



WELCOME JULY!



Happy Kana'ta: Canada Day!
This July 1 we will celebrate the [158 anniversary of Confederation](#) and the 60th anniversary of [our national flag](#)!

The Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages said: *"This year, more than ever, Canada will shine with its shared energy, diversity and the spirit of unity that connects us from coast to coast to coast. As a country, we form a vibrant mosaic and we become stronger when we honour the ties that bind us and celebrate together. This Canada Day, I invite you to join the festivities so that we can raise our voices, wave our flags and, together, show the world what it means to be proudly Canadian."* I encourage you to attend local Canada Day events and celebrate our amazing country!

Keep reading for more information on local Canada Day events, update on the Beaver Bank Road/Stokil/Millwood Drive intersection, opportunity to test drive an electric vehicle, and much more!

If you wish to discuss a municipal program or service, please contact me at Billy.Gillis@halifax.ca or call me at 902.471.6906.

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JULY MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Northwest Community Council and Standing Committee meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 8 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council: Monday,

- No meeting scheduled

Standing Committees:

Appeals Standing Committee

- Sept.11 at 10 a.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- No meeting scheduled.

Special Events Advisory Committee

- No meeting scheduled.

DID YOU KNOW....

July is Bereaved Parents Awareness month,
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness month,
Recreation and Parks month and Independent
Retailer month.

July 1 is Canada Day

July 1 to 31 is the Africville Reunion

July 2 is World UFO Day

July 3 is International Plastic Bag Free Day

July 5 is World Environment Day

July 6 is World Kiss Day

July 7 is Global Forgiveness Day

July 8 is Math 2.0 Day: 8 (Founding Day)

July 11 is World Population Day

July 15 is World Snake Day

July 18 is International Nelson Mandela Day

July 19 is Parks Day

July 17 to 27 is the Halifax Pride Festival

July 20 to 26 is National Drowning Prevention
Week and Animal Rights Awareness Week

July 20 is Space Exploration Day

July 21 is Global Hug Your Kid Day

July 24 is Cousins' Day

July 25 is System Administrator Appreciation
Day

July 28 is World Hepatitis Day

July 30 is International Day of Friendship

July 30 is Paperback Book Day

July 30 – World Day Against Trafficking in
Persons

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



The Sackville Community Development Association invites you to attend the annual July 1 Teddy Bear Picnic at the Sackville arena from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



CANADA DAY IN BEAVER BANK



SACKVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS – FULL EVENT SCHEDULE



Journées communautaire de Sackville |
Mawitank Na'kwe'ki

The Sackville Community Development Association (SCDA) is bringing the fun, the food, and the community spirit to Sackville! Here is their guide to this year's Sackville

Community Days — and YES, there's still time to get involved!

JULY 1 – CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

9 AM – Canada Day Parade

Let's kick off Canada Day with pride! Floats, music, local groups, and big smiles.

10:30 AM – Cake at Rock Church

Celebrate Canada's birthday with a sweet treat and some good conversation at Rock Church.

11 AM – Fultz House Flag Raising + Baked Bean Drive-Thru

Join us at Fultz House for a special flag raising ceremony with bilingual and cultural representation. And don't miss their famous Baked Bean Drive-Thru — a community tradition you can take home and enjoy!

11:30 AM – SBDPA BBQ & Motion Dance
Grab lunch at the BBQ hosted by the Sackville Business & Professional Association, then jump into the fun with a motion dance that's sure to get everyone moving!

1 PM – Teddy Bear Picnic

A FREE family event designed just for kids (and their favourite stuffies)! Enjoy multiple bouncy castles, face painting, hands-on activities, treats, and fun games — all in one playful spot! Perfect for kids of all ages — and a great way to make lasting memories.

All events are free and open to the public. Come together and celebrate what makes Sackville special — our people, our history, and our vibrant community spirit!

[#SackvilleCommunityDays](#)

[#CanadaDay2024](#) [#FreeFamilyFun](#)

[#BakedBeanDriveThru](#) [#TeddyBearPicnic](#)

[#CommunityPride](#) [#mawitamknakweki](#)



KANA'TA: CANADA DAY 2025



Join us for KANA'TA: Canada Day celebrations on Tuesday, July 1. This re-envisioned format for Canada Day offers a variety of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy.

Developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities, KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025 offers programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home.

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025 programming will include the Mawio'mi on the Halifax Waterfront, ANSMA Free Concert on the Dartmouth Waterfront, a Multi-Stage experience on the Halifax Waterfront featuring multiple genres of music and at night the July 1 Fireworks Show returns!

