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West Hants
something inspiring awaits

INSPIRED
October 2023

Message from the Mayor, "Season of Reflection!"

Autumn is a season of reflection, a time for family and thanksgiving. It is a time of harvest and a time to celebrate the bounty of the land.

As a Municipality, we strive to provide our residents with a better tomorrow. We learn from our history and respect the wisdom of our elders. We honour and are inspired by those who gave us life and those who protect our lands.

October is Women's History month and Mi'kmaw History month. It is a time to celebrate the diversity, achievements, and contributions of all striving for a better, more inclusive world.

Reflecting...our region experienced a catastrophic summer flood. That disaster impacted us emotionally and physically, but not our spirit.

Four souls were taken way too soon. Others lost property, possessions, or experienced heavy damage. As you read this, healing and recovery is underway and that journey is different for each of us. As a region, we are here for each other!

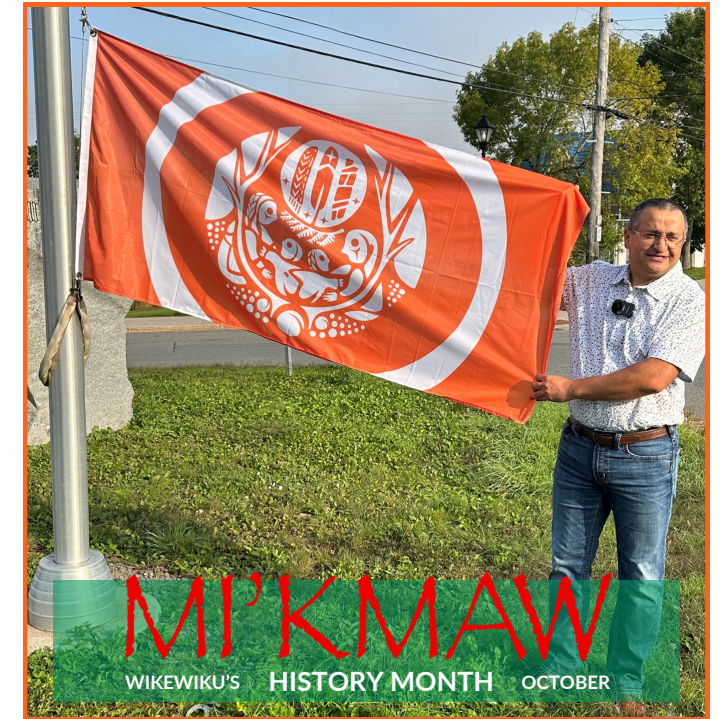
We have held two community recovery/healing sessions (September 10 and 20). Those that attended raised great questions and offered suggestions to be more resilient in the future. Council and staff listened; we heard you loud and clear. An FAQ document stemming from these sessions continues to be produced and will be mailed out and posted on our website by the end of October.

Your input, and the after-action review sessions with our First Responders, has helped us identify weaknesses and potential solutions. If you have other questions, please e-mail WHRM@westhants.ca. Questions are logged and answered. We are committed to supporting our community and improving!

I want to personally thank all the emergency first-responders, external agencies and contractors, and you, our residents, who came to our aid, and each others' aid. There are no words profound enough to describe our gratitude. Thank you!

I'll end this off by asking each and every West Hants'er to go out and do a good deed for your family, a friend, your neighbour, or a stranger. Together we are a strong region and stronger when we support each other.

~ Mayor Abraham Zebian



Truth and Reconciliation Flag Raising



In September, Mayor Zebian was joined by MP Kody Blois and MLA Melissa Sheehy-Richard in announcing municipal, provincial and federal funding for College Road and Nesbitt Street, in Windsor. Work has begun to replace underground sanitary and storm sewers; and upgrade the drinking water service and roadway surface structures. These enhancements will also make College Road and Nesbitt Street safer by widening the streets and installing curbs.

Sign Up for E-mail Updates

Don't miss out! Sign up to receive e-mail updates on a variety of different matters.

Choose as few or as many as you would like.

For more information and to sign up visit www.westhants.ca/sign-up.html

2023-24 Residential Property Tax Assistance Program

Application deadline: October 31, 2023

Visit westhants.ca for more information and to download the application form.

Questions? Call us at 902-798-8391 Ext. 138



2023 Santa Parade of Lights Saturday, November 25



Parade applications
www.westhants.ca

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



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Emergencies - Any time, Any where! Let's get Prepared!



Learn to Be Prepared for the Next Emergency

January 21, 2024 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Brooklyn Civic Centre, 995 Highway 215, Brooklyn, NS
 May 26, 2024 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Southwest Hants Fire Hall, 1884 Highway 14, Vaughan, NS
 September 22, 2024 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Summerville Fire Hall, 59 Summerville Wharf Road,
 Summerville, NS



Registration is NOT required, join us for a FREE BBQ after each session. We will have activities to engage all ages.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- What does "shelter in place" mean?
- What should you do in case of a hurricane, ice storm, power outage, flood, and more?
- Unsure about prepping your Emergency Kit?
- Where do you get local info during an emergency?
- And so much more!

