



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

**WELCOME MAY!**



The 2022/23 municipal budget has been passed. I have included details in this newsletter

regarding the 3% Climate Action Tax and the 1.6% which will fund ongoing operations, public safety, maintenance and service improvements as well as strategic capital investments. It was a difficult decision but, one made after many meetings with my Council colleagues discussing the most fiscally and environmentally responsible way forward.

This month’s newsletter includes updates on the 2022/23 municipal budget, volunteer award recipients for District 14, Emergency Preparedness week and much more!

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

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## MAY MEETING DATES

### Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### North West Community Council:

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 April 4<sup>th</sup>, the North West Community Council (NWCC) considered the following:

### [Case 23812: Development Agreement for 216 and 218 Cobeguid Road, Lower Sackville](#)



Public hearing held and closed.

NWCC approved the proposed amended development agreement by the addition of a triangular parcel of land abutting the Glenwood Drive site boundary. The additional lands will enable protruding balconies on the Glenwood Drive elevation that were not previously permitted as they would have encroached onto lands not owned by the developer.

### [Case 23834: Development Agreement for 5 Bridle Path, Hammonds Plains](#)

Public hearing held and closed.

NWCC approved the proposed development agreement and the proposed discharging agreement enabling “The Little Gym of Halifax” to expand throughout the remainder of the main floor. “The Little Gym of Halifax” offers structured classes designed for physical development of children. The business offers activities such as parent/child classes, gymnastics, dance, parties, and day camps.

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

## 2022 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PASSED

 <b>1.4%</b> <small>of municipal GDP is debt; down over 30 per cent since 1999, positioning it well to fund future capital projects that support Council priorities.</small>	 <b>4.6%</b> <small>increase in the average tax bill; 3.0 per cent is dedicated to the Climate Action Tax and 1.6 per cent will fund ongoing operations, capital investments, maintenance and service improvements.</small>	<b>AVERAGE TAX BILL</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
			Average Assessment Urban Tax Rate Average Tax Bill	\$252,100 0.813 \$2,050	\$270,000 0.794 \$2,144
			<b>Commercial</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
			Average Assessment Urban Tax Rate Average Tax Bill	\$1,469,900 2.953 \$43,406	\$1,462,000 3.105 \$45,395

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council approved the 2022/23 municipal budget of \$1.1 billion – including \$925.7 million in total municipal expenditures and \$180.2 million in provincial mandatory contributions – as well as a capital plan of \$318.9 million.

The average residential and commercial property tax bill is increasing by 4.6 per cent.



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This means the average single-family home tax bill will increase by \$94 in 2022/23 to \$2,144. The average commercial property tax bill will increase by \$1,989 in 2022/23 to \$45,395.

stormwater management to food security and emergency preparedness.

The remaining 1.6 per cent increase will fund ongoing operations, public safety, maintenance and service improvements – such as the provincial road transfer – as well as strategic capital investments. For more information, go to: <https://www.halifax.ca/home/news/regional-council-approves-202223-municipal-budget>.

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Halifax region continues to grow while facing limited options to increase operating revenues. The municipality's disciplined and responsible approach to fiscal management is at the heart of everything it does to ensure ongoing financial stability, good value to the public it serves, and sound investments for the future.

**Key aspects of the municipality's approach to linking sustainable financial planning to Regional Council's priorities include:**

- Developing credible, multi-year operating and capital budgets.
- Optimizing tax-supported debt in changing financial conditions.
- Delivering effective and modern public services that reflect what residents value.
- Maintaining appropriate reserve balances and liquidity to manage uncertainty.

