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DISTRICT 1 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JULY!



Happy Kana'ta Canada Day!

Start planning for a summer full of family fun including the 10th annual North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) being hosted in Halifax this year; the Halifax Pride Festival & Parade and; the Dartmouth Sunshine Series of free concerts plus much more!

Keep reading for more information on HRM's homeless encampments update; weekly green cart collection; household hazardous waste disposal events; an opportunity to test an electric vehicle and much more!

Please contact me if you have questions regarding municipal programs/services by phoning 902-717-2718 or email: deaglec@halifax.ca.

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JULY MEETINGS

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. is the rescheduled date of the July 17th NWCC meeting.

Please confirm dates and times on our [municipal website](#) as they are subject to change.

NWCC UPDATE

The North West Community Council (NWCC) dealt with the following matters at the June 12th meeting:

Case 23247 - Amendments to the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law Regarding the Measurement of Building Height

NWCC gave first reading to the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law and scheduled a public hearing for [June 26th](#).

The proposed changes to the Land Use By-law (LUB) are only applicable to parcels of land within the PR and PC zones which have lot frontage on Sackville Drive. In those instances, the height of the main building may be measured from the highest point of the roof to the 'established grade' surrounding the building, provided that there are appropriate setbacks, stepbacks and opaque screening in locations abutting R-1 and R-2 zoned lots. As the proposed amendments now provide for these protective measures in the vicinity of abutting residential lots, staff advise that the adjusted amendments

to the LUB for Sackville Drive, also carry out the intent of the MPS. For more information, please see the March 15, 2023 staff report [here](#).

[State of Sandy Lake \(Bedford\)](#)

A presentation was given by David Patriquin of the Sandy Lake Conservation Association. Click [here](#) to view the report.

June 26th NWCC meeting update:

Case 23247: Amendments to the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law

Public hearing was held and closed. Land Use By-Law amendments approved as presented in [the staff report](#).

Case 22097: Request for Additional Time to Sign the Approved Development Agreement for an Equestrian Facility Use at 96 Pockwock Road, Hammonds Plains

NWCC approved an extension of an additional 120 days from the original 120 days.

For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, click [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW....

That July is [Plastic Free July](#).

July 1st is [Canada Day](#)

July 1st is [International Joke Day](#)

July 7th is [Global Forgiveness Day](#)

July 11th is [World Population Day](#)

July 18th is [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)

July 20th is the start of [FIFA Women's World Cup](#)

July 20th is [World Chess Day](#)

July 29th is [Global Tiger Day](#)



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SPLASHPADS|OUTDOOR POOLS

The [Bayers-Westwood, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Cole Harbour, Shirley's, Westmount, and Sackville](#) splashpads are now open for the 2023 season.

The Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools and all supervised municipal beaches are now open. Bookings are required for the [Bedford](#) and [Cole Harbour](#) outdoor pools.

Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can now be purchased at the Lebrun Recreation Centre, and memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

KANA'TA CANADA DAY!



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 on Saturday, July 1st.

This re-envisioned format for Canada Day will offer residents across the region a variety of cultural, musical and family-oriented events. Introduced last year, the KANA'TA: Canada Day format was developed in collaboration with

Indigenous communities to create programming that honours the traditions of the Mi'kmaw Nation and celebrates pan-Indigenous communities that call the municipality home. For a full list of events, visit hrmcanadaday.ca.

Residents are also advised that Halifax Transit's Alderney Ferry service will be free on Saturday, July 1st.

We are attentive to safety concerns related to fireworks and remain in consultation with Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency on this issue. The municipality would also like to reassure residents that there are measures in place to ensure the fireworks used at municipal events are used in a safe manner and in accordance with any relevant fire regulations.

As always, the status of fireworks for events is subject to change. Notification of changes will be shared via the municipality's Civic Events' Facebook page and Twitter channel.

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will also perform an aerial display on Saturday, July 1st at 12:00 p.m. This will be followed by live musical performances on both the Halifax and Dartmouth waterfronts.

During this performance, nine CT-114 Tutor aircraft will fly over the Halifax Harbour. Residents are advised that a marine exclusion zone will be in place. The exclusion zone will be in place for the following dates and times:

- Saturday, July 1st: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2nd (rain date only): 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All non-essential personnel and marine traffic will be restricted during this time. Boaters



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are asked to monitor VHF channel 12 for updates and information when on the water.

