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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MARCH!



This month, we'll celebrate a lot of special days - International Women's Day, St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of spring and March Break. Clocks will

"spring forward" and all month, we will be able to celebrate our francophonie community for Francophonie Month!

Make sure to check out all the events happening for International Women's Day on March 8th, including free tennis lessons, a Women in Science and Engineering conference and a Girls in Action session about Camp Courage - an organization that guides women interested in careers in emergency services.

Keep reading for HRM Community Grant Program information and free Halifax Transit Ferry service!

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MARCH MEETINGS

Budget Committee

Wednesday, March 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Friday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m. (Contingency Date)

Wednesday, March 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council

Tuesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council

Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. (Special Meeting)

Monday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

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

NWCC UPDATE

The February 27th meeting of the North West Community Council (NWCC) dealt with:

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

Public hearing held and closed. NWCC approved the DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd., on behalf of 3260579 Nova Scotia Limited (Arbor Plant Health Care), application to change the existing land use from an equestrian facility use to a tree service use in the existing buildings on 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River.

[Case 22097: Development Agreement for 96 Pockwock Road, Hammonds Plains](#)

NWCC approved the request by Beth and Dennis Hiltz to have an equestrian facility at 96 Pockwock Road in Hammonds Plains. The current zoning allows for agricultural uses, including the breeding and handling of animals. The purpose of the requested development agreement is to permit the commercial recreation aspects of an equestrian facility such as horse boarding, lessons, horse shows and educational clinics, which are not permitted as of-right under the applicable zoning. Policy P-27 of the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS enables the development of new commercial recreation uses by development agreement.

To view the full meeting agenda, [click here](#).

DID YOU KNOW ...

March is Francophonie Month

March 1st is [Zero Discrimination Day](#)

March 1st is [World Civil Defence Day](#)

March 3rd is [World Wildlife Day](#)

March 8th is [International Women's Day](#)

March 14th is [Pi Day](#)

March 17th is [St. Patrick's Day](#)

March 20th is [International Day of Happiness](#)

March 20th is [First Day of Spring](#)

March 21st is [World Forestry Day](#)



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March 21st is [World Poetry Day](#)

March 22nd is [World Water Day](#)

March 26th is [Purple Day of Epilepsy](#)

March 27th is [World Theatre Day](#)

FRANCOPHONIE MONTH



March is Francophonie Month, celebrating the French language and diverse Francophonie cultures through cultural

activities held worldwide.

For more information including a list of local events, [click here](#).



AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN HIRING FAIR



Dartmouth General Hospital and the YMCA - Nova Scotia Works are hosting a virtual African

Nova Scotian-centered hiring event on March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. hosted on Zoom.

March 2023

Registration is required. For more information and to register, please click here: [Dartmouth General Hospital](#).

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETING



The date is set and you are all invited!

The District 1 Councillor's meeting that was rescheduled is now slated for March 14th at the Waverley Legion - 2234 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley - from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Yes, the meeting is being held during March Break week, unfortunately, it was the only date available for our guests' schedules.

To ease the flow of our time together please consider sending questions in advance to my Coordinator at: newsonc@halifax.ca.

I am especially excited to announce that HRM CAO Cathie O'Toole will be the moderator for the evening.



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FREE FERRY MARCH 13TH TO 18TH

MARCH 13 - MARCH 18

FREE FERRY

11 am - 2 pm

SHOP, EAT & EXPLORE
BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR!

Downtown Dartmouth and Downtown Halifax have teamed up to offer kids of all ages the opportunity to have a [#MarchBreak](#) adventure!

From Monday, March 13th to Saturday, March 18th, the Alderney/Halifax ferry service will be FREE between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Folks of all ages are welcome to ride the ferry for FREE and explore both sides of the harbour. Make an adventure of it!

A special thanks to Halifax Transit for partnering on this initiative.

