



COUNCILLOR BILLY GILLIS
DISTRICT 15 NEWSLETTER
LOWER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK

WELCOME NOVEMBER!



Since 2003, November has been known as Movember, the month that draws attention

and fundraises for men's health in areas such as mental health, suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

November is also a month to reflect on the freedom and liberties we have today provided by the service and sacrifice of many who came before us. On Nov.11, give a moment of gratitude for the peace and freedom we enjoy.

Keep reading for more information on the Tiered Deed Transfer Tax, upcoming holiday events, 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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NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

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

Regional Council:

Tuesday, Nov.18 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council: Monday,

- Monday, Nov.10 at 6 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Appeals Standing Committee

- Thursday, Nov.13 at 10 a.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

Special Events Advisory Committee

- TBD

DID YOU KNOW....

November is Hindu Heritage and Lebanese Heritage month and Movember.

November 1 is World Vegan Day

November 1 is All Saints' Day

November 2 Daylight Saving Ends

November 7 is International Inuit Day

November 8 is World Urbanism Day

November 10 is World Science Day for Peace & Development

November 10 is World Day for Orphans

November 10 is International Accounting Day

November 11 is Remembrance Day

November 13 is World Kindness Day

November 14 is World Diabetes Day

November 15 is National Philanthropy Day

November 16 is International Day of

Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

November 16 is International Day for Tolerance

November 17 is International Student's Day

November 17 is Bullying Awareness Week

November 19 is International Men's Day

November 19 is World Toilet Day

November 20 is National Children's Day

November 20 is No Smoking Day

November 20 is World Philosophy Day

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 21 is World Television Day

November 21 is International Stand Up to Bullying Day

November 25 is Saint Catherine's Day

November 30 is Computer Security Day

THE BROWN HALL COMMUNITY MARKET – NOV.1



On Saturday, Nov.1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Brown Hall will host the Community Market for local small businesses to promote their businesses and/or sell their products.

Vendors will provide a variety of homemade items, third party companies and services. Door Prize(s) to be won! Free admission. Stop by to shop and support local!



NEW FERRY BOARDING PROCEDURES



**New ferry boarding
procedures starting
Nov. 3, 2025.**

HALIFAX
TRANSIT

Starting Nov. 3, [Halifax Transit](#) is introducing new ferry boarding procedures to align with recent changes to Transport Canada regulations related to passenger safety. These include updated processes for recording passengers who require additional assistance and tracking the number of children on board versus available child life jackets.

Passengers may experience slightly longer boarding times due to enhanced security screening and safety checks. They will be required to enter the passenger waiting area single file, allow time for screening, and inform staff if they or someone in their group requires additional assistance during an emergency.

These changes are required to comply with recent updates to federal safety regulations and must be demonstrably implemented by Nov. 21, 2025.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL – NOV. 5



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road.

The town hall is an opportunity for municipal staff to share updates on current accessibility initiatives, answer questions and receive feedback from residents.

How to participate:

Attend in person on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. | Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library. Paul O'Regan Hall is accessible by ramp and the ramp to enter the building is located at the Queen Street entrance.

Register for virtual participation by clicking [here](#), or contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk by phone at 902.490.4210. Pre-registration is required to participate virtually and to submit questions in real time.

Attendees who require accessible transportation support to the event can visit: [Accessibility Townhall | Halifax](#) for details. The live stream will be available on: halifax.ca/accessibility-town-hall.

This year's panel will include staff from several business units, including Diversity & Inclusion / African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office and Public Works, who will highlight successes, challenges and updates on accessibility-related projects and programs.



For in-person attendees, there will be a booth component after the panel where staff can answer questions and speak with residents. To learn more about accessibility and available resources, click [here](#).

HAL-CON NOV. 7 TO 9



Hal-Con combines the traditional science fiction & fantasy convention with

the modern Comic-Con trade show style event. Nearly 500 single events are scheduled during the convention, creating hundreds of hours of programming.

Having outgrown the convention centre; external festivities are being held at The Old Triangle, Citadel Hill, The Discovery Centre, and more. Click [here](#) for more information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Nov. 11 each year, Canadians stand in collective remembrance of all who have fallen in the military

service of their country. Royal Canadian Legion branches host Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across the country and abroad.

Find your local Remembrance Day Ceremony by clicking [here](#).

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



Spots are filling up for the 2025 Volunteer Conference, taking place on Friday, Nov. 17.

