

HRM COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The HRM Community Grants Program provides aid to registered non-profit organizations and charities throughout the municipality to help with their endeavours. There are two types of grants:

- Project Grants up to \$5,000
- Capital Grants up to \$25,000

The program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts & Crafts
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance & Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

Application deadline is March 31st. More info is at: www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants or HRM Grants Guidebook & Applications can be obtained from a HRM Service Centre or by e-mailing: nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca, or call 902-490-7310.

ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA NOMINEES

The nomination deadline for the Order of Nova Scotia (ONS) is on the third Friday of March (March 19th, 2021) The ONS recognizes Nova Scotians for outstanding contributions to their communities. NS citizens are encouraged to nominate or re-nominate someone they feel has made a significant contribution. Nomination forms are available at Access Nova Scotia Centres throughout the province. For more information, please call the NS Protocol Office—One Government Place, Barrington Level, 1700 Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1X5. Telephone: 902-424-2467 Fax: 902-424-4309 or by E-mail: orderofnovascotia@gov.ns.ca or check ONS Website: <https://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp>

SEPTIC SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM

HRM Bylaw C-1000 Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply was recently amended to enable the municipality to assist property owners with the financing of replacing or upgrading of on-site sewage disposal equipment. The program is structured so that HRM pays the invoice of the contractor who performs the work. The loan forms a lien on the property. The customer then repays HRM over 10 years. The loan amount is either up to \$20,000 or 75% of the assessed value of the property, whichever is the lesser amount. For more details, go to the report and bylaw: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/210112rc1111.pdf and www.halifax.ca/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/by-law-c-1000

CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE



The next Census of Population will take place in May 2021. Census information is used to make informed decisions about our communities, province and the country as a whole. The census paints a portrait of Canada's population and the places where we live. Information from the census will ensure that our communities have the data it needs for planning schools, daycare, housing, hospitals, emergency services, roads, public transportation, and employment skills training. Are you interested in a job that 'counts'? Do you want to be part of a great

undertaking? Statistics Canada have started recruiting for both supervisory and non-supervisory positions in your community. You can indicate in your application whether you are interested in a non-supervisory position (enumerator), a supervisory position (crew leader), or both. You can apply NOW on-line at: <https://census.gc.ca/jobs-emploi-eng.htm>

Join the 2021 Census team and make a lasting contribution to Canada and its people! Check out their website www.census.gc.ca for additional information.

DOG LICENSES: NEW OR RENEWAL



HRM requires all pet owners to license their dogs annually by April 1st. The licensing year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Pet owners are required to apply for a license within 10 days of obtaining a dog. Effective May 2nd 2020 amendments were made to By-Law A-700 regarding dog licensing. Dogs aged 6 months or younger, or dogs already licensed in another jurisdiction are no longer required to be licensed in HRM. We also offers a "LIFE-TIME" registration that also requires your pet to have a micro-chip for easy identification purposes. There are discounted license prices for seniors, as well for any dog that has been spayed or neutered. There is no fee for Special Aid Personal Assistance Service Dogs. But there are rates for any dog that is deemed to be registered as "Dangerous".

License Type	One Year		Life Time	
	Standard	Senior	Standard	Senior
Unaltered	\$50	\$25	\$200	\$100
Spayed Neutered	\$15	\$7.50	\$75	\$37.50
Service Dog	N/C - No Charge - Free			
Dangerous Dog	\$100		\$300	
Replaced Tag	\$5			

You can license your dog or have its license renewed either in person at any HRM Customer Service Centre or at select veterinary clinics, or by mailing a completed licensing form with the correct payment to: HRM Dog Licensing, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS B3J 3A5 or for license renewals only with a credit card by calling the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or 1-800-835-6428 (NS toll-free). Pet owners found to be in violation of HRM By-Law A-700 licensing regulations may be issued a warning notice or be issued a Summary Offense Ticket of \$237.50 or greater; and/or could have their dog seized by Animal Services and face further prosecution in court. For more information: www.halifax.ca/home-property/animal-services/getting-a-dog-licence

OPEN-AIR BURNING: MARCH 15TH



Normally Open-Air Burning Season begins on March 15th. There is an on-line fire index map at: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>. It will ensure everyone knows the risks of wildfire in all areas of the province each day. The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county to let us know if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe with restrictions. The map and recorded phone message will be updated daily. Call Burn Safe toll-free 1-855-564-2876. These changes affect brush burning on domestic properties, such as rural residential lots, woodlots, fishing camps and cottage lots. But Commercial/Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from a DNR office. Be sure to follow all instructions, rules of conduct and be respectful of your neighbours when you want to burn. Be cognizant of those with any sensitivity to smoke. Please be careful when burning.

HRM/AFRICAN-NS ACTION PLAN

The Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan is a collaborative plan developed and owned by the African Nova Scotian (ANS) community, in partnership with HRM and the Halifax Partnership, to advance economic development and community priorities. Consultations were held with ANS communities throughout the municipality to identify key issues and actions that will address historic and present-day economic prosperity challenges and opportunities. African Nova Scotians have always been dedicated to building a strong, vibrant and prosperous community. The Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan is a continuation of the legacy of community-led efforts. The plan continues the work that ANS communities have been doing for generations. Here is the link to see the Summary Report & Action Plan: <https://halifaxpartnership.com/sites/default/uploads/ANS-Road-to-Economic-Prosperity-Action-Plan-Report.pdf>



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