[#HalifaxFerry](#) [#DartmouthFerry](#)
[#DowntownDartmouth](#) [#DowntownHalifax](#)
[#HalifaxTransit](#)

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

2023 Scholarships and Grants

Applications for the 2023 - 2024 school year are now available for:

- Community College/ Trade School Award
- Performing Arts Award
- Post-Secondary Award
- Science Profession Scholarship
- Teacher Education Scholarship
- University Entrance Scholarship
- Imhotep's Legacy Academy - STEM related

To Apply Today Visit:
www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/scholarships-grants

www.nurturingstrongansf.com



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RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS

January 2023	
Calls for Service: 612	Down 10.1% over same period in 2022
18 Summary Offense Tickets (SOT) issued	Up 13 from same period in 2022
2 aggressive driving 5 speeding 11 other Motor Vehicle Act violations (No registration, no insurance, invalid inspection sticker etc.)	
147 Proactive assignments	Down from 242 during same period in 2022
41 cell phone/impaired/seatbelt/speeding checkpoints/radar enforcement	
102 Traffic Stops	Down from 103 during same period in 2022
1 Impaired Driving Charge	Down from 6 issued during same period in 2022
1 Impaired Driving Suspension	Up from 0 during same period in 2022
36 Motor Vehicle Accidents	Up from 24 reported in same period in 2022
34 Non-Injury 2 Injury 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian (or Cyclist) – same # reported during same period in 2022	

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now **open** for the **Community Grants Program**.

This program provides cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities.

HALIFAX

Halifax Regional Municipality's [Community Grants Program](#) is accepting applications for the 2023 program. This program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. **The application deadline is March 31st.**

There are two types of grants: a project grant of up to \$5,000 or, a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

[Application forms and program guidebooks](#) are now available by contacting 311 - www.halifax.ca/home/311 or by emailing nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca.

For further information, please email nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 902.490.7310.

If you need any assistance with the application please feel free to email me at deaglec@halifax.ca or call me (902.717.2718). I am happy to assist.

2023/24 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The municipality's 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process is nearing completion. 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



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date is scheduled for April 25th, 2023, where Regional Council will finalize what next year's budget.

You can review the proposed schedule of budget presentations, learn about the budget process, and keep up to date on upcoming milestones here: www.halifax.ca/budget

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

Dates could change, up to date information may be [found here](#) or on the municipal events calendar [here](#).



SHANNON PARK LANDS



The Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council approved the application on February 2nd. The appeal period ended on February 13th. For up to date status information, click [here](#).

PUBLIC FEEDBACK CLIMATE ACTION



The Halifax Regional Municipality, in partnership with Halifax Public Libraries, is launching public engagement activities to gain feedback on preparing and fighting against climate change.

You will have the opportunity to attend [pop-up engagement sessions](#) hosted by municipal staff at all 16 library locations across the municipality



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over the coming months. Additionally, you can share your thoughts through a [Shape Your City Halifax](#) online idea board.

Through this engagement, you will have an opportunity to engage in conversation about climate change and share your thoughts, questions, concerns or solutions to local climate impacts and actions.

Feedback collected will be used to inform how we act on climate together, how we as a municipality move [HalifACT](#) forward and how we can all engage in climate action.

For more information, visit halifax.ca/halifACT.

COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS



Are you interested in starting a community garden?

Applications close on March 30, 2023.



Interested in creating a community garden? Submit your [application](#) by March 30th.

Many community gardens in HRM are operated by residents on municipally owned land. These are small-scale sites operated by non-profit societies for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Growing produce for:
 - personal consumption
 - donating to local food causes
 - generating revenue to reinvest in the community garden
2. Production of a floral or landscape display
3. Demonstration gardening or other related instructional programming.

When ready to apply, fill out the [application form](#) and send to Darren Hirtle, Community Developer, at Darren.Hirtle@halifax.ca or call: 902.476.1184.