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025. The Halifax

Citadel National Historic site will also offer free admission on Monday, July 1 as well!

UPDATE - STOKIL/ MILLWOOD/ BEAVER BANK ROAD SIGNALS



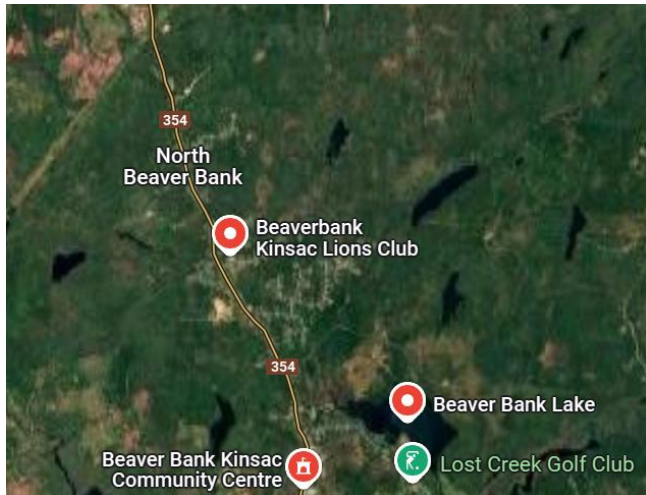
On June 6, I met with the HRM's Director of Traffic Authority and HRM's Manager of Traffic Services at the intersection of Beaver Bank Road, Millwood Drive and Stokil Drive during the inbound morning traffic rush. We gathered data from the signals in real time and found that all parts were functioning correctly.

This intersection uses video as its source for Phasing. There are no ground sensors or Infrared being used here. The Signal Phase is currently 45 seconds for green light on Beaver Bank Road. This was changed to 70 seconds to allow more volume to flow both northbound and southbound.

To date, I have been advised by multiple residents that there has been a noticeable improvement with traffic flow.



ROAD WORK - BEAVER BANK ROAD NORTH



For those inquiring about the survey stakes on Beaver Bank Road North of the Ballfields, this is a provincial government project. You can contact [MLA Brian Wong's office](#) for more information. Cumberland Paving will be doing a preservation lift for a cost-efficient extension of the road segments service life: 7.4 kilometres from the bridge at the HRM/PW border northerly. No drainage work is planned. The contract completion date is Aug. 31.

HALIFAX PRIDE WEEK



The 2025 Halifax Pride Festival is just around the corner, taking place July 17 to 27 across our municipality! For 11 days, we'll come together to celebrate the strength, spirit, and vibrancy of our

2SLGBTQIA+ communities through more than 30 Signature Festival Events and 100+ community-led gatherings.

The Halifax Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 12 p.m. This parade is one of the city's most cherished community events, bringing people together to celebrate identity, show solidarity, and stand up for equity. If you're part of a group that wants to join, I encourage you to get involved and help make this incredible day even more powerful.

This festival is about connection, activism, and creating spaces where people of all sexualities and gender identities can flourish. Halifax Pride's guiding principles – community, self-expression, and growth – are a reminder of the ongoing work we all share in building a more equitable society, free from oppression.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION



Between July 21 and Sept. 12 green carts will be collected each week.

PLANNING A COMMUNITY EVENT?

A Guide to Planning Events in HRM

In order to assist Event Organizers to plan their events, HRM has formed the [Special Events Task Force \(SETF\)](#). It is comprised of representatives from various Municipal and Provincial Departments and can provide valuable information and assistance on policies, procedures, and best practices



concerning events within the Halifax Regional Municipality. They have created a Special Events Guide book to assist in planning your community/neighbourhood event.

The [Special Events Guide](#) incorporatee into one document the guidelines used by the various departments and business units with the Halifax Regional Municipality when assisting Event Organizers plan their events. It also includes contact information from various departments within the federal and provincial government which, depending on the event, may need to be contacted. This manual is designed and intended to assist a special event coordinator effectively plan and execute a safe and successful event for all involved.

PRACTISE TICK SAFETY



Practise Tick Safety

There are several kinds of ticks in the province but only the blacklegged tick can pass on bacteria that causes tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease.

Always do a thorough tick-check after spending time outdoors.



Blacklegged Tick

Be tick aware.

Visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://www.novascotia.ca/TickSafety) for tips on how to protect yourself and your loved ones.



