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MUNICIPALITY OF EAST HANTS NEWSLETTER



EAST HANTS

FALL/WINTER 2022-23



HELLO, EAST HANTS!

Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2022-23 edition of *We Live It!* - the Municipality of East Hants' newsletter sharing exciting news, helpful tips and much more with our residents.

SHUBIE RIVER PARK REVITALIZATION

Shubenacadie River Park is on its way to becoming a gathering place for everyone to enjoy. As part of the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, East Hants is revitalizing the playground to make it safer and more accessible.

Three levels of government are contributing to this \$300,000 project:

- The Government of Canada - \$150,000
- The Province of Nova Scotia - \$50,000
- The Municipality of East Hants - \$100,000

The park will feature a new pickle ball court, walking trail, new ballfield fence, playground with accessible features and a picnic shelter. Work at the park is underway and will be fully completed in 2023.

Photo L to R: MP for Kings-Hants Kody Blois, East Hants Warden Eleanor Roulston and Deputy Warden Norval Mitchell with the new Shubie River Park playground design.



COUNCIL CORNER

East Hants Council is proud to raise cultural awareness flags at the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre. The Progress Pride flag flew for the first time in June, in honour of Pride Month. The Survivors' Flag was raised in recognition of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag was raised in October for Mi'kmaq History Month.

In July, Council approved the Annual Report for 2021-22.

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REPORT ISSUES ONLINE

East Hants has a new website tool to make it simple and quick for residents to alert the Municipality about issues with municipal roads, sidewalks and streetlights.

The tool launched October 17, 2022.

[VISIT THE TOOL](#)



VOLUNTEER NETWORKING EVENT

Join us for East Hants' first networking event for volunteers! Come together with fellow community-minded folks to share ideas, ask questions and build connections.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



When: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: Enfield Volunteer Fire Department

COMING EARLY 2023:

Volunteer Recognition Nominations

Celebrate the outstanding volunteers in your community by nominating them for an award! Follow us on social media for the announcement and nomination form release.



THE MUNICIPALITY IS HIRING!

East Hants is growing - which means we're hiring! Keep an eye on our website for casual recreation positions, annual seasonal positions and some exciting new permanent positions in the new year.

If you thrive in a welcoming and fast-paced environment, we want you to work with us!

[APPLY NOW](#)





INCLUSION LESSONS

AT THE EAST HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

The East Hants Aquatic Centre is proud to offer Inclusion Swimming Lessons! These lessons are tailored to the needs and goals of individuals with disabilities. They focus on swimming lessons, water safety and physical activity for individuals who need additional support due to a physical, mental or intellectual disability, or a learning or sensory impairment. Our instructors plan lessons to accommodate the needs of participants, while reaching their goals and having fun! After speaking with guardians, a plan is made for how the participant can best be supported by Aquatics staff during the 9 week lesson timeframe.

For more information, call our Customer Service Representatives at 902-758-3467 or email aquatics@easthants.ca





SOLID WASTE: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

East Hants offers residents and businesses one of the most comprehensive solid waste management services in the province. Here are three of our Frequently Asked Questions:

HOW DO I GET/REPLACE A GREEN CART?

For new build homes, green carts are delivered soon after the occupancy permit is issued. If you have a broken cart, call the Solid Waste Hotline at 1-888-873-3332 to request a new one.

ARE THERE TIPPING FEES?

Waste Management Centre tipping fees are not charged to East Hants residents who receive curbside collection service. They are applied to those not on curbside collection, businesses or haulers disposing of material generated from within the boundaries of East Hants. For more information on fees visit: easthants.ca/tipping-fees

CAN I PUT FURNITURE & BULKY ITEMS CURBSIDE?

During every biweekly curbside collection, each residential property can put out:

- Up to 3 large items (box spring, mattress, sofa)
- Up to 3 metal items (bike, toaster, bed frame)
- 1 appliance (freezer, washing machine - CFCs are removed on-site)

Download the Waste Wizard app and get immediate answers to all waste sorting and collection questions!

