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### Emera Oval Update



Unseasonably warm temperatures in the last few weeks created very challenging conditions to maintain a quality skating surface on the Emera Oval, leading to the end of ice skating for the winter season. But you can still enjoy the oval in the warmer temperatures. Parks and Recreation staff have worked hard to turn over the oval for

inline skating for residents to enjoy until the end of March Break. Inline skates, helmets and other equipment are available for borrowing onsite in a variety of child and adult size options. A valid government issued I.D. is required to sign out equipment and all users are required to wear a helmet. Check out the [schedule](#) for more details.

### Halifax Water Seasonal Disinfection Program

From March 1st – April 30th 2016, Halifax Water will be conducting a two-month trial of the seasonal disinfection program.

The program will shut down the Ultra Violet (UV) light disinfection at the Halifax, Dartmouth, Herring Cove and Eastern Passage wastewater treatment facilities. This trial aims to reduce electricity, lower greenhouse gas emissions, allow for maintenance and potentially extend UV equipment lifespan. Other treatment processes will continue to operate year around as usual. For more information, see their [website](#).

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### Community Grants Program

The [Community Grants Program](#) provides project and capital grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities throughout the Municipality. The 2016 Community Grants Program is now open for applications and the deadline to submit is March 31st, 2016. You can find the [guidebook](#) and [application form](#) online, or contact staff for further information at 902-490-7310



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### Yard Waste Collection

The Halifax Regional Municipality is reminding residents that only large paper bags will be accepted for curbside collection of excess leaf and yard waste. The municipality did allow for both paper and plastic bags for curbside collection during the fall 2015 until local retailers could ensure an adequate supply of the large paper bags were available to customers. Leaf and yard waste can also be placed in the green bin, only excess material is required to be contained in large paper bags. Please visit our [website](#) for more details and to find out [what goes where](#).

### Spring/Summer Recreation



Registration has begun for the Halifax Rec 2016 Spring and Summer programs. There are recreation and fitness programs available for all ages and abilities. Check out the [guide](#) online for more details and registration dates.

### Spring Weight Restrictions for Municipal Roads

To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality has implemented its Spring Weight Restrictions. These restrictions apply from February 29th – April 25<sup>th</sup> on municipally maintained roads in the former County of Halifax.

There are some exceptions to the weight restrictions, these and other information can be found on our [website](#).

### Centre Plan Consultation

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to be initiating the next phase of the Centre Plan public consultation process.

The Centre Plan will consolidate existing municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws for the Regional Centre into one combined policy and by-law set. The key themes of the plan are land use and design, mobility, public spaces, culture and heritage, housing, sustainability and jobs and economic development. By focusing on these important elements, the Centre Plan will shape how our Regional Centre grows in the future.

Check out our [new website](#) to learn more about the plan, sign up for updates and take our survey. A launch event will also be held on Monday March 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Alderney Landing to kick off the development of the Centre Plan.

### Canada Games Centre Board

The Canada Games Centre is a leading multi-purpose recreation and sport facility that provides a



centre for the community, promotes healthy and active living for citizens and is a major sports training and competition facility. It is run by a non-profit society and is governed by a Board of Directors. They are now accepting applications to join the board and make a difference in our community. Interested candidates should apply in writing with a resume and the [application form](#) through [email](#) by March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. More information is available [here](#).



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### Halifax Green Network Plan

The Halifax Regional Municipality wants your input on the Halifax Green Network Plan.

Halifax's open space landscape is exceptional and we want to be deliberate about protecting and using our open space.

Phase 2 of the planning process is now underway, and public meetings will be held to present the key findings from Phase 1 and a draft planning framework for public input.

Find out more about the Green Network Plan by checking out their [website](#) or by attending a [public meeting](#) at the Atlantica Hotel on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to provide your feedback.




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



### Roundtable on Race Relations and Multiculturalism

The [Canadian Race Relations Foundation](#) (CRRF) will be hosting six city roundtables called "The Urban Agenda: Race Relations and Multiculturalism in Canadian Cities."

The HRM event will be hosted at City Hall on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. where policymakers and community leaders can come together to celebrate the success of Canadian cities as hubs of diversity and models of inclusion, while exploring issues that remain unresolved and identifying emerging challenges.

For more information on this free event, check out their [Eventbrite](#) page.

### Ferry Naming Contest Winner

The votes are in, and our new ferry has a name! Viola Desmond was the winner of the latest Halifax Transit ferry naming contest.

Viola Desmond was born and raised in Halifax. Her story highlighted the need to address segregation in Canada and raised awareness of the African Canadian situation nationally and internationally when she unknowingly sat in the Whites only section of a movie theatre that practiced segregation. She was not permitted to stay, and was detained overnight although she offered to pay the extra required to sit in this section.

Viola Desmond will now be submitted to Transport Canada for consideration and final approval as the name of the new ferry. This is the final of three new vessels that will replace aging infrastructure in the fleet of five harbour ferries. The Viola Desmond ferry is set to go into service this summer.

### National Fraud Prevention Month

March is National Fraud Prevention Month and Halifax Regional Police wants you to become fraud savvy. Throughout the month they will be sharing information, tips and resources on identity theft, internet-related fraud, payment card fraud and other common scams. Follow the campaign on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

### Fairview Historical Society

The Friends of Fairview are hosting an event on March 16<sup>th</sup> for residents to share old pictures and stories about the community with the goal of creating a Fairview Historical Society. Join them at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairview Legion to see the hundreds of photos, maps and stories that these passionate citizens have compiled.





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### Department of Community Services Consultation

The Department of Community Services' Employment Support and Income Assistance Program are looking for your feedback. If you are currently or have ever participated in this program, provide your feedback by attending one of their focus group meetings. Meetings will be held at the Teamwork/Work Bridge, and are happening at the following times:

*Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Please call 1-877-731-1333 during business hours to register. Participants will be compensated to assist with covering transportation and child care.

### Halifax Regional Police Volunteers

Halifax Regional Police are recruiting volunteers for the Burnside Watch, Citizens on Patrol and Victim Services.

These volunteer positions support our policing service and provide challenging and rewarding opportunities. Apply today by completing a [Volunteer Programs](#) Application form.

### ISANS Job Search Resource Centre

The Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia offer a free Job Search Resource Centre where immigrants can access employment specialists, job boards and feedback on their resume and application.

To find out more, check out their [website](#).

### Textile Recycling

The Association for Textile Recycling (AFTeR) wants your holey socks, ratty teddy bears and out of style clothing. AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. For a full list of what you can donate, see their [website](#). Find a donation bin near you here and help AFTeR support local charities and the environment.

### Halifax Job Fair

Meet hiring employers, interview for local jobs and gain experience at the [Halifax Job Fair](#).

The Job fair will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Delta Halifax Hotel beginning at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from industries including manufacturing, banking, finance, electronics and computers, I.T., marketing, health care, film & television and many more will be in attendance.

For more information, please visit their [Eventbrite](#) website.

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