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Community Development Newsletter - September 2025

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Fall has arrived and no doubt you are busy with everything work, family and volunteering throws at you. It's never too early to start planning for the new year - grant season will be here before you know it. Read on for some upcoming events and opportunities!

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## Community Connect Series

East Hants is committed to supporting the incredible volunteers who make our municipality such a wonderful place to live, work and play. To help do this, we're launching a new Community Connect event series.

These events will bring together similar organizations for information and resource sharing, discussions, questions, guest speakers, networking and more. Our first two *Connect* events will focus on community halls/recreation facilities and community sport organizations. Watch for more events in this series in the new year.



### **Community Halls Connect**

October 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rawdon District Fire Hall

A night all about community halls  
and recreation facilities!



### **Community Sports Connect**

November 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

East Hants Sportsplex

Come chat with fellow community  
sports organizers!

RSVP required, but the event is free.

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## Grant Opportunities

### Not-for-Profit Insurance

This municipal grant helps eligible organizations in East Hants pay for insurance and encourages them to have the appropriate insurance coverage. [Applications](#) will be considered on an “as received” basis.

### Community Network Grant

As part of the provincial Equity and Anti-Racism Strategy, the [Community Network Grant](#) provides funding to community-based organizations working on projects aligned with the goals of addressing systemic hate, inequity and racism in Nova Scotia. The NS Office of Equity and Anti-Racism (OEA) believes that by empowering community-based organizations, positive and lasting change can be created in our communities.

- Projects can receive up to \$40,000.
- All applications must be submitted by October 31, 2025.
- You can find the grant guidelines and application information through [OEA's Community Network webpage](#).

### 2026 Funding

Watch for more opportunities and deadlines in the next issue. Many applications are due over the winter - now is the time to start thinking about projects and new programs for 2026. The NS Department of Communities,

Cultures, Tourism & Heritage (CCTH) have an easy-to-use [Grant Finder Tool](#) to help groups find the right funding program(s) for their projects.



### **Sport Fund**

Sport Fund is a valuable funding stream for community sport organizations. Upcoming application deadlines are October 15 and December 15. Contact [Chelsey Bray](#) to get started. More information is on the [Sport NS website](#).

**Need assistance with an application? [Contact us!](#) We can help with grant writing and finding grants specific to your project.**



### **Join the Climate Conversation**

East Hants is updating its Climate Change Action Plan to help guide how we respond to climate challenges and build a safer, more resilient community.

We want to hear from you! Community groups often see firsthand the impact climate change is having on community fields, trails and facilities. Share how climate change is impacting your organization and what actions you'd like to see taken in East Hants.

**Take the survey**

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# Truth & Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

The **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Commemoration of the painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

**Orange Shirt Day** is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

To help recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, below is a list of resources, learning opportunities, and other suggested activities.

- **Have conversations:** Talk with friends, family, and colleagues about the importance of reconciliation and what it means to you.
- Attend a [Sipekne’katik Culture and History Teaching on Sunday and Wednesday evenings](#), more information [HERE](#).
- APTN and the **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** invite Canadians to take part in the National Commemorative Gathering: [Remembering the Children – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). This 90-minute commemorative event highlights

survivors as well as Indigenous artists. The event will be broadcast live from Parliament Hill, starting at 3 p.m. (ET) on the APTN channel and on several major television and radio networks.

- Read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's **Calls to Action** [HERE](#), particularly the calls to action for Municipal government.
  - Learn more about Canadian History and the Residential School System, video by the **Orange Shirt Society** [HERE](#)
  - **Support Indigenous Communities:** Buy from Indigenous-owned businesses, support Indigenous artists, and attend cultural events.
  - Take the day to **reflect and spend time with your family**.
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Reach out! We are here to support your community group.

[Learn more about Community Development Services.](#)

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