



## WELCOME JUNE!



Congratulations graduates!  
Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best: *“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”*  
Enjoy the journey of becoming you!

Happy father’s day! I love this quote from Pam Brown: *“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song.”* I wish you a day of adventure, story-telling and song with the person who fulfills the role of dad in your life.

Keep reading for important updates on stormwater infrastructure billing, new datasets, planned road repairs and much more!

If you have questions regarding a municipal program or service, please contact me at 902.579.7164 or by email at [Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca](mailto:Lisa.Blackburn@halifax.ca).

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### THANK YOU FIRST RESPONDERS!



Thank you is just not sufficient to acknowledge the service of Fire & Emergency Services personnel and all First Responders for your response time in the face of recent fires in our local neighborhood and across the country. My gratitude for you and your service has made me realize just how much we owe to people like you who give of yourselves in the most dangerous and challenging of times. Thank you to infinity and beyond for all you are doing on our behalf. Stay safe and stay strong.

Thank you also to the provincial Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, The Red Cross and The United Way for all you are doing to assist in this state of local emergency.



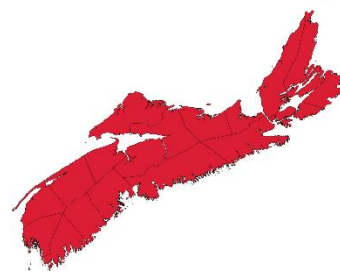
### WILDFIRE EVACUEE ONLINE REGISTRATION

All residents and businesses who have been required to evacuate **must register with 311 or by calling 1.800.835.6428** for follow-up when more information becomes available. You may now register online by [clicking here](#).

Thank you to the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre for opening as a Comfort Centre during this time. **Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre** | 1583 Beaver Bank Road. The comfort centre will reopen at 9 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

Comfort centres are temporary accommodations where food and water are provided, as well as a place to charge devices and receive up-to-date information, when residents are impacted by prolonged power outages, extreme temperatures or other significant events.

### BURN BAN!



Please check the provincial [Department of Natural Resources and Renewables](#)

website for updates on BURN conditions.

As crews battle multiple fires, there is

a **zero-tolerance policy** in effect for the duration of the outdoor burning ban. Fines will be issued against those who are burning outdoors, which includes a penalty ranging from \$250 and \$10,000. Any person responsible for





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fire spread can also be required to pay all expenses related to controlling or extinguishing the fire, and all related fire damages.

Illegal outdoor burning puts lives, properties, and the environment at risk. It also ties up critical fire department resources.

The [Province of Nova Scotia has announced burn, travel, fireworks and activities restrictions](#).

The restrictions are in place until June 25<sup>th</sup> or until conditions allow them to be lifted.

Find answers to frequently asked questions about burning at this [link](#) including information on chimineas and fire pits.

## JUNE MEETING DATES

### Regional Council:

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

### North West Community Council

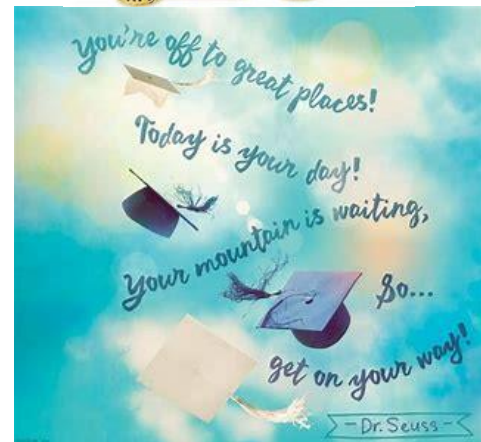
Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

## NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no meeting of the North West Community Council in May. To review upcoming or past agendas, click [here](#).

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



## RCMP STATS – APRIL 2023

### RCMP Road Safety Stats

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

- 250 Calls for Service in April 2023 – Down 32.4% over same period in 2022
- 13 Summary Offence Tickets (vs. 11 in April 2022)  
2 aggressive driving, 4 speeding, 7 other MVA (e.g., no insurance or registration, invalid inspection sticker, etc.)
- 51 Proactive Assignments (vs. 137 in April 2022)
- 21 Cell Phone/Impaired/Seatbelt/Speeding Checkpoints/Radar Enforcement
- 38 Traffic Stops (vs. 64 in April 2022)
- 1 Impaired Driving Charges (same as April 2022)
- 0 Impaired Driving Suspension (vs. 2 in April 2022)
- 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents (vs. 10 in April 2022)  
• none of these accidents resulted in injuries
- 0 Vehicle/Pedestrian/Cyclist Accidents (same as April 2022)

**Please Drive Safely!**



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### ROAD REPAIRS

Your local government works to keep streets and sidewalks in top shape. The municipality provides maintenance services for streets and sidewalks from May to November during construction season. Public safety hazards are dealt with as quickly as possible. To report a maintenance issue, please call 3-1-1.

