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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MARCH! BIEVENUE MARS!



March is a busy month – not only with budget committee meetings but a number of significant dates such

as: Daylight Saving Time beginning March 10th; Ramadan beginning March 10th; Spring Break for all Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) schools is March 11th to 15th; St. Patrick’s Day is March 17th; the first day of spring is March 19th and Good Friday is on March 29th. WHEW!

Keep reading for more information on HRM’s Community Grants program, spring weight restrictions, job opportunities for municipal trade apprentices, rec fee changes and much more!

If you have questions concerning municipal programs or services, contact me at deaglec@halifax.ca or by phone at 902.717.2718.

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MARCH MEETINGS

Budget Committee

Wednesday, March 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council

Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on the [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

Standing Committees

March 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Appeals Standing Committee

March 7th at 1:30 p.m.

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

March 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Standing Committee

March 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 25th at 10:00

Executive Standing Committee

March 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

North West Planning Advisory Committee – meetings are on hold for 3 years [as per provincial amendments to HRM Charter effective April 2022](#).

External Meetings:

March TBD

Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee

March TBD

Equity and Community Wellbeing Committee

March TBD

Halifax International Airport Authority

March TBD

Halifax Partnership

March 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Halifax Regional Water Commission – Audit and Finance

March TBD

Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

NWCC UPDATE



(Back row LtoR): Councillor Tim Outhit, Councillor Paul Russell
(Front row LtoR): Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Councillor Pam Lovelace, Councillor Lisa Blackburn.

At the Tuesday, February 20th joint meeting of the Halifax & West Community Council, Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council and North West Community Council dealt with the following:

[Case 2023-01049: Suburban Planning Area Land Use By-law amendments to Interim Bonus Zoning Requirements for Applicable Plan Amendment Applications](#)



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Staff-initiated amendments to allow applicants who are going through a MPS Amendment process and are required to provide Incentive or Bonus Zoning public benefit contributions, to delay the payment to the occupancy certificate stage. Public hearing was held. Motion passed to approve the amendments as proposed.

Monday, February 26th the NWCC dealt with the following:

Case VAR-2023-01314: Appeal of Variance Approval – Civic 15 Shankel Road, Hubbards

NWCC upheld the decision of the development officer to deny the appeal for the property owner at 15 Shankel Road for a front deck built without a permit.

PLANAPP 2023-01145: Amending Development Agreement for 644 Bedford Highway, Halifax

NWCC gave notice of motion to consider the proposed amended development agreement to allow the conversion of an interior parking area to create two additional residential units at 644 Bedford Highway and schedule a virtual public hearing for March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

PLANAPP 2023-00912: Development Agreement to Allow an Expansion to an Existing Recycling Depot at 15 Sackville Cross Road, Lower Sackville

NWCC gave notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement to allow the expansion of an existing recycling depot at 15 Sackville Cross Road, Lower Sackville and schedule a virtual public hearing for March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Outhit - Bedford Land Use By-Law Amendment

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NWCC requested a staff report regarding amendments to the Bedford Land Use By-law to allow for 'dog day care' use in the ILI (Light Industrial) Zone and any additional requirements which might be necessary to reduce possible conflicts between differing land uses.

To view the full meeting agenda [click here](#).

DID YOU KNOW ...

March is [Francophone Month](#)

March 3rd is [Employee Appreciation Day](#)

March 8th is [International Women's Day](#)

March 10th to April 8th is [Ramadhan](#)

March 10th is the beginning of [Daylight Saving](#)

March 18th is [Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day](#)

March 19th is the [First Day of Spring](#)

March 20th is [International Francophonie Day](#)

March 21st is [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)

March 29th is [Good Friday](#)

FRANCOPHONIE MONTH



Bonjour tout le monde! Mars est le Mois de la Francophonie, un moment pour célébrer la langue française et les diverses cultures francophones de notre région et du monde

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entier. La Journée internationale de la Francophonie est célébrée le 20 mars chaque année pour commémorer la fondation de l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie.

March is [Francophonie Month](#), a time to commemorate the French language and diverse Francophone cultures here at home and across the globe. As part of Francophonie Month celebrations, International [Francophonie Day](#) is observed annually on March 20th.