DARTMOUTH SUNSHINE SERIES



Parks & Recreation will once again host the [Dartmouth Sunshine Series \(DSS\)](#) – an all-summer long concert and entertainment series at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park and Sullivan’s Pond Park.

This year, there are 16 individual event programs planned to take place between June 21 to Sept.1, including municipal and community-led events. All events are **free** and no pre-booked passes are required.

REQUEST PARK REPAIRS



Notice a hazard in a municipal park or green space? Report hazards and request maintenance or repairs by calling 311 or emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca.



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



On July 30, we pause to reflect on the devastating impacts of human trafficking, a crime that continues to thrive in the shadows, even within our own communities. As we mark World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2025, we're reminded that this global crisis is ongoing and growing in scale, reach, and violence. This year's campaign, "[Human Trafficking is Organized Crime – End the Exploitation](#)," shines a light on the powerful criminal networks driving this exploitation. From 2020 to 2023, more than 200,000 victims were identified globally, yet we know that's only a fraction of the true toll. Victims are trafficked farther, held longer, and subjected to greater harm, all in pursuit of profit.

Organized crime is at the root of this crisis, using migration routes, global supply chains, digital platforms, and economic loopholes to fuel forced labour, sexual exploitation, and coercion into criminal activity.

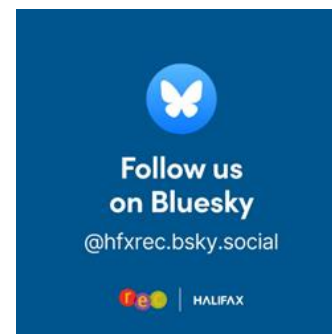
Despite growing awareness, we must do more. The campaign calls on governments, law enforcement, civil society, and citizens to take stronger action through cross-border cooperation, tougher laws, smarter technology, and victim-centred support. We need justice systems that hold traffickers accountable while protecting survivors with dignity and care.

As community members, we also have a role to play learning the signs, supporting awareness efforts, and sharing reporting resources. By doing so, we help build a future where every individual can live free from exploitation.

To learn more, click [here](#).

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HRM ON BLUESKY



The Halifax Regional Municipality is making a change to how it shares information and connects with residents on social media. We're phasing out our use of X and

replacing it with Bluesky. The following municipal accounts are now active on Bluesky:

- Main account: [@hfxgov.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Transit: [@hfxtransit.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency: [@hfx-fire.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Events: [@hfxevents.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Parks & Recreation: [@hfxrec.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Planning & Development: [@hfxplanning.bsky.social](#)

On the main municipal Bluesky account, residents can expect to see similar content to what has typically been shared on the main account for X (@hfxgov), such as news about projects, strategic initiatives, special events, service disruptions, traffic impacts and timely updates during severe weather events or emergencies.



RURAL TRANSIT INITIATIVE APPROVED BY TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE



The Transportation Standing Committee has approved a set of recommendations to help strengthen transit service in

rural communities across Halifax Regional Municipality.

The recommendations follow a review of the Rural Transit Funding Program, which was first implemented in 2014 to provide financial support to non-profit providers that serve areas outside Halifax Transit's main service boundary.

The report was based on extensive community engagement, a gap-and-needs analysis, and consultation with stakeholders, service providers, community members, and members of the Regional Council.

Key initiatives include creating a Rural Transit Advisory Group to guide implementation, adding a new capital grant funding stream, developing a professional training and support program for providers, exploring fare integration with Halifax Transit, and preparing a Microtransit Service Plan to address gaps in service delivery.

This work is expected to proceed in phases starting in the 2025/26 fiscal year, with funding already approved in the current budget. Additional funding may be considered in future reports as initiatives move forward.

TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE THIS SUMMER



Curious about what it's like to drive an electric vehicle (EV)? Now's your chance to find out, right here in our community.

The municipality's Clean Energy team is once again partnering with Next Ride to offer free EV test drives across the region this summer. Last year, 338 residents had the chance to get behind the wheel, learning firsthand how EVs perform and how our growing charging network supports their use.

With more Level 2 and Level 3 fast chargers being installed across the municipality, it's easier than ever to consider making the switch to electric. Whether you're interested in reducing your emissions, saving on fuel, or just curious about technology, this is a great opportunity to learn more.

Sixteen events are scheduled for this year, and some locations do fill up quickly. If you're in a rural area like Musquodoboit Harbour, we'd especially love to see more local engagement, so please help spread the word!

You can find full event details and learn more about the municipality's EV charging network by clicking [here](#).



ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE



We have a variety of adaptive equipment available to borrow to help you get out and about this spring and summer such as: Hippocamps, Beach chair and

GRIT chair.

For further information please email inclusion@halifax.ca.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS



Select playing fields are available as off-leash dog areas from June 1 to Nov. 1.

Please note that dogs must be on leash in municipal parks unless signage indicates otherwise. For more information, click [here](#).

PACK-IN & PACK-OUT



When enjoying our beautiful parks, trails, and beaches, remember to pack-in and pack-out. That means bringing

everything you need and taking it all with you when you leave.

Keeping our shared spaces clean helps protect nature and ensures everyone can enjoy them. Let's all do our part to keep Halifax green and clean.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DROP-IN JULY 28



Join Halifax Solid Waste on Monday, July 28 for a community clean-up at the Sackville Public Library anytime between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. This is the time to talk about litter and waste management and grab some free supplies to pick-up litter outside. Event will go ahead rain or shine!



COUNCILLOR BILLY GILLIS

LOWER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK

IN THE COMMUNITY



I was honoured to support and attend, along with Councillor John Young, the Sackville Business Association's monthly meet'n greet at the Sackville Library on June 5. It was wonderful to speak with our local business community.



Had a great time at the Lucasville Greenway Family Fun day with fellow Councillors John Young, Jean St-Amand, and MP Braedon Clarke.

Thanks to all who volunteered to make the family fun day a success!



Such fun was had by all at the Sackville Rivers Association's annual Duck Race!



I attended the Fleet Week Breakfast at Halifax Hall, City Hall hosted by Mayor Andy Fillmore in recognition of members of the Navy, Officers and Dignitaries.



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I was honored to attend Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Career Firefighter Graduation Ceremony in Dartmouth, where 15 new members received their Black Helmets. Thank you all for your service.



It was an honour to attend the [Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency](#) Volunteer Recruit Graduation Ceremony at Bella Rose Theatre. 33 new Firefighters were presented with their Black Helmets.

We are fortunate to have three posted to District 15. Thank you for your service and welcome to:

Station 10 Sackville - Abby Cookson

Station 10 Sackville - Jack Broderick

Station 48 Beaver Bank - Andre Yatsiuk.

Beaver Bank-Kinsac Fire Association: Station 48 – 60th Anniversary

The incredibly dedicated all-volunteer crew at Station 48 in Beaver Bank celebrated their 60th anniversary in June. Always community focused, they hosted an open house event as well as an awards banquet. Proud and very deserving award recipients were as follows:

July 2025

50 years of service - Bob Crosby
50 years of service - Brian Pitts
45 years of service - Gord West
40 years of service – Richard Crouse
30 year of service – Keith O'Brien
25 years of service - Bob Crosby
20 years of service – Kevin Crewe
5 years of service - Ryan Day
5 years of service - Ryan Pyke

Firefighter of the Year: Ryan Day

Rookie of the Year: Firefighter Kristie Pyke

Retirement of Firefighter Russ Barkhouse
completing 17.5 years of service

Plaque commemorating Gord West's
retirement as District Chief.

Completion of Volunteer Recruit Training –
Kristie Pyke & Andre Yatsiuk.

Thank you all for your dedicated service to
your community!



I was honoured to present the 50 Years of Service Award to Bob Crosby (center) along with Captain Crewe at the Station 48 Beaver Bank Kinsac Firefighters.



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Gord West retirement award was presented by Captain Crewe.



Congratulations to Kristie Pyke, awarded the Rookie of the Year by Captain Crewe.

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Congratulations to all the award winners at the Station 48 Beaver Bank Kinsac Firefighters 60th anniversary event.



I attended the Flag Raising at the Grand Parade in June in Celebration of Filipino Heritage Month.



Congratulations to Ryan Day, Firefighter of the Year.



Fellow colleagues on North West Community Council (Jean St-Amand, John Young, Cathy Deagle Gammon, Nancy Hartling and I), stopped by **Souls Harbour Rescue Mission** at the Rock Church in Lower Sackville, where we were presented with a plaque for our support of the Coldest Night of the Year walk.



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The real heroes are the volunteers who put in tireless effort to provide meals, clothing among other essentials to the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for all you do! ❤️



The 33rd Annual Regional Special Olympics at the Met Field In Lower Sackville was a wonderful event supported by fellow North West Community Council Councillors John Young, Cathy Deagle Gammon and me! We presented a cheque on behalf of HRM, and Mayor Fillmore gave the opening address. Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus 7077 Sackville for hosting this event.

