A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a small, round object covered in colorful beads. The beads are arranged in horizontal bands of blue, yellow, orange, and red, resembling a globe. The person is wearing a patterned garment with geometric designs in red, yellow, and black. The background is blurred, showing green foliage.

The JOY of Resilience: an Unbeatable Force

- Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson, CD

WELCOME TO

**UPPER HAMMONDS
PLAINS**

HALIFAX

A Black Heritage Community Est. 1815

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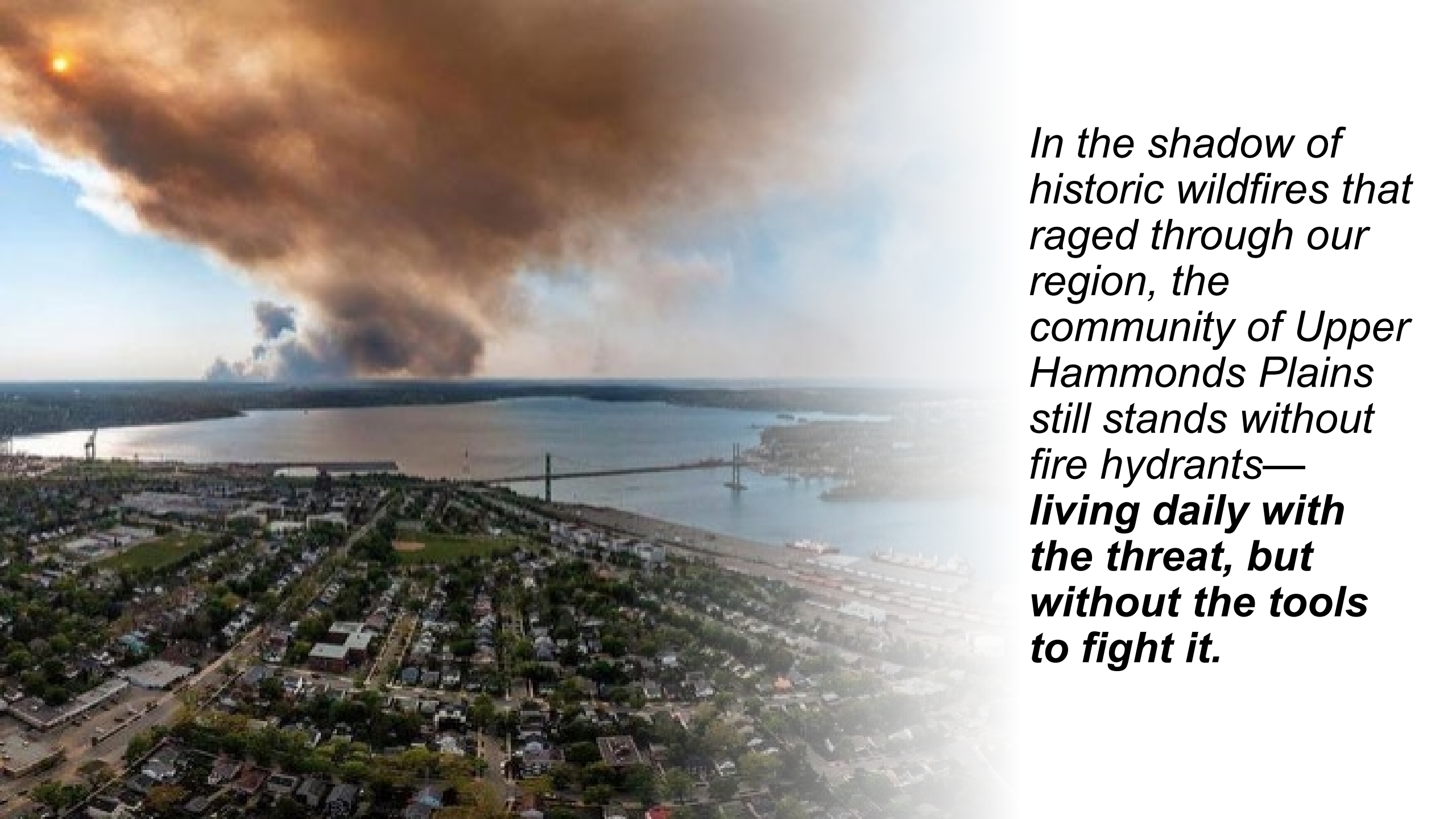
LEGACY IN ACTION: CELEBRATING BLACK BRILLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS THE LIVING LEGACY OF BLACK NOVA SCOTIA, HONORING THE IMPACT AND PERSISTENCE OF THE LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE GREATNESS WE HOLD, THE PAIN WE LIVE THROUGH, OUR DEEP CONNECTION WITH OUR HISTORY, STORYTELLING, THE RHYTHMS OF CHANGE, AND THE ABILITY TO LOOK BACK TO MOVE FORWARD.