Home to the largest Francophone and bilingual population in the province, the municipality is committed to strengthening its French language services and advancing French language initiatives more broadly through our French Language Services Strategy, updated June 2022.

You can learn more about the valuable role the Acadian and Francophone population plays in contributing to the cultural, social and economic development in our region by joining celebrations throughout the month!

CASE 21460: SITE C - INGRAM DRIVE, FALL RIVER

On February 16th, 2024, the Minister of Housing John Lohr announced that Site "C" Ingram Drive in Fall River would be the 11th Special Planning Area (SPA). The following is from the Nova Scotia news release:

*Fall River South (Opportunity Site C) has been designated a special planning area and a proposed **120-unit project** in the area can now move ahead under provincial legislation. Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister John Lohr made the designation on the recommendation of the Executive Panel on*

Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The area covers about 12 hectares (30 acres) at the end of Ingram Drive.

The developer will now work with municipal planning and development staff to move the project forward. Projects in special planning areas are subject to permitting, fees and safety and regulatory requirements specified in the Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act

The agendas and minutes of the Housing Panel are available on the NS website found [here](#).

The minutes of February 1st item 3.2 are as follows:

Motion to Declare Fall River Site C as a Special Planning Area

The Panel recommends the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing designates the area of the Fall River Site C delineated in the map attached as Schedule "A" of February 1, 2024, meeting agenda as a Special Planning Area.

• **Members from HRM abstained from the motion.**

• The Chair voted to carry the motion.

Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin Second: Kristin O'Toole Scott Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez

VOTE: Aye (3) Nay (0) **Abstain (2)**

I have been asked why HRM staff abstained from the vote and the answer is that while Planning Staff did recommend the development, Regional Council made the decision not to approve.

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Therefore, HRM staff respected the decision of Regional Council.

Designated Special Planning Areas:

Former Penhall Mall: expected units 950
Southdale/Mount Hope: expected units 1,200
Bedford West 10: expected units 2,800
Bedford West 12 and 1: expected units 2,500
Port Wallace: expected units 4,900
Morris Lake Expansion: expected units 3,100
Dartmouth Crossing: expected units 4,100
Sandy Lake: expected units 6,000
Musquodoboit Harbour: Nursing Home
Indego Shores: Advanced Timeline - expected units 150.

Fall River Site C: expected units 120

As a resident has said many times – one of these things does not look like the other!

SPA Evaluation Criteria

In my humble opinion, one that I have shared with this community – a community in which I live - the strikeouts shown in the text below represent all the criteria that are **not** applicable to Site C. Typically, developments considered for designation as a Special Planning Area will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- i. **Site Suitability:**
For example, water/~~wastewater~~ and/or environmental studies complete and ~~adequate infrastructure~~ in place or funding secured for same;
- ii. **~~Transportation Ready~~ or Funded:**
Transportation studies complete and adequate ~~infrastructure in place or funding secured for~~

~~same (i.e., supports climate friendly multi-modal transportation)~~

iii. **Mix of Housing Types:**
Development proposes or could ~~accommodate a mix of tenure and housing types~~ and/or contributes to densifying the area (i.e., ~~Single unit~~, multi-unit, ~~townhome~~, supporting multi-demographic housing needs, etc.);

iv. **Regional Plan Alignment:**
Development alignment consistent with the most current ~~HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy~~;

v. **Community Benefit:**
Development ideally ~~includes affordable housing, increasing green/park space/recreational amenities, cultural indoor space, long term care, or primary healthcare component.~~

vi. **Quick Opportunities:**
Development is feasible to quickly translate into built units.

vii. **Priority Alignment:**
Development alignment with provincial and municipal housing priorities such as ~~Land for Housing Project, Provincial Housing Needs Assessment, and non-profit housing component of builds~~; and

There are:

- NO municipal services for Wastewater
- NO public transit
- NO sidewalks
- NO housing mixes.
- NO alignment with the MPS



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NO community benefit as defined in the criteria.

NO priority alignment as defined in the criteria.

