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Community Development Newsletter - April 2024

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Happy Spring!

Read on for updates including our new website, volunteer listings (is your organization included?), grant opportunities, upcoming events and some suggestions for celebrating national Volunteer Week. Don't miss out!

Have questions? [Please reach out](#) to discuss upcoming programs, projects or ways we might be able to help.

Municipal Website & Volunteer Listing Page

Exciting news! East Hants has launched an updated, accessible website. [Check out the fresh look](#) and click around to see what's new. The search tool is great to help you find information, but here are some key pages:

- [Grants](#)
- [Community Development Services](#)
- [Recreation Programs & Activities](#)

Our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page is another valuable resource. Check out existing opportunities to volunteer in your community, and if your organization isn't listed, there is a submission form at the bottom. Consider recruiting for entry level and short term volunteer roles - these work well to get people interested in an organization's mission. We plan to promote this website regularly, encouraging more East Hants residents to volunteer - don't miss out!

Volunteer Networking Event



The image shows a group of people sitting around a long wooden table in a meeting room, engaged in conversation. There are water bottles, a coffee cup, and some papers on the table. The background shows a typical office or community hall setting with chairs and tables.

East Hants
Volunteer
Networking
Event

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May 15 | 6:30-8:30pm
Riverview United Church Hall

Join East Hants Parks, Recreation and Culture staff and fellow East Hants volunteers for an evening of conversation, connecting, problem solving and much more! Learn about volunteer management, speak with special guests about funding opportunities and explore others supports for your community organization.

Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required, but there is no cost to attend this event.

Wednesday, May 15 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Riverview United Church Hall - 760 Highway 2, Elmsdale

[Register Now](#)

National Volunteer Week - April 14-20, 2024

Volunteer Week is here! Make a plan now to thank your fellow volunteers and recognize their valuable support.

In East Hants, we will be recognizing many volunteers at our annual Volunteer Awards event. This year the event will be held Friday, April 19 in Enfield. Thank you those who submitted nominations. Watch for our social posts and congratulate recipients on their awards.

Looking for inspiration? Check out of these resources:

- [Volunteer Canada](#) - National Volunteer Week

- List of [60 Volunteer Appreciation Ideas](#) by Keela
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Resources & Tools

Our [Community Group Self Assessment](#) is available for organizations to use as a review of your community group or association. Consider how your group/association/board/committee would answer each question. Share your thoughts with other members of your group, and/or discuss at a board meeting. Reach out for help with any of these categories, or for a general review.

View [workshop recordings](#) on very relevant topics (board governance, volunteer retention and equity & diversity). Kings Volunteer Resource Centre in the Valley has a great library of webinar recordings for those volunteers looking for a little support.

Current Grant Opportunities

[East Hants District Recreation Funds](#)

Funding to help maintain, enhance or create community recreation facilities.

Deadline: April 30

[East Hants Community Grant Program](#)

Ongoing funding for recreation, sport and park/trail associations in the following categories:

- New Recreation Initiatives Grant
- Recreation Operating Grant (including maintenance)
- Recreation Programming Grant
- Event Hosting Grant

[Provincial Community Recreation Capital Grant](#)

Funding to help develop small scale indoor and outdoor capital recreation projects, less than \$25,000. 2024/25 funding has just opened and is ongoing.

Heritage Property Grant Opportunities

Did you know there are over 100 registered municipal heritage properties throughout the municipality? The Heritage Property Program is dedicated to conserving our significant heritage resources including buildings, streetscapes, sites, areas and districts that reflect our rich and diverse history.

[Municipal Incentive Grant](#)

Owners of municipally registered heritage properties and owners of properties within the Maitland Heritage Conservation District can apply for funding through the Heritage Incentives Program. This program provides matching grants (50%) of up to \$5,000 to complete exterior conservation work.

[Provincial Heritage Property Grant](#)

The provincial government offers Conservation Work Grants – federally registered charities or not-for-profit corporations who own municipal heritage properties may be eligible for a grant from the provincial government for conservation work to the heritage property. For full details and to find out if you are eligible for these financial incentives contact [Kevin Barrett](#).

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