[Halifax Transit ferry service](#) will also be paused from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st to accommodate the demonstration.

For more information on the municipality's KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023 programming, visit hrmcanadaday.ca.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES (NAIG)



The 10th [North American Indigenous Games](#) (NAIG) will be held from July 15th to 23rd here in HRM.

We will be host to competitions in 16 sports within 21 venues across Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik.

NAIG helps Indigenous athletes realize the collective potential of their body, minds and spirit of their people. NAIG will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations celebrating, sharing and reconnecting through sport and culture with the help of 3,000 volunteers.

REC VAN 2023



The Rec Van is visiting rural communities throughout the municipality all summer long!

[Check out our daily stops](#) scheduled every Monday – Thursday. The REC van is stacked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping, and much more! Questions?
Contact: recvan@halifax.ca.

READY FOR REC INCLUSION

[Register](#) now for Ready for Rec summer programs for youth aged 13-18. Ready for Rec programs are designed for children and youth who have diverse needs and require additional supports to be successful in a recreation environment. The focus is on accommodations, adaptations, and small participant to instructor ratios tailored to individual skills and learning styles.

Dates: Weeks of July 4th, July 10th, July 17th, July 24th, July 31st and August 8th.

Time: 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.



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Location: Central Spryfield Elementary School,
364 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield

Participants will explore the community and learn new things along the way. The focus is healthy living through fun recreation activities. Participants should be able to be in a group of two or three campers to one staff.



Ready for Rec – Outdoor

Date: Weeks of August 14th and Aug. 21st

Time: 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Location: Shubie Park (drop off by the Fairbanks Centre)

The Ready for Rec Outdoor Camp offers an inclusive and supported environment for youth aged 13-18 with disabilities to learn and explore nature. Participants will engage in a combination of structured and unstructured seasonal activities, such as nature walks, scavenger hunts, creative expression and free play. This program offers one-to-one staffing if needed.

To register for Ready for Rec youth programs, please contact: inclusion@halifax.ca.

RCMP STATISTICS - MAY 2023



DARTMOUTH SUNSHINE SERIES



The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in the [Dartmouth Sunshine Series](#) – a free, seven-week concert and entertainment series at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Park.

The Dartmouth Sunshine Series will include 24 family friendly community concerts and events for all residents to enjoy. Community concerts will bring together a diverse mix of sounds – including urban, gospel, classic rock, blues, folk, acoustic and more. Children and youth entertainment will include the Mother Goose Festival, a Halifax Jazz Festival showcase and multicultural celebrations.



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Visit [our website](#) for the full Dartmouth Sunshine Series schedule.



CAREER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is committed to being the best Fire & Emergency

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service and reflective of the diverse communities we serve. The recruitment and selection process includes; aptitude testing, physical abilities testing, background screening and a panel interview. The skills, abilities and competencies measured through each of these phases are in alignment with the requirements for the position of firefighter. Candidates must demonstrate competence and proficiency at each stage in order to advance.

The Halifax Regional Municipality strives to create a diverse and inclusive work environment. As such, we encourage applications from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women (applying for non-traditional positions), persons with disabilities, Aboriginal persons and persons of the LGBTQ+ community. HRM encourages applicants to self-identify.

A career as a Firefighter is both challenging and rewarding, offering individuals the opportunity to serve their community while working as a member of a highly skilled professional team. HRFE is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of life, property and environment, through leadership, partnership and effective response to emergencies.

[Quick Reference Guide for applying for a job with the Municipality.](#)

[Quick Reference Guide to Your HRM Candidate Zone](#)

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HOMELESSNESS & HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS



As housing insecurity continues to be an issue in the region, work with community partners and other levels of government has significantly accelerated, and collaboration has expanded to help address both [affordable housing](#) and homelessness. This work is guided by the municipality's [Framework for Addressing Homelessness](#).

The municipality's approach to homeless encampments is to treat people experiencing homelessness in our public spaces with dignity while working to find ways to best support them within our capacity and scope as a municipality.

The right to adequate housing is embedded in international law, federal legislation, and municipal strategies and frameworks. Accordingly, the municipality understands encampments to be in violation of individuals' rights to adequate housing.

