



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

## WELCOME MAY!



Spring is popping up all over –crocuses and tulips are blooming and even a few dandelions. Also peeking up from under the melting

snow is a not so pleasant site – litter.

Springtime brings many opportunities to help spruce-up our communities and Clean Nova Scotia’s [Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up](#) is a wonderful way to organize a neighbourhood clean-up. While spring cleaning, you may wish to set aside a few items for the Curbside Give Away weekend on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. [Efficiency Nova Scotia](#) has a free appliance retirement / recycling program where they will pick up your older, but still operating, fridge or freezer for free and ensure the CFCs are removed and the appliance properly recycled. You will find more information on these items further in this newsletter.

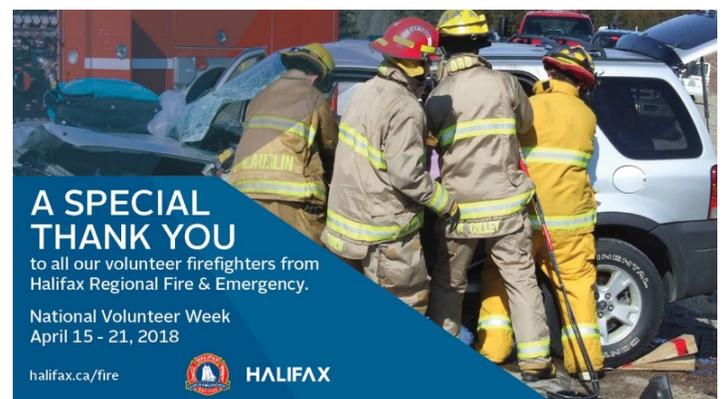
Keep reading for more community news!

## TOWN HALL MEETING ON LAND LEASED PROPERTY

Residents who have questions about their rights as land lease tenants are welcome to attend a Town Hall meeting at the Brown Hall, 351 Beaver Bank Road on Thursday, May 17th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.



Representatives from the provincial Residential Tenancy Board, Nova Scotia and Dal Legal Aid will be in attendance to provide information on your rights as land lease tenants.





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### HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE - CADET RECRUITMENT UNDERWAY

Halifax Regional Police is recruiting for its [2019 Police Science Program](#). The HRP Police Science Program will prepare cadets to become police officers with Halifax Regional Police. Cadets who successfully complete the program will be offered employment with HRP.

Everyone is welcome to attend an information session to learn more about HRP Cadet Recruitment and chat with members of the Recruitment Team.

Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m.  
Black Cultural Centre  
[10 Cherry Brook Road](#)

Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m.  
Halifax North Memorial Public Library  
[2285 Gottingen Street](#)

[More information sessions](#) will be added as they are scheduled.

Apply online [here](#).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO HRM'S 2018 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hats off to **Christine Jamieson, Ron and Judy MacIntosh, Sue McLearn and Peter Stackaruk** for being awarded HRM's 2018



Volunteer Award for their dedicated community service. Your hours of dedicated service over the months and years are representative of the vibrant and active communities you have helped to create and maintain. Our lives are more enriched because of all you do for us and our communities.

**Christine Jamieson's** hardwork promoting the [FUNDamentals program](#) and recruiting new families and volunteers has resulted in her running the largest [Special Olympics youth program](#) in the province. Her commitment and love for the children she coaches is what influences her to go above and beyond what is expected of her. Christine not only inspires improvement in the social and athletic abilities of the children she coaches, more importantly she encourages the children to believe in themselves and that they are capable of anything they set their mind to.

**Ron and Judy MacIntosh** have lived in Middle Sackville for many years and each year have become more involved with the [Sackville Seniors Advisory Council](#) group and several other groups such as their grandchildren's hockey teams. They motivate and inspire others to be better people each and every day.

Police officers are people with compassion, wisdom, resilience, smarts, down to earth common sense, and a deep-seated desire to leave things better than they were found.

Police officers are people like you.

