

#### KANA'TA DAY - JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

This is a re-envisioned format for Canada Day celebrations with plenty of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy. The program was developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities to honour the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and pan-Indigenous communities within HRM.

Here's a list of free metro events for Canada Day:

- Mawio'mi on the Commons
- Free admission at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and the Halifax Citadel National Historic site
- Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Canada Day Parade
- Dartmouth Summer Sunshine Series free concert featuring ANSMA artists
- Grand Oasis free Music Festival
- Cross the Harbour on the ferry for free
- 3 separate fireworks/pyrotechnics shows in Halifax, Dartmouth, and Bedford

Visit [www.hrmcanadaday.ca](http://www.hrmcanadaday.ca) for more details.

#### OASIS FESTIVAL IN GRAND PARADE

HRM is pleased to host the Grand Oasis Festival Series – a 15-week festival to celebrate music, art, and culture at Halifax City Hall - Grand Parade. It will take place from June 21<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. All events are free of charge. Each week will include a new lineup of artists and events, from Canada's greatest musicians to chart-topping artists to Indigenous performers. More artists and events will be added to the festival website over the coming weeks. To see the initial Grand Oasis Festival Series schedule, and to sign up for the Grand Oasis newsletter and to reserve your free passes, go to: [www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/grand-oasis](http://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/events/grand-oasis)

#### FREE BUS FARES & FERRY RIDES

Halifax Transit will be offering free transit service – that's all conventional and express buses, ferry, and Access-A-Bus services on FRIDAYS and free Alderney ferry service on SATURDAYS in July and August this summer. This initiative was approved by HRM Council and aims to encourage former or new riders to take transit and to get familiarized with the transit service available in your communities. Visit [www.halifax.ca/freefares](http://www.halifax.ca/freefares) and check out all the Transit routes and schedules so you can figure out where you'd like to go for free!

#### SUPERVISED SWIMMING BEACHES

HRM will be providing water quality monitoring at its supervised beaches at various locations throughout the municipality for July & August. However due to a shortage of qualified lifeguards, HRM had to reduce its offerings of aquatic programs and supervised beach locations. **There will be lifeguard supervisors on duty at these local lake locations:**

- Orenda Beach - Lake Echo
- Kinap Beach - West Porters Lake
- Petpeswick Lake Beach - Pleasant Drive - Gaetz Brook

For up-to-date info on hours of supervision and the latest water quality results, go to: [www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/swimming/supervised-beaches-outdoor-pools-splash-pads](http://www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/swimming/supervised-beaches-outdoor-pools-splash-pads)

#### BLUE-GREEN ALGAE AWARENESS

Watch for blue-green algae from May to October. It is also called cyanobacteria which occurs naturally in surface waters like lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. The toxins in the algae can make people sick and be fatal for pets if ingested. Blue-green algae tends to develop when a period of hot, dry weather is followed by a heavy rainfall. If you think you see blue-green algae, you should treat it as potentially toxic. Report it to your local NS Department of Environment and Climate Change office or call 1-877-936-8476. For more information, go to: [www.novascotia.ca/blue-green-algae](http://www.novascotia.ca/blue-green-algae)

#### 2022-23 HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS

The 2022-23 HRM Community Grants Program received 106 applications with a combined total of \$1,172,793.83 in requests. After HRM staff assessment and review by the HRM Grants Committee, 59 awards were approved by HRM Council for a total of \$452,714. Here are the local organizations that were granted awards from this year's program:

- **Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild** – \$500 towards the purchase of small equipment.
- **Icelandic Memorial Society of Nova Scotia – Markland Settlement** – \$2,500 towards settlement site interpretation signs.
- **Petpeswick Yacht Club – East Petpeswick** – \$2,900 towards the sailing club electrical upgrade to address building code compliance.
- **Sheet Harbour Sexual Health Society** – \$3,000 to purchase resource materials serving the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.
- **Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Association - East Preston** – \$5,000 towards theatre mentorship production for local Black artists and technicians.
- **Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre** – \$5,000 to develop a community on-line platform serving the Acadian and Francophone community.
- **Musquodoboit Trailways Association - Musquodoboit Harbour** – \$7,000 towards the purchase of a storage shipping container.
- **Sheet Harbour Rockets Ballfield** – \$12,650 to replace the clubhouse electrical system.
- **Porter's Lake Community Service Association** – \$15,000 towards a roof replacement for the community hall.

#### 2022-23 HRM - GSAR GRANTS

HRM provides operating grants to our volunteer Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Teams. These teams provide assistance to all three levels of government in the event of a missing person search, an evacuation, natural or man-made disaster, or evidence search. Although the four organizations are based in predominantly rural locations their search areas cover the entire region and on occasion more than one unit may be called upon to provide volunteer personnel and equipment. Here are this year's GSAR grants totalling \$141,300.00:

- **Musq. Valley GSAR Team - \$19,990.00**
- **Eastern Shore GSAR Team - \$24,680.00**
- **Sheet Hbr. & Area GSAR Team - \$25,880.00**
- **Halifax Regional GSAR Team - \$70,750.00**

#### PORTERS LAKE TRIATHLON – JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

The Halifax & Navy Tridents Triathlon Clubs will be hoisting the first open-water race of the 2022 season at the Kinap Canoe Club Park at 181 Greenough Drive in West Porters Lake. Registration is limited to 100 participants. The race starts at 8 AM with a 750m swim then followed by a 22.5 kms bike ride and finishes with a 5 km run. Awards ceremony at 10 AM. Volunteers will be appreciated to help keep an eye along the race route. More information can be found at: [www.porterslaketriathlon.com](http://www.porterslaketriathlon.com) or <https://ccnbikes.com/#!/events/porters-lake-triathlon-2022> or call 902-580-9924 or email: [porterslaketriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:porterslaketriathlon@gmail.com)

#### TRUNK 7 MUSIC FESTIVAL – JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>

After a pandemic reprieve, the Trunk 7 Music Festival will be held again but at a new venue: the Porters Lake Superstore Parking Lot. Plenty of bands and great music. More details at: [www.trunk7musicfestival.ca](http://www.trunk7musicfestival.ca) or on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

#### WEEKLY ORGANIC BIN COLLECTION

Again, as a part of the 2022–23 HRM Budget, weekly organic green cart collection will resume. These changes come into effect on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be carried out for a three month period during July, August and September.



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