For these reasons, the municipality's approach has been to allow occupants of homeless encampments to remain until adequate housing has been identified and offered, or until the health and safety of the occupants or public are at risk.

This approach does not condone or support the installation of infrastructure associated with encampments and requires that steps be taken to address demonstrated risks to the health and safety of occupants or the public.

The municipality's response to homeless encampments is collaborative and community-based. We are the primary funding partner for the [Street Outreach Navigators](#), through the downtown business improvement districts. The Street Outreach Navigators help ensure those experiencing homelessness have access to appropriate supports.

The Province of Nova Scotia, as well as community-based partners including the Street Outreach Navigators and housing support workers, continue to offer those experiencing homelessness with support – including a range of housing options and/ or temporary accommodation.

As the municipality considers its ongoing support around the issue of homelessness, the following principles are guiding efforts by staff:

- we want everyone to have a home.
- As supported by the Government of Canada in their Reaching Home initiatives, Housing First is the recommended approach to help individuals experiencing homelessness.



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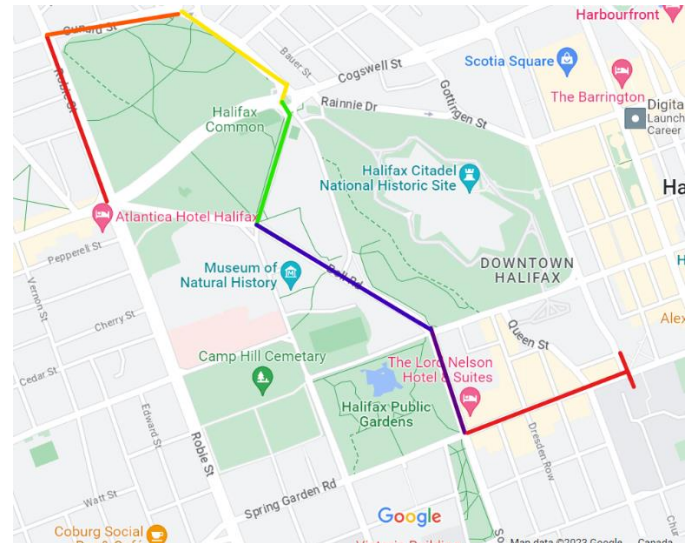
- Every action the municipality takes in assisting people experiencing homelessness should be grounded in a harm reduction approach, consider how it supports human rights, and maintains personal dignity for those affected.
- Relationship building, learning, education, and voluntary compliance are always preferred over an involuntary compliance action.
- Transparency and ongoing communication are essential for the development of trust.
- Whenever possible, the municipality should avoid duplicating the work of other service providers in the community and support them in their efforts to better serve residents.
- Nothing for us, without us – the people who will be impacted by decisions and actions should be meaningfully involved in those decisions.
- Everyone is expected to follow the law.

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) should not be a primary response to many of the issues surrounding homelessness. HRP should be focused on the prevention and resolution of crime. Responses to issues surrounding homelessness should, whenever possible, be led by Street Navigators, service providers, and civilian compliance officers.

Please call 311 if you have questions or concerns on homeless encampments.

Please call 211 for information on provincial programs and services.

HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE



The Halifax Pride Festival takes place the week of July 20th to 30th.

Above is the new Halifax Pride Festival [Parade Route](#). This year's parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd.

For more information on the fun filled week of Halifax Pride Festival activities, [click here](#).





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ELECTRIC VEHICLE TEST DRIVE



In partnership with [Next Ride](#) and the [Clean Foundation](#), the Halifax Regional Municipality is hosting a series of electric vehicle (EV) test drive events across the region.

The municipality is hosting events to promote the use of electric vehicles, in alignment with [HalifACT](#) – our long-term climate action plan to reduce emissions and help communities adapt to changing climate.

Events are being hosted as follows:

Gordon R. Snow Community Centre (1359 Fall River Road, Fall River)
Thursday, July 6th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BMO Centre (61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford)
Friday, July 7th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Point Pleasant Park (lower parking lot - Point Pleasant Drive, Halifax)
Saturday, July 8th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor Street, Halifax)
Saturday, July 8th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bicentennial Theatre (12390 Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit)
Sunday, July 9th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Arena (27 Vimy Avenue, Halifax)
Monday, July 10th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cole Harbour Place (51 Forest Hills Parkway, Dartmouth)
Friday, July 14th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration will open two weeks prior to each event. Participants are strongly encouraged to [register online](#) for the location they wish to attend.

