



## COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS

HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE



## WELCOME FEBRUARY!

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Our heritage helps to form who we are as individuals and as a community. *"The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future."* (Wendell Phillips)

February is rich in opportunities to celebrate our diverse and unique heritage through the provincial Heritage Day and the dedication of February as African Heritage month. February is traditionally known as the month for celebrating love which ties in well with the love and respect we have for our collective heritage.

This month's newsletter has updates on municipal programs and services including dates for virtual Budget Committee / Regional Council sessions, free fine art virtual classes, courses for persons with disabilities, winter bike week and much more!

In the interest of public health, my drop-in sessions to chat with your Councilor at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre are still suspended until further notice.

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### REGIONAL COUNCIL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February Regional Council and Budget Committee virtual meetings will be held on the following dates:

#### Budget Committee:

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### Regional Centre Community Council

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Please check our [website](#) as dates/times/locations are subject to change.

### REGIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Regional Centre Community Council held a variance appeal hearing for [Case 23178: Appeal of Site Plan Approval – 6399, 6395, & 6389 North Street, Halifax](#). The Site Plan Approval to enable the construction of a new, twenty-metre,

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128-unit residential building with two levels of underground parking, was appealed by three property owners within the notification area.

Regional Centre Community Council denied the appeal and upheld the Development Officer's decision for site plan approval.



### AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

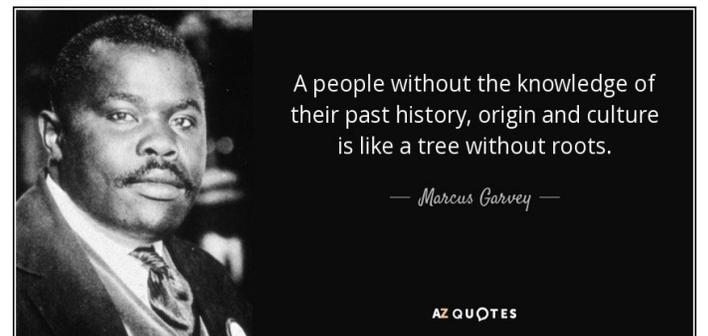


**African Heritage Month 2021**

The [2021 African Heritage Month's](#) provincial theme, **Black History Matters:**

**Listen, Learn, Share and Act**, recognizes the important legacy of people of African Descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada.

See more information on the planned virtual events [here](#).



— Marcus Garvey —

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## NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY

Introduced in 2015, Nova Scotia Heritage Day honours a person or event chosen by Nova Scotian school children. The first honoree was Viola Desmond.

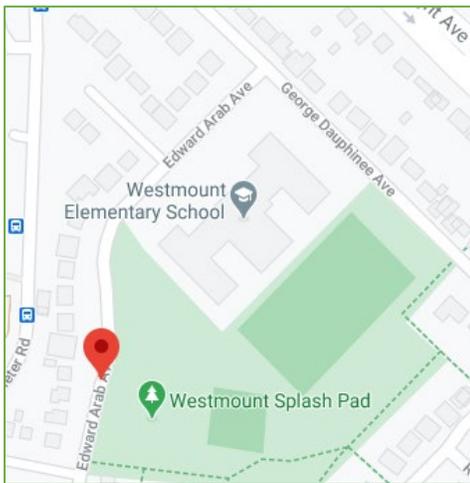
## FREE VIRTUAL ART CLASSES

Free virtual fine arts classes are currently being offered for students Grades 3-12 with more to come! Late registrants welcome.



2021 will honour Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab. Edward, grandson to some of the first Lebanese immigrants to Halifax, was a graduate of Dalhousie University Law School. He practiced law until enlisting in the army in August 1942.

Lieutenant Arab received the following citation(s): 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp and War Medal 1939-45. Lieutenant Edward Francis Arab was killed in action on October 25, 1944. He was 29 years old.



A street in the Westmount subdivision was named in his honour. All streets in Westmount are named in honour of veterans.



FREE ONLINE VIRTUAL FINE ARTS CLASSES STARTING FEBRUARY 1st!

(Late registrants welcome)

Singing, Drama, Play-Writing, Voice Acting, Performance, Music Theory, Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching, Rapping, Street Art, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz, a Virtual Kitchen Party, Trumpet, Tap and Musical Theatre Dance training are all currently being offered with more to come!

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/halifax-regional-arts-re-source/home/online-programs-2021>

Halifax Regional Arts is the supplementary funded Fine Arts school that provides support and enhancement across the HRCE for music, dance, drama and visual art. We graciously acknowledge the support of HRM Taxpayers and Halifax City Council in providing the support that makes so many amazing arts experiences possible for our students. #ThanksToYouHalifax

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Halifax Fire and Emergency (HRFE) Career Firefighters:

HRFE will be accepting applications for the development of a candidate pool to fulfill hiring requirements for [permanent full-time career Firefighters](#).