**Yes, YOU!**

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**Sue McLearn** with husband Keith, chaired the rebuild of the [Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre](#). Recently Sue was recognized for volunteering at her 25th Community Breakfast, an event for which she is also the Chair. Sue has organized many successful fundraisers including Monte Carlo nights, golf tournaments, and softball tournaments. She has a gift of encouraging people who may not be regular volunteers to get involved and then works her magic to keep them coming back. Sue is an individual who embodies what volunteering is all about! She's dedicated, hardworking, selfless and Beaver Bank is lucky to have her!



**Peter Stackaruk** is an amazing and inspiring young role model for other people. He is a valued volunteer at the [Beacon House Food Bank and Retail Store](#), a volunteer youth leader with [HRM Recreation](#), and also volunteers with the [Army Cadets](#). He always shows up on time and will always be more than happy to help. He balances school and sport commitments with his volunteer work – he is respected by all who have the opportunity to connect with him. Peter is a wonderful young person and future leader.



## BEAVER BANK / SACKVILLE TRAILS - WALKING POLES NOW AVAILABLE



### Sackville Trails and Library Walking Poles

New walking poles are in and ready for you to borrow. Enjoy local nature and explore nearby trails.

Visit the Sackville Public Library Information Desk or call 902-865-3744 to learn more.

There are many [local trails](#) to enjoy and now you can borrow walking poles to make the trek more enjoyable!

Walking or trekking poles are beneficial for hiking / walking as they help reduce strain on your joints (knees, hips, ankles) and assist with balance over rougher terrain. Whether you are hiking trails in the [Beaver Bank](#) area or [Middle/Upper Sackville](#), you will find the walking poles to be a great asset.



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### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP - REGISTER A TEAM FOR THE GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK ME UP

No one likes to see litter strewn about or having to clean up after others; however, you can make it a more positive event by getting a team together and doing something wonderful for the environment and your community. [Clean Foundation Nova Scotia](#) is Nova Scotia's largest volunteer-driven community clean-up program, promoting litter clean-ups across the province. Clean Foundation provides supplies and support to participants (individuals, groups, businesses, schools) to carry out community-based clean-ups.



Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up

Studies show that litter begets litter, meaning people tend to litter in areas where there is already garbage on the ground. So, let's discourage litter in our neighbourhoods by getting out, cleaning it up and showing that litter is NOT accepted and will not be tolerated in our area.

Clean-ups can take place any time throughout the year at any location including: shoreline, parks, schools, or any outdoor space that you value.



### MAY 4<sup>th</sup> – ADOPT A HIGHWAY DAY

First impressions are important. I'm certain we want everyone to enter our territory with the impression that we care about the environment and our neighbourhood. As part of a community clean-up initiative, you may consider getting a team together to [Adopt-a-highway](#) so that all who enter the region will see the pride we have in a clean, healthy environment.

For the thirteenth year in a row, the Government of Nova Scotia is proclaiming May 4<sup>th</sup> **Adopt-A-Highway Day**.

The program offers organizations, volunteer groups, and businesses the opportunity to contribute to their province and community by removing litter from roadsides. Volunteers removed over 3,300 bags of garbage and recyclables from roadways in the last year alone. By removing this unpleasant and unnecessary material, the province's appearance is improved which in turn aids tourism, benefits the environment, and reduces the attraction of wildlife to roadways.



This year the [Adopt-A-Highway Program](#) is **celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary**. In recognition of this, additional volunteers are being sought in an effort to expand the program and continue contributing to the betterment of the province. Any highway, road, street, and exit is available for adoption except 100-Series Highways or any roadway deemed unsafe.

To date, the Adopt-A-Highway Program has over 170 groups who have adopted more than



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1,000 kilometers of secondary roads and eighteen 100-Series Highway Interchange areas (Exits) throughout the province.

For more information on the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway Program please visit: [www.adoptahighways.ca](http://www.adoptahighways.ca).

### JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CURBSIDE GIVE-AWAY WEEKEND



A great way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill is the [Curbside Give-Away](#)

[Weekend](#) when you may place unwanted household items at the curb instead of discarding them. This event happens rain or shine.

