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DISTRICT 14 NEWSLETTER

Hammonds Plains - Upper Hammonds Plains - Lucasville - Middle & Upper Sackville



WELCOME JULY!

Happy Kana'ta: Canada Day! As we look forward to celebrating our 158th anniversary of Confederation, I think back on these words from Canada's 13th Prime Minister John Diefenbaker: *"I am a Canadian, free to speak without fear, free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, or free to choose those who shall govern my country."* I encourage you to celebrate this great country of ours by attending local festivities.

Keep reading for more information on opportunities to test drive an electric vehicle, HRM on Bluesky, weekly green cart collection, and much more!



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JULY MEETING DATES

Regional Council, Northwest Community Council and Standing Committee meetings will be held on:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 8 at 10 a.m.

North West Community Council:

- No meeting scheduled for July

Standing Committees:

Appeals Standing Committee

- Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- No meeting scheduled for July

Special Events Advisory Committee

- TBD

DATES OF NOTE

July is Bereaved Parents Awareness month, Juvenile Arthritis Awareness month, Recreation and Parks month and Independent Retailer month.

July 1 is Canada Day

July 1 to 31 is the Africville Reunion

July 2 is World UFO Day

July 3 is International Plastic Bag Free Day

July 5 is World Environment Day

July 6 is World Kiss Day

July 7 is Global Forgiveness Day

July 8 is Math 2.0 Day: 8 (Founding Day)

July 11 is World Population Day

July 15 is World Snake Day

July 18 is International Nelson Mandela Day
July 19 is Parks Day
July 17 to 27 is the Halifax Pride Festival
July 20 to 26 is National Drowning Prevention Week and Animal Rights Awareness Week
July 20 is Space Exploration Day
July 21 is Global Hug Your Kid Day
July 24 is Cousins' Day
July 25 is System Administrator Appreciation Day
July 28 is World Hepatitis Day
July 30 is International Day of Friendship
July 30 is Paperback Book Day
July 30 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

KANA'TA: CANADA DAY 2025



Join us for KANA'TA: Canada Day celebrations on Tuesday, July 1. This re-envisioned format for Canada Day offers a variety of new and refreshed cultural, musical, and family-oriented events to enjoy.

Developed in close collaboration with Indigenous communities, KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025 offers programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home.

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025 programming will



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include the Mawio'mi on the Halifax Waterfront, ANSMA Free Concert on the Dartmouth Waterfront, a Multi-Stage experience on the Halifax Waterfront featuring multiple genres of music and at night the July 1 Fireworks Show returns!

KANA'TA: Canada Day 2025. The Halifax Citadel National Historic site will also offer free admission on Monday, July 1 as well!

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK



The Sackville Business Association presents a FREE Summer Movie in the Park at Acadia Park, 650 Sackville Drive, on Saturday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

The Wild Robot will be on the big screen. It's sure to spark some fun for the whole family. Bring your blankets and chairs for a cozy outdoor movie experience. A 50/50 fundraiser and cash canteen will be available on-site, with proceeds supporting Acadia Park. See you there!

For more information, click [here](#).

REQUEST PARK REPAIRS



Notice a hazard in a municipal park or green space? Report hazards and request maintenance or repairs by calling 311 or emailing contactus@311.halifax.ca.

WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION



Between July 21 and Sept. 12 [green carts](#) will be collected weekly.

Starting Sept. 13, green carts will be

collected every second week.



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HALIFAX PRIDE WEEK



**Pride week
celebration**

(July 17-27)

The 2025 Halifax Pride Festival is just around the corner, taking place July 17 to 27 across our municipality! For 11 days, we'll come together to celebrate the strength, spirit,

and vibrancy of our 2SLGBTQIA+ communities through more than 30 Signature Festival Events and 100+ community-led gatherings.

The Halifax Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 12 p.m. This parade is one of the city's most cherished community events, bringing people together to celebrate identity, show solidarity, and stand up for equity. If you're part of a group that wants to join, I encourage you to get involved and help make this incredible day even more powerful.

This festival is about connection, activism, and creating spaces where people of all sexualities and gender identities can flourish. Halifax Pride's guiding principles – community, self-expression, and growth – are a reminder of the ongoing work we all share in building a more equitable society, free from oppression.

WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY



The Wallace Lucas Community Centre is a volunteer-run community centre located at 596 Lucasville Road, Lucasville. The facility hosts many community events including dances, dinners, and other seasonal events. Their mission is to provide a social and recreational meeting place, which recognizes and celebrates the rich African Nova Scotian Heritage of the Community, thus fostering a greater sense of Community and pride in the Lucasville area, both past and present.

For more information call: (902) 865-0944.

HAMMONDS PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Hammonds Plains Community Centre is a 3,000 square foot, two story building. The



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facility is located in the heart of Hammonds Plains, 2041 Hammonds Plains Road at the Glen Arbour Way intersection and is adjacent to the [Eisenhauer Ballfield](#). For more information, call 1-902-835-6790.

TICK SAFETY CHART

NOVA SCOTIA

Practise Tick Safety

There are several kinds of ticks in the province but only the blacklegged tick can pass on bacteria that causes tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease. Always do a thorough tick-check after spending time outdoors.

Be tick aware.
Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety for tips on how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

STREAMING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Regional Council is using a new system for electronic streaming. To find the council videos, go to our [Agendas](#).

[Meetings and Reports page](#) and click the meeting you want to view. Meetings will still be live-streamed, and videos will be available after the meeting.

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BEFORE YOU BURN

Check [Before You Burn](#) for up-to-date information regarding burning restrictions in the Halifax region.

The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched [Before You Burn](#), a new online tool that provides residents and visitors with up-to-date information on whether burning is allowed in the Halifax region. Before starting an open-air fire, check Before You Burn to stay informed and ensure compliance with municipal and provincial regulations.

HRM ON BLUESKY

The Halifax Regional Municipality is making a change to how it shares information and connects with residents on social media.

We're phasing out our use of X and replacing it with Bluesky. The following municipal accounts are now active on Bluesky:



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- Main account: [@hfxgov.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Transit: [@hfxtransit.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency: [@hfx-fire.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Events: [@hfxevents.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Parks & Recreation: [@hfxrec.bsky.social](#)
- Halifax Planning & Development: [@hfxplanning.bsky.social](#)

On the main municipal Bluesky account, residents can expect to see similar content to what has typically been shared on the main account for X (@hfxgov), such as news about projects, strategic initiatives, special events, service disruptions, traffic impacts and timely updates during severe weather events or emergencies.

RURAL TRANSIT INITIATIVE APPROVED BY TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE



The Transportation Standing Committee has approved a set of recommendations to help strengthen transit service in

rural communities across Halifax Regional Municipality.

The recommendations follow a review of the Rural Transit Funding Program, which was first implemented in 2014 to provide financial support to non-profit providers that serve areas outside Halifax Transit's main service boundary.

The report was based on extensive community engagement, a gap-and-needs analysis, and consultation with stakeholders, service providers, community members, and members of the Regional Council.

Key initiatives include creating a Rural Transit Advisory Group to guide implementation, adding a new capital grant funding stream, developing a professional training and support program for providers, exploring fare integration with Halifax Transit, and preparing a Microtransit Service Plan to address gaps in service delivery.

This work is expected to proceed in phases starting in the 2025/26 fiscal year, with funding already approved in the current budget. Additional funding may be considered in future reports as initiatives move forward.

TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE THIS SUMMER



Curious about what it's like to drive an electric vehicle (EV)? Now's your chance to find out, right

here in our community.

The municipality's Clean Energy team is once again partnering with Next Ride to offer free EV test drives across the region this summer. Last year, 338 residents had the chance to get behind the wheel, learning firsthand how EVs perform and how our growing charging network supports their use.



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With more Level 2 and Level 3 fast chargers being installed across the municipality, it's easier than ever to consider making the switch to electric. Whether you're interested in reducing your emissions, saving on fuel, or just curious about technology, this is a great opportunity to learn more.

Sixteen events are scheduled for this year, and some locations do fill up quickly. If you're in a rural area like Musquodoboit Harbour, we'd especially love to see more local engagement, so please help spread the word!

You can find full event details and learn more about the municipality's EV charging network by clicking [here](#).

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

We have a variety of adaptive equipment



available to borrow to help you get out and about this spring and summer such as: Hippocamps, Beach chair and GRIT chair.

For further information

please email inclusion@halifax.ca.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS



Select playing fields are available as off-leash dog areas from June 1 to Nov. 1.

Please note that dogs must be on leash in municipal

parks unless signage indicates otherwise. For more information, click [here](#).

PACK-IN & PACK-OUT



When enjoying our beautiful parks, trails, and beaches, remember to pack-in and pack-out. That means bringing everything

you need and taking it all with you when you leave.

Keeping our shared spaces clean helps protect nature and ensures everyone can enjoy them. Let's all do our part to keep Halifax green and clean.



COUNCIL VOTE REGARDING BIKE LANE CONSTRUCTION



At the June 11 meeting, Regional Council considered a motion brought forward by Mayor Andy Fillmore regarding upcoming bike lane projects.

The motion proposed that the municipality temporarily pause awarding any new bike lane design or construction capital project contracts until Council received a supplementary staff report outlining:

1. A list of bike lane projects proposed in the current four-year capital plan that could reduce vehicular traffic capacity and/or increase traffic congestion; and
2. An assessment of the feasibility of alternative network solutions that could achieve active transportation goals while maintaining or improving current traffic flow.

The motion was defeated in a 12–5 vote.

Following the vote, Council considered and approved a separate motion related to the [Morris Street project](#) directing staff to provide alternatives that would allow two-way traffic on

Morris Street while still meeting the project's transportation goals. That report is expected to come forward at the July 8 meeting of Regional Council. A Brunswick Street alternative motion, which sought to maintain vehicular lanes while delivering a protected bike lane, was defeated.

At the June 25 meeting, Council voted in favour of a new motion requesting a staff report outlining:

- A list of AAA bike network capital projects proposed for the 2026–2029 fiscal years and their estimated budgets;
- An assessment of alternative network solutions that could reduce future costs; and
- Opportunities for additional external funding sources.

The motion also included a request to break down project budgets by general traffic, public space, pedestrian, and bike lane components. A proposed amendment to include a full cost-benefit analysis was not adopted. The requested staff report is expected to return to Council in December.

For more information on Council decisions or to review meeting materials, click [here](#).





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IN THE COMMUNITY



I had a great time at the 5th Annual Lucasville Greenway Society (LGS) Walk Fun Day Event. Thank you to all who volunteered to make the LGS Fun Day a success! A special thanks to attendees: MP Braedon Clark, Minister Twila Grosse, MLA Rick Burns, District 16 Councillor Jean St-Amand, District 15 Councillor Billy Gillis.





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It was an honour to attend the Special Olympics Opening Ceremony with Mayor Andy Fillmore, District 15 Councillor Billy Gillis and MLA Paul Wozney. This was the 33rd annual Special Olympics sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sackville Council 7077.



It was a pleasure to recognize Volunteer Firefighter Leonard Parsons Sr. as he received the AED Presentation at the Wallace Lucas Community Centre. To all the Firefighters and First Responders past and present, **thank you for your service.**



It's always great to meet with my provincial counterpart, MLA Rick Burns, to discuss issues of concern in Hammonds Plains/Upper Hammonds Plains/Lucasville and various areas of District 14. We discussed issues such as egress, traffic congestion, SPA's, transit, new development, Link NS, infrastructure and more. It was great having two levels of government working together for the betterment of the community.



District 15 Councilor Billy Gillis and I hosted a Meet 'n Greet at the Sackville Library for the Sackville Business Association. It was a pleasure meeting and talking to the residents, professionals and business owners. Thanks to Ken W., Michelle Champniss and all the people involved who helped to make this a successful event.



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I attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Ottawa with fellow Councillors Jean St-Amand and Billy Gillis. MP Braedon Clarke was also in attendance. Lots of collaborative efforts ahead on behalf of residents!



I was thrilled to be with my North West Community Council (NWCC) colleagues Jean St-Amand, Cathy Deagle Gammon, Nancy Hartling and Billy Gillis to receive a plaque from [Souls Harbour Rescue Mission](#) at the Rock Church in Lower Sackville, for our support of the Coldest Night of the Year walk.



I was honoured to attend the Middle Sackville Guardian Pharmacy Grand Opening with Allison and Rob.



I was pleased to address the community at the Lucasville Community Engagement event and have a picture taken with Mike, a dedicated Volunteer Firefighter. Thank you for your service!



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council

- Northwest Community Council
- Executive Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Active Transportation Standing Committee
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
- African Descent Advisory Committee

I encourage you to reach out to 3-1-1 or me at any time with municipal questions or concerns.

MUNICIPAL? PROVINCIAL? FEDERAL? WHO DOES WHAT?

Wondering what level of government to contact? The chart below will help you determine if it is a matter under the municipal, provincial or federal mandate.



Provincial and Federal Representatives in District 14 area.



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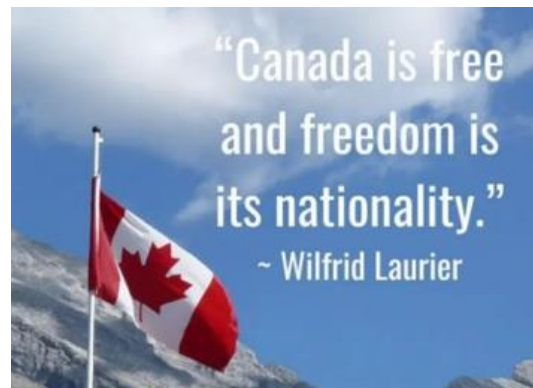
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**"Words to
Live By"**

"He Who
Does Not
Know

One Thing
Knows
Another"

African Proverb



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