I have spoken with media about this on the following occasions:

CBC, to read the article, click [here](#).

The Laker, to read the article, click [here](#).

Saltwire , to read the article, click [here](#).

The Todd Veinotte Show, to listen, click [here](#).

I have been copied on well over fifty emails to the Housing Panel, Minister Lohr and Minister Wong, and as of the writing of this newsletter article I have not seen any response.

The application for Site C is unchanged since it was defeated in 2022.

Status

The proposed development and supporting documentation is the same as what was submitted and considered by HRM under [Case 21460](#). This information can be viewed at the "[View additional information about this proposal here](#)" or at the link above.

Questions and comments about this development getting Special Planning Area designation should be addressed to the Province. While we can hope for a reversal of the decision or a change in the development – both of these reside with the province and or the developer.

Fall River needs growth and a variety of housing options, residents need housing options with the

appropriate infrastructure in place – sidewalks, secondary egress, transit, municipal services, schools without portables, playgrounds, recreation facility/arena/rink, library and the list go on.

New residents will always be welcomed in our community, sadly we will then have more who wonder why the poor planning and why the infrastructure is lacking.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 10th at **2:00 a.m.** turn clocks forward one hour to Sunday, March 10th **3:00 a.m.** local daylight time.

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on March 10th than the day before. There will be [more light in the evening](#).



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ANNUAL SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS



To minimize potential damage to municipal roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality will

introduce its annual spring weight restrictions, beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th. These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads. Residents can view which roads are exempt from spring weight restrictions on a [map](#). Regular weight tolerances apply on exempt roads.

The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works. More details of vehicle restrictions can be found [online](#).

Spring weight restrictions

The Halifax Regional Municipality has implemented regulations restricting the maximum vehicle and axle weights permitted on all Halifax maintained roads NOT referenced in Schedule "B".

Schedule "B"

1. WINDGATE DRIVE	FROM BEAVER BANK ROAD EASTERLY 1.2 KM
2. BEAVER BANK ROAD	WINDGATE DRIVE TO SACKVILLE DR
3. BISSETT ROAD	COLE HARBOUR ROAD TO BISSETT LAKE ROAD
4. COBEQUID ROAD	SACKVILLE DRIVE TO ROCKY LAKE DRIVE
5. COLE HARBOUR ROAD	CALDWELL ROAD TO ROSS ROAD
6. COW BAY ROAD	MAIN ROAD TO CALDWELL ROAD
7. DUKE STREET	ROCKY LAKE DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 102
8. MAIN ROAD	BELMONT AVENUE TO COW BAY ROAD
9. ESTATES ROAD	GLENDALE AVE SOUTHERLY TO END OF PAVEMENT
10. FOREST HILLS DRIVE	MAIN STREET TO COLE HARBOUR ROAD
11. GLENDALE AVENUE	COBEQUID ROAD TO HIGHWAY 102
12. HAMMONDS PLAINS RD.	LARRY UTECK BOULEVARD TO HIGHWAY 103
13. LAKE MAJOR ROAD	IN TOTAL
14. LUCASVILLE ROAD	SACKVILLE DRIVE TO HEFLER'S MILL
15. ROCKY LAKE DRIVE	DUKE STREET TO HIGHWAY 2
16. SACKVILLE DRIVE	HIGHWAY 102 TO PATTON ROAD IN UPPER SACKVILLE
17. ST. MARGARET'S BAY RD	PROSPECT ROAD TO HIGHWAY 103, EXIT 4 IN TIMBERLEA
18. HIGHWAY 2	ROCKY LAKE DRIVE TO SUNNYLEA ROAD IN WELLINGTON
19. MAIN STREET	RIDGECREST DRIVE TO LITTLE SALMON RIVER BRIDGE
20. HERRING COVE ROAD	OLD HALIFAX CITY BOUNDARY TO HERRING COVE
21. EVERGREEN PLACE	IN TOTAL
22. WINDSOR JUNCTION RD.	400 METRES NORTH FROM COBEQUID ROAD
23. TIMBERLEA VILLAGE PKWY	ST. MARGARET'S BAY ROAD TO HIGHWAY 103
24. ALL STREETS	IN THE FORMER CITY OF HALIFAX, DARTMOUTH & TOWN OF BEDFORD

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2024/25 BUDGET UPDATE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents of the following key dates as part of the 2024/25

Municipal Budget process:

Wednesday, March 6th (Contingency: Friday, March 8th)

Halifax Regional Police

RCMP

Corporate Services (con't)

During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. For residents to be added to the speakers list, pre-registration will be available until 4:30 p.m. the business day prior to the meeting. More information will be available on halifax.ca/city-hall before the meeting.

