

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



WELCOME FEBRUARY!



This month has twenty-eight days packed with opportunities to celebrate African Heritage, love of and for friends/family and our heritage. Why? February is African Heritage month, has Valentine’s Day and Heritage Day! We also

get to celebrate Sackville Snow Days and, on February 2nd, check to see if [Shubenacadie Sam](#) sees his shadow!

DID YOU KNOW...

February 2nd is Ground Hog Day

Shubenacadie Sam (aka Samantha) will be the first ground hog in North America to predict another six weeks of winter or an early spring! When Sam emerges from her “home” on February 2nd, if she sees her shadow, that means six more weeks of winter, if no shadow, hello early spring! The good news, either way, spring is only six weeks away!

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FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Budget Committee:

Friday, February 3rd at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 8th at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 10th at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14th at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday February 15th at 9:30 a.m.
(contingency date)
Friday February 17th at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday February 22nd at 9:30 a.m.
(contingency date)

North West Community Council:

Monday February 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Monday February 27th at 7:00 p.m.

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

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NWCC)

On January 16th 2023 the NWCC considered the following cases:

[Case 23293](#) Development Agreement at Beaver Bank Road and Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank

[Case 23720](#): Development Agreement for lands at 9 Crestfield Drive, Hammonds Plains

[Case 24205](#): Development Agreement for a Conservation Design Development on Hemlock

[Case 24193](#): Development Agreement for 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River

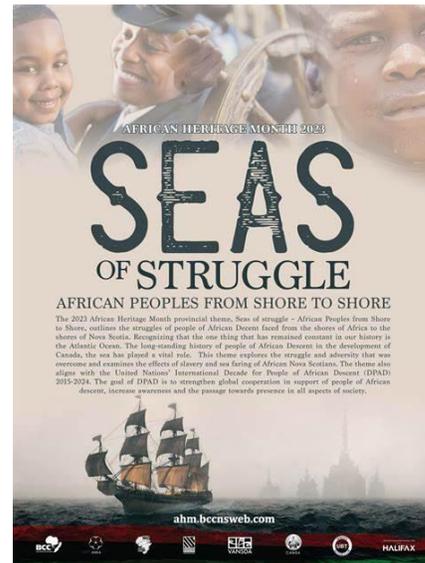
[Case 23405](#): Land Use By-law amendment for Sackville Plan Area

January 2023

Request for additional time to sign the approved Development Agreement for an Open Space Design Development, Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank

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

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



February is African Heritage month with this year's theme, **Seas of Struggle: African Peoples from Shore to Shore,** recognizing the struggles People of African Descent faced from the shores of Africa to the

shores of Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia has over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep, and complex history dating back over 200 years. African Heritage Month provides us with another opportunity to celebrate our culture, legacy, achievements, and contributions of our people – past and present.





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FEBRUARY 15TH - NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY



Flag Day is to commemorate the inauguration of the flag of Canada that took place on February 15th, 1965.

SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Springfield Lake Recreation Association

Contact Us

Facility Bookings: Donna MacDonald (Program Coordinator)

Fax Number: 865-1430

E-mail: info@springfieldlakerec.com

Fieldhouse Phone: (902) 865-2866

Upper Sackville Phone: (902) 869-3840

Emergencies: (902) 456-3253

RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS

RCMP Road Safety Stats
December 2022, District 14
Middle – Upper Sackville / Beaverbank / Lucasville

- 275 Calls for Service in Dec. 2022 – Down 26.1% from Dec. 2021
- 9 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 4 issued in Dec. 2021)
 - 4 speeding, 5 other MVA (e.g., unregistered vehicle, no license, no insurance, etc.)
- 83 Proactive Assignments (vs. 146 in Dec. 2021)
- 19 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 39 Traffic Stops (vs. 70 in Dec. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 2 in Dec. 2021)
- 0 Impaired Driving Suspensions (vs. 1 in Dec. 2021)
- 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 7 in Dec. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accident (vs. none in Dec. 2021)
 - None of these accidents resulted in injuries

Please Drive Safely!

