoboit Watershed Advisory Committee (p)
- Waverley Rink Project

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

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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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



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 - WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS
- ALSO:
- THE CHRIS HUSKILSON EMERA SCHOLARSHIP



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