



## WELCOME MAY!



Happy mother's day! There's no "hood" like motherhood and I am proud to be part of the hood! Thanks to all moms and those in the role of mom who are shaping

our future.

Keep reading for important updates on the 2023/24 municipal budget; the 2023 volunteer award recipients and; local community events including a guided bird walking tour!

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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### MAY MEETING DATES

#### Regional Council:

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m.

#### North West Community Council

The May meeting of NWCC has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on **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

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the North West Community Council (NWCC) held a public hearing and a variance appeal hearing as follows:

#### [Case 23247: Amendments to the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law Regarding the Measurement of Building Height](#)

Motion passed to adopt the amendments to the Land Use By-law for Sackville Drive. These amendments will clarify building height requirements to ensure consistency of building heights and reduce the impacts of larger developments on adjacent residential properties. Review the staff report [here](#).

#### [Case 24627: Appeal of Variance Approval – 250 Shore Club Road, Hubbard](#)

Motion to allow the appeal was defeated which means the variance request to allow the construction of an outdoor dining patio and

kitchen/bar area was upheld as per the recommendation of the Development Officer.

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

### 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023 HRM Volunteer Awards. This annual event acknowledges residents that have made a difference in their community by donating their time and skills to various programs and services. This year's award ceremony marked the largest volunteer appreciation event ever hosted by the municipality – with nearly 100 awards distributed and over 200 attendees.



*Me with Mayor Mike Savage and the District 14 Volunteer Award recipients.*

I was honoured to present the awards, assisted by Mayor Mike Savage, to the District 14 recipients: Willa Morvan, Van Bernard, Carol Oliver, Diana Oliver, Isabel Oliver, Yvette Oliver, and Cindy Parsons. Thank you for all you do for



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our communities! Your value is priceless in maintaining vibrant, active, safe communities.

### DISTRICT 14 Councillor Lisa Blackburn

#### YOUTH

##### Willa Morvan

Willa is dependable, hardworking, and a joy to work with. She approaches every situation with a positive attitude and an open mind. Willa's passion for working with kids is as visible as the smile that's always on her face. Willa has had a vast impact on her community, which is shown by her dedication to community action, volunteer service with Halifax Recreation Programming at the Sackville Sports Stadium, and her time volunteering with a summer music camp.

##### Van Bernard

Van has been committed to the Youth Leadership Program at Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre for many years. Through volunteering at this recreation centre, he has learned many skills and strategies to employ while being a leader in camps. All the children and staff love having Van around, and he has developed meaningful relationships with them. Van's commitment and outstanding performance as a youth leader have allowed him to obtain a part-time job at the centre. Excellent job, Van!

##### Carol Oliver

Carol's willingness to help creates a contagious effort with everyone around her. Carol doesn't look for any recognition; Carol is ok being behind the scenes. In recent years Carol's health hasn't been the best, but she still stays actively committed. Carol has a way of inspiring others by just being herself with her genuine approach. Carol was able to reach 20 plus students during Covid 19, offering online support services. Carol's efforts exemplify what it means to enrich the community.

##### Diana Oliver

Diana has been devoted to keeping the Wallace Lucas Community Centre open and operating in one form or another for 30 years. She is the person that shows up for every event, and you can count on her when you need help. The events that Diana has led have created lasting memories for the families that attended them.

##### Isabel Oliver

Isabel provides a constant commitment and a strong dedication to the Lucasville community enrichment. Isabel was able to reach 20 plus students during COVID-19, offering online support services for students. Isabel brings the energy needed to uplift a group or meeting and is always willing to lend a hand. Isabel values respect and contributes to creating initiatives ensuring the community is always involved.

##### Yvette Oliver

Yvette is determined to make a difference in her community. The passion for community enrichment is embedded within everything Yvette does for the community. Yvette's commitment and dedication to enriching her community is a testament to her outreach work. Yvette's creative ideology can bring groups together and uses creativity to bring ideas to fruition.