Residents will also be able to virtually participate any in-person meetings. Residents who wish to speak through the virtual option must still pre-register.

On **Tuesday, April 2nd** (Contingency: Wednesday, April 3rd), Budget Committee will review the Budget Adjustment List (BAL). The BAL includes all additional items that business units have presented beyond their proposed budgets, including add-ons ("overs") and subtractions ("unders").

A full review of the 2024/25 Municipal Budget and the 2024/25 Capital Budget will occur on **Tuesday, April 23rd** (Contingency: Tuesday, April 30th). For more information on the budget process, visit halifax.ca/budget.



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BUDGET & MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN APPROVED

Regional Council has approved the 2024/25 Capital Budget and the 2024/25 Multi-Year Capital Plan, which are the basis for staff's planning and resourcing preparations required to implement capital projects within the current year and next three years.

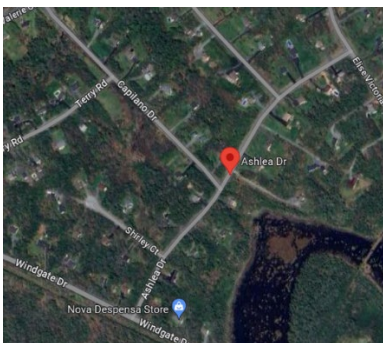


Some key projects in this budget include the Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Recreation Centre Recapitalization, Halifax Regional Fire &

Emergency (HRFE) Headquarters and Station 1, Active Transportation, Sidewalk Recapitalization, HRFE Fleet Replacement, Burnside & City of Lakes Industrial Park and Electric Bus Procurement and municipal building retrofits as part of HalifACT.

For more information, click here to read the [staff report](#).

ASPHALT OVERLAY ASHLEA DRIVE



The Halifax Regional Municipality's approved 2024/25 Capital Budget provides for the asphalt overlay of Ashlea Drive from Windgate Drive to

Elise Victoria Drive. The proposed work will involve tie-in to driveways, but it is expected that most work will be within HRM's right-of-way.

Any fences, hedges, shrubs and/or gardens within the street right-of-way may have to be moved or removed before construction by the property owner.

Please note, HRM will remove any items in conflict with construction. Please advise us if you have a heated driveway, invisible dog fence or in-ground sprinkler system. Trees within the street right-of-way will be addressed by the Municipality and must not be removed by the property owner.

This work is planned for the 2024 construction season. Please note that HRM By-Law S-300 states that pavement cuts shall not be permitted (except for emergency water or sewer breaks, etc.) for two years after the street has been paved. If you have a project requiring a pavement cut, please contact HRM or the appropriate utility as soon as possible to apply for a permit and coordinate with the upcoming capital work. For additional driveways or driveway modifications, please contact HRM at 311.

For water or sewer lateral works, please contact Halifax Water at 902-420-9287. For installation of natural gas laterals, please contact Eastward Energy at 1-877-836-7427.

All efforts will be taken to reduce the impact to properties during construction and a follow-up notice will be given to effected property owners prior to starting the work. If you have any tenants at this address, please forward a copy of this letter for their information. There will be several stages of construction taking place during this project. If someone at your address

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has difficulty crossing uneven ground, gravel, or steps, please let us know in advance so we can work with you for alternate access, where possible, during the project. During construction, parking access may be impacted both on street and in driveways to complete the work. Further notice of impacts for driveway access will be given at time of construction.

