



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

**WELCOME NOVEMBER !**



On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the  
11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup>  
month we shall  
remember them.  
November brings with it  
the reminder to reflect  
on the service provided

to us by our military past and present and the  
freedoms we enjoy today because of their  
service.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, I encourage you to attend a  
Remembrance Day Ceremony in your  
community and thank our Canadian Forces for  
all they do for us.

Keep reading for more information about the  
new HFXGO app, senior snow removal  
programs, and winter driving safety tips.

If you have questions regarding a municipal  
program or service, please contact me at  
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### NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

#### North West Community Council

Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

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

### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The North West Community Council met on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

During the meeting a staff report was presented regarding [Case 24193: Request for Additional Time to Sign the Approved Development Agreement for 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River](#)

The North West Community Council approved an extension request of 120 days from the original 240 days for the signing of the development agreement to change the existing land use from an equestrian facility to a tree service use within the existing buildings on 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River.

#### Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road

North West Community Council requested a staff report outlining and prioritizing the steps needed to initiate the planning and consultation process to develop a Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road to account for the increase of population and traffic due to large MU (mixed use) as-of-right developments;

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To review upcoming or past agendas, click [here](#).

### ON NOVEMBER 11, WE REMEMBER

Thank you to our Veterans and those who courageously serve our country today. Please consider attending a Cenotaph ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> and wearing a poppy leading up to Remembrance Day to honour them.

The poppy is a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Royal Canadian Legion has now launched the annual Poppy Campaign, so please keep an eye out for Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute Poppies to the community or Poppy boxes placed throughout our communities.

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### INTRODUCING HFXGO- HALIFAX TRANSIT'S MOBILE FARE PAYMENT APP

Halifax Transit has launched a new mobile fare payment app, allowing customers to purchase and use tickets and passes from the convenience of their smartphones. HFXGO will launch for iOS and Android devices in the coming weeks.

HFXGO is a secure, easy to use mobile fare payment app that allows Halifax Transit customers to purchase tickets and passes directly from their smartphones, or via the web portal.

Provided by Masabi mobile ticketing and fare payment solutions, HFXGO is a Halifax Transit branded version of Masabi's [JustRide app](#) which has been implemented in over 75 transit agencies worldwide.

Users of the app simply need to purchase their desired ticket or pass, activate the ticket, and show it to the Operator or ferry security staff just prior to boarding.

Passengers can still purchase paper tickets and passes at a [retail partner](#) or use cash fare.

Getting started on HFXGO is easy:

1. Download the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store.
2. You can choose to create an account to store your payment information, or simply make a one-time purchase.
3. Select "Buy Tickets and Passes"

4. Choose the ticket type and quantity you wish to buy.
5. Enter your Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card payment information, and confirm your transaction.
6. Purchases will be electronically delivered to the app's Ticket Wallet, and a receipt will automatically be sent to your email address.



### SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.



The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:



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- ✓ The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- ✓ The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- ✓ The participant may not be a landlord.

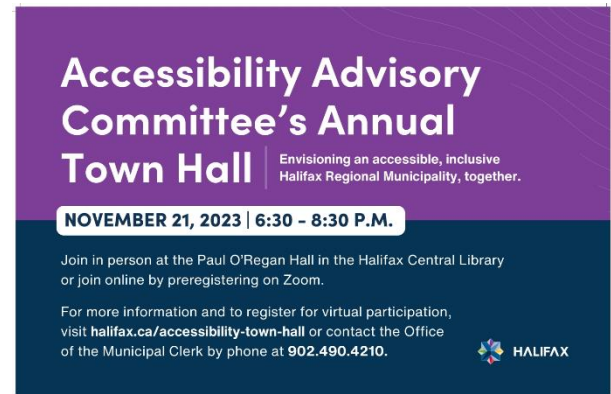
The Senior Snow Removal operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist.

Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2023/2024 application package online by visiting the [YMCA website](#).

### ACCESSIBILITY TOWN HALL

The Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall is an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality staff to provide updates to the community on current accessibility initiatives at the municipal level and receive questions, feedback, and input from residents. Staff from various Business Units at Halifax Regional Municipality will be present at this year's event to give an overview of the successes, challenges, and updates on accessibility-related projects that business units have undertaken since the 2022 Town Hall.

Join the Town Hall on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Attend in person at the Halifax Central Library, join virtually in Zoom or watch the livestream on YouTube. Register online [here](#).



### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration has opened for the municipality's [2023 Volunteer Conference](#). This year's conference will take place on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth (240 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth).

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant skills. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops and networking activities and enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal. This year's workshops will cover topics such as: treasurer 101, inclusion, meeting changing community needs, self-care, funding, being an active neighbor, cultural awareness, working together in partnerships, project management, and building better teams.

