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#### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS MESSAGE

These are difficult and uncertain times for our communities, province, nation and planet. This COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic has us all on edge. Together, we are facing a very serious crisis. The impacts are far reaching, and we are all feeling personally challenged in different ways. But we all need to listen and act on the directions set out by Dr. Robert Strang, NS Chief Medical Health Officer and our Public Health authorities. All of us should be familiar with the daily advisory messages.

These must be taken very seriously:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid touching your face
- Keep 2 metres separation from others, and
- If you have travelled outside of Nova Scotia, you must self-isolate for 14 days upon you return.

Remember that you, and others you see, may be a carrier of the virus, regardless of appearance or the lack of any symptoms. If you feel unwell, contact 811. Let's be role models for our family, friends and neighbours. Treat those around you with kindness. Show you care by keeping your distance. And while it is important that we remain physically apart from one another, we've never been stronger together than we are now, at this moment. Social media can span social distancing. Together, we can show compassion and protect those who are most vulnerable. Together, we will meet our collective responsibility to support and care for one another. I am very proud of the volunteers and helpers that have come forth to help others in their communities. Simply put, by doing your part, you will help save lives. If we all do our part, we will get through this—together. **Take Care and Be Safe!**

#### GRANTS APPLICATION EXTENDED

HRM Community Grants application deadline has been extended to May 15th. On-line applications and program guidebooks are available at: [www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-non-profit-resources/community-grants](http://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-non-profit-resources/community-grants)

#### HRM TAX BILL EXTENDED—JUNE 1ST

The HRM Interim bill was mailed out in mid-March with an original due date of Thursday, April 30th. It has now been extended to Monday, June 1st. The final bill will still be due on October 31st. Instead of having two large payments, you can arrange a payment plan to pay in smaller monthly amounts or apply for a deferral if necessary. If you have any inquiries about your tax bill, please call the Halifax Contact Centre at 311 or go on-line to: <http://www.halifax.ca/taxes/index.php>.

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week is May 3rd–9th. Everyone should be prepared and able to take care of themselves for a 72-hour period from any potential harm caused by a significant weather event or incident. However; this COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic has certainly taught us to be even more prepared than ever before. It's important that we follow ALL Public Health Orders that are in place for our own good and protection. Our district is very fortunate to have two Joint Emergency Management (JEM) Teams: Eastern Shore JEM (Cole Harbour to Ship Harbour) and Sheet Harbour JEM (East Ship Harbour to Ecum Secum). Our JEM Teams are always looking for volunteers. For more details about them please go to: [www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/volunteer-during-emergency](http://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/volunteer-during-emergency). The fourteenth annual 'JEM Jamboree' was scheduled for Saturday May 9th at the Porters Lake Atlantic Superstore parking lot but had to be cancelled due to Social Distancing & Stay Home directives. So please continue listening to state of emergency procedures.

Here are few more EP websites:

[www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)

[www.publicsafety.gc.ca](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca)

<http://novascotia.ca/dma/emo>

or on Twitter @nsemo

[www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness-checklists](http://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness-checklists)  
or on Twitter: @HRM\_EMO

#### PROVINCE DECLARES FIRE BAN

As a response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Province decided to declare a ban on all open fires in or with 1,000 feet of any wooden area until May 15th. The NS Department of Lands & Forestry will be reassessing this ban in April to determine if it should be lifted or extended. For up to date information and further details, go to: <https://novascotia.ca/BurnSafe/>

#### NAIG 2020—CANCELLED TO 2021?

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) that were to be held July 12th–18th in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Aldershot and Millbrook, have been postponed due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19. While there is still much more planning ahead, it is their intent to reschedule these Games to 2021.

#### RECOGNIZED LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Each year HRM recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. Since the Coronavirus pandemic cancelled the annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony, they will all be recognized at a later date. Here is a complete list of the eleven local honourees from our district for 2020:

##### YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

Grace Robinson-Crawley—Lake Echo  
Dylan MacKenzie—East Chezzetcook  
Gwyn Osborne—Lake Charlotte  
Leah Stienburg—Musquodoboit Harbour

##### ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

Brenda Brooks—East Preston  
Kenny Dolomont—Porters Lake  
Sha'ondra Downey—North Preston  
Rhonda Frank—Head of Chezzetcook\*  
Kent Smith—Musquodoboit Harbour  
Gary Stronach—Mineville  
Marilyn Smith—East Preston\*+  
\*denotes Provincial Award recipients  
+denotes Provincial Volunteer of the Year

**Congratulations & Many Thanks to You All!**

#### HSW MOBILE DEPOTS POSTPONED



Operations at the HRM Household Special Waste (HSW) depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive in the Bayers Lake Industrial Park have been suspended until further notice. Residential CFC removal service from old refrigerators and freezers has also been halted. These old appliances can not be collected for metal recycling while they contain CFC's (Chlorofluorocarbon 'freon' gas). Residents are asked to hold onto these items until the program resumes. Furthermore, all scheduled Mobile HSW Depots have been cancelled until further notice too. In the meantime, please stockpile these HSW items safely. Impacts to HRM's solid waste program are kept up to date online at [www.halifax.ca/coronavirus](http://www.halifax.ca/coronavirus). Residents may also register for service alerts through the Halifax Recycles mobile app, or online at [www.Halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://www.Halifax.ca/whatgoeswhere).



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