The spirit of resiliency
embodies the ability to
bounce back from
adversity, setbacks, and
challenges with strength,
determination, and
adaptability.

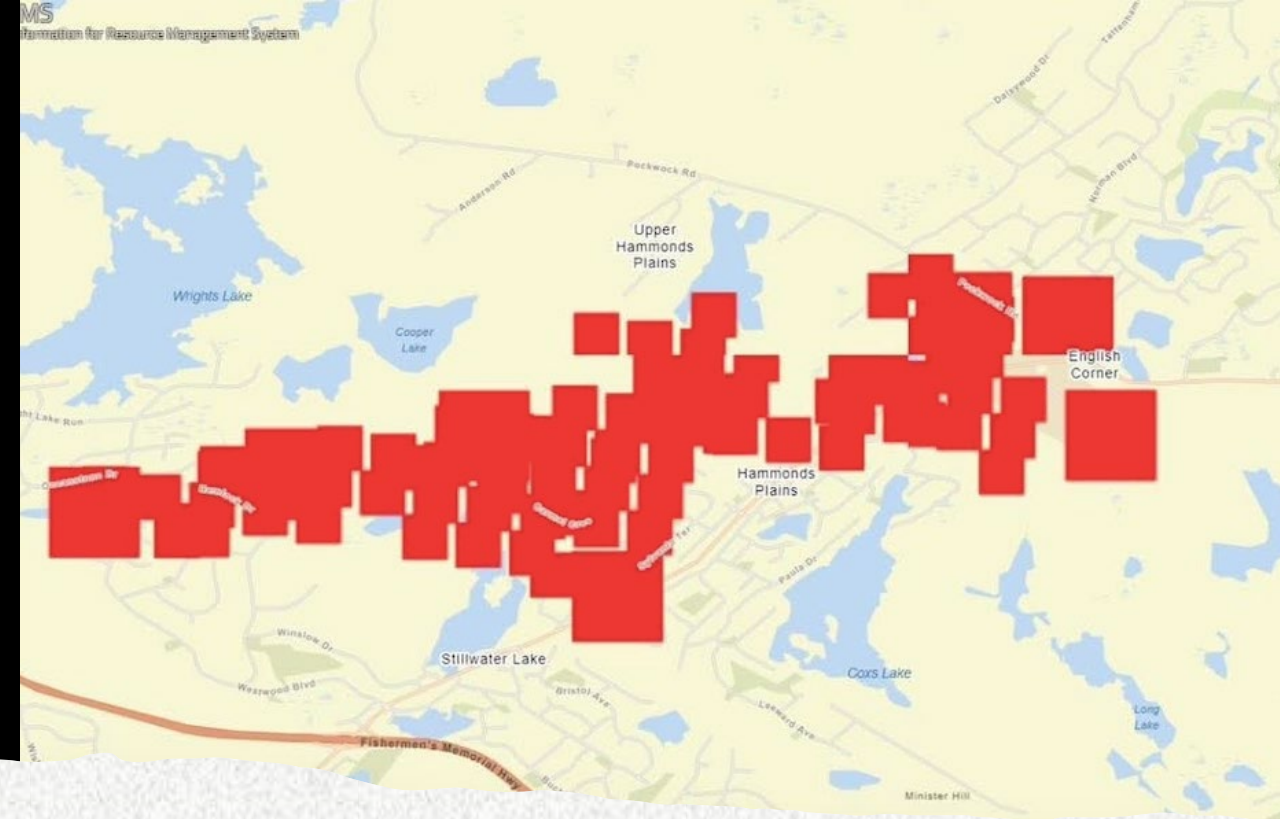




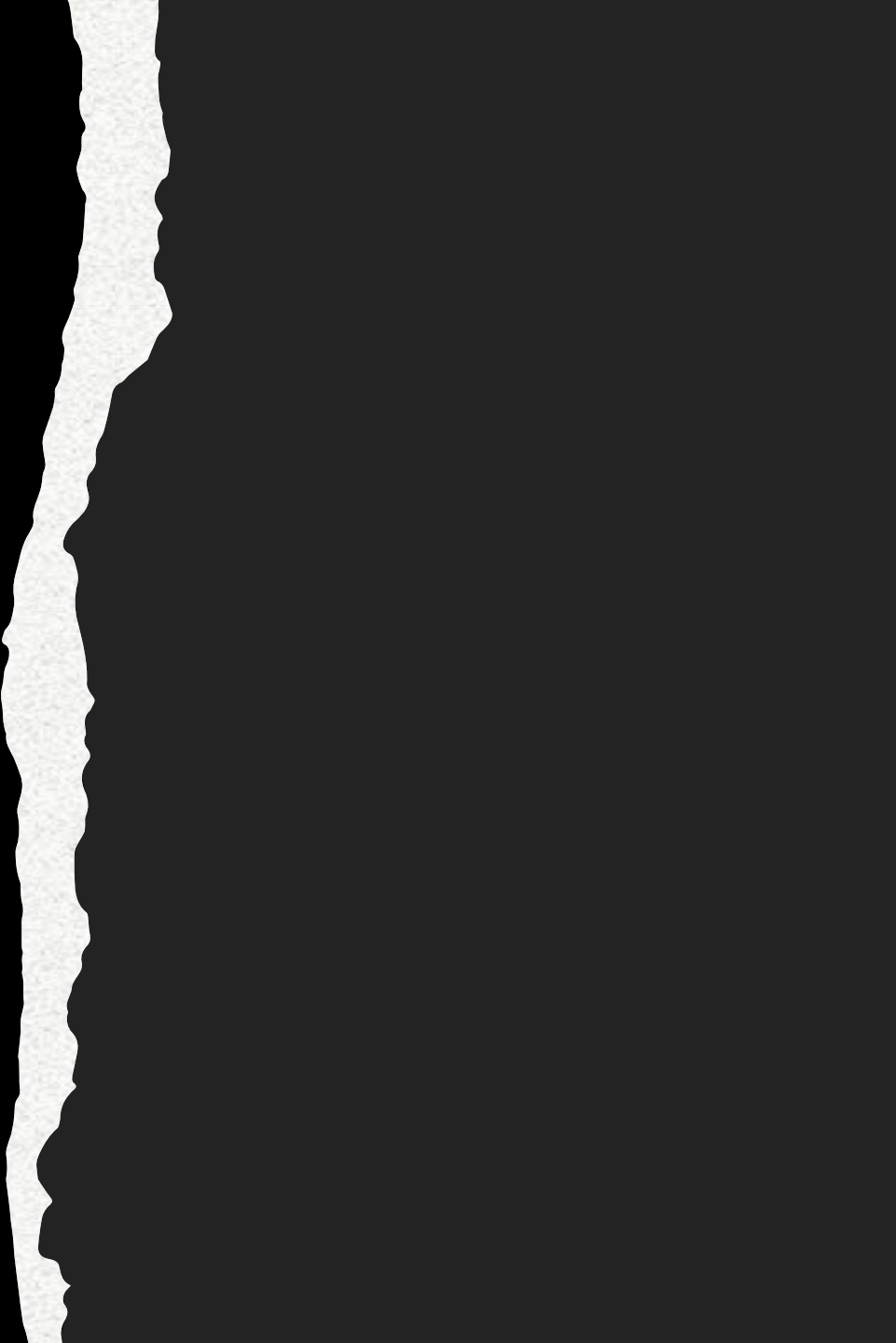
