

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

#### WELCOME SEPTEMBER!



Happy Labour Day!

Wasn't it great to have free concerts all summer at Acadia Park! Thanks to all who organized and supported the shows and the amazing talent

who shared their joy with us. You can continue the fun with the many wonderful events being held during the last long weekend of summer: Patio Lanterns Festival, Halifax Urban Folk Festival and the Halifax Fringe Festival to name a few.

Keep reading for more information on photo radar, recreational wheelchair curling, HRM 2022 volunteer award nomination submissions and much more!

Beaver Bank Hub office hours begin September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre. You may reach me at 902.579.7164 or email at: Lisa.Blackburn@Halifax.ca.

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## SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

#### **Regional Council:**

Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### North West Community Council:

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal <u>website</u>

#### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

On <u>August 9<sup>th</sup></u>, the North West Community Council (NWCC) considered the following:

#### <u>Case 23495: Amending Development</u> <u>Agreement for 3009 Highway 2, Fall River</u>.

The North West Community Council gave Notice of Motion to consider the proposed amending development agreement to grant a time extension for the construction commencement and completion dates and schedule a public hearing.



#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

There are many exciting events to attend in September. The following are a small sampling of what is available:

- <u>Patio Lanterns Festival</u> running to October 11<sup>th</sup>
- <u>Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo</u> (virtual) September 1<sup>st</sup>
- <u>Halifax Urban Folk Festival</u> (HUFF) August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>
- <u>Halifax Fringe Festival</u> September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>
- <u>FIN Atlantic International Film Festival</u> September 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

## SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



The <u>Springfield Lake Recreation Association</u> is a non-profit community association responsible for the management of Halifax Regional Municipality owned recreation facilities located in Middle and Upper Sackville. These facilities include soccer and baseball fields, parks, tennis courts and two rental halls.

Permanent staff pursue the Association's objectives under the guidance of a volunteer Board of Directors. The Directors are elected by the members at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

All members are welcome and encouraged to





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join directors on various sub-committee's that are formed to assist staff with various projects.

#### Mission Statement To build community spirit by promoting activities normal to the operation of a community centre; including social, recreational, leisure, educational, and charitable activities.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**



# Students head back to class on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Looking for information on school transportation, bus stop locations or the school calendar? If so, contact the <u>Halifax Regional</u> <u>Centre for Education's</u> (HRCE) at 902-464-2000 or visit the HRCE website.



Halifax Regional Centre for Education

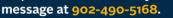
#### CROSSWALK GUARDS NEEDED

#### **CROSSWALK GUARD OPPORTUNITIES**

Crosswalk Guards provide a safe and secure crosswalk for elementary children at designated school crosswalks.

Opportunities are available for Halifax, Dartmouth, Sackville, Bedford and Tantallon.

- Send resume to richart@halifax.ca.
- Enquiries can be made by leaving a



Crosswalk Guards are responsible for providing a safe and secure crossing for elementary children at designated school crosswalks in HRM. Halifax Regional Police's Traffic Unit is currently accepting resumes for regular parttime positions across several locations in the municipality, as well as new spares.

Send resumes to <u>richart@halifax.ca</u>. Enquiries can be made by leaving a message at (902) 490-5168.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Safely escort elementary school children across busy crosswalks throughout HRM
- Enforce all policies and procedures in the operation of the crosswalk
- Abides by all laws dealing with pedestrian traffic at the crosswalk

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to stand or walk 2 3 ½ hours a day and be exposed to all weather conditions
- Ability to maintain control under pressure





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- Ability to work with minimum supervision
- Possess adequate vision and hearing
- Successfully meet the security clearance requirements administered by Halifax Regional Police.

Crosswalk Guards work up to 3.5 hours per day Monday to Friday, 10 months a year. The hourly rate for this position is \$14.00 (Under Negotiation) accordance with the collective agreement between CUPE Local 4814 and Halifax Regional Municipality.

HRM encourages applications from qualified African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women in non-traditional positions, persons with disabilities and Aboriginal persons in the workplace. HRM encourages applicants to selfidentify.



#### HALIFAX HARBOUR SWIM



After a hiatus last year in response to COVID-19, I am pleased to share that the Halifax Harbour Swim will once again be taking place on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this initiative in support of United Way Halifax (UWH).

When you donate to UWH, you are powering a <u>large network of community programs</u>, providing safe shelter, crucial connection, and nutritious meals to those who need it most.

Let's make this year's Halifax Harbour Swim the biggest one yet. Join Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Divisional Chief Chuck Bezanson, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) for an incredible, inspiring day of teamwork and friendly competition in support of UWH.







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## BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE LOOKING FOR A ZUMBA INSTRUCTOR

#### FOR SEPTEMBER



TUESDAY EVENINGS & SATURDAY MORNINGS

Are you a passionate Zumba-er?

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre Zumba instructor has recently retired after many fantastic years with us. We have a fantastic group who are looking to continue their classes in the fall and we are looking for a new licensed instructor!

