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## Community Grants Program 2018-19

The Community Grants awards project-specific cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Program is open for 2018 applications from January 4 to March 31, 2018.

For more information, the Community Grants Program Guidebook is available online at [www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants](http://www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/community-grants).

For general inquiries or assistance with completing an application please contact the Grants & Contributions Office at 902-490-7310 or email [nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca).

## February is African Heritage Month

The provincial [African Nova Scotia Affairs](http://www.african-nova-scotia.ca) website outlines the 2018 African Heritage Month theme as **“Educate, Unite, Celebrate Community”**. The theme embraces education and encourages all Nova Scotians to **unite and ignite** the culture and heritage we share as a community. Nova Scotia has over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities, dating back over 400 years. These communities have a unique and rich legacy of

resistance, resilience and triumph that needs to be shared.

Halifax Public Libraries have many events planned across the municipality this month to honour African Heritage. Check out the Halifax Public Libraries website at <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/> for more events.



## Board Member Recruitment

(Volunteer, 2 Year Term with maximum 3 terms)  
Two Vacancies to be filled

The Canada Games Centre is a national leading multi-purpose recreation and sport facility providing a centre for the community, promoting healthy and active living for citizens and a major sports training and competition facility in Atlantic Canada.

Check them out at [www.canadagamescentre.ca](http://www.canadagamescentre.ca)



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**Position Summary:** The Canada Games Centre is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who operates the facility through a management agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Board of Directors are collectively accountable for the performance of the organization in relation to its mission and strategic objectives and for the effective stewardship of the financial and human resources of the organization. Board members are responsible for acting in the best interests of the organization, striving to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives set out. They are seeking individuals with a passion for making a difference in the community and professional experience in financial and sponsorship areas and sport involvement.

### Principle Duties:

- Prepare for, attend, and participate in board meetings
- Prepare for, attend and participate in sub-committee meetings
- Monitor the performance of the organization
- Approve the budget and monitor financial performance
- Keep informed about community issues relevant to the Society

**Time commitment:** 4-5 hours/month (meetings, preparation, consultation)

**Application Instructions:** Interested candidates should apply in writing with a **resume** and the **application form** via email to: [boardrecruitment@canadagamescentre.ca](mailto:boardrecruitment@canadagamescentre.ca). Deadline for applications is **February 28, 2018 by 4pm**.

Applicants can find the application at:  
<http://canadagamescentre.ca/job/board-member-2018/>

The Selection Committee will be reviewing all applications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted further. There will be no appeal process or any information shared about applicants.

## You're on Thin Ice



The Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Services are urging residents to make sure the ice is thick enough before venturing out for a safe skate or hike. Throughout the winter months, ice thickness reports for lakes tested by the municipality will be available to the public online at <https://apps.halifax.ca/icethickness> or by calling 902-490-3577. Please note reports will be updated weekly pending weather conditions. Residents are urged to always assess each situation and its conditions before taking a step onto the frozen water.

The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15 centimetres thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimetres thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of the lakes. Ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of the lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.

For more information on ice factors and safety visit <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/skating/ice-thickness>.

**Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)**



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### Halifax Regional Municipality Purchases Land for Blue Mountain- Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park

On January 18, the Halifax Regional Municipality purchased approximately 197 acres of lands to form part of a Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park. This important acquisition marks the first parcel of land to be acquired by the municipality towards the creation of the regional park, which is proposed in the municipality's Regional Plan.

The Hobson Lake lands are to the rear of properties along Collins Road and beside provincial Crown lands that are already designated as part of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. The Halifax Regional Municipality has been seeking a formal access to the provincially-designated wilderness area for some time. The municipality continues its efforts to acquire additional lands towards the creation of the park.

The Hobson Lake lands have been acquired from West Bedford Holdings and will both enable public access into the regional park and support the protected wilderness area by acting as a buffer between it and developed lands. The acquisition includes provision for a future regional park trailhead entrance that is anticipated to be developed with parking and services for park users. The entrance will be achieved as part of the parkland dedication process as the company develops the next stages of its Bedford West community, which is anticipated in the next four to six years.

With the acquisition, municipal staff will be consulting with both the province and the public regarding the future planning of the Hobson Lake lands as part of the creation of the overall Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park. Public consultation is expected to begin in the spring.

### Mobile Payment for Parking



All municipal meters now offer a mobile payment option.

HotSpot, the municipality's current service provider, offers users a mobile app at a monthly/annual fee. Mobile payment is a new option that enhances convenience. For more information on the mobile payment option, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/parking/street-parking>

### Health Promotion through Community Support

Join in the conversation on Health Promotion through Community Support.

**When: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 7-9 pm**

**Where: Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddall Drive**

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February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day. Let's hope he doesn't see his shadow and that Spring is on its way!