SPRING RECREATION REGISTRATION

Spring Registration Dates

March 8 at 10 a.m.
recreation programs

March 22 at 10 a.m.
aquatics and skating

April 6 at 10 a.m.
summer camps





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Mark your calendars! Spring registration for recreation programs will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- March 8th for recreation programs
- March 22nd for aquatics and skating (skating programs will only be available at the Sackville Sports Stadium)
- April 6th for summer camps

Program information is now available at halifax.ca/myrec.

FREE HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

SPRING - SUMMER 2023 **REGISTER NOW** Online • Phone 

Please ask about accessibility and interpretation services. 

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www.communityhealthteams.ca
902-460-4560


WELLNESS NAVIGATION


REDUCING YOUR HEALTH RISKS


HEALTHY EATING


PHYSICAL ACTIVITY


MENTAL WELLNESS


PARENTING

Community Health Teams

 in PARTNERSHIP with 

FREE TENNIS FOR GIRLS

TRY TENNIS!  GIRLS LEADING GIRLS TENNIS

Join us SATURDAY March 11 3pm-4pm
Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre
FREE TENNIS FOR GIRLS
9-10 years old

EMAIL to REGISTER:
info@glgtennis.com
limited space available- sign up early!

in partnership with




Girls Leading Girls Tennis is a non-profit organization, with a goal of supporting and promoting participation in tennis for girls.

Girls Leading Girls Tennis, in partnership with Tennis Nova Scotia, is hosting a free 'try tennis' event for girls ages 9-10 scheduled for Saturday March 11th, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre. It's a great opportunity for girls to try out a sport they might not typically consider and be taught by young women who are accomplished tennis players in Atlantic Canada – some of our top ranked players in this part of the country.

For more information, email: info@glgtennis.com.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY – HIRING

WOMEN IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (WISE)

We're hiring.

The municipality is proud to be recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's Top Employers, Nova Scotia's Top Employers, and Canada's Top Employers for Young People for 2023.
canadastop100.com/ns | canadastop100.com/atlantic | canadastop100.com/young_people

Girls Get WISE Science Retreat

Saturday, April 1st, 2023
Mount Saint Vincent University

Registration opens February 27th

Scan for more info →

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is hiring two part-time temporary Assistant FDM Roster Coordinators. Reporting to the Assistant Chief of Operations, the Assistant FDM Roster Coordinator will assist with all scheduling of the daily duty rosters for the 4 platoon shifts for Stations 2, 18, 28, 45 and 58 and day work platoon shifts at the Composite Stations utilizing the FDM Roster Module.

Application deadline is March 12th.
Learn more about the role and apply [here](#):

Registration is now open for the 2023 Girls Get WISE Science Retreat at Mount Saint Vincent University on April 1st! Be sure to [register](#) early as spots can fill up quickly!





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GIRLS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

Friday, March 3rd is the date of the Mount St. Vincent University (MSVU) “Girls In Action” conference. There will be an interactive workshop including how to tie knots, take fingerprints, put on a sling and much more. Click [here](#) to register.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER - EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES



The following is the response I received from Nova Scotia Power (NSP) regarding the recent extended power outages in the Fall River area during the cold weather in early February; and what is being done on a go forward basis.

Why are there many outages in Fall River during storms?

The majority of recent outages in the Fall River area are the result of more frequent storms in the province.

Outages during storms are caused mainly by high winds breaking trees and branches, which fall on our powerlines and damage our equipment. Sometimes, trees and branches that are damaged during storms don't fall until days or weeks later.

Last year was a unique year for storms and severe weather. We had eight consecutive winter storms in early 2022. In the fall, Hurricane Fiona was the most significant hurricane to ever hit



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Nova Scotia and prompted the largest restoration response in our company's history.

Overall, the trend in Fall River is outages occurring during poor weather conditions, with Wind & Tree Contacts being the main cause codes used. Recently, there was also Overload conditions given the extreme cold temperatures, but that is not a normally occurring scenario.

What happened in Fall River during the extreme cold this past weekend?

This past weekend, wind gusts exceeding 70 km per hour were recorded in the Fall River area.

These strong wind gusts combined with weakened trees from past storms, including Fiona, contributed to outages in the area.