Please contact Donnie MacInnis, Project Technologist Engineering Design at macinndo@halifax.ca or 902-497-4310 if you have any questions, or if you are aware of any problems (i.e., drainage or sewer lateral issues.)

HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND ANNOUNCEMENT

Urgent changes to planning documents for housing



As part of the Housing Accelerator Fund, the municipality is collaborating with partners and other levels of government in a national effort to support housing.

The municipality is proposing updates to planning policies to enable more density and flexible housing types in residential areas.

To learn more about the Housing Accelerator Fund and the proposed amendments, [click here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



March 8th is International Women's Day, a time to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of women, girls, gender diverse and non-binary people, while raising awareness that gender inequality still exists in institutional biases, stereotypes and discrimination.

This year, the Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 is **Invest in women: Accelerate progress**. It's a call to action and a reminder that gender equality is one of the most effective ways to build healthier, more prosperous, and more inclusive communities.

We all have a role to play in building a future where everyone can reach their full potential. Learn more about upcoming events in celebration of International Women's Day by clicking [here](#).

MARCH BREAK IN HRM



Looking for fun things to do over March Break?

Halifax Public Libraries have plenty of activities planned!

Check out their What's On Calendar for free



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events and activities for the whole family to enjoy—at-home and in-person! Visit their [website](#) to explore and register.

Halifax Rec also has an awesome lineup of March Break programs at the Power House Youth Centre! Most workshops are free, but be space is limited so be sure to register to save your spot. Visit their [website](#) for a full list of events and registration info.

Check out [Discover Halifax](#) for more ideas and announcements!

MUNICIPAL TRADE APPRENTICE POSITIONS



Are you ready to embark on a journey that combines hands-on learning with real-world experience? As a dynamic and forward-thinking organization, we are seeking motivated individuals who are eager to jump-start their career in the fleet trades. Our comprehensive apprenticeship program is designed to provide you with the essential tools, knowledge, and practical skills needed to thrive in today's competitive workforce. This isn't just a job; it's a chance to cultivate your talents and contribute to meaningful projects that make a difference to your community.

Read the full job descriptions and apply for the positions shown below:

[Truck & Transport Apprentice \(position #78639768\)](#)

[Autobody Apprentice \(position #78639770\)](#)

[Welding Apprentice \(position #78639769\)](#)

Visit halifax.ca/jobs to view all current opportunities.

HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

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Community Grants Program

A guide to different types of Community Grants, eligibility criteria and how to apply

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The 2024 [Community Grants Program](#) is now accepting applications. The deadline for submissions is April 1st.

The program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants: a project grant of up to \$5,000 OR a capital grant of up to \$25,000.

Applicants should review the [Program Guidebook](#) prior to submitting an [application](#). First-time applicants are encouraged to contact staff prior to submitting an application.



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VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY (VVPR)



Approved by the Regional Council in June 2023, the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR) is a voluntary, self-referral list only for residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality who may require support during emergency situations.

The VVPR provides important information to Emergency Management staff, volunteers and, first responders to help appropriately respond to resident needs in situations such as sustained power outages, severe storms, and more.

Registering for the VVPR is voluntary and easy and starts by completing an intake form. Click [here](#) or call 311 to get started.

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Who should consider registering?

The Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR) is a voluntary, self-referral list only for residents without 24-hour support who experience severe difficulty with any of the following:

- Mobility
- Vision impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Developmental disabilities
- Cognitive impairment
- Mental health conditions
- Any resident who requires electricity for life sustaining equipment such as oxygen, dialysis, etc.

Residents under the age of 18 and receiving parent or guardian support would typically not be considered eligible for the VVPR; however, children with intensive needs that require electricity for life-sustaining equipment may be considered. In such cases, the caregiver will be registered to the program.

If you doubt whether the VVPR is right for you, complete the [intake form online](#) or call 311.

SOCIAL VALUE CATERING



The municipality is seeking applications from catering businesses who meet Social Value Guidelines for inclusion on a Social Value Catering List.

We are looking for businesses who are owned, operated by:

- Women

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- African Nova Scotians / People of African Descent
- Indigenous peoples
- veterans
- recent immigrants
- people with disabilities
- social enterprises

Learn more and apply [here](#).