To learn how the municipality determines which roadways should be paved or resurfaced, or which sidewalks are in need of repair, visit the [Paving & Repair](#) webpage. [Click here](#) to see a glossary of terms used.

#### **Street Recapitalization**

Mandaville Drive – Maxwell to Cul De Sac  
(Integrated Traffic Calming)  
Maxwell Avenue – Sackville to End  
Westlea Dr – Lakeview to End

#### **Asphalt Overlays**

Beaver Bank Road – Limits to be determined.  
Kinsac Road – Beaver Bank to Jamie  
(Integrated Traffic Calming)  
Old Sackville Road – Claudia to Lucasville  
(Integrated Traffic Calming)



#### **Bridges**

Lucasville Bridge (Construction)

#### **Planer Patching**

Locations TBD



#### **Proposed Crack Sealing**

Baker Drive – Jubilee to Civic 23 (Carryover)  
Brackendale Lane – Maplewood to Ravenwood  
Kernwood Drive – Rhodora to End  
Lakecrest Drive – End to End  
Laurel Ridge Drive – End to Heatherglenn  
Lindforest Crescent – Old Sackville to End  
Newbury Road – Waterstone to Cranley  
(Carryover)  
O'Leary Drive – Cardinal to End  
Rebecca Drive – O'Leary to End  
Rhodora Drive – Wilson Lake to End  
Rivendale Drive – Forestview to End  
Sackville Drive – Beaver Bank to Millwood  
(Carryover)  
Tucker Lake Road – Beaver Bank to End  
Westwind Ridge – Westwind to Westwind





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### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



Spring signals the start of motorcycle season in Nova Scotia. Motorcycle safety is a shared responsibility. Watch out for each other.

2022 saw an increase in serious motorcycle collisions in HRM. Be the change in 2023. Drive safely.

Operating your motorcycle safely can help protect you and other road users. Some tips to keep in mind are:

- Take an approved motorcycle training.
- Always drive defensively.
- Travel at a safe speed.
- Only ride when sober, focused and well-rested.
- Check your blind spot before changing lanes.
- Focus on where you need to go rather than looking at what you want to avoid (the motorcycle may go where you look).
- Ride within your experience and skill level.
- Go with an experienced rider the first time you explore a new area.

All motorists can help reduce motorcycle collisions. Those who share the road with motorcycles should:

- Keep their eyes on the road.
- Check their blind spots and mirrors before changing lanes.

- Give motorcycles space just like any other vehicle.

### SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION – DUCK RUN

The annual Duck Run fundraiser for the Sackville Rivers Association was a huge success this year with more attendees than ever before with the special bonus of having media coverage. Thanks to the Kinsmen for organizing the very popular BBQ, it was a great addition to the family fun day.

I was thrilled that John and Ringo, the Beatle Ducks, were 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place finalists!





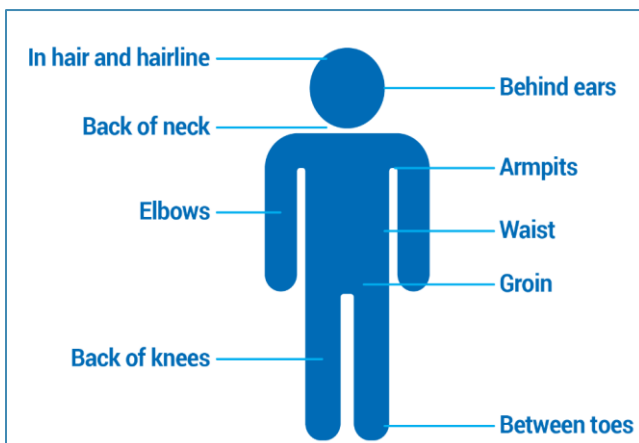
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### WATCH FOR TICKS!



The [provincial website](#) provides invaluable information on tick safety: how to identify them and how to check for them.



