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Dutch Village Road Plan Update Planning Workshop

Public presentation & workshop to discuss planning policies for the Dutch Village Road commercial core area will be held at the Fairview Canadian Legion, 50 Hillcrest Street on Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

For more information please visit

<http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/dutch-village-road>

If you have any questions about the planning process, please contact Jennifer Chapman, Planner at 490-3999.

Camp Courage Application Deadline Approaching

The deadline is fast approaching for teen girls aged 15-19 to apply for acceptance into this summer's first-responder mentoring camp, Camp Courage. Camp Courage is an eight-day all-girls camp that brings females curious about a career as a first-

responder together with professionals from the world of firefighting, paramedicine, and policing. The camp is held every second year and shows impressionable teens that they too can excel in these male-dominated professions. While the camp shows girls what it takes to have a career as a first-responder, the ultimate goal is for the young women to leave with a sense of empowerment and the confidence to believe they can achieve any goal, career, or dream they desire.

Interested girls have until March 31st at 6 p.m. to submit an application. Registration for the camp is free, but there's a catch: Applicants are required to write an essay describing what they would do to better their community and improve someone's life. In the eight years since this unique camp started, more than 30 young women have embarked on careers as a first-responder – some of the women were trailblazers in their community. Many credit Camp Courage for showing them it is a realistic goal to aim for a career as a first-responder.

For more information on the camp and how to apply, visit the camp website at

www.campcourage.ca

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Halifax Transit Increases Alderney Ferry

Halifax Transit is advising that there will be increased ferry crossings to accommodate the Macdonald Bridge re-decking project.

Halifax Harbour Bridges has initiated its nightly closure of the Macdonald Bridge and will continue to do so from Sundays to Thursdays between 7 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. It is important to note peak weekday commuting travel will not be affected by the 'Big Lift' project.

Halifax Transit has increased service on the Alderney to Halifax ferry route as a way to help ease the inconvenience caused by the bridge work. Weekday service will expand to include 15-minute departures after 6 p.m. until 11:45 p.m., and Sunday service will now begin at 6:30 a.m. on a 30 minute frequency until 11:45 p.m.

Shuttle bus service will also be provided in place of routes that normally travel across the Macdonald Bridge. Passengers travelling to Dartmouth will disembark at the Scotia Square Terminal and board a shuttle at the MetroLink bus stop. The shuttle will also service stops along Gottingen Street as far as North Street. Passengers will cross the MacKay Bridge, disembarking at the Highfield Terminal or Bridge Terminal in Dartmouth.

For a list of affected routes and detailed Macdonald and MacKay bridge shuttle schedules, visit www.halifax.ca/transit/bridgeredecking.php.

For complete details on Halifax Transit service adjustments related to the Macdonald Bridge re-decking project, visit www.halifax.ca/transit/bridgeredecking.php.

Grants for Professional Arts

Applications are now available for the 2015-2016 Interim Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. This program provides funding to registered not-for-profit arts organizations for operating assistance or project assistance. For more details, check our [website](#). Submit your application no later than March 31st, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for your organization to be considered.

HRM launches Public Engagement Campaign on Voter Participation

The Halifax Regional Municipality has initiated a public engagement process to stimulate discussion and ideas on how to increase voter participation in municipal elections, including the next one set to take place on October 15, 2016. The public engagement process began with the launch of an online forum and questions for consideration on the Shape Your City Halifax portal – where themes such as voter engagement, young and new voters, ways to cast your ballot, and accessibility will be put forward with the goal of stimulating discussion and generating feedback. For more information visit <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/shape-your-city-halifax>

Over the seven-week campaign additional public participation opportunities will be rolled out to assist the municipal election office with capturing ideas and recommendations to increase voter engagement including: an online survey, social media interaction with the Twitter handle @hfxelections, street team pop-ups at various locations throughout the region, as well as an



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interactive half day webcast event at the Halifax Central Library on Saturday, April 11th.

The municipal election office is encouraging all residents to get involved in this process, the results of which will help inform recommendations to Regional Council on future municipal elections. For more information on the voter engagement process please visit www.halifax.ca/election.

download the [program guidebook](#) online or call 902-490-7310. Applications must be submitted by March 31st, 2015 to be considered.

Mainland North Volunteer Awards

The Mainland North Volunteer Awards Committee is asking for your help in identifying possible nominees for these 2015 awards. If you know any deserving volunteers, please share some of their stories.

The criteria for choosing the five award winners are simple: volunteers must receive no financial payment for their efforts and must reside in Mainland North and be actively volunteering in HRM; or volunteers must be actively volunteering in Mainland North but do not live in the area. Volunteers must be nominated by at least one member of their group/organization.

For a copy of the nomination package, email halifaxmainlandnorth@hotmail.com or contact the Nomination Coordinator, Elizabeth Shears, at 902 405-9534. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 8th 2015.**

Free March Break Community Skate



Friends of Clayton Park Association will be hosting a free, March Break, community skate at Centennial Arena on March 18th from 3-5pm.

All are welcome! Donations will be accepted for the Food Bank.

Community Grants Program

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Grants Program is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 program. The program offers tax concessions and project specific or capital grants to non-profit organizations and charities. To find out more about eligibility for the program, you can

Call for Nominations! The Order of Nova Scotia

The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour of the Province of Nova Scotia. Established in 2001, it encourages excellence by recognizing Nova Scotians for outstanding contributions or achievements.

Members of the Order of Nova Scotia have distinguished themselves in many fields of

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endeavour and have brought honour and prestige to themselves and to Nova Scotia.

The province is asking for submissions for the 2014 Order of Nova Scotia program. Please go to the Protocol Office website by clicking [HERE](#) to download a nomination form.

The closing date for submissions is Friday, March 20th, 2015.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program 2014-2015

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) provides help to lower-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. You qualify for this program if you pay a heating bill at your current address and meet ONE of the following criteria:

- live alone with an income of \$27,000 or less
- live with others and have a combined income of \$42,000 or less
- receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement from Service Canada

Your application must be mailed by March 31st, 2015. For the online application, please [Click Here](#).



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

Launch: Navigating Your Way to Career Success

Have you graduated from a University or College since 2008? Are you looking to start your Career? If so, LAUNCH is for you! A FREE three week series of workshops to help Recent Graduates in organizing their career search strategy will be offered from:

Date: March 16th – April 3rd, 2015

Time: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm

Content Covered include: Realistic Occupational Goals, The Realities of the Modern Workplace, Communication Skills, Transferable Skills, Job Search, Resume, Cover Letter, Personality Dimensions, Ace the Interview, Assertiveness and Self-Confidence, Social Networking, Designing your Plan, Networking, and Hidden Job Market.

If you are interested in learning more or registering, call (902) 455-9675, email:

Ashley.Burke@jobjunction.ca or drop into Job Junction at 6950 Mumford Road, Halifax.

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Please click the link to [UNSUBSCRIBE](#).

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