

WELCOME NOVEMBER!

November is a month of remembrance. It is a time to reflect on the freedom and privileges we enjoy thanks to the service and ultimate sacrifice given by so many service men and women.

Thank you to the brave members of the <u>Canadian Armed Forces</u> (Air Force, Army, Navy and Special Forces). I encourage you to attend a <u>Remembrance Day service</u> at a local cenotaph on November 11th. Lest We Forget.

November brings the end of <u>Daylight Saving</u> time! Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th!

November, or MOVEMBER, is a time to raise awareness of men's mental health, suicide prevention, prostrate and testicular cancer. Growing a "Mo" is a symbol that men's health matters to you.

Please contact me to discuss municipal programs/services by phone 902-717-2718 or email: deaglec@halifax.ca.

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NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Regional Council:

Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m.

North West Community Council:

Monday, November 20th 7:00 p.m.

Please confirm dates and times on our municipal website as they are subject to change.

I will also be attending the following HRM and Committee Meetings/Events this month: November 1st at 4:30 p.m. ~ Audit & Finance **Standing Committee** November 2nd at 1:00 p.m. ~Environment & **Sustainability Standing Committee**

November 3rd at 3:00 p.m. ~Halifax Water **Executive Meeting**

November 14th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Halifax Regional

November 15th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Audit & Finance **Standing Committee**

November 16th at 10:00 a.m.~ NS Federation of Municipalities / Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee

November 17th at 12:00 p.m. ~ HRM Volunteer Conference

November 20th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Grants Committee

November 20th at 4:00 p.m. ~ Accessibility

Advisory Committee

November 20th at 7:00 p.m. ~ North West

Community Council

November 21st at 6:30 p.m. ~ Accessibility Town

Hall

November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. ~ Halifax Water

Board Meeting

November 24th at 8"00 a.m. ~ Halifax Water

Board all day Workshop

November 27th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Executive

Standing Committee

November 28th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Halifax Regional

Council

November 29th at 2:00 p.m. ~ Halifax

Partnership Board of Directors

November 30th at 10:00 a.m. ~ Appeals Standing

Committee

November Community Meetings/Events:

November 1st at 7"00 p.m. ∼ HRFE Fire Services Exemplary and Long Service Medal Ceremony November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. ~ MSVU 150th

Anniversary Gala

November 5th at 12:30 p.m. ~ Fairbanks Centre **Grand Re-Opening**

November $7^{th} - 10^{th} \sim NS$ Federation of

Municipalities Conference (Halifax)

November 8th- 10th ~ National Conference on

Ending Homelessness

November 11th at 11:00 a.m.∼ Remembrance

Day (I'll be at the Windsor Junction Cenotaph)

November 16th at 4:00 p.m. ~ Building Futures

50 Year Anniversary

November 16th at 5:30 p.m. ~ Brian Hennon Inaugural Lecture Series /Inclusive Community

Lecture







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November 19^{th} at 1:00 p.m. ~ Lemmon Hill Jamboree

November 22^{nd} at 11:00 a.m. ~ Sovereign Community Liaison Committee November 23^{rd} at 7:00 p.m.~ Christmas Express Meeting

NWCC UPDATE

The North West Community Council (NWCC) dealt with the following matters at the October 16th meeting:

Case 24193: Request for Additional Time to Sign the Approved Development Agreement for 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River

North West Community Council approved an extension of 120 days from the original 240 days (totaling 360 days) for the signing of the development agreement to change the existing land use from an equestrian facility use to a tree service use within the existing buildings on 57 Sanctuary Court, Fall River.

Councillor Lovelace - Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road

North West Community Council requested a staff report outlining and prioritizing the steps needed to initiate the planning and consultation process to develop a Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road. The increase of population and traffic due to large MU (mixed use) as-of-right developments;

For information on upcoming meetings, or past meetings, click here.

DID YOU KNOW....