Registration will remain open until Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, including a complete schedule, visit [our website](#).



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### WINTER ROAD SAFETY TIPS

Let's work together to stay safe this winter. Crews work hard to keep the streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, but drivers also have a responsibility to adjust their driving according to the conditions.

- Get your vehicle ready for winter and beat the rush. Ensure tires, windshield wipers, lights, brakes, etc. are in working order before hitting the road.
- Stay up-to-date with the weather conditions.
- If at all possible, don't drive during a storm. It's much safer to stay at home and wait until conditions improve.
- Drivers are required to remove all snow and ice from your vehicle before each trip. Clear all windows and mirrors of frost and fog.
- Be alert, well rested, and sober behind the wheel. Slow down and wear your seatbelt.
- Adjust your speed to the conditions. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you so that you can safely slow down and/or stop. Remember not to accelerate or brake too quickly

when the roads are slippery. It can take up to 12 times further to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.

- Don't make any abrupt turns or stops when driving. Doing so will often cause your vehicle to lose control and skid.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.
- Turn on your lights to increase visibility to other motorists.
- Never drive distracted. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Watch for other road users, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Be mindful that winter conditions can create challenges for pedestrians who may need to walk in the roadway to avoid snow-covered or icy sidewalks.
- Watch out for ice, especially on bridges, overpasses and in shaded areas.
- Never assume that because the temperature is above zero that the roads are safe. Road salt doesn't work miracles, and it is not as effective below - 10 degrees Celsius.

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### RCMP Road Safety Stats

September 2023, District 14  
Middle-Upper Sackville, Beaverbank - Lucasville

- 269 Calls for Service in September 2023 - Down 26.5% over same period in 2022
- 15 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 8 in September 2022)  
2 aggressive driving, 6 speeding, 7 other MVA (e.g., no insurance or registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 44 Proactive Assignments (vs. 122 in September 2022)  
16 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/  
Radar Enforcement
- 21 Traffic Stops (vs. 63 in September 2022)
- 1 Impaired Driving Charges (vs. 2 in September 2022)  
1 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 0 in September 2022)
- 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 8 in September 2022)  
• 1 of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 1 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as September 2022)  
• 1 of these accidents resulted in non-injury

**Please Drive Safely!**



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### MUNICIPALITY RECURITS FOR BOARDS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on a variety of municipal boards, committees and commissions.

Municipal boards, committees, and commissions consist of councillors, residents and industry representatives. These groups provide recommendations to Regional Council, Community Councils, Standing Committees, or staff – and serve as an important part of the decision-making process. Information on each board, committee and commission – including a terms of reference, meeting schedules, minutes, agendas, and reports – can be found on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca). Applicants are encouraged to review these resources before applying to learn more about the role and typical work performed by each board, committee and commission.

The municipality is seeking board, committee and commission members that are reflective and inclusive of residents from the municipality. The municipality encourages applicants from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, visit [halifax.ca/serve](http://halifax.ca/serve). Residents can also contact [serve@halifax.ca](mailto:serve@halifax.ca) or call 902-490-4210 for questions about the appointment process or to request accommodations.



### A SEAT AT THE TABLE

### DOWNLAOD THE HALIFAX RECYCLES APP

Download the Halifax Recycles app to:

- Search the name of a material to find out where it goes in the waste stream
- Get a custom collection calendar
- Set up collection notifications

No smartphone? No problem! Just go [online](#) and access collection schedules, waste wizard, and more!



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### IN THE COMMUNITY

## Sackville Community Grant Information Session

ACADIA HALL—NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
650 SACKVILLE DRIVE, LOWER SACKVILLE, NS B4C 2S3  
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Want to learn more about the various grant programs available from Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (CCTH)?

Volunteers and staff of local community groups will hear more about government grants & how to apply.

Light Refreshments will be available.

**6:30 – 7:30pm:** Information Session on CCTH Grants, and Tips for Success

**7:30 – 8:00pm:** Chat with staff, ask questions, discuss your community project.

**PLEASE RSVP:**  
[CENTRALREGION@NOVASCOTIA.CA](mailto:CENTRALREGION@NOVASCOTIA.CA)

Contact: 902-456-5908



Joining other elected officials at the recent Sackville Rivers Association fundraising dinner



Celebrating the Famous Five statue and the advances women have made in getting elected to office at a recent reception at The Mount.



Great to be able to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation Day in Sackville thanks to the Kinettes !

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demonstrated this is by formalizing the official 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."*

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

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Halifax is committed to strengthening its relationship with Indigenous communities and honouring the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples. The municipality has

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