



**COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**  
DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

## Centennial Arena Turns 50

Centennial Arena is celebrating 50 years, come on out and enjoy a night of dancing and reminiscing.

Saturday April 29th from 9pm-1am (doors open at 8pm)  
Rasta Gumbo Band  
Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at Centennial Arena or by contacting [michelle.poteri1@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.poteri1@gmail.com).

Must be 19 years of age and an ID is required.

## 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](http://www.campcourage.ca)



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### Fairview Mobile Food Market Returns



The Fairview Mobile Food Market returned on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Fairview Mobile Food Market is partnering with Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority to keep you warm and snow-free while shopping for fresh, affordable produce here in our community.

The market will be happening bi-weekly on Saturdays (like it did this summer) and running 12:30-2pm.

Shake off the snow, grab your neighbour and help make the Fairview market a success again!

To view a full schedule visit:

<http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/calendar/>

### 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>

### 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 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](mailto: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.



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day & New Year's Day)



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### Order of Nova Scotia Nominees

The nomination deadline for the Order of Nova Scotia (ONS) is March 17, 2017. The ONS recognizes Nova Scotians for outstanding contributions to their communities. NS citizens are encouraged to nominate or re-nominate someone they feel has made a significant contribution. Nomination forms are available at Access Nova Scotia Centres throughout the province. For more information, please call the NS Protocol Office at 902-424-2467 or email: [orderofnovascotia@gov.ns.ca](mailto:orderofnovascotia@gov.ns.ca) or visit the ONS Website <http://gov.ns.ca/iga/order.asp>

Any customers who are approached by individuals selling water treatment systems should ask for full identification including name and employee number in order to confirm their employment.

Customers can contact Halifax Water's Customer Care Centre at 902-490-4820 to confirm the identity of a Halifax Water employee or if a Halifax Water employee has an appointment to visit their property. Customers may also contact Halifax Water via email at [CustomerService@halifaxwater.ca](mailto:CustomerService@halifaxwater.ca).

Property owners may contact the Halifax Regional Police at 902-490-7252 should they feel intimidated or their safety is at risk.

For more information on Halifax Water please check [www.halifaxwater.ca](http://www.halifaxwater.ca), visit us on [YouTube](#), Twitter [@HalifaxWater](#) or call our Customer Care Centre at 902-490-4820.



Halifax Water has recently been contacted by customers with reports of aggressive actions by a water treatment company indicating they are acting on behalf of Halifax Water and/or

HRM to install water treatment systems. **Neither Halifax Water nor HRM have authorized or approved any company to act on their behalf to install water treatment systems.**

Water provided by Halifax Water meets or exceeds the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. Where central water service is supplied by Halifax Water, additional water treatment systems are not required. All Halifax Water employees carry an identification badge with their name and employee number; wear Halifax Water branded clothing such as a reflective safety vest, jacket, or hat; and usually drive a Halifax Water branded vehicle. Halifax Water will only knock on a customer's door to gain access if they have a prescheduled appointment.

### Commemorative Name

Did you know that the Halifax Regional Municipality has almost 6000 streets, many of which are rich in history and paint a picture of our past? As the municipality continues to grow, new streets, parks, sports fields, and

buildings all require names. Keep the tradition of naming alive and play an important role in building better communities by submitting names of notable people or groups, historic events, geographic features, or native flora and fauna.





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Your submission could be on a street sign or a new park in your community.

To find out more information about the commemorative naming process or to submit an application visit: <http://www.halifax.ca/civicaddress/NameHRM.php> call 902-490-5347 or email: [civicadd@halifax.ca](mailto:civicadd@halifax.ca)

### Council Chamber Technology Refresh – Viewer Comments & Feedback Requested

Your input will assist us in improving the technology that facilitates meetings in the Council Chamber (the Chamber).

Prior to issuing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacement technology, user/viewer feedback is being sought to determine the new requirements with a focus on the viewer experience.

While the scope of the update is primarily to improve the voting, speaker and meeting management system, we are asking the public to provide us their perspective on any desirable technological improvements that could be made to enhance the overall Council Chamber viewing experience.

To complete the survey visit: [http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-council-chamber-technology-refresh-project/survey\\_tools/council-chamber-technology-refresh-viewer-comments-and-feedback-requested](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-council-chamber-technology-refresh-project/survey_tools/council-chamber-technology-refresh-viewer-comments-and-feedback-requested)

Thank you for your interest and taking the time to answer a few quick questions.

### Change Your Clocks Change Your Batteries

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) wishes to remind you to ‘spring ahead’ this Saturday night before you go to bed. When you push forward your clocks by an hour you should also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. While you’re at it, check the expiry on the back of the alarms. The National Fire Protection Association recommends smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years.

HRFE investigators frequently discover smoke alarms didn’t sound when they followed up on fire fatalities. Usually it’s either because the alarm was disconnected, batteries were dead, or they were taken out to be used for something else and not replaced. HRFE has a program called, ‘[Alarmed and Ready](#)’. The purpose of the program is to provide a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm for those who do not have the financial means to obtain one. Call 311 to place a request for an alarm.

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I would like to extend best wishes to all students who will get a well-deserved break from school.

Have a great March Break! Have fun and stay safe!