Extreme cold temperatures also resulted in a significant increase in electricity demand. We experienced a record high demand in the province on Saturday, February 4th.

As a result, in specific areas such as parts of Fall River, demand on local electrical equipment was especially high.

In some of these cases, electrical equipment became overloaded, and protection devices operated to prevent damage to the equipment and larger outages from happening., operated to prevent damage to the equipment and larger outages from happening.

ON-AND-OFF OUTAGES

Some customers in the Fall River area experienced several on-and-off outages. This happened because high demand was hovering around the limits of the protective device, during

the extreme cold conditions and with the increase in power usage.

As a result, the device automatically interrupted power many times to protect the equipment, stopping a few seconds or minutes later and causing on-and-off outages to customers each time.

Once temperatures began to rise, the high demand returned to the normal levels of the protective device, and customers would have stopped experiencing these outages.

These devices prevented larger and prolonged outages from happening if the equipment had been damaged.

While larger and lengthy outages were prevented, we understand how frustrating this was for customers who were affected by these on-and-off outages.

What are you doing to improve the grid?

Our weather is changing—that's why we continue investing over \$100 million on proactive maintenance and \$20 to 25 million on tree trimming every year across the province.

What are you doing to improve reliability in the Fall River area to avoid outages?

Our forestry team is planning to trim trees along 62 km of line in the Fall River area this year.

This is a \$1.5 million investment in maintenance and improvement in reliability for customers in the area, to help reduce outages going forward.

In addition to tree clearing, there are several projects in the pipeline for a substation. The



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most notable project would be to add a new feeder to the substation to alleviate loading. The exact timing and scope of this is still under development.

I hope this is helpful information for you.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Those in attendance at the Lions' Service Awards enjoyed a delicious supper and great company in celebration at the Waverley Legion - Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe Branch #90 from 5 years to 65 years for the Ladies Auxiliary & Branch as well as Ordinary Awards ranging from 5 years to 45 years. Incredible!



I was honoured to receive a Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club pin from King Lion Wayne.

There was great community support for the recent Scotian Aires Chorus fundraiser and the Lakeside Waverley Fall River (LWF) Community Hall! Thank you to all who organized and also supported the event.





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Had a great time at the Lemmon Hill Jamboree! So much talent in our local communities! Come on out and enjoy the fun at the next Jamboree to be held on March 5th at 1:30 PM!



I was thrilled to present a District 1 District Capital Cheque in the amount of \$7,500 to Kayla Henley, Board Member of the Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall, for exterior exit stairs.



Had a great time at the Elderbank Recreation Club's Winter Carnival. It was such a success. Great community volunteers doing great community building events. Thanks for the invite, I may have been a bit cold, but the heart was warm.

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Thanks to all the volunteers who helped bring the Waverly outdoor rink to reality!



DEMO OF ELECTRIC BUS



It was exciting to experience a ride in the demo electric bus being considered by Halifax Transit along with my Council colleagues.

GOLD MEDALIST - EMMA ARCHIBALD, FALL RIVER



So proud of Fall River resident, Emma Archibald, on winning GOLD at the recent 7.5 km skate race at the OUA Championships.



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COMMUNITY HALLS / CENTRES

District 1 is home to many community halls and non-profit organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community. Here is a list of some of the great organizations in our district:

- [Elderbank Recreation Club](#)
- Lemmon Hill Sports Association [Facebook](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- [Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)
- [Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)
- [Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)
- [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)
- [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)
- [Waverley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)
- [LWF Community Hall](#)
- [Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)
- [Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)
- [Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I have missed this time around please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal district 1](#).

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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council, Chair 2023, and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Executive Standing Committee (newly appointed December 2022)
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership (newly appointed November 2022)
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

Community Committees:

- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison
- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee

E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

My monthly e-newsletters are available on my municipal [website](#). I also maintain a mailing distribution list, if you wish to be added to the list, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email:

Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.



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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.

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 & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!



SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 12TH!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