This year's workshops will cover:

- Basic financial management for volunteer organizations
- Building inclusive and supportive communities by working smarter, not harder
- Cultivating community panel
- Exploring socially prescribed volunteering
- Gen V: Empowering the next generation of volunteers
- Making tech work for you: Tools for volunteers, boards and non-profits
- An introduction to grant writing
- Community event planning
- Conflict as opportunity
- From story to solution: Community voices in a changing world
- Micro neighbourliness
- Volunteer Management 101

Register now by clicking [here](#).



COUNCIL EXPLORES TIERED DEED TRANSFER TAX



At the Tuesday, Oct. 7 meeting, Halifax Regional Council voted to send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting

legislative changes that would allow the municipality to adopt a tiered deed transfer tax structure.

The move follows a staff recommendation to replace the current flat 1.5 per cent tax with a progressive, tiered structure, aimed at improving fairness and increasing revenue for major capital projects. Under the proposed model, lower-value property sales would see reduced taxes, while higher-value transactions and luxury homes would contribute more. Staff estimate the changes could generate at least \$25 million in additional annual revenue.

Council's decision means the municipality will now request amendments to the Municipal Government Act to permit tiered and luxury rates, raise the maximum allowable tax to 2.5 per cent, and close existing legislative exemptions.

Because deed transfer taxes are governed by provincial law, any changes must first be reviewed and approved by the Province. If supported, the Minister of Municipal Affairs would have final authority to approve or amend the requested legislative updates before they take effect.

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PENNY AUCTION – NOV. 15



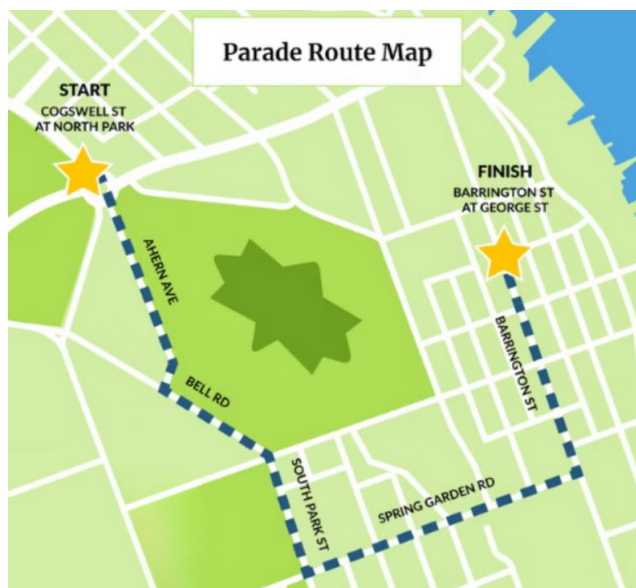


HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS



On Sun., Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm, Downtown Halifax will celebrate the 30th annual [Nova Scotia Power Holiday Parade of Lights](#), presented by Eastlink and hosted by the Holiday Parade of Lights Society.

This beloved event draws tens of thousands of spectators eager to experience the sights and sounds of this highly anticipated kickoff to the holiday season. Santa will make a special appearance to bring the celebration to a joyful close, delighting everyone with his festive spirit.



LEAF AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL



Leaf and yard waste that doesn't fit into the green cart belongs in paper yard

waste bags.

Did you know that each household that receives curbside collection can place up to 20-yard waste bags out on collection day? This makes disposing of leaf and yard waste easy.

Reminder that leaf and yard waste

- Can only go out on green cart day
- Belongs in paper yard waste bags (no plastic is accepted)
- Cannot contain grass clippings

For more information about leaf and yard waste click [here](#).

For tips and tricks with grass clippings, click [here](#).

CANADA MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION HOUSING DESIGN CATALOGUE PROGRAM



The Halifax Regional Municipality will participate as a Local Partner in the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Design Catalogue.

The Housing Design Catalogue is a new national initiative to help build more housing. The catalogue offers a collection of pre-designed building plans developed by local



architecture and engineering professionals. These plans are tailored to regional building codes, climate zones and construction practices, and are available to property owners free of charge.

Through participation as a Local Partner, the municipality will:

- promote the use of construction ready plans for townhouses, fourplexes and accessory dwelling units, such as backyard suites;
- streamline development approvals for catalogue designs;
- track and report on the number of building permits that use Housing Design Catalogue designs; and
- be featured in CMHC promotional materials and communications related to the catalogue launch.

Using the Housing Design Catalogue can help homeowners and builders save time and money by reducing the need for custom designs. The plans are energy-efficient, adaptable and climate-resilient, helping to increase the supply of “missing middle” housing options in communities across the region.

For more information, click [here](#).

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS



Students in grades 7 to 12 at all HRCE and CSAP schools, as well as homeschooled

students across Halifax, can ride Halifax Transit for free during the 2025/26 school year.

