

HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDS

The HRM Community Grants Program awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations located within our Municipality. The focus of these grants is primarily the provision of modest financial assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. The 2016 Community Grants Program received a total of 104 applications for a combined total of \$1,086,996.62 in funding requests. However, due to limited funds, only 60 awards for a combined total of \$457,651 was recommended. In our own particular district the following organizations were approved for grant awards:

Nature Conservancy of Canada: Atlantic Division: A grant of \$25,000 towards Land Acquisition for the Musquodoboit Harbour Outer Estuary Project & Musquodoboit River Project.

Sheet Harbour Rockets Society:

A grant of \$20,000 for ballfield clubhouse structural improvements.

MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited:

A grant of \$18,500 towards the purchase of a vehicle for rural transit service.

Orenda Canoe Club - Lake Echo:

A grant of \$15,000 for the installation of a new heating system for the clubhouse.

Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society:

A grant of \$10,000 towards the structural stabilization of the Norman Hutt Boat Shop at Heritage Village.

Eastern Shore Wildlife Association – Sheet Harbour: A grant of \$10,000 for the replacement of exterior doors and partial funding towards washroom accessibility upgrades.

Lawrencetown Community Centre:

A grant of \$5,000 towards replacement flooring.

Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce: A grant of \$4,999 for the installation of boat moorings in a coastal marina project.

The Deanery Project Co-op – Lower Ship Harbour:

A grant of \$4,000 for new propane stove

Moser River & Area Historical Society:

A grant of \$1,200 for the purchase of building materials for minor repairs to McMann House.

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY: JUNE 4th & 5TH

Residents are encouraged to participate in HRM's Curbside Give Away Weekends – June 4th & 5th and again on October 15th & 16th. There are some rules to follow if you wish to partake. Please go to this link for more information about how and when to put out your stuff: www.halifax.ca/recycle/CGAW.php. Discover the "Hidden Treasures" in your neighbourhood and our communities. Share your curbside finds on Twitter at #hfxcurbside or send in comments by e-mail at: WasteLess@Halifax.ca or on [Facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles) or [hfxgov.com](https://www.hfxgov.com).

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

At this time I wish to congratulate the Class of 2016 for all High School, Community College and University Students. May each of you have many life successes and best of luck in your future endeavours. Be sure to have a Safe Grad!

2016 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Each year HRM presents a Citizenship Award to outstanding Grade 9 students throughout the Municipality. The recipients are chosen based on qualities of leadership in their school and community and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled. In 2016 the following students from our District were bestowed with this honour:
Kaitlyn Hiltz – *Duncan MacMillan High School*
Maxwell Bauer – *Gaetz Brook Jr. High School*
Katie Gaetz – *Oyster Pond Academy*
Robyn Pike – *Ross Road School*
Great job by these outstanding students!

ENVIRONMENT WEEK: JUNE 5-11TH

During Environment Week there are many special dedicated days to heighten the awareness of various environmental causes: World Environment Day (June 5th), Clean Air Day (June 4th) and World Oceans Day (June 8th). For more information and details about Canadian Environment Week (CEW) visit: www.ec.gc.ca/sce-cew/ or on Twitter - #enviroweek2016. During CEW and throughout the year we are urged to reflect on the many ways we can take action to protect and preserve our natural surroundings. Following CEW is "Rivers to Oceans Week," which is an opportunity to work together to create an understanding of watersheds, our connection to fresh and salt-water environments and what everyone can do to protect them.