##### Cindy Parsons

Cindy is an important member of the Lucasville community. Cindy has put in endless hours to help organize many programs for the Wallace Lucas Community Centre. She is the go-to person when parents and children need help or guidance with the education system. She cares about people and is always willing to help.

## SPEED LIMIT CHANGES – LUCASVILLE ROAD

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that the speed limit will be reduced to 50 km/h on Lucasville Road in Lucasville. The reduced speed zone includes the existing 60 km/h zone from Civic 315 to Eleventh Street and the existing 70 km/h zone from Eleventh Street to Hammonds Plain Road.

New signage will be posted during the first week of May.

This change is a result of an assessment of the corridor, related to changes in conditions and activities along the roadway.

This effort supports the municipality's [Strategic Road Safety Plan](#), which aims to reduce fatal and injury collisions on municipal roadways. For more information about the Strategic Road Safety Plan and other road safety countermeasures, [click here](#).





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### 2023/24 BUDGET APPROVED

2023/24 Budget at a Glance
OPERATING BUDGET <b>\$979.4M</b>
CAPITAL PLAN <b>\$333.3M</b>
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL TAX BILL INCREASE <b>5.9%</b>
MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE DECREASE <b>0.794 TO 0.760</b>

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council approved the 2023 2024 municipal budget of \$1.2 billion – including an operating budget of \$979.6 million (total municipal expenditures) and provincial mandatory contributions of \$192.2 million – as well as a capital plan of \$333.3 million.

The average residential tax bill is increasing by 5.9 per cent. The average single-family home tax bill will increase by \$128 in 2023/24 to a total of \$2,288. Due to the increase in property values, the municipal residential tax rate will decrease from 0.794 to 0.760.

A new [commercial taxation policy](#) came into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, changing the way that commercial property taxes are calculated going forward. Geographical tax boundaries for commercial properties will change from the previous urban, suburban and rural areas to one of five new tax areas, which are listed in [Administrative Order 2022-003-ADM, Respecting Commercial Property Taxation in Certain Areas of the Municipality](#). As well, for

each tax area, rates will vary by assessed value of the property, within three tiers of assessment. The rates for each tier and tax area have been [updated](#).

The annual municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing a growing municipality. This includes day-to-day municipal operations (for example, transit, police, fire, garbage collection, snow clearing, staffing costs), capital priority initiatives approved by Regional Council (for example, HalifACT, Cogswell District project, Integrated Mobility Plan), as well as capital projects and investments to purchase, construct, rehabilitate and replace municipal assets such as buildings, roads, active transportation, parks and bridges.

Learn more about the key programs and capital projects included in the 2023/24 municipal budget, [click here](#).

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### GUIDED BIRD WALK

**Bird Week**

**Guided Bird Walk**  
Beaverbank Station  
District 14, Beaverbank

Tue. May 16th  
8am-9am  
Please register online

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY  
HALIFAX, NS



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The Bird Friendly Halifax Coalition (BFHC) is offering guided bird walks throughout HRM during Bird Week, May 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. To register for a bird walk in your area, click [here](#).

HRM was declared a Nature Canada-certified Entry-level Bird Friendly City in 2022. The Bird Friendly Halifax Coalition (BFHC) is working to address priority bird threats in HRM, including but not limited to habitat loss, predation by roaming cats, and window strikes.

The BFHC is a coalition with representatives from the Ecology Action Centre, Dalhousie University, Halifax Regional Municipality, Hope for Wildlife, Nature Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Bird Society, and bird loving private citizens.




## COBEQUID FOUNDATION BURSARY

**APPLY TODAY !!!**

**Bursary Deadline:**  
May 10th, 2023 @ 4PM

**COBEQUID FOUNDATION BURSARY**



ARE YOU A GRADE 12 STUDENT GOING INTO A HEALTHCARE RELATED POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM?


THE BURSARY ENABLES STUDENTS TO FOCUS THEIR EDUCATION.

**COBEQUID FOUNDATION AWARDS 4 X \$1,000 BURSARIES**


TO STUDENTS FROM CHARLES P. ALLEN HIGH, LOCKVIEW HIGH, SACKVILLE HIGH AND MILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOLS!