During each event, participants will be invited to partake in a free test drive in an electric vehicle as well as obtain more information on electric vehicles such as: rebates and the [Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy](#).

Many of the events will take place next to the future locations of the municipality's electric vehicle chargers. Both the test drive events and the future installation of 18 chargers across the region are in support of the Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy and efforts to support the decarbonization of transportation.

For more information, click [here](#).

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste, not acceptable for curbside



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collection, can bring their materials to the following upcoming mobile household special waste depot events:

When: Saturday, July 8th

Where: BMO Centre, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford

When: Saturday, July 15th

Where: Brookside Junior High, 2239 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake

When: Saturday, July 22nd

Where: Horizon Community School, 168 Redoubt Way, Eastern Passage

When: Saturday, July 29th

Where: George P. Vanier Junior High School, 1410 Fall River Road, Fall River

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- fuel oil and used motor oil (or find a [collection site](#) with Atlantic Used Oil Management Association)
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs (or [return to pharmacy](#))
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks

- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit call2recycle.ca for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries)
- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit [their website](#) for locations and hours of operation)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are most Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The household special waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Business waste is not permitted.

For more information on Halifax's solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please visit our [website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.

WEEKLY GREENCART COLLECTION

Weekly green cart collection will begin on Monday, July 3rd.

The summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September. Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 a.m. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#).



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Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 2nd. For more information on curbside collection, visit our [website](#).



NO BURNING AFTER MIDNIGHT



Creating a safe community
through protection of life,
property and environment.

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2:00 p.m. The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, [check for bans](#) before you burn: they are posted at 2:00 p.m. each day.

For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations click [here](#).

FIRE SAFETY - BARBEQUES



To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic “fire safety” ingredients in your barbecue recipes. Whether fueled by charcoal or gas, barbecues are approved for outdoor use only – they emit carbon monoxide. Never barbecue in your garage, tent or other enclosed space. Read and follow all manufacturer’s instructions.

Place your barbecue on a solid surface so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance from anything that can burn - we've all seen the results of a barbecue that was used too close to vinyl siding. Remember too that since barbecues do get very hot you need to keep children and pets away as well.

Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always stay with your barbecue when it's being used.

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer visit [here](#).



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BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



The Nova Scotia department of Environment and Climate Change has reported Blue-green algae at these locations as of June 26th:

Lake Martha, Mount Uniacke
Three Mile Lake, Windsor Junction
Kinsac Lake, Nine Mile Woods/Fall River West
Second Lake, Voyageur Lakes/Hammonds Plains
First Lake, Lower Sackville
Shubenacadie Grand Lake, Oakfield
Wrights Lake, Upper Tantallon
Oathill Lake, Dartmouth

If you think you see blue-green algae, don't touch it, swim or play in it, or drink the water - you should treat it as potentially toxic and report it to your local [Department of Environment and Climate Change office](#) or call [1-877-936-8476](tel:1-877-936-8476).

Find out more at the provincial [website](#).



MUSQUODOBOIT RIVER WATERSHED SOCIETY



The Musquodoboit River Watershed Society (MRWS) is an angling and environmental group formed 16 years ago following a number of public and government consultations. The society is involved in numerous projects from stocking trout, planting trees, bank restoration, fishing regulatory changes and many other environmental issues. The society is a volunteer organization that works closely with all three levels of government (federal, provincial and municipal) on numerous projects.

They are looking for energetic people to fill a number of positions (treasurer, directors, etc.) in order to help the society meet the ever-expanding environmental issues (warming water and low water levels). If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved on a volunteer basis, please contact Hugh Parker at marijadamberg@gmail.com.



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IN THE COMMUNITY....



Congrats
Musquodoboit
Valley grads and
all 2023
graduates!



Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, MP Darrell Samson, MLA Brian Wong.

Multi-use sport track and artificial turf field
project announcement at Lockview High School.



Project Committee members with elected
officials at the funding announcement, Lockview
High School.



Student athletes of Lockview High School.

Joint funding for the North Suburban Artificial Turf Field at Lockview High School was announced recently with funding from all three levels of government for the much-needed multi-use sports track & turf field! This \$5 Million dollar project will see funding from the federal level at 40%, provincial level at 33% and, municipal level (HRM) at 23%. Also, additional funds from community fundraising efforts in the amount of approximately \$213,000.