Category	Amount	Percentage
Total Expenditures	\$1,105.9M	
Mandatory Provincial Contribution	\$(180.2M)	
Municipal Expenditures	\$925.7M	
Other Fiscal	\$342.8	31.0%
Compensation	\$458.3	41.4%
Office	\$13.0	1.2%
External Services	\$155.0	14.0%
Buildings	\$17.6	1.6%
Equipment & Communications	\$8.8	0.9%
Vehicle Expenses	\$31.0	2.8%
Other Goods & Services	\$355.2	2.4%
Debt Service	\$44.5	4.5%
Interdepartmental	\$0.2	0.0%
Supplies & Materials	\$8.1	0.7%

Category	2021/22	2022/23
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Average Tax Bill	\$2,050	\$2,144
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Average Assessment	\$1,469,900	\$1,482,000
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**AVERAGE TAX BILL**

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BUDGET OVERVIEW – 2022/23

## 2022/23 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

<b>\$925.7 million</b> Municipal Expenditures	<b>\$318.9 million</b> Capital Investment
<b>\$41 million</b> Street Recapitalization	<b>\$4.7 million</b> Road Safety Improvement
<b>\$10 million</b> HalifACT Climate Action Plan	<b>\$63.4 million</b> Electric Buses
<b>\$6.7 million</b> Regional Centre AAA Bikeways	<b>\$8.1 million</b> Park Development & Recapitalization
	<b>\$7.5 million</b> Halifax Common Pool Reconstruction

For more information about the municipal budget visit [halifax.ca/budget](https://www.halifax.ca/budget)

Of the 4.6 per cent increase, 3.0 per cent goes towards the Climate Action Tax, which will directly support [HalifACT](#) – the municipality's long-term climate action plan. The Climate Action Tax will fund projects such as:

- electric vehicles and buses
- net-zero buildings
- installing public electric vehicle chargers
- actions to improve the resiliency of communities and infrastructure against the impacts of climate change – which range from flood mitigation and



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strategy amendments.

Clayton Developments Limited is asking for smaller lots than the LUB currently permits.

To that end, CN is advising of the commencement of their vegetation control activities that will run between April and October 2022. A regularly updated schedule is available at [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation).

If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Moreover, unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee and citizens safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices, to name a few of the potential risks.

CN's annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds and other undesirable vegetation. This program is critical to ensure safe operations and contributes to the overall safety of the communities in which CN operates.



Figure 7 - Conceptual Subdivision Design

## CN ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



CN remains committed to running its railway safely and efficiently and building a level of trust and collaboration with the communities where they do business.



**CN Public Inquiry line**

T: 1-888-888-5909

E: [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca)

## LAKEWATCHERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING

The municipality is launching a new Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program called LakeWatchers, which will conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the



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municipality. The purpose of the program is to collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain or improve a lake's health. The data will be publicly available through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#).

Data collection will take place twice a year through internal sampling (e.g. sampling done by staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and also welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program. To express your interest in volunteering, please visit our [website](#).

The LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1 to August 31. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Water quality monitoring is essential to the successful management of water resources. To learn more about how you can help, visit [halifax.ca/lakewatchers](http://halifax.ca/lakewatchers).



Tucker Lake

## STEWARDSHIP TRAINING – MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

**BLUE MOUNTAIN  
BIRCH COVE LAKES  
STEWARDSHIP  
TRAINING**

Saturday, May 7, 2022  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**DO YOU ENJOY THE OUTDOORS?  
ARE YOU FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING TO STRANGERS?  
IF THIS IS YOU, FRIENDS OF BMBCL  
NEED YOUR HELP AS A NEW TRAIL STEWARD.**

Trail Stewards will monitor trail conditions within the wilderness area and help rehabilitate trails damaged by overuse. Trail Stewards will look for opportunities to educate hikers and pick up garbage. Record keeping of incidents will be required.

Training is offered free of charge. Space is limited.

**By registering, you commit to work with Friends of BMBCL and publicly represent the organization in an appropriate, respectful and non-confrontational manner.**

Registration deadline - May 4, 2022

**REGISTER**

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## LITTERATI APP

HRM has launched Litterati, an interactive tool to collect data on litter trends around the municipality - it's now available for residents to download!



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Litterati is an app that allows you to photograph and tag common pieces of litter found in your community. App users can geotag their location to help create a map of litter hotspots in the municipality. Plus, the app's artificial intelligence can categorize the type of litter.

