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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

## Artificial Turf Replacement at Mainland Common

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that work is now underway to replace and expand the artificial turf at the Mainland Common all-weather fields in Halifax.

This work will require a retaining wall to be constructed adjacent to the Mainland North Linear Parkway. Construction equipment will need to access the trail from Westridge Drive and the work may temporarily affect pedestrian access along the trail in early September.

As well, temporary fencing will be installed to separate the nearby off-leash park from the construction area, reducing the size of the field area for the dogs. The fencing will be removed once the work is complete; however, some of that space will become part of the expanded all-weather facility.

The work near the Linear Parkway is expected to continue until the end of September, while the turf replacement will take longer. The all-weather fields

will be closed for the duration of the replacement. The municipality regrets any convenience this closure or the construction may cause.

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## Proposed Schmitville Heritage Conservation District

The Halifax Regional Municipality is currently working on establishing a Heritage Conservation District in Schmitville, the Halifax neighbourhood generally bordered by Morris Street, Brenton Street, Dresden Row, Birmingham Street and Clyde Street.

Residents are invited to participate in two public consultation opportunities being hosted as part of the ongoing approval process as follows:

### Survey:

Complete an online survey posted on the Shape Your City Halifax engagement tool at <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/schmitville>. Survey questions relate to issues discussed in the Schmitville background study, including historic streetscape improvements, financial incentives and



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traditional character. Deadline for completed surveys is **September 25**.

### Open House & Community Workshop:

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Halifax Central Library, 2nd floor, Lindsay Room

At this event, residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the proposed Heritage Conservation District and provide feedback. Comments received through both of these public participation opportunities will assist staff in drafting a plan and by-law for the proposed conservation district.

For more information on the proposed Schmitdville Heritage Conservation District and background study, visit

<http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/schmidville>.

Highway 102. The area is roughly bounded by Cox’s and Fraser’s Lake and Timberlea subdivision to the west, Kingswood subdivision to the north, Kearney Lake to the east and Bayer’s Lake Business Park to the south. Our vision is to create trails within the BMBCL Wilderness Area and the adjacent crown lands located at Maskwa Aquatic Club with a focus on trails originating from the northeast region of the Wilderness Area. The planned trails will provide the public with access to one of the largest wilderness areas in Nova Scotia while reducing the impact on the environment. On September 17, our Consultant will be presenting the Trail Plan and will be welcoming input and discussion. To take a look at the plan, go to [www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca) and check out the planned trails and next steps. Come along and plan to volunteer for taking the plan forward with the trail building team. Light refreshments will be available.

### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 17, 2015

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Maskwa Aquatic Club

91 Saskatoon Drive, Halifax

## Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Trails

Project (submitted by the BMBCL Trails Group)



The Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (BMBCL) is a spectacular near-urban wilderness located on the doorstep of Halifax. The site is now comprised of public land totaling approximately 1700 hectares recently expanded, located to the west of Halifax-Bedford urban areas and

Hiking is Fun for All, Keshen Goodman Library, Wednesday September 16, 7pm with Bob McDonald, Halifax North West Trails Association  
Hiking in the autumn is a favourite pastime for Nova Scotians. Bob will share regional trails he has walked, interpreting nature along the way through pictures. Come and enjoy an armchair hike if you cannot make it out on the trails!



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

- Provide email address for personal comments and submissions ([CFMP@Halifax.ca](mailto:CFMP@Halifax.ca)); and
- Provide telephone number to enable personal conversation (902-490-5713).

## Community Facility Master Plan

Your Voice is Important! The 2008 Community Facility Master Plan (CFMP) provided strategic direction and recommendations related to community/recreation facility development, and provided direction related to the protocol for budget and project development. The 2008 CFMP is currently being updated, and will be presented to Regional Council in early 2016. It will be utilized as the strategic guiding document to enhance the quality of life of citizens through the provision of sustainable, planned, accessible and appropriate community facilities.

The revised and updated Community Facility Master Plan is expected to be able to provide continued strategic direction for the required investment, resources and decision-making processes related to provision of community recreation facilities. The updated document will build on the recommendations in the 2008 CFMP report and will include several facility types not previously considered such as playgrounds, tennis courts, and splash-pads. You are invited to participate in the planning process through one or more of the following opportunities:

- Sport user-group and service providers focus group meetings and stakeholder surveys;
- Public meetings in eight community locations for in-person information sharing;
- Web survey for convenience at Halifax.ca;
- Empirical phone survey for data collection;

## Community Facility Master Plan Public Meetings

- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Shore Centre (Musquodoboit Harbour)
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – Cole Harbour Place
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – George Dixon Centre
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Findlay Centre
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Margaret's Centre
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Captain William Spry Centre
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Hammonds Plains Community Centre
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Acadia Hall Lower Sackville

The work is well underway! Let us hear your voice!

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**Welcome back Students!**  
 With our children returning to school this week, I encourage motorists to drive carefully and keep our children safe.