



***Wishing you a Happy Easter
& a Joyful Spring Season!***

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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
 WAVERLEY - FALL RIVER - MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY

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HELLO APRIL

Welcome to April and hopefully a budget conclusion. I am so thankful for all who have called, emailed, and presented at budget deliberations. Climate change needs our attention and the more it is put off the more it will cost us. It is my hope that we can manage a budget outcome that has the least impact on our tax rate.

As many are aware the Provincial Task Force has fast tracked nine development areas and within District 1 that impacts the Port Wallace Development – a development the size of Truro! There is much to stay aware of and ensure that community consultation is not lost. On the positive side this may fast track needed infrastructure such as schools, park space, traffic on the Waverley Road and transit.

COVID has struck another chord and we again are faced with rising numbers – please continue to keep yourself and others as safe as possible. Wear a mask, social distance if you can and respect the position of others. Have a Happy Easter season, a Blessed Ramadan and may Spring find us!

Cathy



NWCC DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

There were two scheduled North West Community Council (NWCC) meetings in March and in my March e newsletter I wrote about the loss of the Carr Farm Appeal Hearing on March 7th. I will provide regular updates on this development as information is obtained.

The second meeting for March 21st was rescheduled for April 4th.

CASE 21460 INGRAM DRIVE

Another development in Fall River is the Ingram Drive Case 21460. A second engagement is being conducted via a survey.

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.

SPEEDING ON THE MOOSELAND RD

This was contributed by St Barbara's **Shannon Ashe-Fox** Community Engagement Specialist

Occasionally, St Barbara Atlantic Operations receives reports of speeding from our neighbours near the Touquoy Mine. The Mooseland/Moose River Road is used by residents, cottage owners, recreational hunters and fishers, as well as our employees and contractors. Since the paving of the Moose River Road from Elmsvale to Billy Bell Way, the road has become attractive as a short-cut through to Middle Musquodoboit from the Number 7 Highway.

In September 2021, St Barbara partnered with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works to address the issue of speeding in Mooseland by installing two digital speed signs at either end of the community of Mooseland. These signs show drivers what speeds they are travelling as they pass through the community. As an inhabited area with soft shoulders, slower speeds are important to ensure pedestrian safety.

St Barbara reached out to HRM Councillors David Hendsbee and Cathy Deagle-Gammon, the Mooseland and Area Community Association, the Touquoy and Beaver Dam Community Liaison Committee, the Department of Public Works, and the local RCMP in Sheet Harbour and convened a meeting to discuss the issue in early January 2022. St Barbara continues to work with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works to install better speed signs that will show how fast a driver is going and tell them to "Slow Down".

While St Barbara is empowered to address speeding that happens on-site with employees, on-road speed enforcement is the responsibility of the RCMP. The Sheet Harbour RCMP detachment report that they have stepped up patrols in the area and have been stopping and warning drivers.

St Barbara takes safety and being a good neighbour very seriously. Safety Always is a key commitment of St Barbara. We value acting honestly and with integrity; treating people with respect; working together; promising to deliver; and always striving to do better. We regularly hold toolbox safety meetings and issues such as safe driving are regularly discussed. This year, we will also be taking part in National Road Safety Week in May.

Internally, we are committed to emphasizing to team members that their safe arrival for shift and their safe arrival home after is our highest priority. We will be undertaking positive programming over the weeks



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and months to come to emphasize our commitment to safety and to ensure our interactions within the local area are respectful of the community's right to feel safe.

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MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PARKLAND SURVEY

We received 190 completed surveys! Thank you so much. The report is being compiled and should be up on our website in the next few weeks with the results.

Next steps are to meet with the community and share the results and determine which option the community wants, provide some rough designs, and then cost the project for the capital budget of 2023.



FALL RIVER WATER SERVICE EXTENSION PROJECT: BILLING INFORMATION

In 2021, residents within the Fall River area received billing related to a water service extension project in the community, which began in 2017 and is now complete. It was based [on Bylaw Number L-100, Respecting Charges for Local Improvements](#), which created the Fall River Water Service Local Improvement Charge (LIC).

Recently, it was determined that the initial billing letters sent to residents included an error in the amount owing (amount listed was higher than actual).