MOBILE FOOD MARKET SERVICE

Beginning May 14th the Mobile Food Market will launch as a 21-week pilot with deliveries of fresh produce to the communities of North Preston, East Preston, North End Halifax, Fairview, and Spryfield – communities selected because they have a higher proportion of people who often struggle with food access, including seniors, immigrants, single parents and low-income families. Another consideration was proximity and accessibility to a grocery store. The food will be sold at prices comparable to discount grocery stores and will be delivered every two weeks via a Halifax Transit bus directly to these neighbourhoods. The Mobile Food Market was made possible through funding provided by the United Way Halifax, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, Evergreen CityWorks and Doctors Nova Scotia. The Mobile Food Market is a partnership between Partners for Care, Public Health (Nova Scotia Health Authority), Halifax Regional Municipality, and the Ecology Action Centre and is supported by local community organizations and businesses including United Way Halifax, Loblaws / Atlantic Superstore and Elmridge Farm Ltd. The following community partners are providing leadership to the project in the pilot communities: East Preston United Baptist Church Health and Wellness Committee, Women with a Vision, Veith House, Fairview Community Association and the YWCA of Halifax. The market is a real community affair with all of the local organizations helping to make it happen. People can shop for nutritious food, visit with their neighbours, get information on health and well-being and try out new food.

Dates for the Mobile Food Market are Saturdays: June 11th, 25th, July 9th, 23rd, Aug. 6th, 20th, Sept. 17th, and Oct. 1st. It will be at the East Preston Recreation Centre, 24 Brooks Drive from 9:30-11:00 AM and then up to the North Preston Community Centre, 44 Simmonds Road, from 11:35 AM-1:05 PM. For more details go to: www.mobilefoodmarket.ca or <https://www.facebook.com/mobilefoodmarket/>

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS BY HRM

HRM is offering free swimming lessons, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, and junior lifeguard programs at HRM's supervised outdoor beaches for the upcoming summer session. Registration is required in order to take part in these classes. Registration will start at 10 AM on June 10th and will continue until classes are filled. You can register online at HRM's "Rec Connect": <https://eservices2.halifax.ca/reconnect/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp> or call 490-6666. Lifeguard supervision is from July 2nd to August 31st. HRM has a variety of beaches, lakes and outdoor pools. Our district has six locations: Orenda Beach in Lake Echo, Kinap Beach in West Porters Lake, Pleasant Drive in Gaetz Brook, Old Government Wharf in West Petpeswick / Musquodoboit Harbour, Webber's Beach in Lake Charlotte / Upper Lakeville and Malay Falls Beach in Lochaber Mines / Sheet Harbour. All of these have some level of HRM supervision including daily maintenance and weekly water testing. For more information please call the HRM Beach Line 490-5458 or go online to www.halifax.ca/rec/Beaches.html. Have fun in the sun and be safe when in the water.

DON'T LEAVE ANIMALS IN HOT CARS

With the hot weather finally upon us, motorists are reminded that the interiors of trucks and cars can quickly heat up, making it intolerable for pets. An animal can be overwhelmed by heat in as little as ten minutes. The temperature in a parked vehicle - even in the shade with partly open windows - can reach a level high enough to seriously harm or even kill your pet. If you find an animal in a vehicle that appears to be in distress, follow these steps:

- Look for the owner of the car. Go to nearby stores and have the owner paged.
- Attempt to provide shade or water for the animal.
- Call 911 or the RCMP detachment in your area.
- Stay at the car until the police officer arrives.
- File a report with the Nova Scotia SPCA online or by calling 1-888-703-7722.

INPUT ON COMMUNITY HEALTHPLAN

One of the duties of our local Community Health Boards (CHB) is to submit a community health plan to the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA). The community health plan lets NSHA know about the health of our people, communities, partners, and community service providers. Our health is impacted by so many things. Here are some indicators from earlier health plans: Health inequities (such as poverty, racism and other barriers); Mental health; Physical activity & healthy eating/weights; Access to services and information; Stress; Sense of belonging; Chronic health conditions; and Addictions or drug dependency. Our community health plan depends on hearing from as many people as possible. There is an online opportunity to provide input. It would be appreciated if you can take the time to complete this survey with only 14 questions. Taking part in this survey is your choice and you do not have to answer any questions you don't want to. All of the information provided is confidential. Some of the information may be used in the community health plan but you will not be identified. However, it will help to lead discussion about the communities' priorities and how we can create a healthier community. The 2016 survey can be found at either of these two online links: <http://survey.nshealth.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx> or www.chbhealthsurvey.ca Thanks for your input!



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