A career as a Firefighter is both challenging and rewarding, offering individuals the opportunity to serve their community while working as a member of a highly skilled professional team. HRFE is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of life, property and environment, through leadership, partnership and effective response to emergencies.

To submit your application visit our [web-based job application system](#) and create an account when the posting is live.



### Halifax Transit Red Seal Mechanics:

Halifax Transit is inviting applications for a candidate pool of Truck & Transport Mechanics at our locations in Halifax and Dartmouth. Candidates selected for this opportunity may be considered for available positions over the next six months. 2nd, 3rd and 4th-year apprentices will also be considered. Be part of the team that keeps the buses safe and on the road.

Halifax Transit offers:

- defined benefit pension
- three vacation weeks in your first full year
- medical/dental
- unionized
- training opportunities
- mentorship opportunities
- clothing and boot allowance
- tool replacement program after two years employment
- shop and specialty tools are provided and much more.

Be a part of the team that ensures our buses are safe. [Read the full job description and apply today.](#)



To view other employment opportunities with HRM, please visit our [website](#)



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### INDEPENDENT LIVING NOVA SCOTIA



#### New Year = New Pre-Employment Program Offerings

##### Community Access Program (CAP):

- For youth with disabilities ages **18 - 24** who live within the HRM
- Runs from **February 1 - March 26, 2021**
- Helps participants develop life, essential & employability skills while also connecting participants to their community through social and volunteer opportunities

##### In Motion and Momentum Plus (IM&M+) Program:

- For PWD ages **18+** who live within the HRM
- Runs from **February 1 - May 11, 2021**
- Helps participants who may feel like they're moving in a direction that is not right for them. IM&M+ is about getting unstuck, moving in a way that feels good, harnessing participants' considerable potential & creating the life they want to live.

**For more information or to apply for either of these programs, visit our website today at [ilns.ca](https://ilns.ca)**

#### Community Access Program (CAP):

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>** - specifically designed for youth with disabilities ages 18 - 24.

This program helps youth with disabilities develop life, essential and employability skills while also promoting the independent living principles of integration and full participation in one's community.

Participants will complete mandatory life and employability skills workshops and will also have the opportunity to connect with their community

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through a variety of social activities. Additionally, CAP will have a blended delivery model with both in-person and virtual workshops and activities.

For complete details about the Community Access Program or to apply for this program go to: <https://ilns.ca/community-access-program/>. If you have any questions about CAP please contact ILNS at [cap@ilns.ca](mailto:cap@ilns.ca).

#### In Motion and Momentum Plus (IM&M+):

February 16<sup>th</sup> (not Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> as shown in poster) to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

This 13-week program is for persons with disabilities who are 18+ years of age with significant potential for success in their lives. The program is especially helpful for those who, for one reason or another, may feel stuck or wish to change direction as it focusses on: getting unstuck, moving in a way that feels good, harnessing your considerable potential and creating the life you want to live.

For more information about the IM&M+ Program or to apply for this program go to: <https://ilns.ca/in-motion-and-momentum-program/>.

If you have any questions about IM&M+ please contact: [inmotionandmomentum@ilns.ca](mailto:inmotionandmomentum@ilns.ca).





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## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

## LIVESTREAMING IN HRM FACILITIES



Are you a non-profit/charitable group seeking funding for a community project? If so, check out the [2021 Community Grants Program Guide book](#) (contains application) for more information.

There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

The program provides assistance for projects in the following categories:

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

The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Due to public health restrictions that prohibit spectators in facilities, including arenas, and recent changes permitting games, we received intense interest to permit recording and livestreaming in arenas.

Following discussions with Hockey Nova Scotia and further examination of privacy concerns, HRM has agreed to permit livestreaming for facility rentals at the discretion of the renter. **Signage will be placed in the facilities to indicate that renters in the facility may be livestreaming or digitally recording their activities.**

Recording/livestreaming of participants had not been permitted in municipal facilities including arenas. This practice was in place for many years in order to protect the privacy of participants.

We will continue to work with Hockey Nova Scotia, hockey associations and other recreation partners (i.e. Soccer Nova Scotia, Ringette Nova Scotia, etc.) to balance personal privacy with the use of digital recording to record and broadcast activities that occur in municipal facilities.





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## WINTER BIKE WEEK

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Hosted by the [Halifax Cycling Coalition](#), Winter Bike Week is a week-long series of events to celebrate winter cycling. Year-round cycling has been growing in popularity and, if you are considering winter cycling, the winter bike week event is a great opportunity to experience some exciting learning and inspirational opportunities.

I am a member of Halifax Regional Council, Halifax and West Community Council, Regional Centre Community Council and the following boards and committees:

For winter cycling tips check out Halifax Cycling Coalition's [Cycling in Winter page](#).

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association

The 2021 events will be virtual events from February 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities to cycle with friends or family who are part of your "bubble".

Visit any [Halifax Public Library](#) branch and check out their winter cycling-themed book display, or pick up a copy of the [Halifax Cycling Handbook](#).



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