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In Case You're Wondering

NS Internet Initiative

The Province of Nova Scotia has committed to 99% of Nova Scotians having access to internet! HOW AWESOME IS THAT?!

Develop NS is making a lot of headway and provides great info on their website (maps, timelines, FAQs, etc).



For details visit: <https://internet.developns.ca>

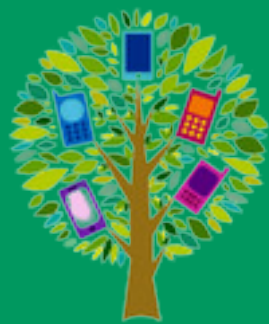
Right-to-Know

Since *International Right to Know Day* began, certain principles have emerged that form the core of the *Right to Know* movement.

At WHRM, we believe in transparency. If you have questions, follow the steps below:

- Contact us and ask. If we can get you the answer legally and without a lot of research it may be a quick process. If you require an in-depth response containing confidential information, proceed to the next step.
- Complete a FOIPOP request. More FOIPOP info can be found at <https://www.westhants.ca/freedom-of-information-and-protection-of-privacy-foipop.html>

West Hants Phone Tree



Who doesn't love a shortcut?

Here is a quick reference if you need to call us!

West Hants Municipal Offices 902-798-8391

General Inquiries	Ext. 201	Public Works inquiries	Ext. 125
Water Inquiries	Ext. 107	Waste Services Specialist	Ext. 128
Property Tax Inquiries	Ext. 106	Community Development	Ext. 124
Administration Inquiries	Ext. 134	Economic Development	Ext. 213
Planning Inquiries	Ext. 115	Community Centre	Ext. 215
By-law Enforcement	Ext. 112	West Hants Sports Complex	Ext. 217

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
76 Morison Drive PO Box 3000 Windsor NS B0N 2T0
Phone: 902-798-8391 Fax: 902-798-8553
www.westhants.ca



West Hants
something inspiring awaits

INSPIRED
December 2021

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of WHRM Council and Staff, I would like to extend warmest wishes this holiday season. May your travels be safe while visiting family and friends. Please remember to support our local food banks and charitable organizations year-round. They do amazing work to help those in need. We are fortunate to live in such an inspiring region!

While remaining focused on COVID recovery, your Council accomplished much in 2021. I would like to reflect on the year, highlighting our progress.

Early on, Council set its direction, sharing a vision of making WHRM a vibrant and inclusive region where people can live, play and work. They set five strategic priorities: Communication, Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship, Community Diversity and Welcomeness, and Community Mobility and Connectivity. We launched initiatives including Partners for Climate Change and the quarterly newsletter you are currently enjoying.

Council passed a budget that decreased tax rates and supported investment in our community halls, recreation and local organizations such as Dial-A-Ride, the GFL Newport Recreation Center and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 009.

Council adopted the RAD Community Engagement report which highlighted the need for focus on diversity representation, inclusion and connectivity. We are committed to creating an environment of belonging through community-led projects and awareness programs.

Excessive automotive speed and noise continue to affect our communities. We are developing a policy to curb this activity on streets owned by the municipality. Together we can tackle this issue!

We created our brand, which truly captures the spirit of our region. I was inspired by the Branding Committee's dedication and could not be prouder of the final product.

With unprecedented growth in WHRM, Council has prioritized regional development and set a goal to address the housing shortage. Decommissioned properties have been sold to make way for multi unit dwellings. Commercial properties in designated districts can take advantage of the Commercial Development District Improvement Bylaw. This helps offset improvements by phasing in the tax assessment over ten years.

Completion of Highway 101 twinning is slated for late 2023. This project includes a huge investment in the interchanges leading into our communities.

Council approved a project to honour the victims of residential schools. This will acknowledge these horrendous truths in Canada's past and ensure ongoing reflection and reconciliation.

Council and staff had successful collaborations with many community organizations including the Valley Regional Enterprise Network and the Windsor Agricultural Society.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank our residents for their engagement, support, and coming together as a resilient, caring community.

I would like to give a loud shout out to our students and future leaders. I'm excited to see where you will take us!

A special thank you to our staff for their exceptional efforts to serve our community. I am proud of the committed and professional work they do.

Finally, to my fellow Council members, you are here because you care deeply for this community and want to contribute to making it the best it can be. We have made significant progress on our Strategic Plan during a global pandemic. For that, I want to thank and congratulate you!

Stay healthy and continue to INSPIRE greatness!

~ Mayor Abraham Zebian



Mayor Zebian (right) dropped by the Hants Shore Health Centre to wish Jean Crawford (left), Community Engagement Coordinator, and Kim Brown (center), Medical Office Manager, a very Merry Christmas. The HSHC is ready for the season with on-line auctions and many children's activities.