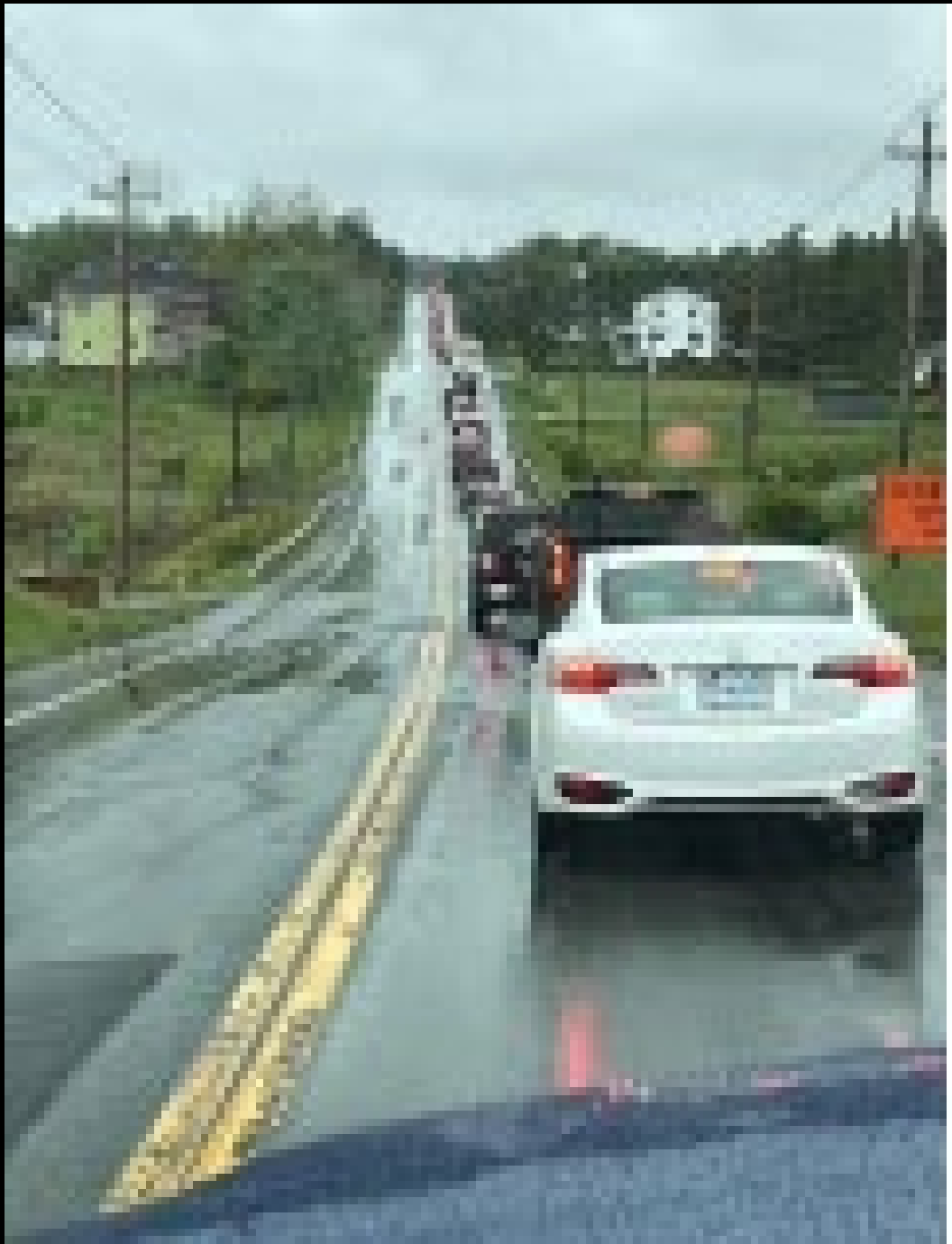
**You can't
have
Resilience
without
Resistance!**



