



COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN
DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

WELCOME APRIL!



Spring is officially here – we can say goodbye to the snow season and hello to the road construction / pothole season. Help us help you by calling 311 to

report potholes. The sooner the potholes are reported the sooner they will be added to the work list.

The provincial spring weight road restrictions are also now in place, read more about this further along in the newsletter.

My Council colleagues and I are finalizing the 2023/24 municipal operating and capital budgets and will soon be announcing what the tax rate increase may be for 2023/24.

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Regional Council:

Tuesday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. (If required)

Tuesday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council

Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal [website](#).

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On March 8th, the North West Community Council (NWCC) held two public hearings as follows:

[Case 23720: Development Agreement for lands at 9 Crestfield Drive, Hammonds Plains](#)

Public hearing held and closed. NWCC approved the development agreement to enable a 53-unit seniors housing development at the corner of Crestfield Drive and Hammonds Plains Road.

[Case 24205: Development Agreement for a Conservation Design Development on Hemlock Drive \(PID 41180779\), Upper Tantallon](#)

Public hearing held and closed. NWCC approved the development agreement to allow a [conservation design development](#) on Hemlock Drive (PID 41180779) in Upper Tantallon.

Check the municipal [website](#) for more information on the meeting.

PARKING PERMIT FEE INCREASE



On Saturday, April 1st, changes to annual parking permit fees, visitor parking permits, commuter permits, carshare parking

and the ability to purchase second permits were put into effect.

- Annual parking permit fees will increase from \$40/year to \$75/year.
- Residents can purchase a second annual parking permit for \$175/year.
- Annual visitor parking permits will shift to pay-per-use:
 - One day: \$15
 - Two days: \$25
 - Seven days: \$35
- Carshare vehicles will be able to park at any on-street paid parking location.
- Commuter permits will see price increases or price decreases, depending on the zone.
- Student commuter permits will change from a flat rate of \$35/month to \$10/month discount off the regular zone price.
- All permits will shift to a digital format, removing the need for replacement fees.

These changes, supported by amendments to [By-law P-1200](#) and approved by Regional Council, will streamline purchases, increase flexibility and create efficiencies in a new digital format. These changes are also based on resident feedback and will better align with



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residents' needs and better reflect the cost of administering these programs.

All current parking permits will remain valid until they expire. For more details, visit our [website](#).

GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK ME UP



The [Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up](#) is Nova Scotia's largest volunteer-driven community clean-up program, promoting litter clean-ups across the province. Since its inception in 1992, the program has provided free supplies and support to participants who wish to carry out community-based clean-ups. In 2019, the [Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway](#) took over the delivery of the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up Program. With this program's addition, the Adopt-A-Highway will have more ways to fight the litter that plagues the province.

Litter is an eyesore, poses health risks, affects water quality, is often mistaken as food by wildlife. Consequently, after a clean-up, our province benefits in many different ways; instantly, the province's appearance improves, the environment and our waterways are aided, tourism is strengthened, and wildlife's attraction to roadways is reduced.

Please [REGISTER](#) to join thousands of other Nova Scotians in making our province beautiful and healthy.

RCMP STATS – FEBRUARY 2023

Calls for Service:

- 213 calls recorded, down 38.8% over same period in 2022.

4 Summary Offence Tickets issued, same number as issued over same period in 2022.

- 1 Other MVA (no registration, no insurance, invalid inspection sticker etc.)
- 3 Speeding

68 Proactive Assignments, down from 121 reported over same period in 2022.

- 17 cell phone/impaired/seatbelt/speeding checkpoints/radar enforcements
- 31 traffic stops, down from 79 conducted over same period in 2022.

Impaired Driving:

- 0 impaired driving charges, down from 2 over same period in 2022.
- 0 impaired driving suspensions – same number over same period in 2022.



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5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, down from 13 reported over same period in 2022.

- 5 non injury
- 0 vehicle/pedestrian/cyclist, same number over same period in 2022.

HRM'S JustFOOD ACTION PLAN



Food security in a community is a complex issue and ensuring food security means that a number of factors must be met for all community members. These factors can be categorized into six domains:

- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Availability
- Adequacy
- Awareness

On March 7th, Regional Council approved [Part A of the JustFOOD Action Plan](#) for the Halifax Region, the first food strategy for the municipality. View the staff [report](#) here.

The Action Plan is a long-range strategy to guide actions to improve food security and strengthen our local food system, with clear roles for all and the resources needed for

positive change. The municipality and [the Halifax Food Policy Alliance](#) (HFPA) are co-leading the development of the action plan, recognizing that we need to work together towards a healthy, just and sustainable food system. [View the Report](#) that formalized the relationship with HFPA and kicked off the JustFOOD Action Plan.

