



COUNCILLOR MATT WHITMAN
DISTRICT 13 ONLINE NEWS
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Council Chamber Technology Refresh

If you have ever watched Regional Council on our live stream or on Eastlink TV, we are looking for your feedback.

We are improving the technology that facilitates meetings in the Council Chamber with a focus on the viewer experience.

To complete the quick survey, please click [here](#).

Bay Treasure Chest Support Expanded

Due to the tremendous support for the Bay Treasure Chest fundraising lottery, the treasure chest will be providing funding to two new groups, the St Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association and The Community Centre Hub.

Congratulations to the Bay Treasure Chest Association for their successful fundraising efforts and thank you to everyone who contributed to support these great causes.

To find out more about the treasure chest and the other organizations they support, check out their [website](#).

Hammonds Plains Historical Society Meeting

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society will be holding its spring meeting on Monday, April 3rd at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend for a presentation on 'The Legacy of Madeline Symonds.' Refreshments will be provided.

Halifax Rec Programs

It may not feel like spring out there, but our Halifax Rec Spring and Summer program guide is available and registration is now ongoing.

Check out programs for the whole family at a Halifax Rec facility near you by viewing our [program guide](#).

Bus Operator Recruitment

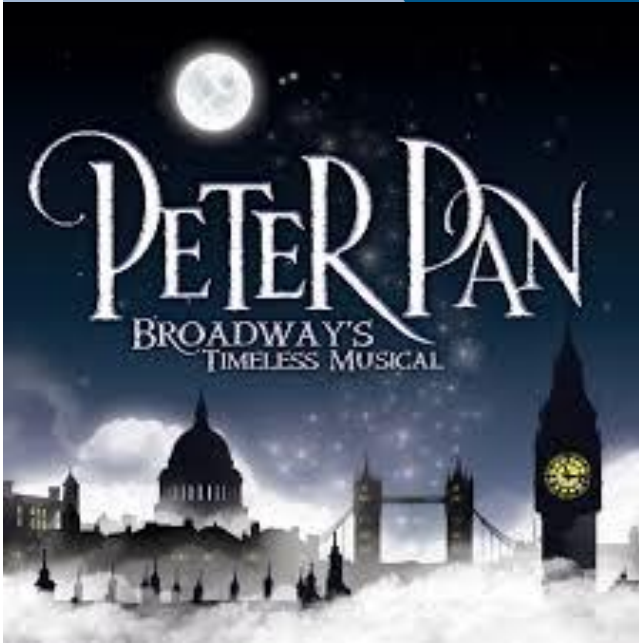
Halifax Transit is looking to recruit bus operators. The jobs will be posted from April 12th – 26th and information sessions are being held this week.

If you are interested in learning more, see our [website](#).



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Unicorn Theatre Production

The talented young people of the Unicorn Theatre will be performing Peter Pan this month at the Bay Community Centre. Performances will be held on Fridays April 21st and 28th at 7:30 p.m. with 3:00 p.m. matinees on Saturdays April 22nd and 29th and Sunday April 23rd. See [here](#) to reserve your tickets.

The Last Treasure Hunter

Spend an hour in the company of a true adventurer at the J.D. Shatford Memorial Library on Wednesday April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Months before Nova Scotia repealed the controversial NS Treasure Trove Act, Terry Dwyer was issued the last official 'treasure trove license'. Learn how his team located the remains of the privately owned British transport ship *Sovereign* in one of the most remote and hostile areas of Nova Scotia, St. Paul Island - the infamous "Graveyard of the Gulf" - just as the weather window closed in on them. The *Sovereign* was rumored to be carrying over 200,000 silver coins at the time it was wrecked near the end of the War of 1812. Visit the [library program page](#) for more details and other exciting things going on at your branch.

Community Potluck

The team at the [Bay Refugee Project](#) is hosting a special potluck for the Zeina family of Syria. The Zeina family are settled into their Queensland home and are excited to meet the Bay Community that has shown them so much love.

Join them on Saturday April 16th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hubbards with a pork free dish to meet Ziad, Wafaa, Mohammad (10), Noor (7), Ahmad (4) and Rayan (1).

Murder at the Resort

Enjoy an evening of suspense, mystery and turkey dinner at the Estabrooks Community Hall on Friday April 21st or Saturday April 22nd.

Tickets are \$25/person and limited space is available so give them a call now to reserve your spot at 902-405-6511.

Living with Stress Program

Stop allowing stress be a barrier to living the life you value. Join experts with the Chebucto Community Health Team for a 4-week workshop Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. beginning Thursday April 6th.

The workshop will be hosted at the St Margaret's Centre. To register, call 902-460-4560 ext. 2 or visit their [website](#).

Community Gardens

A community garden is an excellent way to connect with other residents, beautify the community and grow your own produce.

Any group of residents wishing to start a community garden on Municipal property should check out our handbook and complete an application online as soon as possible. Learn more on our [website](#).



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Ferry Naming Contest

Halifax Transit is once again asking residents to submit suggestions to name its newest replacement harbour ferry vessels, expected to be delivered in fall 2017 and summer 2018.

Submit your name ideas for the two new replacement vessels [online](#) by April 14th. Staff and a Council selection committee will review the submissions and narrow them down to a short list based on appropriateness, originality, cultural significance and diversity.

Residents will have the chance to vote on the top selections in the spring, and the top two names receiving the most votes will adorn the new ferries. The residents who submitted the winning names will receive a one-year conventional transit pass courtesy of Halifax Transit.

Commemorative Naming

As our municipality continues to grow, new streets, parks, sports fields, and buildings all require names.

Our commemorative naming program allows us to keep the tradition of naming alive and play an important role in building better communities.

You can submit names of notable people or groups, historic events, geographic features, or native flora and fauna for consideration by visiting our website [here](#) or by emailing our [civic addressing team](#).

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