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Check out the 2023 Sackville Heights Community Center Scholarship application at [SHCC Scholarship - Sackville Heights Community Centre \(myshcc.com\)](http://myshcc.com)

Application Deadline: March 31st, 2023.





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WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Our Mission

To provide a social and recreational meeting place which recognizes and celebrates the rich Nova Scotian heritage of the community, thus fostering a greater sense of community and pride in the Lucasville area residents both

[Wallace Lucas Community Centre.](#)

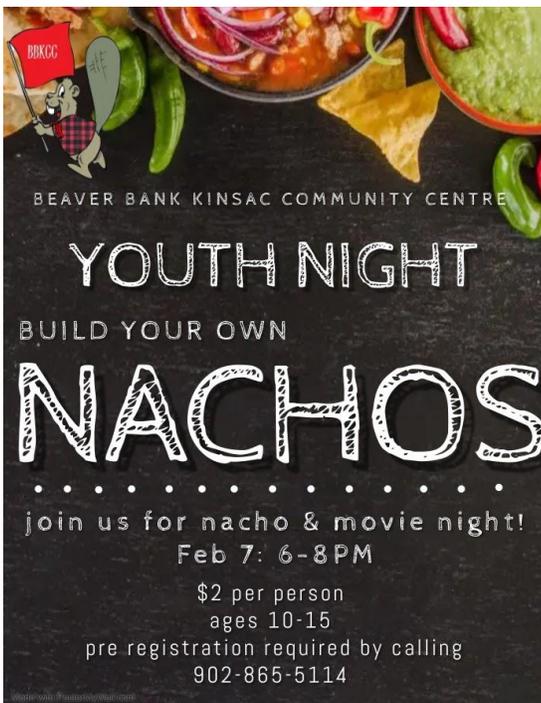
596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville

Phone: 902-865-0944.

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE



Beaver Bank Kinsac
Community Centre



2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

Budget and Business Plan



The annual budget is a very important thing for the operation of our municipality; it funds all costs associated with servicing our municipality each year. That's ensuring we can have our roads plowed during a snowstorm, that we have recreational facilities to enjoy, regular garbage pickup and so much more!

The municipality's 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process has now started and will continue until into the spring of 2023. Over the winter, municipal business units present plans to Regional Council with their intentions for the upcoming fiscal year and outlining the required budgets to achieve their goals. During this process, Regional Council will ask questions, discuss, debate, and consider each department's proposed priorities and budget. This can result in revisions to budget plans along the way.

The 2023/24 Budget and Business Plan approval date is scheduled for April 25th, 2023, where Regional Council will finalize what next year's budget.



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BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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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.

You can also speak directly to me as your Regional Councillor about budget priorities.

SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SNOW REMOVAL



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 **December 15th to March 31st**. 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](#).



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PROVINCIAL SNOW REMOVAL STANDARDS

When will my road get plowed?

SERVICE TIMES

Type of Road	Clearing Time
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	8 hours after snow stops
Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	12 hours after snow stops
Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	24 hours after snow stops
Gravel roads	24 hours after snow stops



There are more than 400 snow plows and other snow-clearing vehicles working to keep Nova Scotia's roads, highways, and bridges safe during the winter months. Crews are on the job day and night, 24/7, keeping the roads as safe and as clear as possible. Work starts before the storm and continues during and after the storm. At left is more information to help explain what you can expect this winter.



SALTING¹ AND SANDING

100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads

- Salted to achieve bare pavement
- Salt applied before, during and after a storm if required

*Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads

- Salted to achieve a bare centre line
- Salt applied at beginning of storm and after a storm if required

*Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets

- Salted to achieve a bare centre line
- Salt applied only after a storm

HRM COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program is currently accepting applications for the 2023 program. This program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region.

There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000 OR
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

The application deadline is March 31st, 2023.

Applicants should review the Program Guidebook prior to applying for a grant. Application forms and program guidebooks are available [here](#).

Or email nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 902.490.7310.

ICE SAFETY

Residents are asked to take safety precautions for themselves and their families by avoiding any recreation activities on frozen lakes and ponds – including walking, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and skating – until ice thickness testing resumes.

HRM provides ice thickness testing during the winter, however it has not yet begun for the season. Testing will begin once ice has formed, and it is safe for staff to begin testing. Currently, it is not safe to be on frozen lakes or ponds, as there is noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region.

Visit our [website](#) for ice thickness testing results for more than 70 lakes and ponds throughout the region.

.CA **ICE THICKNESS TO SAFELY ENJOY WINTER ACTIVITIES**

15 CM
WALKING
OR
SKATING ALONE

20 CM
SKATING AS A GROUP
OR
PLAYING HOCKEY

25 CM
SNOWMOBILING
OR
DRIVING AN ATV





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HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE



The Province of Nova Scotia's Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Starting January 30th, 2023, Nova Scotians can receive \$1,000 if you qualify for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own home (residential) heat and have a household income of \$85,000 or less. You can apply from January 30th – March 31st, 2023, and you don't need to apply for the rebate again if you already applied.

How do I apply?

- ✓ Visit their [website](#) to learn more about eligibility and apply online!
- ✓ If you cannot apply online, there is also a printable application available on the website above.
- ✓ Or, contact the Heating Assistance Rebate Program directly to request an application by mail:

Phone: 902-424-5200

Toll-free: 1-800-670-4357

WEAR RED FOR WOMENS HEART HEALTH

Heart disease is the number one killer of women worldwide and the leading cause of premature death in Canadian women. Wear Red Canada Day (WRCD) is celebrated annually on February 13th to raise awareness about women's cardiovascular health – the greatest health risk to women in our communities. I hope you will join me and wear red on February 13th for this significant day of awareness. ❤️

WEAR RED CANADA

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#WearRedCanada
#HerHeartMatters
@CWHAlliance

JOIN US! | FEBRUARY 13

SUMMER SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

WE'RE HIRING

Work with our recreation team this summer.

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Are you a student or young adult looking for a summer job that offers more than minimum wage? Check out exciting opportunities with HRM's recreation team this summer! 🌞



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There are a variety of positions available in recreation programming, aquatics and inclusion support. These fun summer jobs pay \$16.30 to \$19.30 per hour. Visit our [website](#) for a full list of postings between January 13th and April 16th.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: UBRAN DESIGN AWARDS 2023

The Halifax Regional Municipality is now calling for submissions to the Urban Design Awards – a celebration of urban design excellence in the Halifax region that occurs every two years. The submission deadline is Friday, March 10th, 2023.

Details can be found [here](#).



SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT



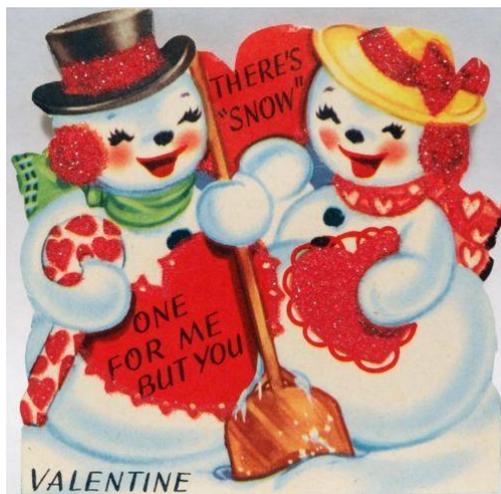
Halifax and Portsmouth, England are now sister cities! The “sister city” agreement was signed on January 19th with the intent to expand on both cities’ work to develop opportunities for business.

Mayor Savage signed the agreement in Portsmouth with Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Hugh Mason. Specifically, the signing of this formal agreement opens the potential to expand on both cities’ work to develop opportunities for businesses in shipbuilding, oceanology, satellite applications and for maritime small businesses. Learn more [here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



Visiting Beaver Bank Elementary School with Mayor Mike Savage.





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Celebrating the New Year at the City Hall levee with Councillor Paul Russell and MLA Steve Craig.



Oh Canada! With a signed World Juniors team jersey.



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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
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region. The municipality recognizes the significant contributions of the Indigenous people and actively work together towards reconciliation and ensuring that our Indigenous members continue to enrich the fabric of the Halifax region.

“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.”