November is <u>MOVEMBER</u> – fundraiser to raise awareness and make a difference in mental health, suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

November 1st - World Vegan Day

November 5th – <u>Daylight Saving Ends</u>

November 5th - World Tsunami Awareness Day

November 8th - World Urbanism Day

November 8th - Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10th - World Science Day for Peace &

Development

November 10th - World Accounting Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day

November 12th – World Pneumonia Day

November 13th – World Kindness Day

November 13th – Diwali

November 14th - World Diabetes Day

November 16th – International Day for Tolerance

November 17th - International Students' Day

November 19th – World Day of Remembrance for

Road Traffic Victims

Novmeber 19th – World Toilet Day

November 19th – International Men's Day

November 20th - Transgender Day of

Remembrance

November 20th - Universal Children's Day

November 20th – 26th - Canada History Week

November 21st - World Hello Day

November 25th – <u>International Day for the</u>

Elimination of Violence Against Women



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INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH



In Canada, the month of November holds special significance as it marks <u>Indigenous</u> <u>Disability Awareness</u>

Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the strength, resilience, and unique challenges faced by Indigenous people living with disabilities. This month serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of inclusivity, awareness, and support for a community that often faces disparities in healthcare, education, and social services.

Indigenous communities in Canada have a rich and diverse history, and they are composed of various nations, each with its own distinct culture and traditions. Many Indigenous people are living with disabilities, which may result from a variety of factors, including historical trauma, limited access to healthcare, and systemic barriers. It's essential to understand the intersection of Indigenous and disability identities to provide culturally sensitive support and advocacy.

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month encourages all Canadians to reflect on the challenges faced by Indigenous individuals with disabilities and to work toward creating a more inclusive society. By fostering cultural sensitivity, we can ensure that services and support systems are tailored to the unique needs of Indigenous communities. This approach promotes a more equitable and just society,

respecting the principles of reconciliation and self-determination.

This month provides an opportunity to amplify Indigenous voices and share their stories, experiences, and insights.

There are various ways to get involved during Indigenous Disability Awareness Month. You can start by educating yourself about the challenges faced by Indigenous individuals with disabilities, attending events, or supporting organizations and initiatives that aim to make a positive impact. Remember that raising awareness and advocating for change is an ongoing process, and your involvement can make a significant difference.

By fostering cultural sensitivity, promoting inclusivity, and amplifying Indigenous voices, we can work together to create a more equitable and just society that respects the rights and dignity of all its citizens. In the spirit of reconciliation and solidarity, let's join hands to make a positive change for Indigenous people with disabilities in Canada.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE



HRM is seeking volunteers to serve on a variety of Boards and

Committees. The recruitment campaign, *A Seat at the Table*, focuses on the importance of having people from diverse communities come together



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to serve. You may apply online between November 1st - 30th.

If you need assistance in applying, please call 902-490-4210 or email serve@halifax.ca. For a complete list of opportunities, check the municipal Board and Committee website.

SPORT FIELD UPDATES

Lockview All Weather Turf Field

\$4.9 Million in funding was announced in June 2023, with municipal, provincial, and federal government supporting the development of an all-weather field and track at the Lockview High School site.

Since the announcement, HRM staff have issued a Request for Proposals for design services for the field and track – a consultant has been selected to develop the design of the field. A more detailed schedule for the project is expected to be provided in the next few months.

McDonald Sports Field Lights

HRM Budget Allocation for the design of the McDonald Park Ball Diamond lighting is \$75,000.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HRM and the Waverley Athletics Association has been signed but is pending the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewal (NSDNRR's) signing following the approval of a new Lease Agreement with HRM.

Unfortunately, with regular requests for updates, HRM Parks & Recreation staff are still waiting for Nova Scotia Power's (NSPIs) comments and

instructions on the design review and overall easement approval.

Staff have also advised that arrangements are in the works to conduct Geotech analysis for the ball field lighting poles this fall.

There is also a request out for a fee proposal for electrical design.

