

SUMMER FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANTS

Yearly, HRM provides some funding assistance for various local community events and festivals. This year's 2015 grants went to:

\$250 - Lake & Shore Comedy Night – May 9th at the Lake & Shore Community Recreation Centre, Porters Lake. A night of laughter and music including the Trunk 7 Youth Choir and a professional comedian.

\$250 - Seacoast Trail Arts Association Exhibition – August 16th at the Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour. An event to showcase artists and their work from the Eastern Shore during the Seaside Festival - sale of arts and crafts to raise money for a post-secondary arts bursary for a Duncan MacMillan High School graduate.

\$500 - Trunk 7 Music Festival – July 24th & 25th at the Peace Park / Rink in Musquodoboit Harbour. The events included an adult dance, street parade, outdoor concert and fireworks.

\$750 - Celebrate Canada Day with a Taste of East Preston – July 1st. A free event with a community parade, games, culturally specific food, entertainment and activities for all ages.

\$750 - Celebrating Diversity Eastern Shore Arts Festival – August 9th to 15th at the Old School Community Gathering Place, Musquodoboit Harbour. A weeklong celebration of events planned in the arts. This year's theme is diversity and includes workshops and presentations from various artists and performers.

\$1,000 - Emerging Lens Film Exhibit – April 22nd to 25th by the Charles Taylor Theatre and Media Arts Association. Free events that included the screening of cultural films and a workshop with industry professionals.

\$1,000 - Jeux Regionaux de la Nouvelle-Ecosse 2015 – May 14th to 17th. A cultural and athletic competition for Nova Scotia's francophone youth aged 10 to 16.

\$1,000 - African Festival of Arts & Culture – July 24th to 26th on the Sackville Landing, Lower Water St, Halifax. A free, annual celebration of the culture, arts, crafts and food of people of African descent in Nova Scotia.

\$2,000 - Festival des Cultures Francophones – October 15th to November 8th by the Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre. A combination of events including free francophone workshops and a book fair. The concerts will be gated and there will be a visual art exhibition.

\$2,775 - North Preston Day – July 18th by the Women with a Vision Society at the North Preston Community Centre, 44 Simmonds Road. Events included a summer carnival involving other community organizations, parade, BBQ, talent shows, marching bands, and entertainment for all age groups.

\$2,775 - Lake and Shore Days – August 3rd to 9th by the Porter's Lake Community Services Association at the Porter's Lake Community Centre. There will be free and low cost events for all age groups, including youth and teen dances, special bingo, teddy bear picnic, children's fair and local adult entertainment. There will also be a grand street parade, parade of lights on Porter's Lake and fireworks show.

\$2,775 - Cole Harbour Harvest Festival – September 12th. A free event to celebrate the Cole Harbour community, including a music concert with local bands, children's entertainment, arts, culture, healthy living and food displays. Sports events include a skateboard competition and a free skate. There will also be a Farmer's Market, street parade and fireworks.

LBVFD 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Lawrencetown Beach & Area Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 8th from 10 AM – 2 PM. The event will take place at Station 20 - #2931 Lawrencetown Road - Rte #207. There will be free games, a complimentary BBQ and an opportunity to meet current and retired firefighters. Staying true to their mission, FREE civic address number signs will be given away to residents who need them. There will be applications on hand and a recruitment drive to encourage new volunteer firefighters, and there will be safety programs available for all to explore. Come out and join them in celebrating 5 decades of invaluable service to our community. Congratulations and thank you!

37th CLAM HARBOUR SAND CASTLE DAY

The 37th Annual Sand Castle / Sand Sculpture Day at Clam Harbour Provincial Beach Park will be held Sunday, August 16th - Rain or shine. The competition entrance fee for Adults is \$10 (cash only.) There is no fee for children and youth under 18. Judging begins at 3 PM. Always fun and exciting!

HWY #7 C&D TRANSFER PROPOSAL

HRM has received an application by Kiann Management Limited to rezone 38 acres from the RE (Rural Enterprise) zone to CD-2 (C&D Materials Processing Facilities) zone to permit a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Processing Facility at PID 40740276 on Highway #7 near the Lake Echo / Porters Lake community boundary area. This application is referenced as Case 19800. Information about this proposal can be found on the Halifax Planning Applications web-site: www.halifax.ca/planning/applications/Case19800Details.php. Please be advised this application is in the early stages, and HRM staff is presently reviewing the submissions and information received to date from concerned residents. A public information meeting is planned, but a date for the meeting has not yet been confirmed. During this application process the 5 Regional Councillors of the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council must remain neutral and should not make any public comment nor express an opinion about the proposal to ensure an impartial process. If the process is not respected there could be grounds for an appeal. Questions or concerns about this proposal will be addressed at the public information meeting. You may also write to the Senior Planning Supervisor, Thea Langille, at langilt@halifax.ca or P.O. Box 1749 Halifax, NS, B3J 3A5.

HRM AUDITOR GENERAL TIPS HOTLINE

HRM's Auditor General (AG) is responsible for holding our administrators accountable for the quality of stewardship over the public funds and for achievement of value for money in municipal operations. The Taking Improvement & Performance Seriously (TIPS) Hotline has been established to capture and evaluate concerns and complaints related to potential inefficiencies or fraudulent behaviour involving HRM resources. To report any concerns, please call 902-490-1144 or go on-line to the AG webpage at www.halifax.ca/auditorgeneral.

ALERT READY EMERGENCY BROADCAST

Alert Ready is designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television and radio. The Alert Ready system is developed in partnership with federal, provincial and territorial emergency management officials, Environment Canada and the broadcast industry to ensure you receive alerts immediately and know when to take action to keep yourself and your family safe. If an alert is broadcast it's time to act! For more information about this service visit: www.the-weathernetwork.com/public-alerts.

CAR SAFETY FOR CHILDREN & PETS

As the summer weather continues to be hot and humid, HRM Partners in Policing reminds citizens about the dangers of leaving children and pets alone in unattended vehicles. Leaving windows slightly open does not slow the heating process or decrease the maximum temperature attained. To prevent deadly consequences for your children and/or pets never leave them inside an unoccupied vehicle even for a few minutes. If you can't take them with you when you park your vehicle leave them at home or with friends or arrange for daycare services. If you see any child or a pet in distress, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

ROUTE #207 LOCAL TRANSIT PROPOSAL

HRM provides a funding program to help support community-based transit services by providing a subsidy to the regular operation and maintenance of an organization's vehicles. This program will pay a flat rate of \$0.50/km for every vehicle kilometer logged while providing service within HRM (dependent on budget availability). This program also provides an additional lump sum of \$5,000 or \$10,000 of support per year to an organization, depending on the level of service provided to the community. It is intended that this program will help supplement the cost of fuel and regular maintenance of fleet vehicles, or the fuel and maintenance of personal vehicles being used by volunteer drivers. It is not intended to subsidize the full cost of providing the service. Funding will be renewed annually, assuming that quarterly reporting criteria are fulfilled and subject to HRM budget availability. Our own local service – MusGo Rider – is a beneficiary of this municipal funding program. Coupled with the provincial rural transportation programs, the goal is to stabilize and possibly encourage the expansion of our local community-based transit elsewhere within the district. Presently MusGo Rider is exploring the possibility of having a 41 km fixed transit route along Route #207 from the Porters Lake Bus Terminal to the Portland Hills Terminal with a service loop link to Cole Harbour Place. If approved, this will hopefully bring some more transit options to the communities of West Chezzetcook, Grand Desert, Seaforth, Three Fathom Harbour, East Lawrencetown, Lawrencetown and Cole Harbour areas. Please stay tuned as we try to work out the details.