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Elected in October 2020, my very first motion was for the field at the November 2020 Regional Council meeting. There have been a few stumbles along the way, however this amazing group of dedicated volunteers were diligent, professional and passionate in their pursuit of all levels of government to make their dream a reality.

MP Darrell Samson and The Honorable Minister Brian Wong, MLA Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank, were champions from the very beginning along with myself and Councillor Lisa Blackburn - thank you for your commitment to your communities and citizens.

To the brilliant community group led by Rita Nigam - you are an inspiration to our communities that anything is possible. Congratulations!

As per the funding guidelines, HRM is the project lead and is now responsible to complete this project by March 2025. If you would like to contribute to the capital campaign please contact: NSTTFR@hotmail.com or call Tom Heighway at 902-448-3516.



Sharing the funding announcement good news!



Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society invites you to the Valley Communities Canada Day Picnic on July 1st! What's a picnic without some tasty treats?! In addition to some great food for purchase prepared by local groups (we're talking BBQ, cinnamon buns, and more!) there will also be FREE ice cream treats, snow cones, and popcorn!



Fun times – putting The Laker News' Pat Healey in jail at the Holland Road Spring Fling.



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Saying thank you to Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency services' (HRFE) therapy dog, K9 Bishop. I had the pleasure to meet and thank K9 Bishop during a briefing and site tour at the Incident Command Centre.

Green Space, Highway 2 Fall River

I was so happy to see the increased activity at our green space on Highway 2 across from the pharmacy. Easier lake access, benches and a picnic table to start and grass has been mowed. There is even a garbage can, however; on my stop, I had to pick up litter at the benches and when I got to the garbage can I was so disappointed to see litter at the base of the garbage can!

For those reading this, I have a favour to ask. If you see litter PLEASE pick it up and put it in the garbage can. If the can is full please call 311 and it will be emptied. Be responsible and let's allow this beautiful public space to be enjoyed by all.



Please use this area responsibly. Respect the neighbours and environment – DON'T LITTER!

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The Halifax County Exhibition is taking place from August 16th to 19th at the Exhibition Grounds, 190 Exhibition Grounds Road. The theme for 2023 is "Rooted in Agriculture".

The Halifax County Exhibition is a family exhibition proudly run by the community and many dedicated volunteers since 1884.



**Halifax County Exhibition
Aug 16 - 19**

COMMUNITY HALLS / CENTRES

District 1 is home to many community halls and non-profit organizations. Check out their website or Facebook pages to find information on local events as well as opportunities to volunteer in your community.

- [Elderbanks Recreation Club](#)
- [Lemmon Hill Sports Association](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut Command](#)
- [Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall](#)
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- [Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre](#)
- [Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre](#)

- [Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Carrolls Corner Community Center](#)
- [Meaghers Grant Community Hall](#)
- [Gordon Snow Community Centre](#)
- [Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House](#)
- [Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre](#)
- [Waverley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Waverley Legion Dieppe Branch 90](#)
- [LWF Community Hall](#)
- [Windsor Junction Community Centre](#)
- [Helping Hands Families Helping Families](#)
- [Barefoot Farmers Association](#)

For those I may have missed, please reach out let me know and I will add to the list!



UPPER MUSQUODOBIT COMMUNITY HALL



The Halifax Examiner recently did an article on community halls featuring the Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall. To read the article, click [here](#).



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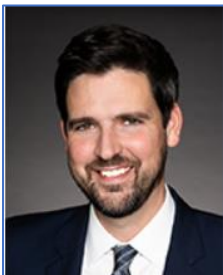


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I currently serve on Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Appeals Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Executive Standing Committee
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Halifax Partnership
- North West Planning Advisory Committee

Community Committees:

- Aerotech Community Liaison Community Committee
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison



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E-NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIBE

I send monthly e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

SUMMER
IS TIME FOR WATERMELON
COLD DRINKS
BAREFOOT AND BARBEQUES
POPSICLES PICNICS POOLS
CORN ON THE COB LEMONADE SUNSHINE
READING CAMPFIRES CHERRIES
ROAD SEA SHELLS
TRIPS SMORES FUN

THE EDUCATORS SPIN ON IT