The data collected using Litterati will be used to see where litter clean ups are taking place, track trends in the types of litter we are seeing in the community, identify illegal dumping locations, and to inform waste education efforts. To participate in challenges, residents must first download the Litterati App. Then, join the challenges or simply use the app to document any litter collected.

### Quick Start Guide:

1. Download the free *Litterati – Cleaning The Earth* app from [the Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) and create your account.
2. Sign up for a cleanup challenge (watch [www.halifax.ca/litterati](http://www.halifax.ca/litterati) or the Halifax Recycles Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles> - for upcoming challenges).
3. Clean up & take photos.
4. Upload your photos via wi-fi when you are done.
5. Tag your photos in the gallery after uploading.

For more information on the Litterati app, visit [www.halifax.ca/litterati](http://www.halifax.ca/litterati) or contact [Wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:Wasteless@halifax.ca).

Litterati is also funded in part by Divert NS and Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change.

## 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year during National Volunteer Week, the Halifax Regional Municipality holds an award ceremony to acknowledge and honour the contributions of volunteers and volunteer organizations in our communities. I would like to recognize the volunteers from District 14 who were selected to receive a 2022 Volunteer Award.

This annual event puts a spotlight on residents that have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services.

The 2022 Volunteer Awards recipients from District 14 are:

### **Sean Bowes** (Youth)

Sean always has a contagious positive attitude. He goes above and beyond for anyone he meets. He is a stand-out member of the community who will impress everyone he meets with his kindness, versatility, and leadership. Sean is bright, lively and an excellent role model for the children in the community. His contribution to the community is significant.

### **Luke Webb** (Youth)

Luke is a team player who approaches everything he does with a positive attitude and 100% of his effort. Luke has exceptional initiative, patience, kindness, and leadership. His dedication to school programs and sports as well as summer volunteer programs is commendable. Luke is a valuable member of the community and will only continue to grow and contribute as the years go on.



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## Walter Fekeshazy

Walter has truly demonstrated what it takes to bring a community together. Our community is better because of Walter's efforts. As result of his dedication, enthusiasm and ambition, we have a community that we are proud of. Neighbours come together for a family skate, play basketball or lawn bowling, share books and a place we can support one another. All driven by the selfless hours of dedication by Walter and his drive to put people first. We are proud of his hard work and dedication to helping the people feel valued, safe, and cared about.

I thank Sean, Luke and Wlater for giving us their time and making our community even more vibrant!



## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

**May 1-7  
2022**

# NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

**SUN. MAY 1**

**Bike Ride on BLT Trail** | 1-4pm | Ages: 13-24  
 Don't have a bike? No problem! Bikes are available to use (limited quantities).  
 E-mail [deanch@halifax.ca](mailto:deanch@halifax.ca) to register.

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**MON. MAY 2**

**Pizza and Party Games** | The Power House | 5-7:30pm | Ages: 13-24  
**Movie Night & Pizza** | The Den | 6-8:30pm | Ages: 13-24  
**Virtual Program: #Adulting with CUA's Myra Lucia** | 6-7:15pm | Ages: 18-24  
**Virtual Program: Youth Project Open House** | 6 p.m. | Ages: 13-25  
*Youth rooms open: The Den 3-8:30 p.m. | Horizon Rec Centre 6-8:30 p.m. | Power House Youth Centre - Drop-in open from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

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**TUES. MAY 3**

**Minute to Win It Night** | The Den | 6-8:30pm | Ages: 13-24  
**Virtual Program: Highlight Reel vs Reality: Unpacking the Impacts of Social Media on Body Image** | Eating Disorders Nova Scotia | 6-7pm  
*Youth rooms open: The Den 3-8:30pm | Power House Youth Centre - Drop-in Open from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

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**WEDS. MAY 4**

**Button Making Party** | The Power House | 4-6pm | Ages: 13-24  
**Youth Basketball** | Cole Harbour District High School | 8:15-9:30pm | Age: 15-17  
**I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream!** | The Den | 6:30-8:30pm  
**Movie Night at Needham** | Needham Community Centre | 7-10pm  
*Youth rooms open: The Den | 3-8:30pm*

