



WELCOME SEPTEMBER!



Happy back to school month! Remember to be more attentive when driving as there will be more pedestrians, cyclists and drivers on the road - we are responsible for our safety and ensuring we take precautions for the safety of others.

This month’s newsletter has important updates on Mobile Solid Waste depot locations and dates, the Youth Worx program, Volunteer 2023 Awards, Halifax Transit Bus Operator recruitment, updates on planning activity in District 1 and much more!

Keep reading for more information on regional and local matters!

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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Regional Council

Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Grants Committee

Monday, September 12th at 10:00A a.m.

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

Thursday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

Wednesday, September 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM

Monday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on the [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no meeting of the North West Community Council (NWCC) in August.
To view videos/agendas of past North West Community Council sessions, [click here](#).

DID YOU KNOW

- September 1st is [World Letter Writing Day](#)
- September 3rd is the [Mosaic Music Festival](#)
- September 5th is [Labour Day](#)
- September 7th is the [First Day of School](#)
- September 8th is [International Literacy Day](#)
- September 10th is [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- September 17th is the [Halifax Colour Festival](#)
- September 21st is the [International Day of Peace](#)

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September 23rd is the [International Day of Sign Languages](#)

September 25th is [World Rivers Day](#)

September 26th is [Rosh Hashana](#)

September 29th is [World Maritime Day](#)

September 30th is [National Day for Truth & Reconciliation](#)

September 30th is [Orange Shirt Day](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL & TRANSPORTATION



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education


Do you have questions about school transportation?


Nova Scotia's School Transportation Policy includes eligibility based on distance criteria. Families can check their transportation eligibility at: hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca.


For more information, contact the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) as follows:

Questions?

HRCE's Transportation Team is ready to help!

 902-431-4723

 transportation@hrce.ca

 hrce.ca/transportation

It is back to school time again! I would like to wish all students a happy, healthy, and successful 2022-2023 school year. I would also like to remind all motorists to be extra vigilant with students walking, cycling, commuting, or travelling by school bus.

At the forefront of the speed and parking rules in school zones is the safety of our children – and the safety of others, including parents dropping off their children, school bus drivers, teachers, and others who may happen to be walking or driving through the area. The rules are also in place so that buses and others can maneuver in the area as they need to.

- Please be sure to reduce your speed when entering a school zone.



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- It is also key for those who frequent school zones – particularly parents – to be informed on how to drop off kids safely, and legally. Please watch out for specific signage around schools regarding no parking, no stopping, and school bus-only zones.
- Keep a close eye on crosswalks: Please ensure five meters between your vehicle and any crosswalk marking to ensure children can be visible when crossing the street.
- Be a good neighbour. Watch out not to block entrances to garages or driveways

Let's all work together to ensure our children and youth have a safe transition back to the school season! Visit www.halifax.ca/roadsafety for more information on HRM's ongoing road safety initiatives.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



The Salvation Army currently has critical need for donations to their ['Backpack' program](#).

This program helps students and families in need as they head back to school. The Salvation Army shared that last year they supported 240 children and youth with school supplies in the areas of in Bedford, Sackville, and Dartmouth. This year, they have requests from well over 500 children and youth for back-to-school support. Those looking to

donate can drop school supplies off at the following locations:

- 51 Metropolitan Avenue in Lower Sackville.
- 946 Main Street in Dartmouth.
- 2038 Gottingen Street in Halifax.

HALIFAX TRANSIT BUS OPERATOR RECRUITMENT



Do you enjoy interacting with the public, work that is always changing, and making a difference? Are you looking for meaningful work with full-time hours, pension and benefits?

[Consider becoming an operator with Halifax Transit.](#)



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GRAND OASIS FREE CONCERT SERIES

Come on downtown to the Grand Oasis stage at Grand Parade (1841 Argyle Street) until October 1st and enjoy **FREE music, art, & culture!** Grand Oasis is in the heart of the city and has limited capacity - reserve your free pass now. Do not miss out! Reserve [here](#).

MUSQUODOBOIT VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



The Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre is gearing up for fall programs. Our Early Learning program is designed for 3-year-olds with the intent of fostering early independence and peer relationships.

They provide carefully prepared curriculum based on multiple areas of learning, including but not limited to; pre-numeracy, pre-literacy, and following basic instructions and routines. Snack also will also be provided. While the children are participating in the Early Learning program, parents/caregivers will remain on site in a separate room. Some parenting resources will be provided, as well as coffee/tea and snacks.

Registration is now open for Project Early Learning Musquodoboit (E.L.M.).

To learn more or register your child click [here](#).



MOBILE SPECIAL WASTE DEPOT EVENTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste not acceptable for curbside collection can bring their materials to the mobile special waste depot events happening this fall at the following dates/locations:

When: Saturday, October 15th

Where: George P Vanier Jr High School, 1410 Fall River Road, Fall River

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners



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- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- used motor oil (visit the [UOMA Atlantic website](#) for more disposal options)
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit the [Call2Recycle website](#) for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries and cell phones)
- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit the [Divert NS website](#) for locations and hours of operation)

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are on most Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The permanent Household Special Waste Depot will be closed on September 3rd but will reopen on September 10th. The Household Special Waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Commercial waste is not permitted.

For more information on the municipality's Solid Waste program, including updates on future depot events, please [visit the website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.

WAVERLEY ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the Waverley Road construction project. The work to replace deteriorating guiderails, a retaining wall, repair road shoulder washout areas and to protect against shoreline erosion was completed as of August 5th and the road reopened to the traveling public.





DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN DISTRICT 1

[Case 21460 - Residential Development Opportunity Site C, south of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102, Fall River](#)

Application by KWR Approvals Inc., on behalf of Perry Lake Developments, for a Residential Development Opportunity at Site C, south of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102, Fall River to develop three multiple-unit buildings (each three stories in height) each containing forty dwelling units on a 30-acre (12.8 ha) property.

[Case 22009 - Aerotech Business Park](#)

Planning & Development is working to update the zoning for Aerotech Business Park and surrounding lands within Airport Industrial Designation. This project includes introducing new zones that will protect and support these valuable industrial lands.

[Case 22195 - 19 McPherson Road, Fall River](#)

Application by KWR Approvals Inc. to amend the policies for Block B of the River-Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy, and also to amend the Land Use By-law to enable a development agreement on a portion of Block B in Canal Court, Fall River to enable sixteen townhouse units without a ground floor commercial component as required in plan policy.

[Case 23188 - 2136 & 3124 Hwy #2, Fall River](#)

Application by KWR Approvals Inc., to enter into a Development Agreement on lands located at 2136 & 3124 Hwy #2, Fall River. The applicant is seeking approval for eighteen townhouse and to retain occupancy of one residential structure by DA. In order to achieve this the applicant proposes to demolish an office and residential structure on one of the subject properties.

[Case 23325 - 3195 Highway 2, Fall River](#)

WSP Canada Inc. is applying for a development agreement at 3195 Highway 2, Fall River. The applicant wishes to construct a 4-unit townhouse development.

[Case 24193 - 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River](#)

DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd. is applying to enter into a development agreement at 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River. The applicant wishes to change the commercial use of the property from an equestrian use (formerly Fall River Stables) to a landscaping service use (tree removal service). This is enabled under Policy P-76 of the [Shubenacadie Lakes \(Districts 14 and 17\) Municipal Planning Strategy](#). The proposal consists of renovating the existing barn (total floor area of 3,025 square metres or 32,559 square feet) to add a tree service business. The tree service business includes the storage of wood chips, greenhouse, equipment storage, space for the minor repair of equipment and a small office. The proposal also included 10 parking spaces. The applicant wishes to improve landscaping around the structures.



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Case 24242 - 195 Old Post Road, Enfield (Ledwidge Lumber)

Sunrose Land Use Consulting is applying to amend the Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to rezone portions of 195 Old Post Road, Enfield. The applicant wishes to construct a biomass power plant fueled by wood residues from the existing forestry operation. The applicant also wishes to ensure the existing operation (an outdoor storage of logs) be applied with an appropriate zone.

Canal Cays, Wellington: I have a motion going forward to Regional Council on September 13th to consider opportunities for development of properties on Canal Cays, Wellington, during Phase 5 of the Regional Plan Review. This review should consider, at minimum: options for public road access; the relationship to the Kinloch subdivision and the Aerotech Connector Road; and environmental protection measures.

Fall River Water Service Boundary Extension: Based on a motion I put forward in November 2021, there is a staff report expected at a November 2022 meeting of Regional Council regarding the cost and feasibility of extending the water service boundary along NS Trunk Highway 2 to Howe Avenue including all the land between Highway 2 and Highway 102, commonly referred to as Swartzwald Subdivision.

YOUTH WORX



Do you need work experience? Struggling to find meaningful employment? If you are between 16 and 24 years old you may be eligible to participate in the [Youth Worx Program](#).

The Youth Worx Program (formally called Youth Live) offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. While in the supportive environment, program participants will gain hands-on work experience operating the Youth Worx Café in the Sackville Sports Stadium and delivering and repairing green

carts on behalf of the municipality. You will participate in job readiness workshops to improve your employability skills. At Youth Worx you will work to learn and learn to work! For more information or to apply: Call: 902.490.5589 Text: 902.579.5446

E-mail: youthworx@halifax.ca

DM on Instagram: [@hfxnextgen](#)



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WAVERLEY GOLD RUSH DAYS



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2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Do you know an exceptional volunteer or group of volunteers who have made a difference in their community? For the past 25 years, the Halifax Regional Municipality has been recognizing the extraordinary contributions of adults, youth, and groups

who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs across the municipality.

[Nominating](#) someone for a Volunteer Award is a terrific opportunity for you to show appreciation for the work volunteers do to build stronger, healthier, and more supportive communities. Award winners are



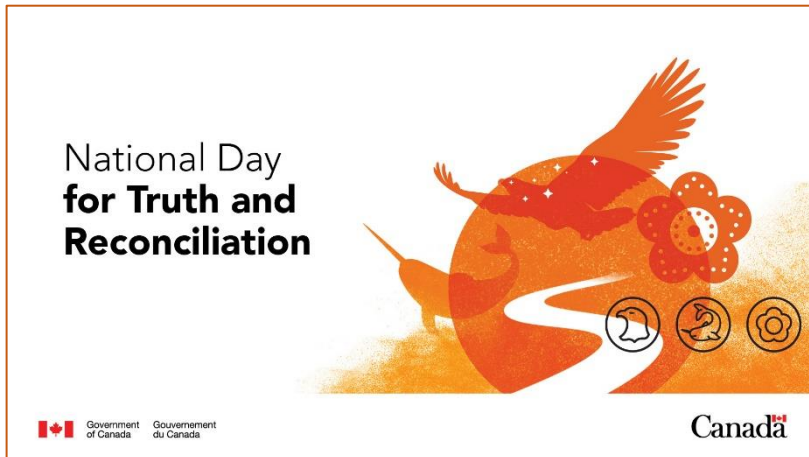
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honoured during National Volunteer Week (April 16-22, 2023) at a ceremony and banquet with Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council.

The deadline to complete a nomination form is Friday, January 6th, 2023.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



September 30th is now a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Formerly known as Orange Shirt Day, this day provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the ongoing legacy of residential schools, ensuring that this tragic part of Canada's history - that continues to have lasting impacts - is never forgotten.

proud culture, and important contributions of Mi'kmaq people. These centuries-old treaties honour the enduring bond of friendship and respect between Nova Scotia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and reaffirm the historic presence of the Mi'kmaw who have occupied the land for thousands of years.

I encourage you to wear an orange shirt on September 30th and attend these commemorative events, as I plan to do:

- **Ceremony for National Truth & Reconciliation Day on Grand Parade Square, 1841 Argyle Street** - September 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Flag raising for Treaty Day at Grand Parade, 1841 Argyle Street:** October 3rd at 11:30 a.m. While Treaty Day is officially October 1st, this year's flag raising will be taking place on the Grand Parade Square on October 3rd. There will be a church service, readings, drumming/dancing and more on this day.

Check the municipal [website](#) closer to the date for more information.

Former residential school students can call 1-866-925-4419 for emotional crisis referral services and information on other health supports from the Government of Canada.



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Indigenous peoples across Canada can also go to The Hope for Wellness Help Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for counselling and crisis intervention. Call the toll-free Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca.

REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE – SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

HRM's Regional Plan sets out a common vision, principles and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future growth and development should take place between now and 2031. We are now in Phase 3 of 5 of the Regional Plan. Certain adjustments can still be made to the plan as it currently stands, and we are still collecting feedback from residents.

Learn how you can participate by visiting www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan or call the Municipal Clerk's office at 902.490.4210.

Here are the proposed Regional Plan amendments - part of Phase 3 of the Plan - that you can provide feedback on:

- Requiring Council to consider the policies and objectives of the priority plans (the [Integrated Mobility Plan](#), [Halifax Green Network Plan](#), [HalifACT](#)) as part of discretionary planning applications.
- Requiring Council to consider environmental and cultural values, relationship to wilderness areas, mobility planning, and climate action as part of secondary planning.
- Policy and regulations to support housing diversity, that remove regulatory barriers in land use by-laws for tiny homes and converted shipping container dwellings.
- Allowing the adaptive reuse of municipally registered heritage properties by development agreement.
- Supporting ongoing work on community action plans for historical African Nova Scotian communities.
- Revised [Conservation Design Development](#) policy to improve its interpretation and implementation.
- Amendments to support site specific requests for development and minor housekeeping amendments (i.e., corrections to the Service Requirements Map to ensure that lands currently serviced with water and/or wastewater are accurately represented).

I encourage you to visit the [Regional Plan webpage](#) to learn more about these specific items and how you can provide feedback regarding other elements of the Plan: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan.



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SENIORS CARE GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Provincial government has opened applications for the [Seniors Care Grant](#)! The Seniors Care Grant provides up to \$500 to help eligible seniors with the costs of household and healthcare services. Seniors applying for the Seniors Care Grant are also able to apply for a one-time Home Heating grant of \$250 to help with heating costs.