To become involved and learn more, visit the emerging [JustFOOD virtual food hub](#).

A complete plan, Part A and Part B, will be brought to Halifax Regional Council for approval in the Fall of 2023.

SPRING WEIGHT ROAD RESTRICTIONS

As of March 5th, spring weight road restrictions have been in place for the following counties: Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Lunenburg, Queens, Kings, Halifax, Hants, Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough, Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond and Victoria.

Some roads, including 100-series highways, are exempt from the restrictions. Follow these links for a list of [allowable weights](#) and list of [exempt roads](#).

The Department of Public Works offers the [Spring Weight Road Restrictions](#) application. The application provides a graphic representation of the seasonal restrictions for all provincially owned roadways.



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JUNO AWARDS – MARCH 2024

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) announced that The JUNO Awards are returning to Atlantic Canada, making their second visit to Halifax (Kjipuktuk) in **March 2024**. The 53rd Annual JUNO Awards will broadcast live on CBC from Scotiabank Centre on Sunday, March 24th, 2024.

The JUNO Awards are being held in Nova Scotia's capital for the first time since 2006 when Pamela Anderson hosted the ceremony. The festivities return with the support of the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality, and the 2024 Host Committee. For first-access to JUNO Awards Broadcast ticket on sale information and updates, sign up at junoawards.ca/halifax.

*"Music-loving Halifax is thrilled to be host city for the 2024 JUNO Awards," said **Halifax Mayor Mike Savage**. "We are committed to ensure everyone from the musicians to industry professionals and fans leaves Halifax with a song in their heart."*

Allegra Swanson is the Chair of Halifax's 2024 JUNO Host Committee. *"Since The JUNO Awards came through Halifax in 2006, the city's music scene has grown immensely. Music is at the core of our identity as a region, dating back to our Mi'kmaw ancestors and over 50 historic Black communities across the province. The depth of emerging talent in Halifax is vast and exciting. We look forward to working with CARAS/The JUNO Awards to create myriad opportunities to develop local artists and industry through legacy programming for years to come."*

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WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



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SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE



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Weir Field: 2476 Sackville Drive



BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

SUMMER DAY CAMP

JULY 3 - AUGUST 25
\$140/week per child
Ages 5-12

Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

bbkcc@eastlink.ca
902-865-5114
Forms online at www.bbkcc.ca

Activities include: water games, arts & crafts, outside play, special guests and more!

FREE TAX CLINICS

QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS WILL PREPARE & FILE TAX RETURNS
FREE FOR ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE A MODEST INCOME
AND A SIMPLE TAX RETURN

Drop off only
at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
1583 Beaver Bank Road

Call 902-865-5114 to book a time to drop off your info!
STARTING MARCH 7TH










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DROP IN

Every *tuesday*
7-8pm



YOGA

AT THE BEAVER BANK KINSAC
COMMUNITY CENTRE

\$15/ CLASS
REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK
PUNCH CARDS AVAILABLE MARCH 28TH
\$100 FOR 8 CLASSES



**Beaver Bank Small
Business Fair**

*Come support small businesses in and
near Beaver Bank!!*

*Some of the vendors that will be there
include: Yoga with Daisy, Sweet
Temptations, Leaman Murray Real
Estate Group, Tranquil Moon Art &
Designs, Cake pops by Angie, Razor
Free Electrolysis and many more
vendors*

April 15th / 10am to 3pm
Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre
(1583 BEAVERBANK RD)



SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Proudly serving the people of Sackville since 2004, the [Sackville Heights Community Centre](#) is in use from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. most days of the week.

Once an elementary school, the building is in its second life as a community centre.

The building is owned by the municipality while the centre is operated by a local Board of Directors.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9-4

Saturday & Sunday: Office Closed

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IN THE COMMUNITY





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Was pleased to have a virtual meeting with MP Darrell Samson and MLA Brian Wong to discuss shared priorities and upcoming projects for the area. Looking forward to future collaboration for the benefit of the residents.

PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



Provincial Representatives in District 14:

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Honoured to be a part of the [first gender parity Regional Council](#). This picture was taken on International Women's Day, March 8th, 2023. Standing in back: Councillor Kathryn Morse and Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon. Standing left to right: me – Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Councillor Iona Stoddard, Councillor Trish Purdy holding name plate for Councillor Becky Kent (absent) Councillor Patty Cuttall and Councillor Pam Lovelace. Yeah us!



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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Board of Police Commissioners
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'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. The municipality has demonstrated this is by formalizing the official Land Acknowledgement:

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