*In the shadow of
historic wildfires that
raged through our
region, the
community of Upper
Hammonds Plains
still stands without
fire hydrants—
**living daily with
the threat, but
without the tools
to fight it.***



The 2023 wildfire raised awareness of the absence of fire hydrants on sections of the Pockwock Road, in Upper Hammonds Plains (African Nova Scotian community) due to the undersized water main!



This video footage captures Anderson Road in Upper Hammonds Plains – an area WITHOUT fire hydrants during the Historic wildfires. Let's be proactive and not reactive.





Upper Hammonds Plains water main undersized

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'We were speechless': Halifax community learns fire hydrants non-functional



'We were speechless': Halifax community learns fire hy...

From atlantic.ctvnews.ca



These current hydrants are only Cosmetic - because the pipes are not big enough.

There's a glaring
disparity!!

Two different realities
on the same street!!

The Black residents
received inadequate
water infrastructure,
including fire hydrants not
rated for fire suppression,
while others received full
protection.



Huge DISPARITY ~ SAME STREET!!

Inadequate water infrastructure!!

Give Black Residents the fire hydrants NOT RATED FOR
FIRE SUPPRESSION!!



The first-ever all-Black volunteer fire department in Canada was established in 1966 in Upper Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia.



*First Executive Members, left to right
Alceid Williams, George Marsman,
Neil Anderson, Wesley Anderson*



Upper Hammonds Plains, N.S., residents push for faster action on fire hydrant issue

By Hafsa Arif

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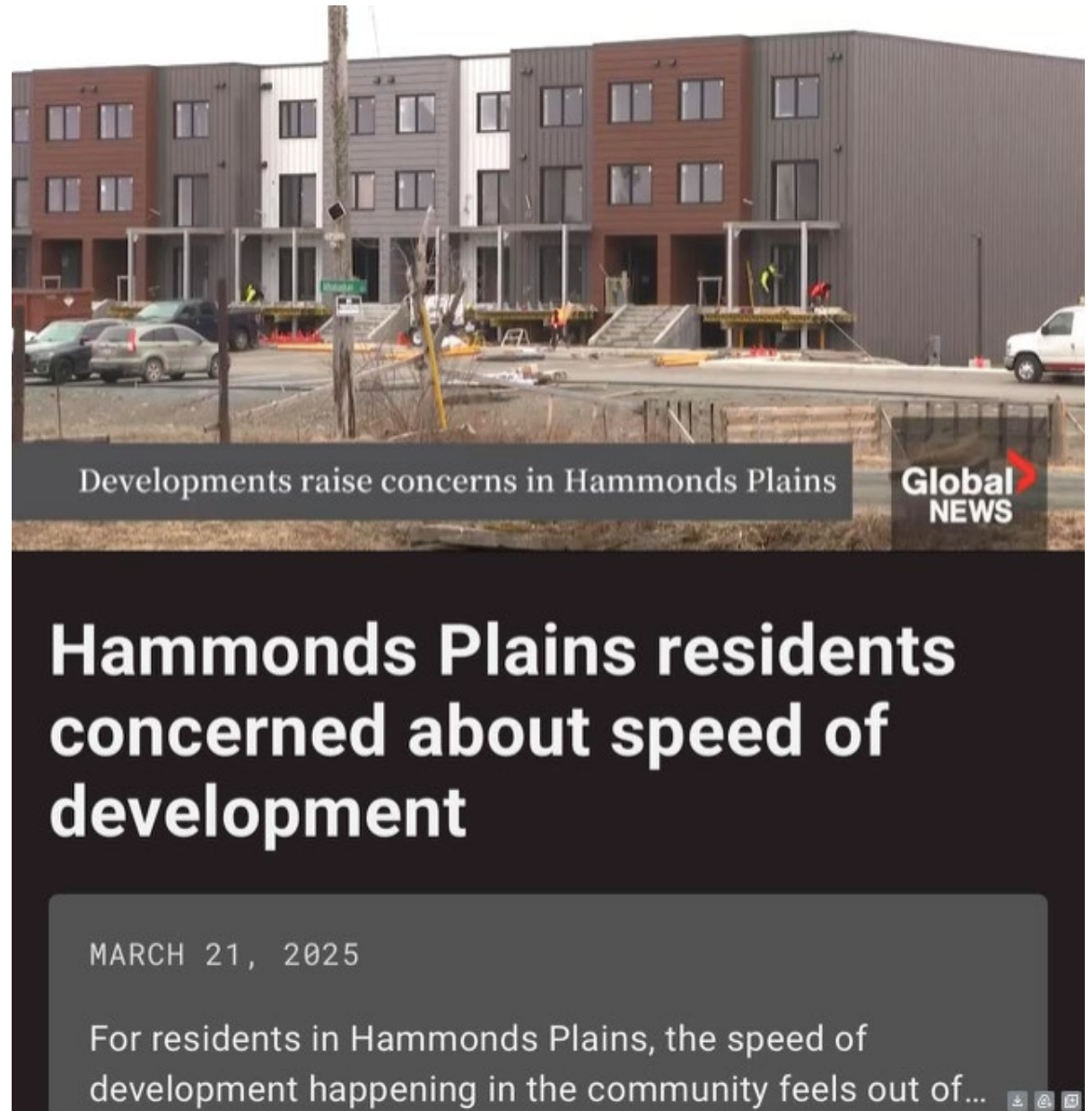