The municipality is distributing communications to residents informing them that adjustments/refunds will be put in place to reflect the correct billing amount.

What is the Fall River water service extension project?

- Water service was extended to the community of Fall River through a project by the [Clean Water and Wastewater Fund \(CWWF\) program](#). The CWWF Program is funded by Infrastructure Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia. A portion of the project was funded through the LIC administered by the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- The municipality has worked with Halifax Water to extend municipal water service to the Fall River Village Centre (including water mains, fire hydrants, main valves, and laterals to each property line).
- Property owners along the water main (who can connect to it) were billed for their portion of the costs through the Fall River Water Service LIC.

For more information on the water extension project, visit [Fall River Service Extension web page](#) on the HRM website.

If you have already received the communication about the adjustment/refund and still have questions about the billing process including the above options and the LIC deferral program, please contact Amy Noseworthy, Customer Account Analyst, General Revenue. Phone: 902-490-6661 or e-mail generalrevenue@halifax.ca.



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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 1 to May 1 in 2022. However, these dates can vary slightly depending on the crescent moon's appearance.

Ramadan Mubarak – Blessed Ramadan!

HRM BOARD/COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

HRM is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees, and commissions. Applications are available at halifax.ca/serve and will be accepted until Tuesday, April 12, 2022 by midnight.

✓ Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents, and industry representatives.

✓ These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, community council, or standing committees, and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

✓ There are many opportunities available for individuals of all types of backgrounds and interest areas, and meeting schedules/format vary between committees.

Check out www.halifax.ca/serve to view all opportunities and to learn more. Or, contact serve@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210.





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APRIL IS WORLD AUTISM MONTH:



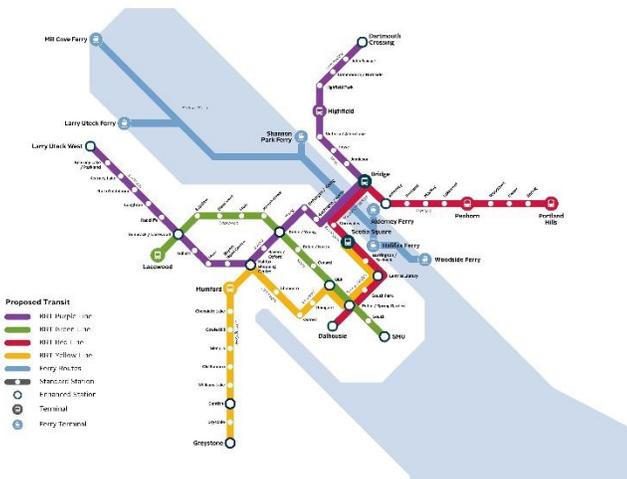
FEEDBACK ON MILL COVE FERRY SERVICE

Have your say on the future of ferry service in HRM! HRM wants to hear from residents about a new Mill Cove Rapid Ferry service - offering a fast, direct connection between Bedford and downtown Halifax.

Fill in the survey by April 8, 2022:

<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rapid-transit>

☞ The province and federal government are partnering with the municipality to undertake the first phase of the Mill Cove Ferry Service.



☞ Phase One includes a vessel technology study, concept design work at Halifax Ferry Terminal, site access, site design and terminal concept design at Mill Cove, service calibration studies, and climate assessments.

☞ This route is one of the key components of the Rapid Transit Strategy - www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rapid-transit - unanimously approved by Regional Council in May 2020. Staff are endeavoring to secure funding for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system.

WORLD HEALTH DAY APRIL 7TH

World Health Day is celebrated annually, and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. April 7 marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. This year's theme is focused on the health of our earth and taking action – collectively and individually – to help our polluted planet.

Many preventable environmental-related diseases are linked to the health of our planet, including cancer, asthma and heart disease. On World Health Day 2022, WHO will focus global attention on urgent actions needed to keep humans and the planet healthy and foster a movement to create societies focused on well-being.

⚠ More than 13 million deaths around the world each year are due to avoidable environmental causes. This includes the climate crisis which is the single biggest health threat facing humanity. The climate crisis is also a health crisis. To learn more about the municipality's climate action strategy, "HalifACT", a community response to the climate crisis, visit <http://www.halifax.ca/climate>.