THIS BURSARY WAS CREATED TO RECOGNIZE THE STUDENTS & HIGH SCHOOLS WHO RAISED \$80,000 FOR COBEQUID'S BUILDING CAMPAIGN. YOUR COMMITMENT MEANS A LOT TO US.

Student Bursary \$1,000!



To apply download the application from [www.cobequidfoundation.ca](http://www.cobequidfoundation.ca) or scan the code.

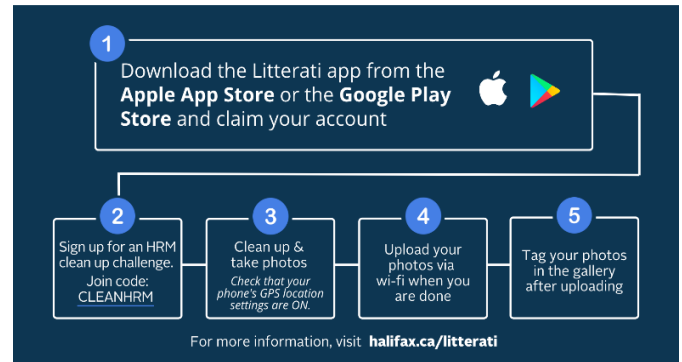




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## LITTERATI APP

### QUICK START GUIDE



Litterati has many unique features to make cleaning up litter in our communities both fun and impactful, including the ability to create challenges. These clean up challenges are launched and managed by the municipality. Keep an eye on both the Litterati Application and the [Halifax Recycles Facebook](#) page to find out when challenges are taking place.

The Litterati application can be downloaded via the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#).

## RECYCLE YOUR CYCLE - JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

[Recycle Your Cycle](#) is a great project. On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Rotary Club of Sackville will be celebrating their Rotary Day of Service at the Salvation Army facility, 51 Metropolitan Avenue, Sackville with the Recycle Your Cycle bike giveaways. There will be food, treats, cake and, of course, bike giveaways.



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[Sportwheels](#) will be in attendance to adjust bikes and also helmets for recipients of the recycled bikes.



## BEAVER BANK COMMUNITY AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

The Return of the Annual

# Town Hall Meeting

Thursday May 11, 2023

7 pm Doors Open at 6:30 pm

At the BBK Community Centre

**What is the Town Hall meeting?**

This is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association.

Reports from Community Groups on recent activities.

Elected officials will be available for Questions from the floor.

Refreshments to follow!

## WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



### Our Mission

To provide a social and recreational meeting place which recognizes and celebrates the rich Nova Scotian heritage of the community, thus fostering a greater sense of community and pride in the Lucasville area residents both

596 Lucasville Road, Lucasville  
902-865-0944

## SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Springfield Lake Recreation Association

MAJESTIC SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS

# ADULT SUMMER DODGEBALL

**PLACE:** SPRINGFIELD LAKE REC CENTRE, MIDDLE SACKVILLE

**TIME:** 8PM/9PM

**PRICE:** \$100

**DATE:** WED. NIGHTS JUNE-AUG

majesticssportsclub.ca kellen@majesticssportsclub.ca



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### BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

The [Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre](#), in collaboration with the [Beaver Bank Volunteer Fire Department](#) and the [Beaver Bank Awareness Association](#), would like to expand their community support by creating a **Community Serious Event Management Team** with input from the greater community.

If you have a resource that might be helpful after a serious event like a weather storm, infrastructure failure etc., please let them know. They are looking for everything from heavy equipment (back hoes and excavators to chainsaws, ATV's, snow mobiles and more). They are also looking to create a list of qualified specialists in the area such as small engine repair persons, tree removal services etc. Fill out their form [here](#) or you call 902-865-5114.

The BBKCC and BBCAA will compile a list of resources available in the community for emergency response. All information will be kept private - you may be called or contacted in the event of an emergency where one of the resources you have available is required.

