



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

WELCOME APRIL!



April 1st is April Fool’s Day but it’s no joke, my Regional Council colleagues and I have finalized the 2022/23 municipal budget! You may [follow along](#) on April 12th to hear the final discussion/approval of the operating and capital budgets. We worked hard

to ensure the programs and services you rely upon are well supported with the minimum possible tax implication for property owners.

This month’s newsletter also includes updates on recreation fee changes, Camp Courage, RCMP road statistics and much more. Keep reading for local and regional updates.

My Beaver Bank Hub office hours are held on the 1st Friday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre.

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. (If required)

Budget Committee:

Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. (If required)

North West Community Council:

Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. (If required)

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On March 7th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) denied a variance appeal for the site plan at 1109 Fall River Road where the developer is proposing four buildings comprising of 500 units for seniors housing, and one building containing 140 nursing home beds. The site plan approved by the Development Officer has been upheld by NWCC.

Case 23653: Appeal of Site Plan Approval – 1109 Fall River Road



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Check the municipal [website](#) for more information on the meeting.

COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT AVERAGING PROGRAM

Regional Council will develop a Commercial Assessment Averaging program to reduce the impact of unexpected spikes in commercial assessment on property owners (and their tenants). Under this initiative, tax bills will be phased-in using a three-year rolling assessment average.

The program will be targeted towards properties with assessment growth of more than five percent above the municipal average.

The program is intended to support the principles of increasing stability and improving predictability for commercial property owners and will be in effect April 1st, 2023. Click here for more information: <https://bit.ly/3NnPZcM>

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE | LIVING WAGE

Regional Council has directed municipal staff to prepare a report on the possible financial impact of implementing a \$15 minimum wage for all municipal employees. This wage increase could apply to all employees, including those working in public libraries and multi-district facilities – regardless of employment status.

The report is expected to inform the 2023-24 budget process, **with an aim for implementation beginning no later than April 1st, 2023.** In addition, municipal staff will provide



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a report on the possible financial impact of implementing a living wage for all municipal employees. For more information, click here:

<https://bit.ly/3qXzevJ>

PUBLIC SURVEY – FALL RIVER DEVELOPMENT



The municipality is currently undertaking a second round of Community Consultation on

[Case 21460](#) and is requesting that residents complete the survey regarding the proposed development.

The proposal is an application to enable a residential development at the south end of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102, Fall River, known as Opportunity Site C.

The survey will be open until April 22, 2022.

[TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)



RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

RCMP Road Safety Stats
District 14 - February 2022
Middle-Upper Sackville / Beaver Bank / Lucasville

- 348 calls for service in February 2022**
Up 95.5% from February 2021
- 4 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 5 in Feb. 2021)**
2 aggressive driving, 2 speeding
- 121 Proactive Assignments (vs. 45 in Feb. 2021)**
- 40 Cellphone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints**
- 79 Traffic Stops (vs. 28 conducted in Feb. 2021)**
2 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 0 in Feb. 2021)
No Impaired Suspensions (same as Feb. 2021)
- 13 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 9 in Feb. 2021)**
• 10 of these accidents resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!

WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



596 Lucasville Road, Lucasville
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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

AT THE SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Sunday, April 10th, 2022

8:30am to 10:00am

MEMBERS AGE 5 AND UNDER ARE free

Children 6 and older ... \$5.00

ADULTS \$7.00

EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW

Please pay at the door



BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
APRIL 9TH 8:00AM-10:30AM
ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY

Masks are encouraged! **TIME RESERVATION REQUIRED**



CALL 902-865-5114 TO GET YOURS!

1583 Beaver Bank Rd
 bbkcc@eastlink.ca
 902-865-5114

\$5 for breakfast includes: scrambled eggs, back bacon, hash brown, juice, & coffee or tea!



BBKCC Summer 2022 - Program Assistant

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre is looking to hire a Program Assistant for Summer 2022. The position would be 35hours/week, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from June 27th to August 26th. Salary is \$13.55/hour.

Qualifications:

Must be a student under the age of 30 returning to a post-secondary institution in Fall 2022. Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry checks required. First Aid training also required.



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Job Description:

The Program Assistant will work directly with children in relation to summer programs, events and activities at the BBKCC. Experience working with children is an asset. Previous summer camp experience also an asset.

To apply, please submit your resume to bbkcc@eastlink.ca.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville
902-869-4764



RAMADAN 2022: A HOLY MONTH OF GRATITUDE



I wish a meaningful holy month to all Muslims in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and around the world. It is comforting to know that many Muslims will be able to gather this year to meet and pray together at Masjids during Ramadan without pandemic restrictions.