HFXGO INSTALLATIONS UNDERWAY!



Installation of HFXGO validators is underway on [#hfxtransit](#) buses! Some validators are already

installed but will not be active until installation is complete on the entire fleet. Please continue to show your HFXGO ticket or pass to your Operator when boarding.

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC ART JURORS



Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking new peer evaluators of the Municipality's Grants to Professional Arts Organizations

funding program and Public Art selection juries. [Deadline to apply is March 31st.](#)

Eligible applicants will be added to a standing roster of prospective jurors. Members will be selected from this roster annually and invited to perform assessment of applications to the Grant

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Program and Public Art selection juries. This is a paid opportunity. Individuals selected for a public art jury are provided with a fee in accordance with CARFAC's Professional Jury Rate.

The implementation of the peer jury process reflects a commitment to efficacy, transparency, and accountability. This jury roster must be composed of artists and other members of the arts community who bring open-mindedness and respect for the views of others, represent a diversity of specializations, artistic practices, and cultural backgrounds, offer fair and objective analysis, based on assessment criteria without bias or prejudice, and are able and willing to work collaboratively.

For help with your application, contact Lindsay Cory, Community Developer, Lindsay.cory@halifax.ca or 902-456-8384.

REC FEES CHANGING

Parks & Recreation

Recreation encompasses parks, trails, facilities, fields, youth programs, recreation programming, culture and heritage, beaches and more.

In 2022, changes to the Parks & Recreation fee structure for recreation programs, services, rentals, drop-ins and membership fees were announced. In accordance with the five-year fee structure changes, Parks & Recreation fees, including membership fees, will be increasing effective April 1st. Please see the full list of changes [here](#).



CULTURE AND HERITAGE PRIORITIES PLAN

Regional Council has endorsed the proposed direction in the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan.

Sharing our Stories: Halifax Regional Municipality's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan is a comprehensive strategy aimed at promoting and preserving the diverse, cultural heritage of the Halifax region. The plan outlines a set of 44 actions that will help to build a more inclusive, diverse, and vibrant cultural community through focused investment, program development, service delivery and ongoing community engagement. The plan's actions will provide high-level guidance in budget and business planning across municipal departments in the areas of culture and heritage programming and will directly inform the 2023 review of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy.

One of the main objectives of the plan is to expand and improve the representation of equity-seeking groups across the municipality, such as Mi'kmaq, African Nova Scotian, Acadian, 2SLGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, and immigrants and newcomers. Engagement with these communities led directly to the development of actions that will enhance the municipality's approach to diversity and inclusion throughout its programs and services.

For more information, click here to read the [staff report](#).

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN ROAD TO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

An information report has been provided to Regional Council outlining key activities of the Road to Economic Prosperity for African Nova Scotian Communities from September 2022 to September 2023.

The report outlines activities around the Strategic Priorities, including the following:

Build unity and capacity among African Nova Scotians

- Through the guidance of the Advisory Committee, the outcome of this priority requires effective and culturally specific information sharing, collaboration with partners and establishment of a framework for supporting community capacity building efforts.

Establish land ownership, develop infrastructure, and attract investment

- This priority addresses historic and current issues related to land ownership and environmental racism, strengthens the revitalization of African Nova Scotian communities through investment and development, and supports the exploration of international economic and cultural opportunities.

Increase participation in education, employment and entrepreneurship

- The Advisory Committee continues to collaborate with its partners and stakeholders around opportunities to advance this action.

For more information, click here to read the [staff report](#).



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SENIORS RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP



Are you over the age of 60?
Apply to join our Seniors
Recreation Advisory Group!

We are seeking residents
from across the municipality

to lead the development of a new Seniors
Recreation Services Plan. Help determine key
priorities of the municipality's senior population
and guide the recommendations that will make
up the final plan. [Click here](#) to learn more and
apply by March 11th.