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**THURS. MAY 5**

**Paint Night** | Horizon Rec Centre | 6:30-9pm  
*Maximum of 15 participants. Registration is required. To register, e-mail [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca).*  
**Movie Night at George Dixon** | George Dixon Community Centre | 7-10pm  
**3-3 Youth Basketball** | Gordon R Snow Community Centre | 6:15-7:45pm | Ages: 15-17  
**Minute to Win it!** | Musquodoboit Rural High | School Lunch Hour | Ages: 13-17  
**Virtual Program: Budgeting 101 with Junior Achievement's Brenda Kenney** | 6-7pm  
*Youth rooms open: Horizon Rec Centre | 6-8:30pm*

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**FRI. MAY 6**

**Youth Night Open House** | Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre | 6-10pm | Ages: 12-17  
**Karaoke & Pizza** | Sackville Sports Stadium | 6:30-9pm  
**Karaoke** | Gordon R Snow Community Centre | 5:30-8:30pm | Ages: 12-15  
**Youth Night** | Horizon Rec Centre | 6-9pm  
**Minute to Win it!** | Musquodoboit Rural High | School Lunch Hour  
*Youth rooms open: Horizon Rec Centre - Youth Room: Drop-in open from 6 - 9 p.m.*

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**SAT. MAY 7**

**Power House Youth Centre Open House** | 1-4pm  
**Youth Open Gym** | Astral Drive Jr. High | 12-1pm

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION VISIT: [HALIFAX.CA/YOUTHWEEK](https://halifax.ca/youthweek)**  
 To register for a virtual program please email [youth@halifax.ca](mailto:youth@halifax.ca)

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### RCMP ROAD SAFETY



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

- 315 calls for service in March 2022**  
Up 16.7% from March 2021
- 12 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 17 issued in March 2021)**  
1 aggressive driving, 5 speeding, 6 other MVA (e.g. unregistered vehicle, no insurance, etc.)
- 101 Proactive Assignments (vs. 54 in March 2021)**
- 36 Cell phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding checkpoints**
- 55 Traffic Stops (vs. 77 conducted in March 2021)**
- 1 Impaired Driving Charge (same as March 2021)**
- No Impaired Suspensions (same as March 2021)**
- 9 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 2 in March 2021)**
  - 2 of these accidents resulted in injuries

**Please Drive Safely!**

### SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Springfield Lake Recreation Association

#### Contact Us

**Facility Bookings:** Donna MacDonald (Program Coordinator) - (902) 865-9449

**Fax Number:** 865-1430

**E-mail:** [info@springfieldlakerec.com](mailto:info@springfieldlakerec.com)

**Fieldhouse Phone:** (902) 865-2866

**Upper Sackville Phone:** (902) 869-3840

**Emergencies:** (902) 456-3253

266 Lakeview Avenue  
Middle Sackville, NS  
B4E 3B6

### BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

### WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



596 Lucasville Road, Lucasville  
902-865-0944



Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

# SUMMER DAY CAMP

**JULY 4 - AUGUST 26**

**ACTIVITIES**  
OUTDOOR GAMES, DRESS-UP DAYS, TREASURE HUNT, WATER GAMES, ARTS, CRAFTS & MORE!

**\$125 PER WEEK, PER PERSON**

**OPEN TO AGES 5-12**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 4:30 PM**

**902-865-5114**  
[BBKCC@EASTLINK.CA](mailto:BBKCC@EASTLINK.CA)  
[WWW.BBKCC.CA](http://WWW.BBKCC.CA)



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## TAEKWON-DO HAPKIDO HOSINSUL



# CARR'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY



# 8 WEEKS \$100

**STARTING MAY 2 2022**

**FREE C.M.A.A. T-SHIRT  
CLASSES LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE**

**COMING THIS FALL!**  
CHILDREN'S MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES  
(5 to 8 years old)

**YOUTH & ADULTS**  
MON & THU NIGHTS 6:30 TO 8:00



**BEAVERBANK KINSAC  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
1583 BEAVERBANK RD.

To register: 902-865-5114 or [bbkcc@eastlink.ca](mailto:bbkcc@eastlink.ca)

## SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Learn to Play Pickleball  
Instructors Needed!  
Daytime and Evening  
Options.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL APRIL  
(902) 864-6751  
OR EMAIL  
[SHCCPROGRAMS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SHCCPROGRAMS@GMAIL.COM)

45 CONNOLLY ROAD,  
MIDDLE SACKVILLE



# CHAIR YOGA

Bonnie Doyle - Registered Yoga Teacher

Strength, stretching, balance and breathing exercises with the support of a chair.

Chair Yoga can provide greater awareness of your body, your mind and your breath, improving your overall sense of health and well being.

\*All exercises are done with the support of the chair, never having to get down on the floor.

TO REGISTER:  
(902) 864-6751 or  
[shccprograms@gmail.com](mailto:shccprograms@gmail.com)

**Begins**  
Friday, May 6th  
**9:15-10:15am**  
6 weeks \$48

"Take care of your body."



## Apply for the Affordable Access Program



**Affordable Transit Pass:** save 50% on regular adult pass. Apply by July 1.

**Recreation Funding Access Program:** save 50-100% on child, youth, and adult participants in most recreation programs. Apply at least two weeks before registering for recreation programs.



**Property Tax Exemption & Deferral Program:** help or defer property tax. Apply by August 15 for an exemption on your final tax bill or December 31 for an exemption for the current year.

Apply:  
[halifax.ca/about-halifax/affordable-access-program/](http://halifax.ca/about-halifax/affordable-access-program/)

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### Infant Massage Classes

Connect with your baby through nurturing touch.



#### Infant Massage Benefits:

- ♥ Help relax your baby to provide a deeper and longer rest.
- ♥ Promote a sense of well-being and security.
- ♥ Learn techniques to help ease discomfort from tummy upset.
- ♥ Enhance the relationship between you and your baby.

Start Date: Wednesday, May 4

4 weeks - 1:15-2:15pm

Registration Fee: \$15

45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville  
Online Registration link in comments



45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville  
902-869-4764

## GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

**IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WOULD LIKE SOME SUPPORT FOR A GAMBLING PROBLEM THE SACKVILLE CHAPTER OF**

**Gamblers Anonymous Meets every Monday at 7:00pm Knox United Church**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL**

**902-252-3132**



MAY 2022

## SEASONAL BACKYARD FIRE RESTRICTIONS



It's that time of year when many of us want to enjoy a warm spring or summer's evening by a backyard fire or wish to burn some wood that we've cleared from our property while tidying up after the winter. But we must do this safely, abiding by all provincial and municipal rules around outdoor burning:

### STEP 1: Check to see if fires are permitted by the Province of NS on a given day

View the Provincial Burning Restrictions Map to check for bans every time before you burn (posted as of 2:00 pm each day):

[www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe).

- Green = open air wood burning status is not posted yet (visit later - after 2:00 p.m.)
- Green = open air wood burning is allowed, beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Yellow = open air wood burning is allowed, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Red = open air wood burning is not allowed at any time



**STEP 2: If burning is permitted that day, follow the municipal rules for backyard fires (domestic burning) that apply to you**

Check the information below to see if you're in an (A): "Permit Required Zone" or (B): "No Permit Required Zone". The following rules apply until October 15<sup>th</sup>:

**(A) URBAN/SUBURBAN AREAS: "PERMIT REQUIRED ZONE"**

*Your property is serviced with both municipal water AND sewer. Most urban/suburban lots in the municipality are in this Zone.*

✓ **One outdoor wood burning appliance** can be used without a permit if they meet the criteria in the By-law, which means they:

- must be placed a minimum of 4.75m (15ft) from any dwelling or accessory building
- are not placed on a wooden deck/combustible platform
- only burn dry seasoned wood
- are equipped with a spark arrester with no opening large than 9.65 mm (3/8") to prevent sparks from leaving the appliance
- are used per the manufacturer's instructions