HRM is awaiting the lease agreement from the Province which will not be presented until the plan of survey has been approved. HRM staff provided the Plan of Survey revisions to the Province and are awaiting final comment and approval. The Plan of Survey is for the proposed leased premises and the proposed powerline corridor (which again remains subject to the approval of NSPI).

WAVERLEY ROAD RESIDENTS SURVEY

During the week of September 4th, I had the greatest time walking the Waverley Road delivering my survey postcards to residents. My husband and I started at Charles Keating and walked (he drove) to the Fall River Roundabout. The intention of the survey was to have the data in one place that catalogued the concerns of Waverley Road residents. The absolute bonus was talking to everyone!

While I mine through all the responses, I will share the findings with Public Works, Traffic Services, RCMP, Halifax Water and plan to host a public meeting to review the survey results and to discuss possibilities going forward.



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Here are some highlights from the recent survey:

- 60% response rate 108 responses to 181 survey postcards given out! As surveys go ~ this is a great result.
- 71% have been a resident of Waverley
 Road over 10 years ~ they know the road!
- 96 % use the road as a driver; 62% use the road as a pedestrian; 25% as a cyclist!
- 53% state vehicle speeding as the main issue and second at 23%, is road design.
- Number 1 issue pedestrian safety;
 Number 2 cyclist safety.

There were 104 responses to the question: "Do you have any ideas that you would propose for Waverley Road? Thankfully, I have 45 pages of responses to put together in a report format! This will take a bit of time and I appreciate your patience while I compile the data review.

HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY – UPLIFTED PROGRAM



Uplifted is the HIAA's revitalized community outreach and sponsorship

program. Uplifted is designed to foster positive change, make a lasting impact in our local communities, and expand employee giving and volunteer opportunities. The program has three distinct funding and support streams: the Uplifted Fund, Community Partnerships, and Employee Giving.

Uplifted Fund

HIAA understands that local organizations often face significant challenges in securing resources and support. To address this, Uplifted provides a dedicated funding stream for external organizations to connect with HIAA and request assistance for their community projects.

Whether it's financial donations, in-kind support, or skilled volunteers, Uplifted connects Halifax Stanfield and these external organizations to foster collaboration and collective impact.

Uplifted is funded and managed by Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA). Support will be given to organizations that align with their strategic priorities and have a significant social impact on our communities. HIAA is proud to support community organizations or events that are working towards:

- Championing People and Community: Initiatives that support diversity, equity, inclusion, community, and cultural vibrancy.
- Reinforcing our Foundation: Initiatives that support workplace safety and wellness.
- Charting New Territory: Initiatives that support aviation industry technology and innovation, and tourism and trade growth.
- Leading A Sustainable
 Future: Initiatives that support environmental or social sustainability (green energy projects, food security, etc.).
- Advancing the Stanfield
 Experience: Initiatives that involve in-



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kind support and other projects that matter to Halifax Stanfield employees and airport community.

HIAA will accept requests for donations, community sponsorships, in-kind gifts, and volunteer opportunities three times annually during two-week intake periods. The upcoming 2024 intake periods will open on the following dates:

- January 15th 29th
- April 15th 29th
- September 15th 29th

After completing the online application, you can expect to receive a response within two weeks after the application deadline. Please note that it may take two to three months to finalize approved applications and issue funding payments, so please submit applications well in advance. If you have questions, please email: uplifted.elever@hiaa.ca.

HRP WELCOMES EQUESTRIAN OFFICER – JEWELZ



Halifax Regional Police officially swore in Police Horse Jewelz on October 23rd.

Jewelz, an 8-year-old Percheron Thoroughbred gelding, is a gentle horse that loves people and is great at navigating traffic. Jewelz was named using the initials of six of our fallen officers and is currently the only police horse serving with Halifax Regional Police.

HRP WELCOMES POLICE SERVICE DOGS (PSDs) CAIN & KRON



Cain, 13-months old, served his first shift on September 20th with his handler Cst. Joey Malcom, after completing challenging general service dog training,

Kron, 3 years-old, completed his general service dog training during winter 2022 and has been serving the community since April 2022 with his handler, Cst. Andrew Joudrey.

