

Community Herald
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Ice Safety Lakes & Ponds in HRM

Winter activities and sports promote fitness and fun. Before you venture on to the lakes and ponds of HRM this winter, make sure ice conditions are safe.

Did you know ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles

Be safe. Avoid going out on the ice at night and always check conditions before heading out. Please use extreme caution in areas where streams flow in and out of lakes. Random ice thickness testing is done on each pond and lake in HRM, providing general ice conditions which can vary over the ice surface.

Before you lace up your skates, check the safety guidelines and ice conditions at www.halifax.ca/real_property/ice.

2014-2015 Community Grants Program

The deadline for Community Grants applications is March 31, 2014. 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 grant (a) a project grant of up to \$5,000 and (b) a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Presently, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories: Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighbourhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity and Arts & Crafts.

The HRM Community Grants Guidebook contains detailed eligibility criteria for the program and for each of the funding sectors. The guide is updated annually so please check the current version of the guide posted on the HRM website at:

<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram>