



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

WELCOME DECEMBER!



Happy Channukah! Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy New Year!

December is a busy month but a month filled with wonderful events and

activities to share with family and friends. Check out the activities happening in District 14 this month and come out to enjoy some activities – it is always a great way to meet new soon-to-be friends!

December is a wonderful month to remind ourselves to be kind, how far a simple smile at a stranger can travel, and how a small gesture can impact someone’s day in a positive way.

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December 2022

DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.
 (next meeting January 10th, 2023 at 10 a.m.)



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Budget Committee:

No meeting scheduled for December
(next meeting January 18th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.)

North West Community Council:

No meeting scheduled for December
(next meeting January 9th, 2023 at 7 p.m.)

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The November 21st meeting of the North West Community Council (NWCC) dealt with the following items:

[Case 22691: Amending Development Agreement for 8 Walker Avenue and 732 Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville](#)

[Case 24361: Substantive Amendments to an existing Development Agreement at 97 Dartmouth Road, Bedford](#)

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

UPCOMING DATES

- **December 2nd** [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) flag raising and reception 9 to 11 a.m. at Grand Parade and Halifax Hall



- All Halifax Transit bus, Access-A-Bus and ferry rides will be **FREE** on the evenings of **Friday, December 2nd** and **Saturday, December 3rd** from 6 p.m. to **end of service**, courtesy of the [NSLC](#).

RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS

RCMP Road Safety Stats
October 2022, District 14
Middle – Upper Sackville / Beaver Bank / Lucasville

- 357 Calls for Service in Oct. 2022 - Down 37.5% from Oct. 2021
- 32 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 20 issued in Oct. 2021)
2 aggressive driving, 22 speeding, 8 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, no license, no insurance, etc.)
- 99 Proactive Assignments (vs. 212 in Oct. 2021)
- 20 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 81 Traffic Stops (vs. 144 in Oct. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 2 in Oct. 2021)
- 2 Impaired Driving Suspensions (vs. 1 in Oct. 2021)
- 12 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 16 in Oct. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries.
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as Oct. 2021)
 - This accident resulted in injuries.

Please Drive Safely!



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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Springfield Lake Recreation Association

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Fieldhouse Phone: (902) 865-2866

Upper Sackville Phone: (902) 869-3840

Emergencies: (902) 456-3253

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



With the support of numerous community organizations, individuals and business sponsorships we are able to provide toys and clothes for children 12 years and under in Sackville and surrounding communities during Christmas this year!

Find more Christmas support [here](#).

WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



[Wallace Lucas Community Centre](#).

596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville 902-865-0944

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD
TIME: 8:30-10:30AM

\$7/ TICKET INCLUDES PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, HASHBROWNS JUICE, COFFEE OR TEA!

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

DONT FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN YOUR LETTERS FOR SANTA!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS: 902-865-5114

BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS AND HELP THE BBK FIRE DEPT STUFF A PORT A TANK WITH NON PERISHABLES



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Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
Youth Night
Gingerbread House
Decorating Competition

Tuesday December 6th
6-8PM

Ages 10-15 \$2 per person
Pre registration required

Prizes for the best house! Enter as an individual or team! We supply materials!
902-865-5114 for more info or to register



Removing snow around your property can be a challenging – or impossible – task for many people. There is help available! Halifax Regional Municipality provides an annual contribution of \$400,000 in support of the YMCA Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

To find out more about this program and to apply, please call YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit their [website](#).

WINTER PARKING BAN

The municipal overnight **winter parking ban** is in effect annually from **Dec. 15 to Mar. 31**. The ban is enforced from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations only. [Sign up for hfxALERT](#) notifications to receive important updates from the municipality, including Winter Parking Ban notifications.

For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit [our website](#) or keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates via [@hfxgov on Twitter](#).

SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE



HRM PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY



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Residents are invited to provide input on the new three-year Public Safety Strategy.

More information about the 2018-2022 Public Safety Strategy can be found online. I encourage you to view the presentation and take the **online survey**, which will be **open from Monday, November 21st to Wednesday, December 7th**. For more information and to take the survey, visit our [website](#).

HalifACT Updates



There's lots happening! Keep informed on how HRM is leading, collaborating and supporting climate action by checking out the latest [HalifACT community update](#)

December 2022

Did you know?

✓ On June 23rd, 2020, Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT – a transformational plan to achieve a net-zero economy by 2050.

✓ HalifACT is one of the most ambitious climate action plans in Canada.

✓ It's our community response to the climate crisis that will build a more resilient and healthy future in Atlantic Canada while preparing for current and future climate impacts.

Recently, HRM was recognized as one of 122 cities worldwide that received an "A" for environmental action and transparency by CDP.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW UPDATE

The Phase 1 report was approved by Regional Council's Executive Committee on [May 30, 2022](#), and the Phase 2 *What We Heard* report and proposed district boundaries maps are now available on our [website](#).

2023 HRM Volunteer Awards





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Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to our community? You can give them the recognition they deserve!

Nominations for HRM's 2023 Volunteer Awards: **January 6th Deadline.** For more information on the process and application forms, please visit: [Volunteer Awards | Volunteering | Halifax](#)

Youth Advisory Committee – Recruitment

The application deadline has been extended for residents who wish to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee. Applications will remain open until **Tuesday, December 6th at 11:59 p.m.** and are available [here](#). You can learn more about the YAC [here](#).

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, community councils or standing committees – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process.

2023/24 BUDGET:

Budget and Business Plan



On November 8th, Regional Council approved the revised 2023-24 Budget & Business Planning Schedule as outlined in Option 1 of the [Strategic Multi-Year Business Planning and Budget Process and 2023/24 Budget Outlook](#).

The [2023/24 Strategic Priorities Plan – Council Priorities and Strategic Performance Report](#) was presented on Tuesday, November 22nd.

The [2023/24 Budget Direction](#) report was presented to Budget Committee on Friday, November 25th. There were two separate motions passed. To view those motions, please visit [Budget | Multi-Year Financial Strategy | Halifax](#)

BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE BUDGET:

During every budget meeting, members of the public also have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments.

If you wish to make any presentations before HRM Council about the municipal budget, then please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210. Written submissions are also welcomed.



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EMERGENCY ACCOMODATIONS

The municipality is supporting the Province of Nova Scotia in the operation of an emergency shelter this winter for those experiencing homelessness. Follow the link below to view the most recent update on HRM's efforts [Nov. 25 Municipal Update: Helping address homelessness in the Halifax region](#)

The **shelter is located at 2029 North Park Street in Halifax**, with staffing and support services provided by 902 Man Up. The shelter opened on Saturday, October 1st and will **operate from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily**. The shelter serves all genders and includes day programming.

The municipality will provide operational site maintenance for the shelter including providing regular garbage pickup.

For more information, see the Province of Nova Scotia's [news release](#).

On November 24th the Province of Nova Scotia announced funding for another **emergency shelter at 61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth**. The shelter is being run in partnership with Christ Church and 902 Man Up and will provide 20 beds for men, as an evening and overnight shelter only.

For more information, see the Province of Nova Scotia's [news release](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



Thank you to the volunteers at the Lakeshore Curling Club for inviting local Councillors out to try their hand at the sport!



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Had the opportunity for interview Santa while serving as MC at this year's Sackville Tree Lighting!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The annual Christmas Tree lighting took place in the Grand Parade on Saturday, November 26th



HAPPY CHANUKAH!

The 2022 Menorah lighting and celebration of the first day of Chanukah will take place at the Halifax Grand Parade on **Monday, December 19th at 6 p.m.**

A reception will be held following the Menorah Lighting ceremony in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

The municipality will also premiere the new [City Hall Holiday Projection Show](#), which will run continuously every night from Saturday, November 26th to Sunday, January 1st. The show features a three-minute video, inspired by a holiday drawing from local Indigenous youth.



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Further, the [Public Gardens Holiday Lights](#), presented by the municipality and the Friends of the Public Gardens, will run nightly from Saturday, November 26th to Sunday, January 1st. The show will include a corridor of LED lights on the grounds and in the waterways, ending with a coordinated light-and-music display in the bandstand area of the gardens.

Stay tuned for more details on HRM's New Year's Eve **FREE** event to be held in the Grand Parade on Friday, December 31st

HRM's [Civic Events web page](#) will be updated with more details in the coming weeks.

HAPPY KWANZAA!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



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- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee
- Women’s Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

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“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.”

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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