Kron and Cain are trained in tracking, obedience, evidence searching, building searching and criminal apprehension.

We are excited to officially welcome PSD Cain and PSD Kron to our service.



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HRP SERVICE DOG CASEY RETIRES



Halifax Regional Police celebrated the remarkable seven-year career of Police Service Dog Casey, as she officially retired from the K-9 Unit this week.

Casey was born May 10, 2014, in Slovakia. She arrived in Halifax during September 2015 and was paired with her handler Cst. Joey Malcolm.

Casey has had many notable achievements throughout her career with Halifax Regional Police's K-9 Unit, including successfully locating several missing people and finding important pieces of evidence. As a career highlight, Casey tracked down and apprehended a suspect involved in the stabbing of one of our Halifax Regional Police members.

Casey will now enjoy her days at home with Cst. Malcolm as a family pet. Congratulations to you Casey on a great career.

RCMP STATISTICS



NOTICE TO NON-PROFITS



Recently, the Hon.
Kamal Khera,
Minister of Diversity,
Inclusion, and Person
with Disabilities,
announced the new
Call for Proposals
under the Enabling
Accessibility Fund
(EAF) Mid-sized
Projects component.

Between \$500,000 and \$3 million is available to support construction, renovation and retrofitting of projects across Canada which are aimed at improving accessibility and safety in communities and workplaces for persons with disabilities. Eligible organizations across Canada



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are invited to <u>submit their funding application</u> by **December 13**th at 6:00 p.m.

More information can be found <u>here</u>.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL

The Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall is an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality staff to provide updates to the community on current accessibility initiatives at the municipal level and receive questions, feedback, and input from residents. Staff from various Business Units at Halifax Regional Municipality will be present to give an overview of the successes, challenges, and updates on accessibility-related projects that business units have undertaken since the 2022 Town Hall.

Join the Town Hall on November 21st from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Attend in person at the Halifax Central Library, join virtually in Zoom or watch the livestream on YouTube. Register online here.



HRM ASSET NAMING - MYLES GOODWIN



On October 17th,
Regional
Council
approved
requests
from the
HRM Asset
Naming
Committee
for nine

new commemorative names to parks, buildings and streets, submitted by residents.
HRM's Asset Naming Policy (Administrative Order 46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings.
Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people, tradition bearers and geographic features.

The Asset Naming criteria states that individuals who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada may be recognized. The criteria also allows for names that recognize geographical or topographical features of the area and traditions and tradition bearers.

Approved name - Myles Goodwyn. Preferred use of name is for a street, building, park, park feature, commercial vessel or ferry preferably in the geographic location of Waverley.

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Myles Goodwyn is a Canadian musician and founding member of the renowned Canadian rock band, April Wine, which has roots in Waverley, Nova Scotia. Throughout Myles's career, he became a multi-platinum record producer, powerhouse singer and songwriter.

During his time as the lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter for the band, April Wine was the first Canadian band to sell out the Montreal Forum.

Myles Goodwyn has made a lasting impact on the music industry within Nova Scotia and beyond, and experienced countless successes throughout his career. Myles received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the East Coast Music Association for his profound and lasting impact on the music industry of Atlantic Canada, along with numerous other awards celebrating his achievements.

Myles has also provided exceptional service to the citizens of Canada by co-founding Soleful Caring, a charity which provides shoes for individuals in need. He has also faithfully supported the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada, as well Christmas Daddies, a charity which raises funds to provide for less fortunate children at Christmas.

HFXGO - HALIFAX TRANSIT'S MOBILE FARE PAYMENT APP



Halifax Transit has launched a new mobile fare payment app, allowing customers to purchase and use tickets and passes from the convenience of their smartphones. HFXGO will launch for iOS and Android devices in the coming weeks.