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TARTAN DAY APRIL 6TH 2022

THE MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY GROUND SAR TEAM



APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

This year's Poetry Month theme is Intimacy - the closeness we feel with others, whether a warm hug with a loved one or a momentary shared laugh between strangers.

HRM's Poet Laureate is Sue Goyette.

The Poet Laureate serves as an ambassador and advocate for literacy, literature and the arts, and reflects the vitality of our community through appearances and readings of poetry at a number of civic events and other activities.



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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH 2022 LE MOIS NATIONAL DE LA POÉSIE

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The Musquodoboit Valley Search and Rescue team is a non-profit organization that aims to save the lives of lost individuals in the area. I am so pleased to support this dedicated team through our HRM District 1 Capital fund.

This deserving group of local volunteers reached out to me to seek funding to help them purchase necessary equipment to help them do their lifesaving work: **30 purpose-designed backpacks to be worn by SAR team members while conducting searches for lost or injured.**

These backpacks will aid volunteers in their searches – they are specially designed for optimal weight distribution to reduce fatigue and have storage areas for first aid equipment, search gear, and extra clothing for the searcher and casualty. During a search, team members will be given a backpack - packed and ready to go.

While nobody wants to get a call about a lost or injured individual, this team is always at-the-ready to help. Having extra tools at their disposal like these backpacks can help this team do their work even more effectively, with less response time.



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MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY BICENTENNIAL THEATRE

MVBT is “a small-town theatre with world class events”. Pictured here is Erin Taylor Board Chair accepting District 1 Capital Funds of \$4,930 to assist in the replacement of aging audio equipment necessary to bring great sound to the theatre. Watch for news of the musical *The Adams Family* in May!

WAVERLEY LEGION FISH FRIDAY RETURNS



A Friday Tradition returns to Waverley Legion after a two-year hiatus. On Good Friday, hours will be 11-2pm and 3-7pm.

After the 15th regular Friday hours for Fish & Chips will be 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 -7:00 p.m.



SPEED RADAR SIGN UP IN WAVERLEY





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BURSARY OPPORTUNITY



EDUCATION BURSARY 2022

This program was started to recognize the generous support the Cobequid Health Centre Foundation received from our area high schools (listed below) during the building of the Cobequid Health Centre. The students from these schools fundraised and donated over \$80,000 to help make a health centre for our community a reality. This bursary program started as way of saying thank you and giving back to our community. Any Grade 12 student who attends one of the following high schools:

- Charles P. Allen High School
- Millwood High School
- Sackville High School
- Lockview High School

One bursary per school will be granted per year. You must be enrolled in a post-secondary education program related to the health/medical field. This includes both university and college programs. Due to need within the Cobequid Centre, the following programs are given special consideration:

- Medical Laboratory Technologist
- Physiotherapy Assistant
- EKG Technologist
- X-Ray Technologist
- Pharmacy Clerk
- Orthopedic Technician

The bursary is for \$1000 towards the tuition of the first year of post-secondary education.

Contact for applications:

Stacey.chapman@nshealth.ca or
albana.shaholli@nshealth.ca

Use subject line: **Cobequid Bursary Selection Committee**

All documents must be received by the deadline of 4:00 p.m. May 27th, 2022.

April 2022

CAMP COURAGE JUL 3-10



Camp Courage is an eight-day camp that empowers young women to reach their potential through information, education and inspiration:

<https://campcourage.ca/indigenous-camp-courage-application/>

The Camp is held every second year in early July in HRM. Please visit other areas of their website (www.campcourage.ca) for lots of information on the Camp to help you decide if this is a good opportunity for you.



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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 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>

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.

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.



Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) 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.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE





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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.

Budget Committee:

- Tuesday April 12th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday April 26th at 10:00 a.m. (if needed)

North West Community Council

- Monday April 4th at 6 p.m.
- Monday April 25th at 6 p.m.

North West Planning Advisory Committee

- Wednesday April 6th at 7 p.m.

Grants Committee

- Monday April 11th at 10 a.m.

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

- Monday April 25th at 4 p.m.

Audit and Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday April 20th at 10 a.m.

Environment & Sustainability Committee

- Thursday April 7th at 1 p.m. (cancelled)

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

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 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 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:

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call: 902-490-4090