To qualify for the grant, you need to be 65 or older by 31 March 2023 and meet all the following criteria:

- have a household net income of \$37,500 or less
- live in your own home or apartment
- have your name on the property title, Land Titles Initiative Certificate of Claim or residential lease agreement
- have paid (or that you will pay) for household and healthcare services and home heating between June 1st, 2022, and March 31st, 2023

For more information, visit www.NovaScotia.ca/SeniorsCareGrant, call 1-800-670-4357, or reach out to your [MLA](#).

WINDSOR JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTRE



Located at 48 Community Centre Lane, Windsor Junction (902-861-4976), the Windsor Junction Community Centre (WJCC) was established in 1947 with land donated from local families (Stephens, McNearney and Maguire). The WJCC now has two ball fields, a waterfront with lifeguards, a summer day camp, swim team and newly expanded clubhouse.

The programs offered are for residents of Lakeview, Windsor Junction and Fall River. The

Windsor Junction Community Centre has partnerships with the LWF Ratepayers Association and LWF Baseball.

MEAGHERS GRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE



Psst.... There is a new play box located at the Meagher's Grant ball field! Stop by and check it out!



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LAKEVIEW-WINDSOR JUNCTION-FALL RIVER (LWF) COMMUNITY HALL



Check out [what is happening](#) at the LWF Community Hall, this month!

Also, check the [website](#) for information on room rentals for your special event - birthday party or wedding anniversary celebration.

GORDON R. SNOW COMMUNITY CENTRE & FIRE HALL



A local facility for your recreation needs, the Gordon R. Snow Community Centre has: two meeting rooms; multipurpose room; canteen; gymnasium; preschool room; arts and crafts room; fitness centre; youth room; washrooms; change rooms with showers.

We now also have a LIBRARY KIOSK! Check out a book and return a book.

Gordon R. Snow Community Centre
1359 Fall River Road Phone: 902.860.4570

IN THE COMMUNITY

August was a great month to be out and about in our vast district! I am still a bit camera shy and forget to turn the camera, so I am in a few pics, however; photos of sports teams, community events and volunteers that I get share here and on social media chronicle well a good month! Here is a list and a few photos: Cheema Homecoming, Natal Day, Canoe '22, Grand Opening of HIAA Air Cargo Logistics, Waverley Green concerts, FRABA Food Truck Rally, RCMP Ride along, Waverley Community Association meeting, Halifax

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County Exhibition, Fall River Lions Club FRABA Golf Tournament (volunteer not golfer 😊), Keloose, Flag Raising for Ukraine, and vacation!



Natal Day 2022



Keloose '22



Here I am at the opening ceremonies for [Canoe '22](#) with a lovely bunch, some of whom were at one time HRM Councillors like provincial MLA - The Honorable [Steve Craig, Sackville-Cobequid](#); federal MP - [Darren Fisher](#) and, of course my esteemed colleagues [Tony Mancini](#), Councillor District 6, Harbourview – Burnside - Dartmouth East; [Sam Austin](#) - Councillor District 5, Dartmouth Centre; and [Paul Russell](#) - Councillor District 15, Lower Sackville.

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Opening ceremonies of the Halifax County Exhibition. This photo is of *Fair Person of the Year* – Mr. Fox and his wife, MP Sean Fraser, Meryl Jones, President Americas St Barbara, MMAS Chair Janette McDonald and our emcee.

After a two-year hiatus, the Halifax County Exhibition returned to thrill us all. For 138 years the Middle Musquodoboit Agriculture Society has been hosting the Halifax County Exhibition which brings the community together for some local entertainment. The four-day exhibition features 4-H competitions, local food vendors, children’s games and activities, and more!





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Grand Opening Halifax Stanfield Air Cargo Logistic Park .

There was an impressive lineup of speakers beginning with Halifax Stanfield's very own Joyce Carter followed by Kody Blois, MP Sean Fraser, MLA Steve Craig, and Mayor Mike Savage.

So pleased to provide funding support to the U14 Girls Provincial Lacrosse Team on behalf of District 1. Good luck to all players!





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The Tri-County Rangers U11 AAA team hosted the Baseball Nova Scotia – U11AAA Provincial Championships on August 26th – 28th. Five teams (65 players, coaches & officials) from Nova Scotia represented at this year’s tournament.

Councillor Tim Outhit and I were pleased to support the team – and they WON!

Congratulations !

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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission

- North West Planning Advisory Committee Community Committees:
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison




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If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, contact my Council Constituency Coordinator, Chris Newson, at: 902-490-1562 or email: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

A special Thank-you to my Council Constituency Coordinator, Chris Newson, who answered calls and emails so I could enjoy some vacation time.

