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Community Development Newsletter - September 2026

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Fall has arrived and no doubt you are busy with everything work, family and volunteering throws at you. Still, 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!

Upcoming Events

East Hants is committed to supporting the incredible volunteers who make our municipality such a wonderful place to live, work and play. Read on for details, and register for those that are of interest!

Volunteer Food Safety Course

This free training course teaches the basics of food handling and may interest those who assist with barbecues, community dinners, etc. Many community facilities now require volunteer user groups to show proof of Food Safety certification. Certificates are typically valid for five years. This course is open to all East Hants volunteers, but we will limit registration to three per organization to make sure many groups benefit from the course.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Community Room, East Hants Aquatic Centre, Elmsdale

Register for Food Safety



Community Halls Connect features short presentations on project planning, efficiency, and sustainability for volunteers who support community halls, legions, church halls and other gathering spaces. There will also be an opportunity to connect and network with other community groups. This is a

great session for getting ahead on grant planning! No cost to participants & light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Rawdon District Fire Hall

Register for Community Halls Connect

FUNDING FORWARD (East Hants) BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

**Nov 9 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Riverview United Church**

Join us for short presentations and networking with potential funders and resource providers.

REGISTER HERE >



Join us for Funding Forward, a grant and networking event presented in partnership with the Community Health Board and the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage. This event is part of a series across the region designed to help community volunteers learn, connect, and explore funding opportunities. Participants will hear quick snippets about a variety of funding and grant opportunities and then have a chance to discuss specifics with funders and other volunteers.

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Riverview United Church, Elmsdale

Register for Funding Forward

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 Grant Program

This municipal grant can help with equipment, coaching, event hosting, and small maintenance and operational costs for sport, recreation and community organizations in East Hants. [Applications](#) will be considered on an “as received” basis.

2027 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 2027. 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. We can also help groups plan for Municipal funding programs like District Recreation Fund and Tourism Grant.



Sport Fund

Sport Fund is a valuable funding stream for community sport organizations. Upcoming application deadlines are October 15 and December 15. Contact [Lucas Duston](#) 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.

Reach out! We are here to support your community group.

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