HFXGO is a secure, easy to use mobile fare payment app that allows Halifax Transit customers to purchase tickets and passes directly from their smartphones, or via the web portal.

Provided by Masabi mobile ticketing and fare payment solutions, HFXGO is a Halifax Transit branded version of Masabi's <u>JustRide app</u>, which has been implemented in over 75 transit agencies worldwide.

Users of the app simply need to purchase their desired ticket or pass, activate the ticket, and show it to the Operator or Ferry Security Staff just prior to boarding.

Passengers can still purchase paper tickets and passes at a retail partner, or use cash fare.

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Getting started on HFXGO is easy:

- Download the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store.
- Choose to create an account to store your payment information, or simply make a one-time purchase.
- Select "Buy Tickets and Passes"
- Choose the ticket type and quantity you wish to buy.
- Enter your Visa, MasterCard or debit card payment information and confirm your transaction.
- Purchases will be electronically delivered to the app's Ticket Wallet, and a receipt will automatically be sent to your email address.

To learn more, click here.

TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM



The municipality is pleased to announce that the <u>Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations</u>

Program is now accepting applications for 2024-2025. Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Thursday, November 30th.

The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application form is available online on the Program's website.

HOMELESSNESS - UPDATE



On Tuesday, October 17th, Halifax Regional Council endorsed the approaches outlined in the staff report, dated October 17, 2023, to address the growing concern on homelessness. The following is an excerpt from the staff report.

The solution to the homelessness and housing crisis is the creation of deeply affordable, supportive housing in various configurations. The impact of experiencing homelessness, especially sleeping rough, is devastating to the physical and mental health of the individual. Each day can be a struggle to obtain food, use the bathroom, access clean water, stay warm and dry, access the services they need, and take advantage of the few housing opportunities they can find. Encampments, by their very nature, also create challenges for the surrounding community. Communities around encampments struggle with the garbage and waste that is produced when people are forced to live outside, the loss of parks and other community spaces, the impact of panhandling, and the increased level of community disruption that can come with encampments. This disruption is associated with a range of factors, including issues associated with extreme poverty, people taking

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advantage of the most marginalized in our society, and issues associated with a higher incidence of co-morbidities that are difficult to address in such circumstances.

HRM has over 30 different encampment locations throughout the municipality with only five of those being designated encampment sites, the majority are not. Several of these sites are also critically overcrowded. Grand Parade, Victoria Park, the Correctional Ball Field, and Geary Street are significantly over the proposed capacity. The overcrowding in all these spaces needs to be addressed.

In September 2023 Regional Council directed the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to look at various land options for supporting persons experiencing homelessness, designate further encampment locations, and look to support initiatives such as temporary housing options and tiny homes.

With the continuing and dramatic increase in those experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough, overcrowded encampments, and even with an expected winter shelter run by the Province of Nova Scotia, new designated locations are urgently needed. After consultation with the applicable Councillors, staff intended to designate the following locations for encampments:

- Grand Parade with a proposed occupancy of 8 or fewer tents
- Victoria Park with a proposed occupancy of 12 or fewer tents
- The berms on University Avenue with a proposed occupancy of 6 or fewer tents

- Martins Park with a proposed occupancy of 4 or fewer tents
- Beaufort Park with a proposed occupancy of 4 or fewer tents
- Saunders Park with a proposed occupancy of 8 or fewer tents (if required)

With continued encampment sites, one option to reduce their larger negative impacts is placing support services and security directly within them. These types of services are provided in many of the existing indoor shelter options and have proven effective at addressing a number of problematic issues, both for residents of the shelter and the surrounding community. Staff continue to discuss these options with Provincial colleagues and will bring forward recommendations in the near future around these options.

It is also important to recognize that as the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to grow, and even with an expanded number of locations, the designated encampment site approach will not be able to provide sufficient space for all of those forced to sleep rough. Alternative sheltering options to support this growing population will be required. That said, for the foreseeable future, there will always be a segment of the homeless population that will be forced to sleep rough, and designated locations will have a role in the overall response to homelessness. One of those alternative options is the purchase of large, prefabricated structures for mass sheltering solutions. Staff will return to Regional Council in



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the coming months with a variety of options for consideration.