Some residents of Upper Hammonds Plains, N.S., say they're feeling both hopeful and frustrated after a closed-door meeting with city officials.

We appreciate the strategy, but the timeline falls short. This remains a critical safety issue for the residents of Upper Hammonds Plains, who, **25 years later, are still fighting for fire protection. Every day, we live under the threat of having fire hydrants that cannot suppress fires!!**

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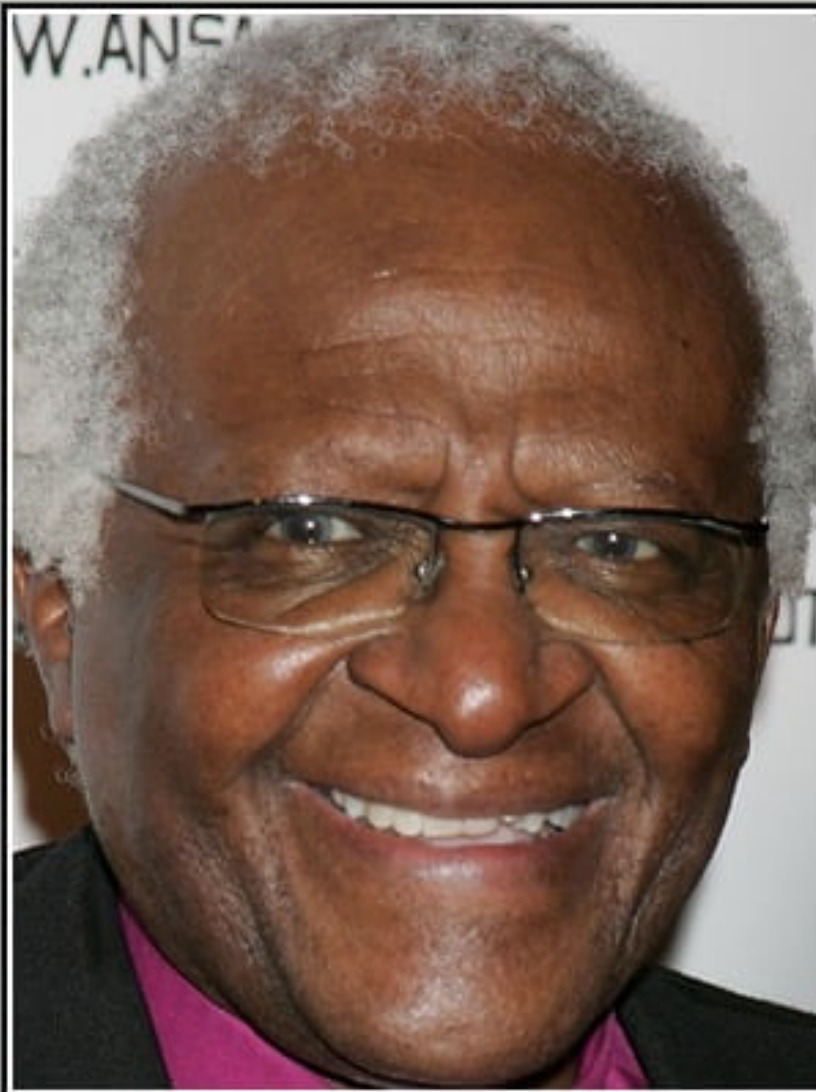
New residents are moving into a community named 'The Woods'—a place with a history of devastating wildfires, no fire hydrants, and minimal water pressure. The risk is real, and the infrastructure still isn't ready.



