



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

## WELCOME MARCH!



March is a busy month starting with the important celebration of Francophonie month and continuing with International Women’s Day,

start of Daylight-Saving Time, St. Patrick’s Day, and the first day of spring. So many events for families to enjoy.

Also in March, Council continues budget discussions. I would like to hear from you about the 2023/24 budget – there is a public participation portion at each [Budget Committee](#) meeting. For more information on how to participate, please contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca).

Keep reading for updates on the Community Garden program, 2023 Community Grants, summer employment options and many events for girls in celebration of International Women’s Day.

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### MARCH MEETING DATES

#### Budget Committee

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### Regional Council

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### North West Community Council

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

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NWCC)

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the NWCC considered the following cases:

#### [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.

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

### DID YOU KNOW ...

March is [Francophonie Month](#).

March 1<sup>st</sup> is [Zero Discrimination Day](#)

March 1<sup>st</sup> is [World Civil Defence Day](#)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> is [World Wildlife Day](#)

March 8<sup>th</sup> is [International Women's Day](#)

March 14<sup>th</sup> is [Pi Day](#)

March 17<sup>th</sup> is [St. Patrick's Day](#)

March 20<sup>th</sup> is [International Day of Happiness](#)

March 20<sup>th</sup> is [First Day of Spring](#)

March 21<sup>st</sup> is [World Forestry Day](#)

March 21<sup>st</sup> is [World Poetry Day](#)



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March 22<sup>nd</sup> is [World Water Day](#)

March 26<sup>th</sup> is [Purple Day of Epilepsy](#)

March 27<sup>th</sup> is [World Theatre Day](#)

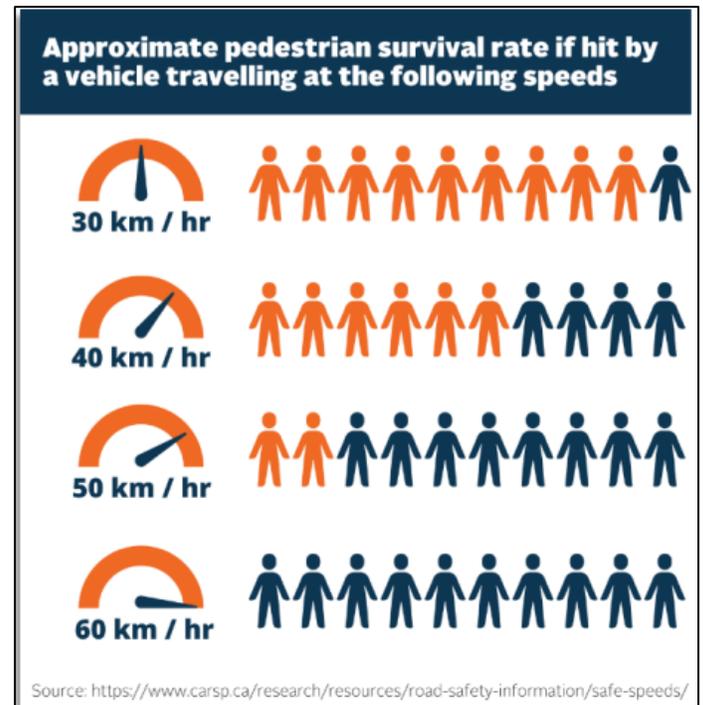
9 Non-injury	
0 Vehicle/Pedestrian or Cyclist accidents	

## RCMP ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS

### January 2023

Calls for Service	310, down 21.9% over the same period in 2022
7 Summary Offense Tickets (SOT) issued.	Down from 13 issued during same period in 2022.
1 Aggressive Driving	
2 Motor Vehicle Act violations	No registration; No insurance; invalid inspection sticker.
4 Speeding	
122 Proactive Assignments	Down from 164 in same period in 2022
20 Cell Phone / impaired / Seatbelt / Speeding Checkpoints / Radar Enforcements	
39 Traffic Stops	Down from 72 during same period in 2022
1 Impaired Driving Charge	Down from 2 in January 2022
0 impaired Driving suspension	Down from 1 in January 2022
9 Motor Vehicle Accidents	Down from 11 during same period in 2022

## SLOW DOWN!



## KINSAC ROAD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION



The Halifax Regional Municipality has announced the reduction of the speed limit from

60 km/h to 50 km/h on a segment of Kinsac Road in Beaver Bank. The reduced speed zone is between Beaver Bank Road and Silver Leaf Drive. New signage has been posted.



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This change is a result of an assessment of the corridor, related to changes in conditions and activities along the roadway. This effort supports the municipality's [Strategic Road Safety Plan](#), which aims to reduce fatal and injury collisions on municipal roadways.

### 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](http://www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/scholarships-grants)

[www.nurturingstrongansf.com](http://www.nurturingstrongansf.com)

### ILLEGAL DUMPING



[Illegal dumping](#) is the un-authorized disposal of materials in private commercial waste bins, on private property, crown or municipal land or other unoccupied land.

If you are experiencing illegal dumping on your property, here are some [Strategies to Deter Illegal Dumping](#). The information is for businesses and residential properties.

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### NEW DATASET ON OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released a new dataset on [Open Data](#), as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality: [Transit Shelters](#).

The addition of this dataset brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 201.

In addition, the four existing datasets listed below have been modified (renamed and a new field added to indicate whether the PID associated with the parcel is inactive or active):



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- [PPL&C Building Permits](#)
- [PPL&C Construction Permits](#)
- [PPL&C Engineer Permits](#)
- [PPL&C Land Use Approvals Permits](#)

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates. New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. The program was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality's Open Data program, and to access all the data sets, visit: [halifax.ca/opendata](http://halifax.ca/opendata).

## SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



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**Upper Sackville Phone:** (902) 869-3840  
**Emergencies:** (902) 456-3253

## SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



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

**Application Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**



## WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



[Wallace Lucas Community Centre](#).  
 596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville  
 Phone: 902-865-0944.



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## BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

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# Youth NIGHT

**MARCH 7 - MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT!**  
Join us in the kitchen to make your own pizza dough, choose your toppings and bake your pizza! \$2/ child

**MARCH 14TH - PAINT NIGHT**  
Let's get artsy! Choose from a few painting samples and make your own masterpiece! Supplies included! \$5/ child

**Open to youth aged 10-15**  
**Pre registration required by calling 902-865-5114 or emailing [bbkcc@eastlink.ca](mailto:bbkcc@eastlink.ca)**

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# SUMMER DAY CAMP

**JULY 3 - AUGUST 25**  
\$140/week per child  
Ages 5-12

**Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm**

[bbkcc@eastlink.ca](mailto:bbkcc@eastlink.ca)  
902-865-5114  
Forms online at [www.bbkcc.ca](http://www.bbkcc.ca)

**Activities include: water games, arts & crafts, outside play, special guests and more!**

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Welcome to the Beaver Bank Small Business Fair to be hosted by Yoga with Daisy on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Small businesses from Beaver Bank area will be coming together at the Beaver Bank Community Centre. [Watch the event page](#) to find out who is coming.



BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

# Breakfast with THE Easter Bunny

**March 25th**  
**8:30-10:30am**



\$7 for breakfast includes pancakes, back bacon, hash brown, juice, coffee or tea!

advanced tickets only  
time reservation required

902-865-5114 to get tickets!  
Tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation

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### RECREATION PROGRAM SPRING 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 8<sup>th</sup> for recreation programs
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> for aquatics and skating (skating programs will only be available at the Sackville Sports Stadium)
- April 6<sup>th</sup> for summer camps

Program information is now available at [halifax.ca/myrec](http://halifax.ca/myrec).

### 2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

During every Budget Committee budget session, members of the public have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. At the beginning of each Budget Committee session, time is allocated for the public to provide insight and comments.

If you wish to make a presentation before HRM Council about the municipal budget, contact the

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Office of the Municipal Clerk at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210. Written submissions are also welcome.

You can also speak directly to me as your Regional Councillor about budget priorities by calling 902.579.7164 or email me at: [Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca](mailto:Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca).

### WINTER PARKING BAN ENDS MARCH 31st

The municipal overnight winter parking ban will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The ban is enforced from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 or follow us at: [@hfxgov on Twitter](https://twitter.com/hfxgov).

**BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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### 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.



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The application deadline is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

Applicants should review the [Program Guidebook](#) prior to applying for a grant.

Contact [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca) or call 902.490.7310 for more information.

celebration of urban design excellence in the Halifax region that occurs every two years. **Submission deadline is Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Details can be found [here](#).



## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT



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! 🌞

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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: UBRAN DESIGN AWARDS 2023

The Halifax Regional Municipality is now calling for submissions to the Urban Design Awards – a

March 2023

## PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON 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 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



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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](http://halifax.ca/halifACT).

### COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS

Interested in creating a community garden? Submit your application by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Find program information and application forms [here](#).

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

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

Community gardens can include vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, native and/or ornamental plants established and operated within existing municipal regulations, bylaws and assessments.

A community garden must have a “common area” with shared upkeep and may include individual garden plots.



**Are you interested in starting a community garden?**

Applications close on March 30, 2023.



### FREE TENNIS FOR GIRLS

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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For more information, email:  
[info@glgtennis.com](mailto:info@glgtennis.com).

**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](mailto:info@glgtennis.com)  
limited space available- sign up early!

in partnership with




## GIRLS GET WISE SCIENCE RETREAT

**Girls Get WISE Science Retreat**

Saturday, April 1st, 2023  
Mount Saint Vincent University



Registration opens February 27th

Scan for more info 

Registration is now open for the 2023 Girls Get WISE – Women in Science and Engineering - March 2023

Science Retreat at Mount Saint Vincent University on April 1<sup>st</sup>! Be sure to [register](#) early as spots can fill up quickly!

## GIRLS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

**GIRLS CONFERENCE 2023**  
**"GIRLS IN ACTION"**

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023 | ROSARIA STUDENT CENTER, MSVU CAMPUS



**ANDRÉA SPERANZA**  
**CAMP COURAGE**

CAMP COURAGE IS AN AWARD-WINNING, FREE, LIFE-CHANGING CAMP THAT EDUCATES, ENGAGES, AND EMPOWERS WOMEN AND GENDER-DIVERSE YOUTH TO ATTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICE CAREERS.

TO REGISTER, CLICK [HERE](#)

 [GIRLSCONFERENCE@MSVU.CA](mailto:GIRLSCONFERENCE@MSVU.CA) | [AMI\\_MSVU](https://www.ami.msvu.ca)   



Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the Mount St. Vincent University (MSVU) “Girls In Action” conference with Guest speaker Andrea Speranza of Camp Courage.

There will be an interactive workshop including how to tie knots, take fingerprints, put on a sling and much more. Click [here](#) to register.



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations Walter! Walter Regan is a dedicated volunteer and staunch advocate of the Sackville River and local trail system. Recently, HRM installed the **Walter N. Regan Park** sign in Lower Sackville in recognition of Walter’s decades of volunteer service.



Electric bus demo with Council colleagues.



## PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

### Provincial Representatives in District 14:

#### MLA Brad Johns

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#### MP Darrell Samson

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#### MP Lena Metlege Diab

#### Halifax West

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Fax: 902-426-8339

- 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.”*

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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