FREE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE WORKSHOP



Building Intercultural Competence Workshop

with Colleen Belle, ISANS Coordinator, Welcoming Communities

As Nova Scotia becomes more culturally diverse, we all need to learn how to welcome
and work with immigrants and build a better community together. In this **free**
workshop, you will:

- Increase your understanding of settlement and integration barriers
- Explore practical ways to welcome and support new immigrants
- Develop intercultural relationship-building skills for working with new immigrants

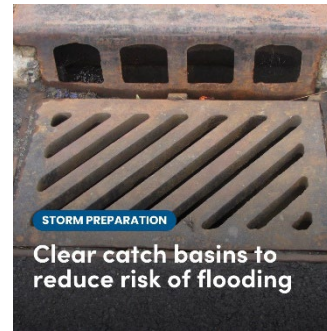
This interactive workshop is open to organizations, service providers, educators, and
community volunteers. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, March 7 | 10:00am-1:00pm
Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre

Register by contacting Brenda Levy at
levyb@halifaxlibrary.ca or calling 902-237-0167.



STORM PREPAREDNESS



Residents are asked to
clear snow, ice, leaves
and debris from storm
drains/catch basins
located near your
property if you're able to
do so safely. This
will reduce the

likelihood of flooding.

MUSGO RIDER

Medical
Appointment? Need
Groceries?
Struggling with Spiralling
Transportation Costs?

MUSGO RIDER &
VALLEY - SHEET HARBOUR COOPERATIVE LTD.



**Fare Assistance
Program**

For families and individuals with low or fixed incomes

If you live in the Musquodoboit Valley (Meagher's Grant - Dean,
Cooks Brook, Pleasant Valley (Hwy 224) & Upper Stewiacke), you may qualify
for **FREE** trips

Hospitals - MVMH, Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, New Glasgow
Groceries - 1 trip per week to Elmsdale

Call 902-483-7433 - Min 24 hours notice required

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Helping to improve your quality of life**



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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR KELOOSE 2024!

Planning has started for the 2024 Keloose festivities. So far events include: Movie night, Kids Parade, Kids' Day, Fun Run, Skate Jam and The Homewreckers. More events are in the works and we are in need of volunteers to help run some of the other events (adult dance, youth dance, pancake breakfast, community market to name a few). We will also need volunteers during the weekend itself.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DROP-IN



FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH



March is Fraud Prevention Month and the Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about the top ten scams in Nova Scotia, based on dollar losses.

Every year, thousands of Canadians fall victim to fraud. According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Nova Scotians lost \$7,330,866.07 to scams in 2023.

Many don't think it can happen to them, but scammers use sophisticated ways to target people of all ages. The best way to fight these types of crimes is through awareness and education.

Below are the top ten scams in Nova Scotia from 2023, based on dollar losses:

- 1 – **Investment:** Scammers solicit investments into false or deceptive investment companies that promise higher-than-normal returns.
- 2 – **Service:** scammers offer services such as tech support, air duct cleaning, or new cellphone service plans, in attempt to steal personal information.
- 3 – **Romance:** Using fake profiles on social media and dating websites, scammers convince people to enter into a virtual relationship with



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the goal of having them send financial support. Often victims are asked to send compromising photos of themselves and are subsequently extorted for money.

4 – **Spear phishing:** Pretending to be from legitimate sources, and using what look to be legit email addresses, scammers try to get businesses or individuals to send them money.

5 – **Job:** These scams involve online ads and fake job interviews; victims are often directed to purchase and send gift cards using fraudulent cheques.

6 – **Extortion:** Scammers unlawfully obtain money, property or services through intimidation. This is also done through sextortion, a form of blackmail that involves threats to distribute intimate images or videos if money isn't paid to the fraudster.

7 – **Bank investigator:** Scammers call and ask for help catching fraudulent bank employees or offer help in resolving suspicious account transactions.

8 – **Merchandise:** Scammers create fake online ads online using resale sites, website pop-ups or fake company websites.

9 – **Emergency:** Fraudsters prey on people's fear of a loved one being hurt or in trouble and in need of financial support. (Also known as the 'grandparent scam').

10 – **Prize:** Scammers contact people claiming they've won, or have a chance at winning, a prize

or lottery; the winner is then asked to pay taxes or fees related to the fake winnings.