GET THE APP



PROVINCIAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The provincial government wants to ensure there is affordable, suitable and adequate housing for all Nova Scotians. To meet this goal, they are asking people to share their housing experience via the Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment public survey. The diversity of housing needs in East Hants means our residents have a lot to contribute to the findings of this survey, so take this opportunity to have your say.

The survey is open until December 4, 2022.



COMPLETE THE SURVEY



THE REC ROOM

FALL & WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS



Zumba with Melany!

Thursdays | 7-8 p.m. | \$6 per class

East Hants Aquatic Centre Community Room

Have fun exercising through low and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning total body fitness dance party!



Senior Social

First Tuesday of each month | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

East Hants Aquatic Centre Community Room | No registration

Drop in to this FREE monthly gathering for a tea or coffee, socializing, various activities and occasional special guests.

FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS FOR MORE FALL/WINTER PROGRAMMING, LIKE FREE SKATES, VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND MORE!

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ONE-DAY SPLASH PROGRAMS

AT THE EAST HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

In-Service Splash Camps | \$35

Ages 6-11 (As of December 31, 2022)

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dates: October 28, November 10, November 25, January 3, March 10, March 31

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Holiday Splash Program | \$20

Ages 6-11 (as of December 31, 2022)

Dates: December 21, 22, 23

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Theme Swim and Craft Activity.

Participants can only register for one program per day (either morning or afternoon)

Registration begins November 30



FUNDING PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

East Hants has funding programs and grants available for individuals, families and community organizations. Don't miss your chance to apply for:

RECREATION ACCESS PROGRAM

Recreation Access (RecAccess) is our Municipal funding program designed to reduce financial barriers for adults, youth and children who wish to enroll in Municipal recreation programs and services. Each member of the qualified applicant's household will be eligible for a 75% discount on up to four registered recreation programs per year and 10 single entry passes to the East Hants Aquatic Centre.

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DISTRICT RECREATION FUND

Capital funding support for non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities providing recreational opportunities to East Hants residents. To discuss a project contact Community Recreation Coordinator

Corrine Giles at: cgiles@easthants.ca

Deadline: January 31 and April 30, 2023

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COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Support for recreation, community and sports organizations in East Hants.

Deadline: Considered on an "as received" basis

PITCH A PROGRAM

BRING YOUR SKILLS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you have a special service or program you would like to bring to East Hants? Pitch it to us and learn how we can help! Examples of programs:

- Arts, Crafts and Music (painting, guitar lessons)
- Sports (ball hockey, recreation leagues)
- Recreation Programs (play programs, youth leadership)
- Fitness (tai chi, yoga)
- General Interest (photography, birdwatching)

PITCH YOUR PROGRAM



TAX INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

PVSC ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Every January, Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) sends out an annual assessment to all properties in Nova Scotia. These notices are very important as the assessed amount is used to calculate your property tax amount payable for the upcoming tax year. You are given 31 days from the date of the notice to appeal the assessed amount on the notice. The Municipality does not have the ability to adjust assessed amounts. If you feel the assessed property value is too high, be sure to submit your appeal to PVSC before the deadline.

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MUNICIPAL TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MTAP)

The MTAP provides assistance to households in East Hants who may be struggling to pay their property tax. Applications are still being accepted for the 2022 program and will open for the 2023 program on April 1, 2023.

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2023 DOG TAGS

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION OPTION

The Municipality is pleased to be offering an online dog tag registration process for 2023! Registration opens December 1, 2022.

REGISTER



Paper copies of the dog tag registration form are available in the reception area at the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre for those who prefer to register and pay in-person.

A tag can also be purchased from one of our community partners:

- Elmsdale Animal Hospital, 654 Highway 2, Elmsdale
- Crazy Dog Dehydrated Treats, 75 Richard John Drive, Mount Uniacke
- East Hants Animal Hospital, 202 Highway 214, Elmsdale
- Noel Canada Post, 4539 Highway 215, Noel



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