

## **COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**

**DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS**

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### **Volunteer Conference**

Register for the Volunteer Conference being held on Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21, 2015. Now in its 15th year, the Volunteer Conference gives participants an opportunity to train, network and learn. Get the tools to become more effective in your volunteer work. Do stuff that makes a difference.

#### **The conference includes:**

- \* A wide selection of interactive and informative sessions
- \* Dynamic and experienced speakers
- \* Lunch and refreshments
- \* Networking opportunities
- \* Participant welcome packages
- \* Community showcase

**Harbourview Holiday Inn, Dartmouth, 101 Wyse Road**

For more conference information and to register visit:

[halifax.ca/volunteerservices/VolunteerConference.php](http://halifax.ca/volunteerservices/VolunteerConference.php)

email at [hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca](mailto:hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca) or by phone 902-490-4865.

### **Supper NOVA Multicultural Potluck**

Supper NOVA has been hosting multicultural potlucks for the Halifax community for 13 years. Recently events have hosted up to 400 community members. It is an opportunity for Canadian born residents, newly arrived and established immigrants to meet, share a meal, tell stories and develop community connections. This community event is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes up our city. It is a chance to welcome new immigrants and demonstrate true Nova Scotian hospitality.

**What: Supper NOVA multicultural potluck**

**Where: Saint Benedict Parish, 45 Radcliffe Drive, Halifax (lower level)**

**When: Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

For further information please visit [www.isans.ca](http://www.isans.ca), call Nanok Cha at 902-406-8613 or email [ncha@isans.ca](mailto:ncha@isans.ca)

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### LED Streetlight Conversion Project

The LED Streetlight Conversion Project began on October 5<sup>th</sup>. To help make our communities safer and more energy efficient, the Halifax Regional Municipality is moving forward with a project to replace all traditional high-pressure sodium streetlights in the Halifax region with energy efficient LED technology.

The municipality is responsible for more than 44,000 streetlights across the region. About 7,000 of those have already been converted to LED technology through spot replacements and smaller conversion projects. All the remaining streetlights will be converted over an 18-month period beginning this week.

LED streetlights are widely popular for their energy efficiency, long lifespans and reduced maintenance requirements. Once complete, the conversion to LEDs will save the municipality about \$5 million a year — savings that will fully fund the conversion work and continue to accrue after the project is paid for.

In 2013, Regional Council directed staff to move ahead with the streetlight conversion to comply with changes to the provincial [Energy Efficient Appliances Act](#). Under the amended legislation, high pressure sodium streetlights are considered inefficient technology that must be replaced on all roadways in Nova Scotia by Dec. 31, 2022.

GJ Cahill and Company Ltd. in Dartmouth has been contracted to replace the streetlights, which are being supplied by the Halifax company, LED Roadway Lighting. The municipal districts furthest from the urban core will be converted first, beginning with the streetlights in District 1

(Waverley-Fall River-Musquodoboit Valley) and District 2 (Preston-Chezzetcook-Eastern Shore).

As they're replaced, each LED streetlight will be equipped with adaptive technology installed by Silver Spring Networks. Once fully implemented, the system will monitor the streetlights in real-time and send alerts when maintenance is required, allowing the municipality to better manage streetlight maintenance and eliminating the need for residents to report outages. The old streetlight bulbs will be properly disposed of by Dan-X Recycling in Dartmouth, diverting that waste from the landfill and keeping harmful chemicals out of our environment.

Residents can follow the progress of this project using our online map. To view the map and find out more about the LED streetlight conversion project, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/traffic/LED/>.

### HRM Volunteer Awards

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

If you know someone who should be receiving one of these awards, check out the full criteria and nomination information on our [website](#). Make sure to have your nominations in by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for consideration.



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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### Halifax Convention Centre Board of Directors Applications

The Halifax Convention Centre will open in 2017 with over 120,000 square feet of event space in the heart of downtown. Halifax Regional Council is currently recruiting four people to appoint as municipal representatives to the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors. Board candidates should have demonstrated strategic thinking, leadership skills and a passion to contribute to the success of the Halifax Convention Centre.

Send your resume and cover letter to the Office of the [Municipal Clerk](#) by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to apply.

### Open Gym for Youth and Family

Gyms will be open for school-aged children and youth, along with their parents, to come build an obstacle course, dance, shoot some hoops, or anything fun and active. Parks & Recreation staff will be onsite at each school to welcome and assist participants, but unlike other municipal programs, these sessions are FREE and will be unstructured with no lesson plans or organized activities.


Fairview Junior High School will be open on Saturdays October 3, 2015 – May 7, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Excluding October 31<sup>st</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>- January 2<sup>nd</sup> (inclusive), March Break - March 18/19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Easter - March 25/26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/OpenGymProgram.php>

### Curbside Give Away Weekend – October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

FREE up some space and get some FREE stuff! Is anything in life free anymore? Well on October 17 & 18, 2015 you can free up space and get great free stuff. Give your clutter a second life during Halifax’s Curbside Give Away Weekend. This event happens RAIN or SHINE. Please use your discretion when deciding whether or not to put items out to the curb. For information including items you can include, rules for setting out items, what to do with left over items, etc. please visit:

<http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/CGAW.php>



**Community Health Teams**

*nova scotia health authority*

**Personal Wellness Profile**

**FREE 2-Week Program**

*Join us for a free health assessment. This assessment helps to identify areas that may be putting you at risk for health problems such as cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, body fat and waist circumference.*

*You will receive a personal report so you can see where you are doing well and get recommendations on where you can start to improve your health.*

October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am  
Fairview Family Resource Centre  
6 Titus Street

Register online at: [communityhealthteams.ca](http://communityhealthteams.ca)  
or call 902-460-4560

Check CHT flyer or website for more programs



### Seniors Snow Removal Program



Registration for the Seniors' Snow Removal Program has started. The application is available online now at [www.ymcahrm.ns.ca](http://www.ymcahrm.ns.ca) and the number to call is 902-483-3678.

**Application Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.** This is a first come first served process, if the maximum is met before the December 1<sup>st</sup>

deadline the program will close. It is important that only applications with proper documentation will be considered for the program.

### Residential Property Tax Exemption

The program is now open for the current 2015/16 fiscal year.

Halifax Regional Municipality can help homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a property tax rebate, or deferral of property taxes (payment is put off to a later date). These programs are available to all homeowners with a combined household income of \$32,000 or less a year who live within the boundary of Halifax Regional Municipality. There are different programs to choose from depending on a person's needs. It is important that you know what choices exist. You can have your exemption award direct deposited to your bank account by completing the [Electronic Payment Registration Form](#) and returning it with your application and a **Void Cheque**.

The [2015-16 Residential Property Tax Exemption Application form](#) and a [Guide](#) are available each year from HRM Customer Service Centers, the HRM Call Centre, the HRM Financial Services Department and on this website. Each year an advertisement is placed in the newspaper to inform the public that the program is open for applications. After you have filed your personal income tax for the current income tax year 2014 filed in April 2015 and have received the Notice of Assessment back from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency confirming your income, you can then complete your application.

***A copy of this must be submitted with your application form as confirmation of income is required.***

For more information about the program visit <http://www.halifax.ca/taxes/exemption/>

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