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Spring E-Newsletter

Community Development Newsletter - April 2025

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Happy Spring... and Happy National Volunteer Week!

First off — thank you, volunteers!

We're so grateful for everything you do across so many areas of our community. East Hants is a better place because of the time, energy and skills you so generously share.

We've got some great updates and information below, including:

- Our volunteer listing page (is your organization on it?)
- Grant opportunities
- Upcoming events
- Ideas for celebrating National Volunteer Week

If you have any questions, or want to chat about upcoming programs, projects or ways we can support you, [please feel free to reach out](#).

National Volunteer Week is April 27 - May 3

Volunteer Week has arrived! Make a plan now to thank your fellow volunteers. Recognizing volunteers isn't just about saying thanks — it's about celebrating the heart and spirit they bring to every project, event and program.

We will be recognizing many East Hants volunteers at our annual Volunteer Awards this coming Friday, May 2 in Noel. Thank you those who submitted nominations. Make sure you're [following East Hants Recreation on Facebook](#) so you can see event photos and congratulate recipients on their awards.

Looking for simple ways to recognize your own volunteers? A handwritten thank-you note, a quick social media shoutout, a small token of appreciation or even just taking a moment to say "you're making a difference" can go a long way. Let's celebrate our volunteers and show them how much they mean to us!

Want some more volunteer appreciation inspiration? Check out:

- [Volunteer Canada](#) - National Volunteer Week
- List of [60 Volunteer Appreciation Ideas](#) by Keela

Volunteer Listing Page

National Volunteer Week its a great time to recruit new members to your organization! Our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page is here to help. We promote this webpage regularly on our socials channels.

Get your organization listed today by [completing the online submission form](#).

We encourage you to recruit for entry level and short term volunteer roles - they're a great way to get people interested in your organization and familiarize them with your structure before asking them to take on larger roles.

Upcoming Events



Community Safety Day

A family friendly emergency preparedness and public safety showcase!

 **May 10**  **10am - 2pm**  **East Hants Sportsplex**



Community Safety Day

Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

East Hants Sportsplex Parking Lot

Event is rain or shine!

This is a free, family-friendly event featuring live demonstrations and displays from local emergency services and municipal organizations. Come see a drone flight, have touch-a-truck time, watch other equipment demos and much more!

Learn More

Senior Safety Fair

Free event for seniors & caretakers

📅 June 4

🕒 10am - 2pm

📍 Mt. Uniacke Legion



Senior Safety Fair

Wednesday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mount Uniacke Legion

Join the Municipality of East Hants and their community partners as they share valuable information and resources with the senior community. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

[Learn More](#)

Current Grant Opportunities

[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

[Sport Fund](#)

Support for community sport organizations from Sport Nova Scotia.

Contact [Chesley Bray](#) (Fundy Regional Sport Consultant).

Deadline: June 15

*Sport Fund applications are processed every two months.

[Provincial Community Recreation Capital Grant](#)

Funding to help with small scale indoor and outdoor capital recreation projects, less than \$30,000. 2025/26 funding has just opened and is ongoing.

[Provincial Planning Assistance Program](#)

Have big plans? Don't know where to start? Funding to assist community organizations in obtaining professional assistance in planning, designing and researching proposed and existing sport and recreation facilities. Program runs April to December, and is a great way to prepare for next year's capital projects.

We're here to help!

Don't see a grant program that fits your plans or dreams? We can help point you in the right direction. [Reach out](#) to discuss your ideas and we'll connect you

with funding programs that might fit. We'll also share timelines, tips and advice to help strengthen your applications and improve your chances of success.

Resources & Tools

Community Group Self Assessment Tool

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. Contact us for help with any of these categories, or for a general review.

Volunteer NS Webinar Library

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



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