

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



I would like to welcome all students back to school. Your education is important for you to succeed in life. All motorists need to be extra careful with students walking, cycling or travelling by school bus. **Stay alert & be safe!**

MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR AREA TAX FATE

There will be a public information session held jointly with the Musquodoboit Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce at its Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 7PM in the Eastern Shore Rink's Multi-purpose Room to discuss the possible elimination of the Musquodoboit Harbour & Area Common Rate of \$0.005 (½ cent) per \$100 of assessment. A possible plebiscite may be required to determine the area rate's ultimate fate. This affects the property owners in the communities of Musquodoboit Harbour, West Petpeswick, East Petpeswick, Smith's Settlement and Ostrea Lake.

For more information on this subject, please refer to: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/170718rc14111.pdf

WEEKLY GREEN CARTS EXTENDED



Just a reminder that HRM has extended its weekly organic green cart collection program until the end of September. For more information about this initiative, please go to: www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/green-carts-leaf-yard-material
Be Green & Source Separate!

OYSTER POND MOBILE HSW DEPOT

There will be a mobile Household Special Waste (HSW) Depot at the Oyster Pond Academy parking lot on Saturday, September 9th from 9AM–4PM. For a complete list of items that can be accepted, please refer to: www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste or call 311.

DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST

Hope for Wildlife has partnered with 4 other local non-profits in a new 50/50 draw called the "Dartmouth Community Chest". The organizations that are partnering with Hope for Wildlife are Special Olympics Dartmouth, the Take Action Society of North Dartmouth, the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, and the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society. All 5 of these non-profits are community based organizations who struggle to pay the bills. This is a way they can work together to make our communities better. Funds raised will go to their programs and supplies which enable them to continue to offer the quality services to our local areas. The draw is held every Wednesday; it is local people who win each week. Please see the links below for more details about this fundraising effort: www.facebook.com/DartmouthCommunityChest or on their web-site: www.dartmouthcommunitychest.ca

RURAL TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

HRM has approved the following grants to support rural transportation services in our region. Two lump sum grants, one of \$10,000 to MusGo Rider Cooperative

(Musquodoboit Harbour—Eastern Shore) and another grant of \$10,000 for their satellite service in Musquodoboit Valley—Sheet Harbour, also \$5,000 to BayRides for their service in the St. Margaret's Bay area. Then there is a Flat Rate Grant of \$0.42 per in-service kilometer up to a program maximum of \$105,000 to be shared amongst these three service providers. If there should be any residual funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year, then supplementary funds will be distributed pro-rata based on in-service kilometers to the approved applicants up to a total of \$0.50 per kilometer. More details at: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/170801rc1441.pdf

NOMINATIONS: GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARDS

Shine a spotlight on the extraordinary people you know by nominating them for prestigious recognition by the Governor General of Canada. Any person or group is welcome to nominate a deserving individual as a possible candidate for appointment to the Order of Canada, or as candidate for the Decorations for Bravery, Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division), Polar Medal or Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Nominations presented to the Chancellery of Honours that meet the eligibility criteria are examined thoroughly. They are then reviewed by an independent committee that makes its recommendation to the Governor General. There is no deadline for submissions. Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Nominations for the Decorations for Bravery must be made within two (2) years of the incident, or within two years after a court or a coroner has concluded its review on the circumstances surrounding the incident or act of bravery. To nominate someone, please complete a nomination form. Each nomination form requires specific information that you may add on a separate page or in a covering letter. More details can be found at: www.gg.ca/nominate, on Twitter #GGHonours, call Toll-Free at 1-800-465-6890 or contact by e-mail: info@gg.ca.

GRANTS TO GSAR & JEM TEAMS

Volunteer Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) teams provides assistance to all three levels of government in the event of a missing person search, an evacuation, natural, man-made disaster, or evidence search. Although the four GSAR organizations formally recognized by HRM are based in predominantly rural locations their search areas cover the entire region and, on occasion, more than one unit may be called upon to provide volunteer personnel and equipment. This year HRM is providing \$132,210 in Operating Grants to the following GSAR Teams:

- Musquodoboit Valley — \$17,156
- Sheet Harbour — \$28,356
- Eastern Shore — \$30,148
- Halifax Regional — \$56,550

Further to these Operating Grants, HRM is also providing some Capital Grants. The Eastern Shore GSAR Team will be getting \$5,595 to fund the upgrade of 12 existing Trunk Mobile Radio TMR1 units to the newer TMR2 platform. The Halifax Regional GSAR Team will get \$2,500 towards the purchase of safety helmets to protect searchers during

responses. Also, the HRM Joint Emergency Management (JEM) Teams will have \$8,195 to aid them with supplies. More info about these grants is found at: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/170801rc1442.pdf.

37TH ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

Back in 1980, Terry took his Marathon of Hope through our communities along Highway #7. We can keep his dream alive, that, cancer can be beaten. There will be 3 local Terry Fox Runs on Sunday, Sept. 17th: One at the Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum from 10AM–2PM with a BBQ & Bake Sale; another from 12 Noon–2PM at the Lake Echo Community Centre where you can do laps around an oval course; and another at the Sheet Harbour Lion's Centre from 1–3:30PM. If you can't make it to a run, please sponsor someone who will be participating. You can also text "terryfox" to 45678 to donate \$5. The Terry Fox National School Run Day will be on Thursday, Sept. 28th. If your school wants to get involved, please check out this link for more information: www.terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/

EAST PETPESWICK HILLS P.I.M.

Back in January 2017, HRM Council approved amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) and several community Land Use Bylaws (LUB) to allow residential development on lots created though the HRM Charter 10-hectare (25-acre) subdivision approval exemption. However, at that time a 15-lot proposal for the East Petpeswick Hills was excluded. Upon further review and analysis of this application, it has been determined that this proposal should have been included. Therefore, HRM Council has initiated a process to consider site-specific amendments to the RMPS and the Eastern Shore (West) LUB, regarding the development of certain 10-hectare (25-acre) lots on the east side of Scots Lake. A Public Information Meeting (PIM) will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27th @ 7PM at the Old School Gathering Place in Musquodoboit Harbour. Some time following the PIM, a Public Hearing will be held at City Hall at a future date. For more details about Case #21281 please review the report: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/170815rc14110.pdf

50 MILE YARD SALE—SEPTEMBER 9TH

The annual 50-Mile Yard Sale along Highway #7 and Rte #357 in Musquodoboit Harbour to Musquodoboit Valley will be occurring on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Also, as part of the bargain trail, the Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club will be having a gigantic flea market and sale in the rink that same day. Be aware of the pedestrian traffic and parked cars; please respect the signs placed for your safety.



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