



## COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER

DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS

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### Mainland North Volunteer Awards

This year Mainland North Volunteer Awards celebrates its 15th anniversary of recognizing deserving volunteers who give generously to help others and strengthen our community. This year's event takes place on May 24, 2018 at the Comfort Hotel. They have a terrific evening planned to honour 2018 volunteer award winners. To do so, they need your help to nominate outstanding volunteers that you know of.

If you know of a deserving volunteer in your organization or in your community\*, please take the time to share some of their stories. There are two ways to nominate someone: email [mnvawards@gmail.com](mailto:mnvawards@gmail.com) for a nomination form or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MainlandNorthVolunteerAwards/> and complete a nomination form. Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 20, 2018.

\*Mainland North includes all the Halifax neighbourhoods off of Dunbrack Street and Kearney Lake Road between Fairview and Larry Uteck.

### Emera Oval Closures Anticipated Due to Mild Temperatures

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents the Emera Oval is expected to experience more temporary closures than usual over the coming weeks due to warmer temperatures.

Residents are encouraged to check the oval [website](#) for status updates before venturing out for a skate. The municipality appreciates your patience as the season winds down.

### Centre Plan Storefront and Public Engagement Sessions

Residents are invited to visit Centre Plan's new storefront location, as well as attend a series of public engagement sessions to discuss and share feedback about Centre Plan Package A.

[Package A](#) includes draft planning policies for the areas anticipated for the highest levels of growth in the Regional Centre. The document outlines a range of proposed regulations from development standards to design requirements of buildings – all aimed at creating complete communities where residents can live, work, shop, and play.



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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The Centre Plan Storefront is now open at 5161 George Street at the corner of George and Hollis Streets in Downtown Halifax. Planning and Development municipal staff will be on site to answer questions about Centre Plan Package A. Hours of operation will generally occur from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Monday to Friday), but is subject to staff availability.

In addition to the storefront, residents are also welcome to participate in the following engagement sessions:

- **Monday, Mar. 19** – St. Joseph A. McKay Elementary School - 5389 Russell Street, Halifax
  - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Mar. 22** – NSCC Ivany (Waterfront) Campus, 80 Mawiomi Pl, Dartmouth
  - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Monday, Mar. 26** – Location TBA - Halifax South
  - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Mar. 28** – Mic Mac Aquatic Club, 192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth
  - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Apr. 3** – Halifax Forum, Maritime Hall, 2901 Windsor Street, Halifax
  - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Thursday, Apr. 5** – Dartmouth North Community Centre, 105 Highfield Park Dr, Dartmouth
  - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (lobby) and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (multipurpose room)

For more information about the Centre Plan, please visit [centreplan.ca](http://centreplan.ca).

## Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> when Daylight Savings Time begins. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## 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). 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).

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### Municipality Implements Annual Weight Restrictions



To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality has introduced its

annual spring weight restrictions.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads in only the former Halifax County.

The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place until May 11. However, the restrictions may be lifted earlier if the roads are stabilized before then. The municipality will issue a follow-up PSA should this occur.

The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.asp>.

## MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Macdonald Laurier Place. For more information visit <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

CONGRATULATIONS to The Mobile Food Market on winning the 2018 IPAC/Deloitte Public Sector Leadership Award for its innovative, collaborative approach to addressing food insecurity.

## March Break

There are a variety of events planned across the Province for all to enjoy. [Check out this website](#). Have a fun filled, safe and happy March Break. Enjoy!

### Registration Now Open for the Step Up to Leadership Spring 2018 Course

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for the Step Up to Leadership course is now open.

In its thirteenth year, the free, nine-week course is being offered to both new and existing volunteers who are interested in developing leadership skills and building stronger communities. Sessions range from teambuilding, conflict resolution and understanding the importance of diversity to public speaking, planning and how to conduct meetings.

Courses are being offered on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings beginning in late March.

**When:** Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning March 20 and running nine consecutive weeks  
**Where:** Captain Spry Community Centre, Spryfield

**When:** Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning March 21 and running nine consecutive weeks  
**Where:** Fenerty Room, Sackville Public Library

The course has been designed to provide volunteers with the necessary tools and techniques to create effective leadership and community involvement.

For a full list of session descriptions and information on how to register visit <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/step-leadership>

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### MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The [Status of Women](#) website explains March 8<sup>th</sup>, International Women's Day, as a day of recognition for the achievements of women and acknowledging the challenges they continue to face in the quest for gender equality.

The beginnings of International Women's Day (IWD) trace back to the early twentieth century, stemming from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflecting a growing movement for women to participate equally in society.

The theme for 2018 is **#MyFeminism**: inspired by the role feminism continues to play in shaping Canada and countries around the world. They are the activists, advocates, and allies who continue to lead the way towards positive change.



### Diverse Voices for Change



Also on March 8<sup>th</sup>, **Diverse Voices for Change**, a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) program, funded by the Status of Women,

will be hosting an event at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information on this event, visit

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/diversity-inclusion/international-women-day-2018>

The **Diverse Voices for Change** initiative is to increase the number of women from diverse communities who are actively informed by, and engaged in, local government decision-making. FCM's mandate is to achieve 30 per cent women's participation in local government, by 2026, by increasing the diversity of women in leadership roles at the municipal level.



Figure 1 FCM's Diverse Voices for Change Workshop - Halifax City Hall May 2017

HRM established an African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office in 2012. This office is now part of the newly established Diversity and Inclusion Office, created in June 2015.

**WHOSE VOICE IS MISSING?  
AND HOW DO WE INCLUDE  
THOSE VOICES?**

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## Free Income Tax Clinic

Geoff Regan, M.P. is hosting a free income tax filing clinic. Volunteers from the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will complete personal income tax returns for the 2017 tax year.

**DATE: Thursday, March 15**

**TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**LOCATION: Canada Games Centre,  
26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax**

**\*Registrations is required\***

To be eligible to participate, registrants must meet the income eligibility (\$30,000 maximum for an individual, \$40,000 for a family of 2, and \$45,000 for a family of 4).

Volunteers cannot complete returns for individuals with complex tax situations, such as individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

**To register, contact:**

**902-426-2217**

**geoff@geoffregan.ca**



## Spring Recreation Programs



Spring registration for rec programs starts on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Halifax has recreation programs for people of all ages and all abilities year round at over 50 community and recreation centres.

To find out more information, visit

<https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/programs-registration>

## Solar City Program



Become your own power producer today!

A variety of property owners are now able to

finance solar systems through the Municipality. To find out more information, including property owner guide, steps for solar city participation and how to register, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/solar-projects>

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