✓ **Burning in propane or natural gas CSA or ULC approved appliances** are permitted any time of day, as they are not regulated under the By-law, however all manufactures instructions must be followed

✗ **Burning of brush/tree limbs and other domestic waste** (boxes, construction material,

etc.) is prohibited

✗ **Campfire burning** is prohibited (0.5m diameter open fire) except at campgrounds

**(B) RURAL AREAS: "NO PERMIT REQUIRED ZONE"**

*Your property is **not** serviced with municipal water AND sewer. Most of the rural lots in the municipality are in this zone.*

✓ **Outdoor wood burning appliances** are allowed if they meet the criteria in the By-law (as indicated in section A).

✓ **Campfire burning** (0.5m diameter open fire) is allowed ONLY if the fire is 4.75m (15ft) away from any dwelling or accessory building. The campfire must be contained using non-combustible material and you must burn dry seasoned firewood. Only one campfire is permitted per property.

✓ **Burning in propane or natural gas CSA or ULC approved appliances** are permitted any time of day, as they are not regulated under the By-law, however all manufactures instructions must be followed

✓ **Domestic burning of brush/tree limbs** is allowed ONLY if:

- the fire is 23m (75ft) away from any dwelling or accessory building
- a person in charge of burning has a means to call 911 from site
- at least two people 19 years of age or older are present
- suitable equipment is in attendance to contain and extinguish the fire
- wind velocity will not jeopardize the ability to control and contain the fire



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- the person in charge ensures all smoldering embers are completely extinguished prior to leaving the site

✗ Domestic waste burning is prohibited (includes leaf and yard waste including grass and grass clippings, twigs, and house and garden plants, box board including cereal, shoe, tissue and detergent boxes, construction or demolition material, including saw dust, wood shavings, planking, siding, wood beams, plastic and rubber).

### QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

For more information on these burning types, please contact 311 and they will arrange for Fire Prevention Staff to contact you.

**Call 911** while the illegal burning is occurring and advise the operator of the civic address where the burning is taking place and the reason you think the burning is in violation of the Halifax Regional Municipality's By-Law Number O-109 Respecting Open Air Burning: <https://bit.ly/3E8jATe>

Visit the municipality's web page, Burning Rules and Regulations, for more information: <https://bit.ly/3JAks4f>.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK



As part of [Emergency Preparedness Week](#) beginning Sunday, May

1<sup>st</sup>, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's (HRFE's) Emergency Management Division is encouraging all residents to 'be ready for anything'.

This past year has continued to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness, due to the impacts from COVID-19 and numerous severe weather events. The Emergency Management Division is focused on ensuring the safety and security of residents, their properties, and the environment by providing a prompt and coordinated response to an emergency situation.

Being 'ready for anything' requires three key steps:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Have an emergency kit

Residents have a big role to play when it comes to ensuring their own safety. All residents should be prepared to be self-sufficient in their home for 72 hours in case of emergency.

To stay informed about emergencies and operations, residents are encouraged to sign up for [hfxALERT](#), the municipality's mass notification system. Subscribers may receive urgent and non-urgent notifications by phone,



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email, and/or text message. During emergencies, the municipality communicates with residents via [public service announcements](#), web updates, social media ([@hfxgov](#)) and [hfxALERT](#). Residents may also contact 311 for more information about emergency operations.

To support Emergency Preparedness Week, HRFÉ's Emergency Management Division is running a contest to bring better awareness about being 'ready for anything'.

Residents have the opportunity to win one of 10 emergency kits (approx. retail value \$30). To participate in the contest, take the emergency preparedness [quiz](#). Those who answer all questions correctly will be eligible for the draw. The draw will take place the week of May 9.

For more information on being prepared for an emergency, visit the [HRFE Emergency Management web page](#).

### IN THE COMMUNITY



Deputy Mayor Lovelace, me, Councillor Stoddard and Darla at the RCMP Drug

Recognition Expert training on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We learned so much about their processes, the testing they do for various drugs and how precise they have to be.

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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

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## 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



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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.



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*Happy Mother's Day* ♥