Some helpful tips:

- place signs on items with the word "FREE"
- items should still be in good condition for re-use or able to be repaired
- keep items you do not want to give away close to your house, or inside to avoid confusion
- don't discard items on another person's lawn
- **respect private property** – don't walk or drive on people's lawns or gardens
- take only the items at the curb marked "FREE"



### HRM'S AQUATICS SURVEY



Have your say on HRM's aquatic services by participating in the [survey](#). We are interested in your opinions and perceptions about pools, beaches and other aquatic facilities located throughout the municipality.

We have many natural lakes, beaches, and aquatic facilities for people to enjoy. HRM's Parks and Recreation promotes active and healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities which include valuable lifesaving skills, safety and enjoyment in and around the water.

Results from this survey will help form recommendations to Regional Council regarding future aquatic needs. The study includes indoor and outdoor community pools, competition aquatic facilities, supervised beaches and splash pads.

For more information about the Long-Term Aquatic Strategy, please see the [Regional Council Information Report](#) . You can also view the aquatic section (Pg.62) of the [Community Facility Master Plan 2](#).

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!



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**GETTING MY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED AT THE FIRST COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR IN LUCASVILLE**

**ON APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, MAYOR SAVAGE, COUNCIL COLLEAGUES AND I, ATTENDED THE UNVEILING OF THE DESIGN FOR THE NEW MI'KMAW NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE AT 1940 GOTTINGEN STREET**



Above is an architectural rendering of the proposed 70,000 square foot plan for the new Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre. A finalized plan should be ready by early 2019.

The mission of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre is to provide structured, social-based programming for Urban Aboriginal People while serving as a focal point for the urban aboriginal community to gather for a variety of community functions and events.



**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day**



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## MURAL MOSAIC FOR ACADIA PARK

### CANADA 150 MOSAIC



### 150 Murals across Canada

Lower Sackville has been selected as community #125, of 150 communities across Canada, to create a tile mosaic to be permanently situated in Acadia Park for all to enjoy. Two mosaic art works made up of 400 4" x 4" individual, hand-painted tiles will be created through the [Canada 150 Mural Mosaic](#) project. The mosaics will capture the history of Sackville and will serve as a legacy for the community.

Once completed, the tiles will be assembled into a large mural grid, transforming the paintings into a unified mosaic that will represent the community. 100% hand-painted, the community mural will be protected to stand as a legacy piece for decades to come.

Tile painting will take place at Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive at the following dates / times:

<b>Friday, May 11, 2018</b>	<b>Start</b>
Session 1	1:00 PM
Session 2	2:30 PM
Session 3	4:00 PM

## Saturday, May 12, 2018 Start

Session 1	9:00 AM
Session 2	10:30 AM
Lunch	
Session 3	1:00 PM
Session 4	2:30 PM
Session 5	4:00 PM

Email [rotarysackville38@gmail.com](mailto:rotarysackville38@gmail.com) to register.

## FAQ's

### Q: Who do I talk to about the Halifax Water Stormwater Infrastructure (ditch tax) bill?



**A: Halifax Water.** This bill is from the Halifax Water utility, not HRM, therefore; you must speak to personnel at Halifax Water in relation to your bill. Decisions on rates / charges are made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board once presented to them by Halifax Water. **End**  
**These are not decisions made by Regional Council**  
2:30 PM  
4:00 PM  
5:30 PM

If you are located within the [stormwater service boundary](#) for Halifax Water, regardless of

End



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whether you receive water / sewer service from the utility, you **will** receive a bill for one or both of the following two stormwater infrastructure charges:

1. Site related flow charge (from your private property) and / or,
2. HRM Right of Way Charge (ROW).

**The HRM ROW charge is a result of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board directing that HRM must pay for their share of**

**stormwater expenses** (runoff and resulting infrastructure from HRM owned property (streets, roads and properties such as: libraries, recreation centres, office buildings, parks etc). HRM pays this bill through a right-of-way charge collected by Halifax Water at a flat rate of \$39 per year. More detail about these charges is available on the Halifax Water website at: [www.halifaxwater.ca](http://www.halifaxwater.ca).

