

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK 2014

October 20th - 26th is Waste Reduction Week (WRW). Canada's annual WRW program urges everyone to do their part by reducing, reusing and recycling in every aspect of their lives – at home, school and work. For more information visit: www.wrwcanada.com. Be sure to join the "Ease My Load" Campaign to take actions to reduce waste. Then share your actions with Canada by uploading your photos and videos with campaign mascot 'Atlas'. Also check out the Recycle My Cell (phone) program: www.recyclemycell.ca. Residents can now take all batteries to a Call2Recycle drop-off location for disposal. This includes rechargeable and single-use batteries (under 5kg) as well as used cell phones. Visit www.call2recycle.ca to find the nearest drop-off site. Leftover paint can be taken to any ENVIRO-DEPOT in HRM free of charge. Find details on NS Paint Recycling program at: www.productcare.org/Nova-Scotia or call 1-888-772-9772. If you have small amounts of liquid paint, open the lid to air dry; or mix with sand or 'kitty litter', then place with regular garbage for disposal. Place empty paint cans in the garbage too. If you have any questions about HRM Solid Waste resource programs and services call 311.

CLEAR BAGS & BAG LIMIT DEBATE

December 2nd at 6 PM to hear about its possible changes to Proposed By-law S-608 Respecting Amendments to By-law 600 – the Solid Waste Resource & Collection and Disposal By-law. Please go to: www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/140923CA1114.pdf Or: www.halifax.ca/recycle/contact.php Please review the proposed changes from dark bags to clear bags and the suggested reduction in the bag limit from 6 to 4 of which 3 bags must be clear and 1 can be dark for privacy. If you have any concerns or comments, write to the HRM Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca or PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS, B3J 3A5. Or feel free to contact me.

CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY - OCT 18 & 19

Curbside / Roadside Give Away is a bi-annual event that promotes diversion of reusable items from landfill by offering items for others to claim for free. It's time to give someone the chance to reuse things you no longer need by offering your

clean and working goods. The dates are Saturday & Sunday, October 18th & 19th. Check out this web-page: www.halifax.ca/recycle/CGAW.php or go to: [Facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles) and Twitter @hfxgov. And be to share your curbside finds at #hfxcurbside.

OPEN-AIR BURNING SEASON AGAIN

As of October 16th (weather permitting) and as long as the NS Forest Weather Index (FWI) is at a low to moderate reading, the Open-Air Burning Season outside the HRM Urban No-Burn Zone will be allowed. HRM is in the process of amending its own Open Air Burning By-law and Administrative Order in order to align with the new Provincial regulations. For info about open-air burning visit: <http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe> Practice safe burning!

FINAL TAX BILL DUE – OCT. 31st

HRM sends out its property tax bills in two phases and invoices all property owners twice each year. The Final Tax Bill was mailed out in September with a final due date of Friday, October 31st. The tax calculation is based on the taxable assessed value of the property multiplied by the applicable tax rate. The taxable assessed value is determined by the Property Valuation Services Corporation – www.PVSC.ca. The tax rate is the sum of two levies - a general rate (Urban, Suburban or Rural) and any local area tax rates within a district. For a better understanding of your tax bill go to: www.halifax.ca/taxes/taxbill/index.php

GET TAX BILLS ON-LINE WITH EPOST

HRM has teamed up with Canada Post's epost as a safe, secure, and free way to receive your property tax bill, along with other bills and statements like your property assessment notice, phone, cable, credit cards and more - It's easy. Just go to www.epost.ca to get started.

NCC EASTERN SHORE ACQUISITION

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in Nova Scotia has acquired two sensitive ecological areas along the Eastern Shore. A 465 acre (188 hectares) site at Fishing Lake in the Ship Harbour / Long Lake area, just east of Lower Meaghers Grant. And Young's Island which is an

84 acre (34 hectares) property in Musquodoboit Harbour, just north of Martinique Beach. For more information visit: www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/nova-scotia/. There will be some public consultations by the Department of Natural Resources in Spring 2015 to discuss maintaining off road access for ATVs and snow-mobiles through the Lays Lake Road corridor for traditional recreational use.

PORTERS LAKE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GREENWAY AID

The NS Government is providing \$100,000 towards the implementation of the Porters Lake AT Greenway plan that will connect residents with the Metro-X Transit Terminal, Porters Lake Elementary School and the Lake and Shore Community Recreation Centre. About a kilometer (900m) of the trail system will be paved. The project will also cross over the Hwy #107 Exit 20 overpass interchange and connect to the Blueberry Run Trail in West Chezzetcook. Total project cost is estimated to be \$340,000.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD FUND

The Southeastern Community Health Board that serves the western portion of District 2 area has funding available for local groups and organizations working to improve the health and well-being of its citizens. They serve the communities Cole Harbour, Westphal, Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, East Preston, North Preston, Lawrence-town, and Mineville. Application deadline for proposals is Monday, November 3rd. Before applying for funding, all applicants are asked to contact their CHB Coordinator to discuss their project idea and receive an application form. Contact Anna Jacobs at 902-483-3741 or anna.jacobs@cdha.nshealth.ca or go to their web-page for an application: www.cdha.nshealth.ca/southeastern-community-health-board/development-fund

