

Community Development Newsletter - April 2026

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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. Read on for information about National Volunteer Week, volunteer listings and other opportunities as well as the ever popular grant resources.

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 19-25

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 contributions of these valuable community members.

We will be recognizing many East Hants volunteers at our annual Volunteer Awards this coming Friday, April 24 in Rawdon. Thank you to all 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.

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. Check out East Hants socials this week for our contest and tag someone you know who is making a difference! 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. Don't forget to like and share our posts about volunteer opportunities!

Volunteer Opportunities - East Hants Committees

Accessibility:

Are you a person with a disability, or do you represent individuals with disabilities? If so, you may be interested in volunteering with our Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Municipality of East Hants is currently seeking a member to fill a vacancy on the committee.

To learn more or apply, [click here](#) or call 902-883-6122.

Looking for ways to make a difference in your community? Nova Scotia has opportunities through boards, agencies and commissions on various issues and topics that matter to you. There is currently a vacancy on the **Police Advisory Committee** in East Hants!

Learn more about what is being offered and how to apply, here: novascotia.ca/abc

Upcoming Events

Community Visioning Meetings

These meetings, held throughout the municipality from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., give community members the opportunity to envision their shared future. They provide a space for residents to have a voice in shaping what their community looks like, as well as defining its goals and priorities.

Wednesday, May 6	Rawdon Fire Hall
Thursday, May 7	Uniacke Fire Hall
Monday, May 11	Milford Recreation
Tuesday, May 12	Maitland Fire Hall
Wednesday, May 13	Walton Fire Hall
Tuesday, May 26	Enfield Fire Hall

Click 'Learn More' for details and some related surveys!

Learn More

Senior Safety Fair

Wednesday, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm
Walton Shore Volunteer Fire Department

Join the Municipality of East Hants and their community partners as they share

Register now

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

[East Hants Not-for-profit Insurance Grant](#)

The purpose of the Not-for-Profit Insurance Grant program is to:

- Support not-for-profit organizations benefiting East Hants that require financial assistance to acquire insurance.
- Encourage organizations to carry the appropriate insurance coverage.

Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered on an “as received” basis.

[Sport Fund](#)

Support for community sport organizations from Sport Nova Scotia.

Contact [Lucas Duston](#) (Fundy Regional Sport Consultant).

Deadline: June 15

*Sport Fund applications are processed every two months.

We're here to help!

Don't see a grant program that fits your plans? 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.



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