BBKCC and BBCAA will also create a phone tree and offer wellness checks in the event of a large weather event or community emergency. You can add yourself, or your loved ones, to this list [here](#) or by calling 902-865-5114 or to [bbkcc@eastlink.ca](mailto:bbkcc@eastlink.ca) or [www.bbkcc.ca](http://www.bbkcc.ca).

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**Employment Opportunity – Summer Day Camp Counsellor.** The Beaver Bank Kinsac

May 2023

Community Centre is looking for enthusiastic, engaging summer day camp counsellors to join their recreation staff for the 2023 season!

Counsellors are responsible for the well-being and safety of young children at the BBKCC day camp. Duties include:

- Developing, supervising, and participating in camp-wide programming activities with campers of different ages, including creating weekly or daily schedules taking into account children's age groups and interests
- Participating in training workshops held prior to camp sessions when required.
- Working co-operatively with other Camp Counsellors to ensure campers are safe, while maintaining adequate health and hygiene measures
- Ensuring the safety and positive experience of participants, and other staff at all times
- Building relationships with all campers by showing compassion, empathy and understanding.
- Providing positive feedback for parents
- Organize, manage and maintain equipment and supplies.
- Incident and accident reporting

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

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### SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lots of activities available at [the Sackville Heights Community Centre](#) this spring, from

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Zumba to Baby Massage classes to Cartoon Workshops! See notices included in this article.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



TUESDAYS  
6 WEEK SESSION  
START DATE: MAY 2ND  
7:15-8:00PM  
REGISTRATION FEE - \$40

Instructor: Laura Irons  
To Register:  
shccprograms@gmail.com  
(902) 864-6751  
Or see April (front office)



### Cartoon Workshops Sackville Heights Community Centre

Saturday Morning Cartoon Class  
Saturdays 9:30-11am - Ages 6-9  
\$15/class  
Sackville Heights Community Centre  
Please register through the online form.  
For more information:  
(902) 864-6751  
shccprograms@gmail.com



SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



THURSDAY ZUMBA  
6 WEEK SESSION  
START DATE: MAY 4  
7:00-8:00PM  
REGISTRATION FEE - \$50

Instructor: Laura Irons  
To Register:  
shccprograms@gmail.com  
(902) 864-6751  
Or see April (front office)  
\*No Class May 11\*



SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



SUNDAYS  
6 WEEK SESSION  
START DATE: MAY 7TH  
7:15-8:00PM  
REGISTRATION FEE - \$40

Instructor: Laura Irons  
To Register:  
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Or see April (front office)  
\*No Class Sunday, May 21st\*





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### Infant Massage Classes

Connect with your baby through nurturing touch.



#### Infant Massage Benefits:

- ♥ Help relax your baby to provide a deeper and longer rest.
- ♥ Promote a sense of well-being and security.
- ♥ Learn techniques to help ease discomfort from tummy upset.
- ♥ Enhance the relationship between you and your baby.

Start Date: Wednesday, May 3rd

10:15-11:15am

4 week Session

Registration Fee: \$15

45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville

shccprograms@gmail.com or (902) 864-6751



**Save the Date:  
May 4th**

**Over 100 employers  
and 1000s of jobs**

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HRMJobFair.ca**



## IN THE COMMUNITY



### HRM SPRING JOB FAIR – MAY 4<sup>th</sup>

Get ready for on-the-spot interviews. Brush up your interview skills at your local Nova Scotia Works Centre. Over 100 employers & 1000s of jobs across HRM and East Hants.

### Honourary Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Blackburn



I'd like to introduce you to a person I never knew existed but happy to have recently met. This is Honourary Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Blackburn. Recently appointed to the Army's 3 Intelligence Company in Halifax, I was nominated to this incredible position by superwoman [Erica Fleck](#) who obviously saw a part of me I never could. For the next three years I will support this dedicated group of reservists in the community as part of a military tradition that is over 100 years old. It's a little daunting to join a list of very distinguished Canadians (Peter Mansbridge.....Loreena McKennitt.....Hayley Wickenheiser....you get the



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point) but 3 Int Coy has been incredibly welcoming. I can't wait to help tell your stories and shine your spotlight brightly!



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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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