You may also contact Halifax Water by phone at 902.420.9287 or by email at [customerservice@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:customerservice@halifaxwater.ca) or [complaints@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:complaints@halifaxwater.ca).

**Q:** How do I request [Traffic Calming](#) for a street in my neighbourhood?

**A:** Call 3-1-1 and ask to have your street added to the list for consideration. If your street is owned and maintained by the municipality, it may be considered for traffic calming if it is:

- within a residential area
- classified as a “local street” or “minor collector street”
- a two-lane street
- posted speed limit not greater than 50km/h

- not part of a transit route
- not part of a primary emergency response route

If you are concerned with speeding on your street, please call Halifax Regional Police on the non-emergency line at **902.490.5020** or the local RCMP office at **(902) 244-7208**. Police need to receive the details from you as soon as possible in order to log the issue and dispatch personnel to the area.

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**Q:** How is the decision made on which streets/roads to repair/replace?

**A:** HRM’s Pavement Management team inspects all roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure on a three-year cycle to decide which ones need work most urgently.

**Streets** are rated by assessing the severity and density of each type of distress present on the roadway. Those scores then go into an algorithm used to compute an SDI (Surface Distress Index), which is a score between 0 and 10 for that segment of road, where 10 is a perfect road and 0 is a heavily distressed road.

**Sidewalks** are rated by walking each block of sidewalk, and taking a count of the defective slabs vs total slabs on that block, and then computing a “Percent Defective.” Where sidewalks are asphalt or brick, they are simply rated good, fair or poor.

**Curbs** are rated as good, fair or poor, regardless of the material.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BEAVER BANK BOX CAR RACES – AUGUST 25, 2018



The second annual Beaver Bank Box Car Races will be held on **August 25, 2018**.

Last year’s inaugural event was an enormous success with the community coming out to enjoy the races, BBQ, bouncy castle and cardboard box car races. A wonderful family-fun day!



Email [info@cartoonconrad.com](mailto:info@cartoonconrad.com) for more information.

## THE 2018–19 BUDGET HAS BEEN APPROVED

### Budget Highlights

\$760.6 million

Operating

\$128.6 million

Capital

In 2018-19 the average taxes per single family home has increased by 1.97%, in line with or below forecasted rates of inflation and economic growth.

Street recapitalization



\$27.3 million

Dartmouth Sportsplex revitalization

\$7 million\*



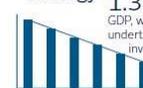
\*Multi-year project, 7 million allocated in 2018-19

Enhanced Fire Safety Presence



16 additional Firefighters

Debt Management Strategy



1.3% of Regional GDP, well-positioned to undertake productive investments

Integrated Mobility Plan

Integration of Transit, Transportation and Public Works and Planning - capital projects to improve liveability and movement across the region



Halifax Transit Services



\$132 million (operating and capital)



On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Regional Council passed the [2018-19 budget](#) with a 1.975% increase to the average residential property tax bill. By all measures, it’s a modest tax increase that is:

- below anticipated inflation and growth in personal incomes
- among one of the lowest compared to other large cities including Ottawa, London, Kitchener and Edmonton
- in the bottom four of Canada’s 22 largest municipalities for its impact on the average residential tax bill



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The budget, as adopted, reflects our best effort to provide a balanced approach to using taxpayer dollars in the most responsible manner possible, while at the same time recognizing and addressing the growing needs of our municipality as we move forward. It also concludes the first multi-year budget plan and the related two years of financial forecasting that adapted to the ongoing changes in assumptions and circumstances.

A key driver in this Regional Council’s budget is accountability, not just to taxpayers, but to ourselves. Performance excellence and results are at the core of this budget and will be as we move into the future. We will discover new, innovative ways to do more with less.

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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North-West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Destination Halifax
- Halifax Water
- Diverse Voices