Designated locations require weekly garbage service and water delivery. These costs can exceed \$30,000/year for a large encampment location. The increased distribution of homeless encampments throughout the municipality will increase these costs. Adding power requires an investment of \$50,000 - \$100,000 and ongoing utility costs. With the increased time required to do the regular serving of parks and anticipated revenue loss, there is also increased pressure on Parks & Recreation's budget.

HRM has agreed to be a partner in the temporary housing and tiny homes pilot projects. The Province is going to invest \$16.9 million to purchase the pallet shelters, as well as construct the tiny homes. They will then provide almost \$1 million/year to provide support to the tiny homes pilot. In addition, there will be further funding to provide support to the various temporary housing villages.

HRM has agreed to provide the surplus ball field on Cobequid Road as a site for the tiny homes pilot and general site maintenance services such as snow clearing and grounds care. The 100 pallet shelters will be distributed to various sites throughout HRM, some on HRM land and some on Provincial land. HRM will help prepare the sites for the installation of the pallet shelters, as well as provide maintenance services such as snow clearing and grounds care.

As part of this overall partnership with the Province, HRM has also agreed to facilitate the

intake and selection process for people moving into the Pallet Shelters and the Tiny Homes. While each site will have a service provider, HRM will ensure that suitable sleeping rough candidates are prioritized for housing. This will also provide a consistent link between the many service providers supporting residents in various locations so that people are effectively supported and housed.

A full-time housing coordinator position will cost approximately \$110,000 annually, including salary and benefits. As this position would be filled for only part of this fiscal year, costs for 2023 – 2024 would not exceed \$33,000. The costs for 2024 – 2025 will be included in the upcoming Community Safety budget presentation.

It is impossible at this time to estimate the exact costs of supporting temporary housing villages or tiny homes communities. The scope of our commitments, as determined by potential future negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia, will determine these costs. Staff will return to Regional Council at a future date with more information.

Should the municipality be forced to designate a recreation facility space for use as a winter homelessness shelter, there will be significant impacts on Parks & Recreation revenues and significant costs and disruption borne by volunteers, community groups, and businesses.



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HALIFAX RECYCLES APP



The <u>Halifax Recycles</u> app will assist you to: search the name of a material to find out

where it goes in the waste stream; get a custom collection calendar and; set up collection notifications. No smartphone? No problem! Use the web browser and access collection schedules, waste wizard, and more!

FALL YARD CLEANUP

Any <u>leaf and yard waste</u> that doesn't fit in your green cart belongs in large paper bags. Large paper bags go to the curb the same day as your green cart.

Reminder! Grass clippings do not belong in the green bin. Lower the blade on your mower and try mulch mowing.

Mulch mowing finely chops grass clippings and leaves and spread the material on the lawn. This lets clippings break down quickly. Pile leaves around plants and trees for moisture conservation, weed control and insulation.



BUILDING FUTURES EMPLOYMENT SOCIETY

Building Futures is a non-profit employment service in support of persons with intellectual disabilities contributing to their community while realizing their personal goals. FUTURES Employment Counsellors provide participants the tools to become job-ready and obtain employment through the provision of preemployment services, including assistance with skills development, bus training, understanding workplace expectations, resumes, interviews skills, etc.



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



There's no denying it – winter is on its way. There is a snow removal program available for seniors (ages 65 and older) and persons with

disabilities to help ensure safe access to your home.

The Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program provided in partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality, and oversees the clearing of front and back steps, walkways, ramps, and access to fuel tanks. Please note that the program does not include driveway clearing.

Those 65+ or persons with disabilities must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The participant must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented;
- The participant, also including all individuals who live on the premises aged eighteen or older, must not exceed a total gross household income of \$32,000, and;
- The participant may not be a landlord.