Ideally Tuesday nights & Saturday mornings with a reduction in room rental fees if able to pick up to To learn more, contact Susan Martin at bibloc@eastlink.ca



We are hoping to start our Preschooler Play on Sept.13th 2021. It will run Mon. Wed. and Fridays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am for 24 days From Sept. 13 to Nov. 12 2021 for \$315.00. For more information or to register please call us at (902) 865-5114 or email at: bbkcc@eastlink.ca.

## SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

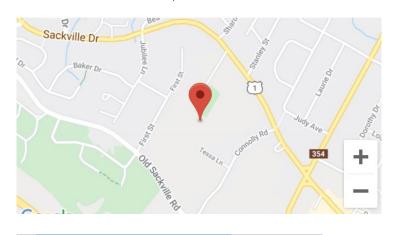


**OFFICE HOURS** 

Monday - Friday: 9-4 Saturday & Sunday: Office Closed FACILITY MANAGER - HEATHER COFFIN

fm@myshcc.com

TELEPHONE NUMBER 902-869-4764 PHYSICAL ADDRESS 45 Connolly Road Sackville, Nova Scotia







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## FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID SUPPORT - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

#### FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID SUPPORTING YOUTH - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

10 hour certification program

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the help provided to a person who is showing signs of declining mental well-being or crisis. "MHFA – Supporting Youth" is a course designed for members of the public who have frequent contact with young people (ages 12 to 24).



- · recognize signs that a young person may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health or substance use crisis
- · initiate conversations that encourage a young person to talk about a mental health or substance use problem
- · discuss professional and other supports that could help with recovery to improved mental well-being
- · assist in a mental health or substance use crisis situation
- · check in with one's own mental well-being and take action as needed

Participants must be 16 years of age, have access to high speed internet and a webcam and be able to attend all of the online sessions below to receive their certification. Seats are limited, so please consider this before registering.

Orientation session: Wednesday October 13: 9-10am

Module 1: 2 hours of self-directed learning completed between October 13-19 Module 2 & 3: Wednesday October 20 & 27: 9am-1pm

Please call (902)460-4560 to register. Please read program requirements outlined in accompany email prior to calling to register.

Community Health Team health In PARTNERSHIP with



theast Communities Mental Health First Aid Canada

#### AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

## Affordable Access Program

If you qualify, you only need one application to apply for: Affordable Access Transit Pass Save 50% off the cost of your monthly transit pass **Recreation programming funding** Save 50% or the full cost of recreation programming for you and your family Property tax payment assistance Receive assistance or deferral when paying your property taxes ΗΛLIFΛΧ ΗΛLIFΛΧ CeO

Halifax Regional Municipality's Affordable Access Program allows qualified residents to apply for municipal subsidized programs. Simply apply once and have that application considered for multiple programs. The Affordable Access Program includes:

#### Low Income Transit Pass

Allows participants to purchase a monthly adult transit pass for 50% of the regular price for one year.

#### **Recreation Access Program**

Provides either partial (50%) or full (100%) payment for Recreation programs for children, youth, and adults in financial need.

#### Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Program

Helps homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a deferral of property tax (payment is delayed to a later date), or a deferral of local improvement charges.

**Application Deadlines** 

Apply for the Affordable Access Program Affordable Access Program Qualifications





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## LAKESHORE CURLING CLUB -RECREATIONAL WHEELCHAIR CURLING

# Recreational Wheelchair Curling Program begins October 2nd, 2021 Saturdays 3pm-5pm

#### Fee for the year is \$99.00 Come out the first day and try for



Contact email is curlingwheelchair@gmail.com More information on Wheelchair Curling can be found on Facebook at Nova Scotia Wheelchair Curling

New curlers are welcome. Instruction is provided. No equipment is necessary. Participants must bring their own wheelchair.

## OUTREACH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE



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#### PHOTO RADAR - FEASIBILITY STUDY



The municipality is now three years into its five-year <u>Strategic Road</u> <u>Safety Plan</u> that focuses on reducing

transportation-related fatalities and injuries on our roadways. The use of photo enforcement technology has been identified as a tool to help make intersections safer by reducing aggressive driving behaviours such as red light running and speeding. Although this technology is used in many cities across Canada, it is currently not used in HRM but it may be in our future.

HRM is currently looking for a consultant to conduct a study for the photo enforcement program (red light camera and electronic speed detection) within the municipality, to understand if it is a feasible and beneficial option for us.

Regional Council would vote on this matter after the report is complete, and staff would make recommendations to Council based on the report's findings.

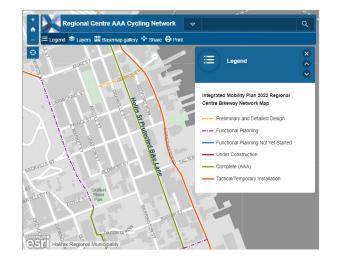
Photo enforcement facts:

- Red light cameras and electronic speed detection devices can help reduce the number and severity of collisions on our roadways.
- Has shown to be effective in increasing compliance with traffic signal operations and posted speed limits, reducing the risk of fatal and serious injury collisions.

 It can offer a deterrent beyond that of a reasonable police presence on a roadway.

I look forward to learning the outcome of this report and continuing to work towards safer roadways in HRM.

## ALL AGES AND ABILITIES BIKEWAY ROUTES



Halifax is on its way to having nearly 60km of interconnected 'All Ages and Abilities' (AAA) bikeway routes. It's part of HRM's <u>Integrated</u> <u>Mobility Plan</u> to develop safer and more accessible ways to get around our municipality.

HRM recently awarded Colliers Project Leaders with the contract to help bring this bike network to life. The bikeway network is expected to be completed in 2024. However, parts of it are already underway. Once completed, the network will include protected bike lanes, multi-use pathways and local street bikeways.





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#### IN THE COMMUNITY



Karen McKendry, Karen Robinson and Councillor Lisa Blackburn. Photo courtesy of Walter Regan.

I was pleased to meet with the <u>Sandy Lake</u> <u>Conservation Association</u> and Sackville Rivers Association to discuss the importance of saving the great natural resource - Sandy Lake.



The Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park is currently one thousand acres. It has been recognized for nearly five decades, provincially and municipally and in multiple reports and studies, to be a unique landscape worth protecting, but the final 1800 acres have never been saved.

A strong group of regional organizations, called The Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park Coalition, has formed to raise awareness and protect this treasure that stretches between the Sackville River and Hammonds Plains Road – for wildlife and for future generations to enjoy as those have before them.



A stunning beach and pristine lake situated between our fastest growing communities, Bedford and Sackville. Much of the land has been acquired to create a park and only a few gaps remain.





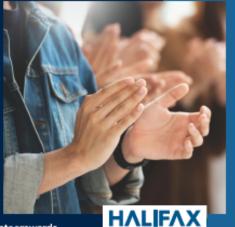
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# HRM 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

## 2022 Volunteer Award Nominations

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to your community? The deadline to nominate an individual, youth or group for the 2022 volunteer awards is **Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021**.

Successful nominees will be invited to attend a ceremony and reception in the spring to receive their award with the Mayor and members of Regional Council.



halifax.ca/volunteerawards

## TWO MUNICIPAL PROJECTS RECEIVE AWARDS OF MERIT

The Halifax Regional Municipality has won two awards of merit in the Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in Architecture.

An Award of Merit in the Large-Building Category was awarded to Abbott Brown Architects, in collaboration with the firm SEPTEMBER 2021 Diamond Schmitt Architects, for renovation of the Zatzman Sportsplex in Dartmouth. The jury noted the improved re-use of the existing pool and arena spaces, which were united by a new connector/circulation hub. The Zatzman Sportsplex now uses internal daylight and layered views into adjoining spaces to create an enhanced environment for the public.



An Award of Merit in the Small Building Category was awarded to Abbott Brown Architects for the renovation design of the Alderney Pedway in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The jury recognized the designer's effective strategy of "humanizing an indifferent public space with the intervention of scaling elements that create a variety of inviting spaces for people to hang out either alone or in groups."







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The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in Architecture was created in 1989 by then Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Lloyd Roseville Crouse. The Award is administered by the Nova Scotia Association of Architects and was created to encourage and recognize outstanding architectural design by the Association's members. Since its creation, architects of many notable buildings in Nova Scotia and around North America have been recognized for their work.

For more information, visit: <u>https://lt.gov.ns.ca/honours-awards/awards</u>.

## PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



#### **Provincial Representatives in District 14:**

- MLA Elect Brad Johns Sackville – Uniacke Unit 103, 1710 Sackville Drive Middle Sackville, NS B4E 3A9 Phone: 902-865-6467 mlabradjohns@gmail.com
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#### MLA Elect Brian Wong

Waverley – Fall River – Beaver Bank Contact PC Caucus Office

#### MLA Elect Ben Jessome Hammonds Plains – Lucasville Mailing Address: 2120 Hammonds Plains Road, Unit 3 Hammonds Plains, NS B4B 1P3 Phone: 902-404-9900 Fax: 902-404-8415 jessomeben@gmail.com



#### Federal Representatives in District 14:

- MP Darrell Samson Sackville Preston - Chezzetcook 2900 Highway 2 Suite 2nd Floor Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1W4 Telephone: 902-861-2311 Fax: 902-861-4620
- MP Geoff Regan (Not Reoffering) Halifax West 1496 Bedford Highway Suite 222 Bedford, Nova Scotia B4A 1E5 Telephone: 902-426-2217 Fax: 902-426-8339



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#### ΗΛLΙΓΛΧ

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
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Women's 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. Another way the municipality has demonstrated this is by

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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."

Historically, a Land Acknowledgment is a traditional practice shared amongst Indigenous groups to recognize the Indigenous land and territory they are visiting. Now, making a respectful Land Acknowledgement remains a way to express gratitude and respect to Indigenous peoples for being stewards of the land we live and work on. It is an important step in reconciliation.

A land acknowledgment is an important statement that acknowledges we understand the long-standing history that has brought us to reside on this land and that we seek to understand our place with that history. In Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People; with that comes roles and responsibilities.