### STORMWATER RIGHT-OF-WAY CHARGE



#### Why am I billed for the Right-of-Way charge?

June 2023

In a 2013 rate hearing decision, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) directed that the portion of stormwater costs related to the street right-of-way should be billed to the Halifax Regional Municipality. Until 2016, this amount was billed on Halifax Water bills. The charge briefly appeared on municipal property tax bills in 2016/17. Since 2017, Halifax Water has collected the Right-of-Way charge on behalf of the municipality and that is why it appeared on the Halifax Water bills.

As directed by Regional Council on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the required amount – currently \$5.3 million per year – will now be collected through the municipal property tax billing process as an area rate. This charge will appear on the property tax bill as “Right-of-Way” charge.

The municipality’s Right-of-Way charge applies to all properties within the municipal stormwater service boundary; roads within the municipal stormwater service boundary are owned by the municipality and the services are provided by both the municipality and Halifax Water. For roads outside of the service boundary, the Province of Nova Scotia provides the services.

#### How is the Right-of-Way charge calculated?

When the municipality collected the Right-of-Way charge in 2016/17, the charge was a flat fee on the property tax bill and created challenges for certain types of properties, such as condos, leased land communities, and water lots. Beginning in 2023/24, the Right-of-Way charge will be an area rate and property owners will pay a rate multiplied by the assessed value





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of their property, similar to other charges on the property tax bill.

Property owners with an assessed value of up to \$475,000 will see a lower charge than what they were paying to Halifax Water, while property owners with an assessed value of over \$475,000 will see an increase. This will be a new charge for approximately 26,000 property owners who were not previously billed this charge because they were not billed the Halifax Water stormwater charge for their private property. With the new stormwater service boundary, these properties will now receive only the municipal Right-of-Way charge (the charge for public property).

### **When will I see this charge on my property tax bill and removed from my Halifax Water bill?**

This change became effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and the charge will first appear on the municipality's October 2023 final property tax bill as a separate line item. Halifax Water customers with a billing period that begins before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, will see a partial Right-of-Way charge on their bill. In these cases, the Right-of-Way charge will continue to be collected by Halifax Water for billing periods up to, and including, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As a result, customers will receive a prorated amount of the municipal Right-of-Way charge on the bills they receive after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

For more information about stormwater services click [here](#) to visit the Halifax Water website.



Storm Drains (Catchbasins)



Buried Pipes & Manholes



In-Street (Cross) Culverts



Driveway Culverts



Roadside Ditches



Off-Street Drainage Corridors

## NEW DATASETS ON OPEN DATA

The Halifax Regional Municipality has released two new datasets on [Open Data](#), as part of an ongoing commitment to provide public access to data created and managed by the municipality. The new datasets include:

- [Food and Artisan Vendors](#)
- [LW Lab Results](#) (LakeWatchers)

The addition of these datasets brings the total number of Open Data datasets to 211. The following five existing datasets have been modified:

- [PPL&C Building Permits](#)
  - "Date\_Inspection\_Complete" field added.
- [PPL&C Construction Permits](#)
  - "Date\_Inspection\_Completed" and "Occupancy\_Type" fields added.
- [PPL&C Engineering Permits](#)
  - "Date\_Inspection\_Completed" field added.



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- Dataset name changed from “PPL&C Engineer Permits” to “PPL&C Engineering Permits”
- [PPL&C Halifax Water Permits](#)
  - “Date\_Inspection\_Completed” and “Active Parcel” fields added.
  - Dataset name changed from “PPC&C Issued Halifax Water Permits” to “PPL&C Halifax Water Permits”
- [PPL&C Issued Public Works ROW Permits](#)
  - “Active Parcel” field added.

A wide range of data can be sourced for free through the catalogue, such as transit routes and schedule data, solid waste collection schedules, and area rates.

New data releases occur several times throughout the year, with the most recent release on [March 29, 2023](#). The Open Data initiative was launched in early 2014 to help improve resident engagement and enhance transparency on municipal data. The program was formalized by Regional Council later that year through the adoption of [Administrative Order 2014-006-ADM Respecting Open Data](#).

For more information on the municipality’s Open Data program, and to access all the datasets, visit [here](#).

## COMMUNITY CENTRES

Check out what is happening at the following community/recreation centres by clicking on the links below.

[Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre](#)

[Sackville Heights Community Centre](#)

[Springfield Lake Recreation Centre](#)

[Wallace Lucas Community Centre](#)

## IN THE COMMUNITY



## PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



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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



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### 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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#### Happy Father's Day!

