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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS

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Camp Courage Now Accepting Applications

Young women across the municipality are encouraged to apply for a spot in this summer's unique all-girls first responder camp, being held July 9-16.

Camp Courage is an eight-day female mentoring camp that brings together teens between the ages of 15-19, curious about a career as a firefighter, police officer, or paramedic.

The award-winning camp is held every second year and shows teens they too can excel in these male-dominated professions. While the one-of-a-kind camp shows girls what it takes to be a first responder, the ultimate goal is for the young women to develop a sense of empowerment and build the confidence to believe they can achieve any goal, career, or dream they desire.

The camp is free but applicants must write an essay describing how they would improve a less fortunate person's life, or their community.

Camp Courage accepts 24 participants and **applications are due on March 31.**

More than 60 camp graduates have moved into careers as a first responder since the camp was founded 11 years ago. Many credit Camp Courage for showing them the path to become a firefighter, police officer, or paramedic.

Click [here](#) to see the camp's wall of fame.

For more information on the camp and how to apply, visit the camp website at www.campcourage.ca

Have Your Say in Helping Shape the Municipal Budget

Regional Council will soon begin discussions surrounding the upcoming annual operating and capital budgets.

Before those discussions begin, residents are encouraged to highlight their priorities for the upcoming year.

The hands-on budget allocator tool lets citizens share their thoughts on where tax dollars should go. By providing a unique glimpse into the experience of balancing the city's budget, this online tool allows residents to simulate adjusting the municipal tax dollars

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allocated to various services like transit, parks, fire, and policing – and see the potential impact this has on both service delivery and the overall budget.

Also, residents are invited to dive into the *Shape Your City* online engagement portal to answer some key questions in the lead-up to the budget debate. All answers and opinions shared on this interactive website will be shared in staff reports to Regional Council.

A preliminary report including comments already left on the *Shape Your City* portal will be provided to Regional Council early in this budget process, and then a final report will be given to the councillors prior to the final deliberation and vote on the budget in March.

Citizens will again this year be given an opportunity to speak directly to Regional Council about specific priorities. Time will be set aside at the end of every business unit budget presentation for the public to provide insight and comments.

The following dates have been set aside for business unit budget presentations:

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017

- Transit
- Planning & Development
- Operations Support

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017

- Parks & Recreation
- Library
- Support Services (CAO, Legal, Human Resources, Finance & Information Communication Technology), Auditor General

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017

- Transportation and Public Works
- Halifax Regional Police
- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017

- Fiscal and Consolidated Accounts

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

- Full review of final budget

For more information on the budget process and ways to have your say, go to

www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfxtax2017

Canada Games Centre Board Member Recruitment (Volunteer, 2 Year Term with Maximum of 3 Terms)



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

Position Summary: The Canada Games Centre is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who operates the facility through a management agreement with HRM. 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

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organization, striving to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives set out. We 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. Deadline for applications is **February 28, 2017**.

Applicants can find the application at:

http://canadagamescentre.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Expression-of-Interest-CGC-Board-of-Directors_Application-Form-2017.pdf

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.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2017 by 4pm

Ice Thickness Safety Program



HRM has an ice thickness testing program during the winter season, but there may still be noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region. Throughout the winter months, ice thickness reports for lakes tested by the municipality will be available to the public by calling 902-490-3577 or 311 for the HRM Citizen Contact Centre. Reports are updated weekly at this website pending weather conditions <https://apps.halifax.ca/icethickness>

More than 100 lakes are tested regularly by HRM Parks and Recreation staff. The municipality reminds all citizens to ensure ice conditions are safe and to exercise extreme caution when walking, skating or participating in other outdoor events on frozen lakes this winter season. For more ice safety tips, please visit the Canadian Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/swimming-and-water-safety-tips-and-resources/swimming-boating-and-water-safety-tips/ice-safety>



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HRM Community Grants Program

HRM is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Community Grants Program. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2017. Information, application forms and program guidebooks are available on at: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram.php>. You may also pick up a copy at any HRM Customer Service Centre. To have a copy mailed to you send a request to nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 311.

The HRM Community Grants Program is a centralized program that provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout HRM. There are two types of grants: (1) a project grant of up to \$5,000 and (2) a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Grants are one-time and project-specific within the following funding sections: Environment; Recreation & Leisure; Affordable & Supportive Housing; Emergency Assistance; Neighbourhood Safety; Community History; Community Diversity; and Arts & Crafts.

Federal Volunteer Awards

The call for nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards is now open until February 3rd. Nominate a not-for-profit organization, an individual/group of volunteers or a business. Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony and will be able to choose a not-for-profit organization to receive a grant of \$5,000 (regional award) or \$10,000 (national award). For more info, visit www.Canada.ca/volunteer-awards or call 1-877-825-0434.

Transit Upgrades

There are some big changes coming to our transit service with the Moving Forward Together Plan. We have already started implementing some exciting technology upgrades that will make the service more accessible and reliable.

We have recently launched automated stop announcements on select routes. Automated stop announcements will allow riders to know exactly where they are in their commute and when they are approaching their desired stop. Audio and visual stop announcements are delivered through interior and exterior speakers, as well as on-board display screens. This service will greatly assist hearing and visually impaired transit users as well as visitors to our region, who will no longer have to rely on the bus operator or other passengers for bus location information during their trip. This service was initially rolled out on 13 routes during the pilot phase to allow transit staff to closely monitor the new system's performance and make any necessary adjustments. We expect it will be activated on all remaining buses soon.

New GPS satellite technology is allowing us to provide more accurate arrival times with the new Departures Line. Transit users simply have to dial 902-480-8000 and enter the stop number listed at the bottom of each bus stop sign to find accurate departure times for each route.

If you have any questions or concerns about these new upgrades, please call 311. You can find out more about the Moving Forward Together Plan by visiting www.maketransitbetter.ca

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