The Senior Snow Removal operates on a firstcome, first-serve basis. When maximum capacity is reached, the program will come to a close and individuals will be placed on a waitlist. Call 902-483-3678 for more information. You can download the 2023/2024 application package online by clicking here.

Completed applications may be faxed to 902-423-8530 or can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Attention: YMCA Senior Snow Removal Community YMCA 2269 Gottingen Street Halifax, NS B3K 3B7

REMINDER - REGISTER FOR 2023 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for the municipality's 2023 Volunteer Conference will remain open until Sunday, November 12th.

This year's conference will take place on Friday, November 17th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth , 240 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth.

The conference is an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and learn relevant

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skills. Delegates representing a variety of organizations and causes will participate in two training workshops and networking activities and enjoy a keynote speech and seated meal. This year's workshops will cover topics such as: treasurer 101, inclusion, meeting changing community needs, self-care, funding, being an active neighbor, cultural awareness, working together in partnerships, project management, and building better teams. For more information, including a complete schedule, click here.

2024 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities. This annual event puts a spotlight on amazing people who give of their time in our Municipality.

There are three categories in which to nominate deserving volunteers: Youth, Adult, or Group. You can download the form or nominate online. Please select the appropriate form and returned to volunteerhelp@halifax.ca by January 11th, 2024.

2024 Volunteer Award Nomination ADULT 2024 Volunteer Award Nomination ADULT 2024 Volunteer Award Nomination GROUP 2024 Volunteer Award Nomination GROUP 2024 Volunteer Award Nomination YOUTH 2024 Volunteer Award Nomination YOUTH This is a scored process. Please provide as much information on your nominee as possible. If you require any clarification or to find out if nominees have received the award in the past, please contact Darren Hirtle at 902-476-1184.

Learn more by clicking <u>here</u>.

MARKETING LEVY - SHORT TERM RENTALS

On October 1st, changes to municipal <u>By-law M-400</u>, <u>Respecting Marketing Levy</u>, came into effect. Hotels collecting the levy saw the levy increase from two per cent to three per cent. Short term rentals are now required to collect the three per cent marketing levy. The first remittance will be due November 15, 2023.

Learn more here.

IN THE COMMUNITY....



I always have a great time at the Lemmon Hill Jamboree! Hope to see you on November 19th!

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Pleased to have met hard working Adriana MacDonnell, Grade 12 student at Lockview High, who assisted with the music for the concert series on Climate &



I was pleased to celebrate PERSONS DAY at Mount Saint Vincent University with the <u>Famous</u> <u>Five Foundation</u> (F5) Maquette National Leadership Tour.

Environment.







Had a great time at the Boys & Girls Club breakfast with council colleagues Councillors Patty Cuttell, Iona Stoddard, Trish

Purdy, Pam Lovelace, Tony Mancini, Kathryn Morse and Tracy Durkee Jones Executive Director.



Always happy to support the Elderbank Recreation Club.



Such fun participating in the annual Fall River Lion's Club Golf Tournament!

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So happy to have participated in the Beacon House Food Drive sponsored by the lovely Waverley Museum.



Presenting a District 1 District Capital Fund cheque to the Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre.



Pleased to assist with the Beacon House Food Drive sponsored by the Waverley Museum. Thank you for your generosity!



Presenting a District 1 District Capital Fund cheque to the St. George's Guild.



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Happy 90th birthday to Alvin Blades!

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.

- Elderbank Recreation Club
- Lemmon Hill Sports Association
- <u>Upper Musquodoboit Nova Scotia Nunavut</u>
 <u>Command</u>
- Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall
- Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Centre (902)568-2536
- <u>Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial</u>
 Theatre
- <u>Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource</u> 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!



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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 contact my Council Constituency Coordinator at: 902-490-1562 or email: Chris.Newson@halifax.ca.

In flanders fields

In flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place, and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In flanders fields.
By John McCrae



On Sunday, November 5th