“JUSTICE DISCERNS WHAT IS WRONG AND CARES ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!” – DON POSTERSKI



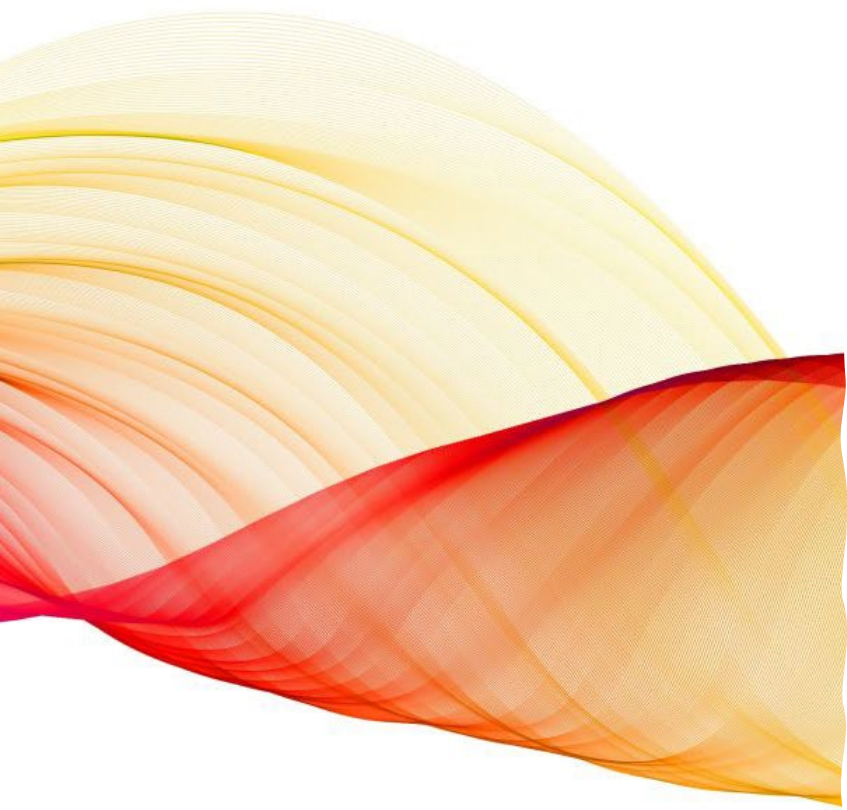
Justice is more than doing charitable acts, it is righting society's wrongs and removing human erected barriers and obstacles to equality and equity.



There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.

— Desmond Tutu —

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Thank You!

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