In practicing the self-restraint and gratitude that Ramadan involves, adult Muslims fast from dawn until dusk at this time and exhibit goodwill through acts of kindness and charity.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. Ramadan is expected to last from April 2nd to May 1st.

Ramadan Mubarak – Blessed Ramadan!



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NOVA SCOTIA POWER 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Business, Marketing & Communications, Environmental Sciences or Law.

EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$2,500 awards to students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in the areas of Power Engineering, Power Line Technician, Instrumentation Tech, Engineering, Technology, Business, Marketing & Communications, Environmental Sciences or Law.

MI'KMAQ BURSARIES

Four \$1000 awards are available to Mi'kmaw students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten \$1,000 awards to children/dependents of employees or retirees of Nova Scotia Power. These awards are available to students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program.

WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Six \$2,500 awards to students who identify as female entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in Trades or in the areas of Engineering and Technology.

THE CHRIS HUSKILSON EMERA SCHOLARSHIP

One \$40,000 scholarship (\$10,000 per year for four years) award to an Atlantic Canadian student attending an Atlantic Canadian university for studies in the related areas of science (natural), technology, engineering, entrepreneurship or math. Recipients may also

APPLY NOW
2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES


Fostering education, diversity and inclusion to support strong, healthy communities of tomorrow

THE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM:

- AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS
- EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS
- MI'KMAQ BURSARIES
- NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS
- WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS



ALSO:

- THE CHRIS HUSKILSON EMERA SCHOLARSHIP



Deadline for applications: **APRIL 20, 2022**

Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply

April 22nd is the deadline to apply for the 2022 Nova Scotia Power Scholarships and Bursaries. Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply to these scholarships/bursaries:

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$2,500 awards to African Nova Scotian students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in the areas of Power Engineering, Power Line Technician, Instrumentation Tech, Engineering, Technology,

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have the opportunity to participate in a 12-week paid internship at Nova Scotia Power or Emera during their term of study.

CAMP COURAGE – JULY 3RD TO 10TH



Do you want to have an experience of a lifetime?




July 3 - 10, 2022

You can apply online at campcourage.ca or contact Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre at mymnfc.com

The submission deadline is April 13, 2022.

For more information, email campcourage1@gmail.com or call 902-701-1405.

If applying at the Friendship Centre, please contact Melanie Nasson | melanie.nasson@mymnfc.com | cell: 902-802-1199 | work: 902-420-1576 extension #219



IN THE COMMUNITY



Councillor Paul Russell and I presenting a cheque to representatives of the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame to expand the display area.

THE OWL PROGRAM – 45+

The Older Wiser Labourforce (OWL) program is a series of job search workshops designed for people 45+ who find themselves outside the current job market and want to get back in. Looking for a job after age 45 can be challenging - like climbing a mountain.

Maybe you're heading back to work after an injury, or the place you worked for 25 years is going out of business or the pandemic has made you realize you want a change. It's not too late, you have many acts left.

So, if you find yourself hitting middle age and are not in the career you wanted there is help



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and hope for you to make some changes. Change is hard and that's why Job Junction set up the OWL program to help you make the transition.

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THE PROGRAM

OLDER WISER LABOURFORCE

Workshops • Career Exploration • Work Readiness

The **OWL Program** is a 5-week employment readiness program designed specifically to assist the mature worker in their journey to return to work.

You might be an ideal candidate if you are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45+ • Ready to be employed • Genuinely seeking employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing to work in a dynamic group setting • Having difficulty finding work and/or obtaining interviews • Returning to your career or wanting to shift to a new one
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WORKSHOP CONTENT

<p>Job Search:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tailor your Resume • Career Planning • Transferable skills inventory • Exploring the Hidden Job Market • Sharpening your Interview skills • Cover Letter creation <p>Career Development Brag Book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your own brag book • Set your employment goals • Recognize your body of work • Tell your story 	<p>Life Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid- CPR "C" w AED • WHMIS • Telephone Skills • Multigenerational workforce • Personality Dimensions • Predictive Index <p>Computer Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer boot camp • Polishing your Zoom personality • MS Office skills (Word, Excel)
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For more information, contact:
902-407-3692 OR OWL@JobJunction.ca

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



Provincial Representatives in District 14:

- **MLA Brad Johns** Sackville – Uniacke



Federal Representatives in District 14:

- **MP Darrell Samson** Sackville – Preston - Chezzetcook



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HALIFAX

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

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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.