If you or someone you know is a victim of a scam, report it to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. For more information, [click here](#).



BABYSITTING COURSE - LWF HALL



FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

Station 45 Volunteer Firefighters with your support from the NS Firefighters 50-50 are offering 2 free babysitting courses administered by St. John Ambulance for children ages 11-15

WHEN
April 7th 9am – 4pm & May 5th 9am – 4pm

WHERE
LWF Hall, 843 Fall River Rd, Fall River

To register for one of these free courses please send the following information to station45volunteers@gmail.com:

Your name, email & phone # - The number of children you would like to register and each child's name & date of birth

Class Pre-Requisites: Each child must have a doll or teddy bear, baby bottle and a diaper with you the day of the class. There are only 16 spots available for each course so space is limited to the first 32 registrations received.




St. John Ambulance



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FIRE STATION 38

The conversion of Fire Station #38 to a 24-hour station will require a significant renovation that will include:

- New sleeping quarters
- Upgraded washrooms
- Commercial washer and dryer for cleaning bunker gear
 - Requires new electrical room and service entrance (3 phase power)
 - Requires plumbing modifications
- Mechanical systems – heating and air conditioning
- Energy efficiency improvements such as new windows and LED lighting

We anticipate site mobilization in late May and a six month construction phase putting completion in the fall of this year.

IN THE COMMUNITY



MEET OUR PANEL



VAN BERNARD

Van is a Power Wheelchair Soccer athlete and the co-chair of the Disability Youth Advisory Panel.



HADLEY FRITTENBURG

Hadley is a Para Hockey and Para Canoe Kayak athlete for the women's national teams and the co-chair of the Disability Youth Advisory Panel.



MICHELLE MAHONEY

Michelle is the Accessibility Officer at the University of King's College and she sits on the Board of Directors with Easter Seals Canada.



ROBERT STRANG

Dr. Strang is the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia and an advocate for sport, health, and well-being for all.



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY



Halifax Public Libraries



I was pleased to give the welcome and opening remarks at the 2024 Enactus Canada Regional Exposition. I enjoyed the evening conversation about Inclusion and Accessibility in Nova Scotia as well as the film and panel discussion.



I was honoured to read the Proclamation for the Ukrainian Flag Raising at the Grand Parade for the second anniversary of Russian aggression against Ukraine. Thank you to organizer Dr. Lyubov Zhyznomirska, [Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Nova Scotia Branch](#), and thank you to [Patty Cuttell, Councillor District 11 Spryfield](#) -



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Sambro Loop - Prospect Rd for joining us. Always a pleasure to join other orders of government [Kelly Regan](#) and [Andy Fillmore](#), [Members of Parliament](#), and the US Consul General Lyra S Carr.



Attended the African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office (ANSAIO) event in

support of strengthening the delivery of municipal services to African Nova Scotian communities and residents of African descent.

COMMUNITY CENTRES/HALLS

District 1 is home to many Community Halls and Non-Profit Organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community. Here is a list of some of the great organizations in our district:

- [Elderbank Recreation Club](#)
- Lemmon Hill Sports Association [Facebook](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- [Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)
- [Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)
- [Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)

- [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)
- [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)
- [Waverley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)
- [LWF Community Hall](#)
- [Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)
- [Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)
- [Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I have missed this time around please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the [provincial](#) Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and [federal](#) Members of Parliament (MPs) representatives for [municipal district 1](#).

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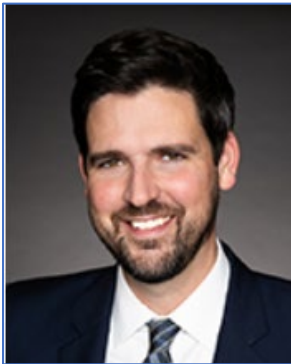
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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

My monthly e-newsletters are available on my municipal [website](#). I also maintain a mailing distribution list, if you wish to be added, please contact my Council Constituency Coordinator at 902-490-1562 or [email](#).



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Halifax Regional Municipality honours and recognizes the importance of the Indigenous people (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) and their cultural contributions to the tapestry of our region.

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