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Not sure what level of government does what? See the chart below to help determine which level you need to contact for assistance.

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WHO DOES WHAT?		
Federal Government		
Airports	Criminal laws	Canadians Mortgages
Borders & passports	Employment Insurance	National RCMP
Broadcasting & telecommunications	Environment	National defence & veteran's affairs
Canada Child Benefit	Fisheries, oceans & national parks	Postal service
Charter of Human Rights	Immigration	Student loans
Correctional facilities	Income tax	
	International travel and support for abroad	
Provincial Government		
Addictions and mental health	100 series highways & off ramps	Property tax (property assessment)
Affordable/public housing	Hospitals	Provincial parks
Correctional facilities	Housing	Provincial RCMP
Employer and employee supports	Justice	Schools and school parking lots
Environment	Landlord and tenant supports	Student loans
Family and Community Support Services	Lakes	Workplace safety
	Post-secondary education	
Municipal Government		
City Hall	Municipal police force (i.e. HRP & RCMP District H)	Property tax (municipal portion)
Development and building permits and fees	Municipal parks	Recreation facilities
Environment	Libraries	Snow removal & waste collection
Fire services (i.e. HRFE)	Local road maintenance & improvement	Transit
Halifax Water	Parks, trails and playgrounds	

Provincial Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) representing the Lower Sackville – Beaver Bank area are:



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representing the Lower Sackville-Beaver Bank
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Suite 201
2900 Hwy 2
Fall River

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TTY: 613-995-2266

HALIFAX WATER



**STRAIGHT from
the SOURCE**

Between 2019 and 2049, Halifax Water plans to invest about \$4 billion to upgrade infrastructure to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality water, wastewater and stormwater services to benefit customers and the environment.

To see a list of major Halifax Water projects, click [here](#).

24-Hour Emergency Service

Call 902-420-9287 for water, sewer, and flooding emergencies.

Customer Care Centre

902-420-9287

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca
(please allow up to three business days for a reply)

Head Office Address

450 Cowie Hill Road
Halifax, NS

Mailing Address

Halifax Water
PO Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS
B3K 5M1

Head Office Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

As a regulated public utility, [Halifax Water](#) must conduct business in accordance with the Halifax Water Regulations as approved by the [Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board](#). These can be used to help you determine if we have applied an approved practice.

Halifax Water will respond to concerns and complaints about:

- Billing
- Metering and meter reading
- Application of standard charges
- Misuse of water resources, sanitary, or stormwater systems
- Halifax Water staff or service delivery

Formal complaints can be sent to:

Halifax Water
Complaints Department
P.O. Box 8388, RPO CSC
Halifax, NS B3K 5M1

Email: customercare@halifaxwater.ca.

If you are not happy with Halifax Water's response, you may make an appeal to the [Dispute Resolution Officer](#) (DRO).



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The Dispute Resolution Officer is an independent officer (not an employee of Halifax Water or the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board) who manages regulation-based customer issues.

HRM'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement.

In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.

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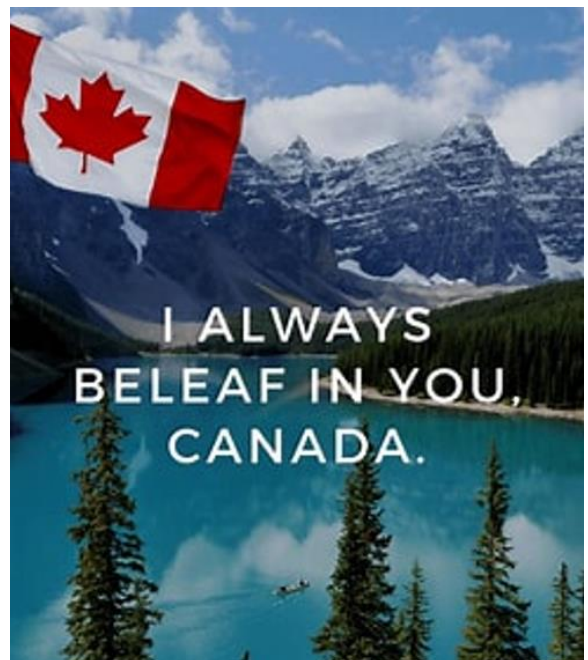
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I am a member of Halifax Regional Council and the North West

Community Council and serve on the following boards and committees:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit & Finance Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee



"Canada is not just a country; it's a state of mind. It's about being kind, polite, and having a sense of humor."

Mike Myers

"Everything about Canada makes me proud to be Canadian."

Jason Priestley