Winter Parking & Snow Removal

West Hants Regional Municipality operates in accordance with Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act which states that, "No person shall willfully park or leave standing a vehicle, attended or unattended, on a street or part thereof which interferes or obstructs snow removal during or after a snow storm, or in any way obstructs winter maintenance, i.e. salting. Such vehicles will be towed away at the owners' expense."

Further to Section 318 of the Municipal Government Act, "Snow is not to be moved across any streets or placed onto any street or public sidewalks. Snow shall be stored on the property being cleared or hauled away and dumped in an approved location."



Who is Responsible for Snow Removal?

WHRM PLOWS THESE WEST HANTS ROADS:

- Hantsport & Windsor - all roads and sidewalks
- Falmouth - Mountain View, Linden Court, Southview Court, Julie Court, Fundy Court, Shetland Road and sidewalk, Clover Lane, Bailey Drive, Station Lane, Thistle Street, Short Drive, and Golden Rod Court
- Garlands Crossing - Annie May Court, Bailey Drive, Edward Drive, Goosie Loop, Elizabeth Ave, Community Court, Irvin Drive, Jared Court, Merriweather Crescent, and Memory Court
- WHRM plows these NS-owned roads: Underwood Road, Hillcrest Drive, Industrial Drive, Hwy 101 to Wentworth Road, Upper Water Street/Colonial Road, and Windsor/Falmouth bridge

Snow removal questions/concerns re. the above? Contact WHRM Public Works Admin (902) 798-8391 Ext 125

YOUR ROAD IS NOT LISTED ABOVE?

NS Dept of Public Works plows it and they can be reached at NS Public Works (902) 757-2929



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FACILITY RENTALS

Hants County War Memorial Community Centre

Gym, Auditorium, Meeting Rooms, Commercial Kitchen
email: jsweet@westhants.ca
902-798-8391, Ext. 215

West Hants Sports Complex

Turf, Rink & Community Room
email: gwentzell@westhants.ca
902-798-8391, Ext. 216

COMING SOON

Winter 2022 Skate and Track Schedule
www.westhants.ca/rec

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE

January to April 1, 2022

Distribution begins in December through elementary schools and online at www.westhants.ca/rec

Great News!

West Hants Winter Carnival is Back
February 3-6, 2022



PLEASE NOTE SKATES ARE TO REMAIN AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX



WE HAVE A FREE SKATE LOANS PROGRAM!

West Hants Sports Complex
16 Centennial Drive,
Windsor

Equipment Loan Program
Contact Bekah Craik
902-790-9647
bcraik@westhants.ca

2022 GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

WHRM is accepting applications for grants from community organizations and agencies. These applications must be completed through our online submission process on our website at www.westhants.ca. For more information, please call 902-798-8391, Ext. 124 or email at jbrown@westhants.ca.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

WHRM recognizes the outstanding efforts of individuals, groups and businesses who provide exemplary volunteer service to our community. Nominations for the 2022 WHRM Volunteer Awards are being accepted online at the Community Development Dept. www.westhants.ca/community-organizations-volunteers.html

Draft Outdoor Fires By-law

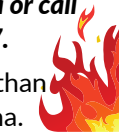
WHRM seeks public input into the draft Outdoor Fires by-law.

Review it at:

www.westhants.ca/by-laws.html

Need a copy? Contact Shelleena at sthornton@westhants.ca or call 902-798-8391, Ext. 207.

Input required no later than Jan. 7, 2022 to Shelleena.



What does "72 Hours Preparedness" mean?

Every season brings unpredictable weather events. If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

• Know the risks • Make a plan • Get an emergency kit

More info at www.getprepared.gc.ca

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Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee

WHRM's Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Action Plan

The Plan identifies actions WHRM should take to reduce both corporate & community emissions. These will be worked on over the next few years and include:

- ✓ performing building condition surveys for all Municipal buildings to identify inefficiencies;
- ✓ conducting green power purchasing and partnerships for renewable energy;
- ✓ exploring potential partnerships to increase the number of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in our Region;
- ✓ revising land-use policies to encourage sustainable growth models; and
- ✓ exploring opportunities for Municipally owned buildings to host food and farmers' markets.



Committee meetings are livestreamed on our Municipal Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RMWindsorWestHants/>
Agendas, meeting minutes and more: www.westhants.ca/municipal-climate-change-action-plan-committee

Provincial Rebates & Deadlines

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

Deadline to apply is December 31, 2021. Eligibility and application process at: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>

If eligible, please call our office as soon as possible at 902-798-8391 to request that your Municipal Tax Sheet be mailed to you in time to meet this deadline.

Heating / Electrical Costs - Rebate Programs for Low-Income Nova Scotians

Struggling with heating or electrical costs due to financial loss resulting from Covid-19? Below are rebate program offerings for 2021-22:

- Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT), \$400 rebate -<https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/programs/heat/>
- NS COVID Relief Fund (NSCR), \$400 rebate - <https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/programs/covidrelief/>
- Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP), \$200 rebate and could receive up to \$1,000 - <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>