Your Student Transit Pass gives you unlimited access to buses and ferries from Sept. 4, 2025, to Sept. 11, 2026. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

THE PEOPLE PROJECT – COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAM



Reach out to be connected to a community mediator in your area

902.422.1501

[LEARN MORE](#)



Halifax Regional Council approved a one-year \$100,000 pilot in July 2025 for a [Community Mediation Program](#), delivered in partnership with United Way Maritimes.

The effort offers free, voluntary, confidential, and unbiased mediation services to residents dealing with common neighborhood disputes like noise, parking, fence lines, property boundaries, and shared driveway conflicts.



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SACKVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & LIGHT UP THE PARK!

Join friends and family on Sat., Nov. 29 from 6–7 p.m. to kick off the holiday season at Acadia Park, 650 Sackville Drive.

The 18th annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting, hosted by the Sackville Business Association and Acadia Recreation Club, in collaboration with other community organizations, is a FREE event for all ages

Coming together as a community in the spirit of joy to enjoy local entertainment, warm cups of hot chocolate, treats, a special visit from Santa himself, and, of course, the magical lighting of the trees is a great way to start the holiday season.

Looking forward to seeing you there and celebrating this heartwarming tradition!

BEAVER BANK PARADE OF LIGHTS

18TH ANNUAL BEAVER BANK PARADE OF LIGHTS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 6PM
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE BEAVER BANK COMMUNITY AWARENESS ASSOCIATION
BARRETT LUMBER TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Meet Santa and The Lions at the Community Centre for Tree Lighting, Cookies, and Hot Chocolate Inside
BEAVER BANK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED 6-7PM
Quiet Sensory Zone 1000 Beaver Bank Road to Meadow Drive
SPECTATORS FOR YOUR SAFETY
PLEASE STAY ON SIDEWALKS AND SHOULDER
NOT ON PAVEMENT, INTERSECTION OR ROADWAY

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IN THE COMMUNITY....



Thank you to everyone who supported the 20th annual Sackville Rivers Association Dinner &

Silent Auction with special thanks to the Sackville Kinsmen for hosting and the Sackville Kinettes for preparing the delicious Roast Beef dinner!

Over 110 people filled the Kinsmen Community Centre to help support the Sackville River including Councillor John Young, me, Walter Regan, MLA Paul Wozney, MP Braedon Clark and, Councillor Jean St-Amand!



Had a great time at the Sackville Kinsmen Community Bowl where Sackville High Kingfishers and Avonview High Avalanche tackled it out for the Community Bowl Trophy.

I was honoured to be a part of the honour guard during opening ceremonies with Sackville Town Crier Greg Fenwick, Sackville - Beaver Bank Scouts, MLA Paul Wozney, along with Kinsmen members. We enjoyed a BBQ, Pizza and great half-time festivities.





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Some photos from the Fultz House Museum Heritage Dinner & Auction held on October 16. The theme was “ Racing History” as Sackville is rich in history for both racing cars and horses.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Lower Sackville’s first HRM Councillor Bob Harvey, who served both Halifax County and HRM from 1989-2012.

Thank you to Joanne Boudreau and her team for a great event and the Sackville Lions for a wonderful meal.



Finally! We got the directional sign at the Beaver Bank Road/Glendale Drive intersection corrected to show the correct spelling of Beaver Bank. Thank you to HRM staff for moving quickly on this matter.



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Halifax Search and Rescue (H.S.A.R.) is a vital piece of our emergency response in Nova Scotia, and we are proud to help purchase this drone to assist their efforts. Thank you to each and every member of H.S.A.R.



I was pleased to be part of the North West Community Council (Councillors Jean St-Amand, Cathy Deagle Gammon, me, John Young) in supporting Sackville's Meals on Wheels in purchasing a new stove. They will now be able to continue providing healthy, affordable meals allowing seniors to maintain their independence at home.

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.

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:



Paul Wozney
Sackville-Cobequid

Unit 104, 445 Sackville Drive
Lower Sackville NS B4C 2S1

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representing the Lower Sackville-Beaver Bank
area are:



Braedon Clarke
Sackville-Bedford-Preston

Suite 201
2900 Hwy 2
Fall River

Email: info@parl.gc.ca

Toll-free (Canada): 1-866-599-4999

Telephone: 613-992-4793

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](#) – now the [Nova Scotia Energy and Regulatory Boards Tribunal](#). 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).

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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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

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REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11

Let us never forget the solemn truth
that the nation is not constituted
of the living alone.

— SIR ROBERT BORDEN, 8TH PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA



FALL BACK

REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR