



**COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**  
DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

## Bus Rapid Transit Open House

Halifax Transit will be hosting an open house session on Monday to discuss the potential of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Open house discussions will include potential BRT corridors, service levels, station location options for future routes, and the overall feasibility of BRT as a viable transportation option for Halifax. Public feedback collected at open house sessions will help inform a staff report to Regional Council later this spring.

**WHEN:** Monday, February 12, 2018 from 2-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Halifax Central Library, BMO Community Room

Residents can also provide feedback at [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/shape-your-city-halifax](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/shape-your-city-halifax). The Government of Canada is contributing up to \$100,000 through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund to study the feasibility of implementing a Bus Rapid Transit service in the Halifax region, with matching funds from the Halifax Regional Municipality.

## Call For Volunteers – Municipal Boards and Committees

Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking interested residents for a variety of important Regional Council advisory committees and boards. The deadline to apply for volunteer roles on the committees is fast approaching. Citizens interested in connecting with the community are encouraged to apply for these opportunities no later than **Friday, February 16**.

Volunteer opportunities (and the number of positions currently open):

- **Board of Police Commissioners** (1 position)
- **Design Review Committee** (requires an architect)
- **Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission** (1 position)
- **Halifax Port Authority** (1 position)
- **Regional Watersheds Advisory Board** (up to four positions)
- **Western Common Advisory Committee** (2 positions)

For more information on these volunteer opportunities, including eligibility requirements, residents can visit [halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees](http://halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees) or call the Municipal Clerk’s Office at 902-490-4210 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday.



Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year’s Day)



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Residents are encouraged to provide additional information that may assist in the selection process, such as a cover letter or resume. Apply online at:

<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees/boards-committees-volunteer>

Residents should note all appointments are made in accordance with the [Public Appointment Policy](#) adopted by Regional Council.

We appreciate and thank all those interested in serving as a volunteer for the municipality.



### Board Member Recruitment

(Volunteer, 2 Year Term with maximum 3 terms)

Two Vacancies to be filled

The Canada Games Centre is a national leading multi-purpose recreation and sport facility providing a centre for the community, promoting healthy and active living for citizens and a major sports training and competition facility in Atlantic Canada.

Check them out at [www.canadagamescentre.ca](http://www.canadagamescentre.ca)

**Position Summary:** The Canada Games Centre is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who operates the facility through a management agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Board of Directors are collectively accountable for the performance of the organization in relation to its mission and strategic objectives and for the effective stewardship of the financial and human resources of the organization. Board members are responsible for acting in the best interests of the organization, striving to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives set out. They are seeking individuals with a passion for making a difference in the

community and professional experience in financial and sponsorship areas and sport involvement.

#### Principle Duties:

- Prepare for, attend, and participate in board meetings
- Prepare for, attend and participate in sub-committee meetings
- Monitor the performance of the organization
- Approve the budget and monitor financial performance
- Keep informed about community issues relevant to the Society

**Time commitment:** 4-5 hours/month (meetings, preparation, consultation)

**Application Instructions:** Interested candidates should apply in writing with a **resume** and the **application form** via email to: [boardrecruitment@canadagamescentre.ca](mailto:boardrecruitment@canadagamescentre.ca). Deadline for applications is **February 28, 2018 by 4pm**.

Applicants can find the application at:

<http://canadagamescentre.ca/job/board-member-2018/>  
The Selection Committee will be reviewing all applications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted further. There will be no appeal process or any information shared about applicants.

### Community Grants Program 2018-19

The Community Grants awards project-specific cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Program is open for 2018 applications from January 4 to March 31, 2018.

For more information, the Community Grants Program Guidebook is available online at

[www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants](http://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants).



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For general inquiries or assistance with completing an application please contact the Grants & Contributions Office at 902-490-7310 or email [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca).



### CELEBRATE AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



February is African Heritage Month. The provincial [African Nova Scotian Affairs](#) department has identified the theme for this year as **“Educate, Unite, Celebrate Community”**. Today, there are 50 African Nova Scotian communities throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. Almost 21,000 African Nova Scotians call this province home, contributing to the rich diversity that defines Nova Scotia. African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA) works with government and the African Nova Scotian community to enhance cultural understanding and assist in the delivery of services that meet the unique needs of African Nova Scotians. It is the connecting point to the community, promoting African Nova Scotian priorities and bringing people together to share in cultural experiences. For this reason, we must Educate, Unite and Celebrate African Heritage Month.

Check out the [Halifax Public Library](#) site for events/activities planned across the municipality for African Heritage Month.

### Contact

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## Nova Scotia Power – 2018 Scholarship Program



Nova Scotia Power is now accepting applications for its 2018 scholarship program, which is offered annually to students seeking higher education in a variety of educational programs across the Province.

Nova Scotia Power is proud to provide opportunities today for young Nova Scotians to continue their learning in hopes to help create a stronger future in Nova Scotia for our youth. They really believe in doing what they can to support and empower our youth in the many communities where we live and work.

Nova Scotia Power scholarships are available each year to qualifying students enrolled in trades and degree programs. The specific categories include Mi’kmaq, Environment, Centennial, Trades, Employment Equity, and awards for employees’ children. Scholarships are awarded based on each student’s academic achievement, community involvement, involvement in extracurricular activities and personal attributes. Last year, 40 scholarships were awarded totaling more than \$120,000.

For more information, scholarship applications and deadlines, visit [www.nspower.ca/scholarships](http://www.nspower.ca/scholarships).