Join us at our upcoming events where you can learn from emergency personnel and experts, ask all your burning questions, and even tour a fire station. Oh, and did I mention we're having a BBQ? You'll get to enjoy some delicious hot dogs while you're at it!

The first 20 families in attendance at each session will receive a basic emergency kit (excludes some items).

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 - 14

Cooking safety starts with YOU.

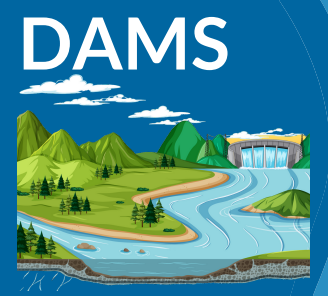


Pay attention to fire prevention.

West Hants' Regional Fire Prevention Working Group invites you to STAND BY YOUR PAN!

Cooking fires can quickly turn deadly. We've seen too many homes destroyed and people killed or injured by kitchen fires that could have easily been avoided.

Keep your eyes open for a Fire Prevention Open House at your local fire department and learn more about cooking safety. **Cooking safety starts with you!**



Where are some in West Hants?

Who operates them?

What do they do and why do we need them?

Want to learn some dam lingo?

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!



New Minas Energy
 St. Croix & Halfway River Dams
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Ellershouse Community Hall
 429 Ellershouse Rd, Ellershouse

NS Power
 Avon River Hydro System Dams
Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Windsor Legion
 35 Empire Lane, Windsor

westhants.ca/emo

HAS YOUR PROPERTY BEEN DAMAGED BY FLOODING?

If the answer is yes, please contact Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) at **1-800-380-7775** or inquiry@pvsc.ca

For 2024 assessment purposes, property owners may report structural damage and/or contamination from flooding and PVSC will send you a questionnaire to gather more information.



EXAMPLES OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE:
 Stripping a finished basement down to the studs or damage/cracks to the foundation, roof, walls, or stairs.



EXAMPLES OF CONTAMINATION:
 Spills of oil or other individual contaminants.



As required, PVSC may follow up to discuss your property in more detail.



For all things related to Emergency Management (EMO), check out our website at westhants.ca/emo or contact our Emergency Management Manager, Shelleena Thornton, at sthornton@westhants.ca or call 902-798-8391 Ext. 207

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Where are our Comfort Centres and Emergency Shelters?

West Hants has quite a few.

- Do you know where they are?
- Do you know the difference between the two?

Learn more at westhants.ca/comfort-centres-and-shelters.html
 Or contact the EMC at sthornton@westhants.ca or 902-798-8391 Ext. 207 to request a hard-copy of the list and locations.

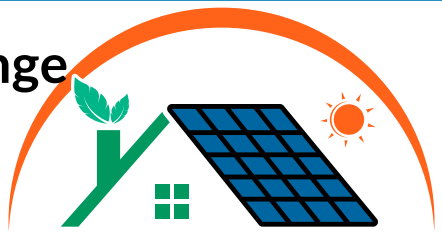


ALERTS



- How come some people get them while others don't?
- Who oversees Alert Ready?
- Alert Ready is Canada's National emergency public alerting program (it is Federal)
 - Nova Scotia EMO is the Authorized Government Agency for Public Alerting in NS
- The Alert Ready System only works on LTE or above networks.
 - It will not work for cell phones on 3G or Wifi calling
 - Every phone may also be set up differently and every make & model is different.
 - Go to "Settings" and research your phone as it relates to some of these key words: Wireless Emergency Alerts, Notifications, Emergencies, SOS, Wifi Calling, etc. (You will be surprised how much is listed there). Adjust your settings to YOUR preferences and not necessarily the defaults.

Climate Change



What does our Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee do?

It leads and promotes local action to reduce emissions and counter the negative impacts of climate change. Current Municipal projects include:

- Preparing to launch the local Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program before the end of 2023. (This is quite exciting). Stay tuned!
- Allocating \$40,000 to support an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for feasibility studies of building retrofits, to reduce energy consumption and emissions.
- Switching all lighting in Council Chambers to LED, which will avoid 732 kg (1,614 pounds) of emissions annually.
- Hiring a full-time Climate Action Coordinator.

Tune in to MCCAP Committee meetings on our Municipal Facebook page www.facebook.com/RMWestHants/ Meeting agendas and minutes at westhants.ca/municipal-climate-change-action-plan-committee.html

Lest We Forget



Remembrance Day Services throughout West Hants November 11, 2023

10:00 am
 Brooklyn Civic Centre
 ◦ Church service followed by Remembrance Day service

10:45 am arrival
 ◦ Bramber Cenotaph
 ◦ Hantsport School Gymnasium
 ◦ Victoria Park Cenotaph, Windsor

