

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COUNCIL



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Message from the Mayor, "Happy Spring West Hants!"



Tacha Reed (l) and Dawson Sheehy (c) met with Mayor Zebian (r) to discuss the March flooding and options to protect the Avondale Wharf, the Shipyard and the Avon River Heritage Museum. At the March Regional Municipal Council meeting, Council supported having Public Works repair/raise the berm, from the museum to the boat launch, as a short-term mitigation measure while seeking a long-term solution that would include the province.



When you see this window decal at a local business you can feel proud of supporting a business who in turn supports your community, your kids, and our local not-for-profit organizations. Be proud of these businesses and say thanks!

Information:
<https://westhants.ca/inspiring-business.html>

Change in Mailing Address or Phone Number? Please Let Us Know!



Drop by the Municipal Office or call us at 902-798-8391. It is also a great opportunity to make sure that the phone number on your property tax, water or dog license account is current, especially if you no longer have a land line.

Check Out Our Payment Options



We offer a variety of payment options including debit, cash, cheque or through your online banking.

Sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan and have the full amount of your property tax or water bill withdrawn prior to each due date.

More information can be found on the back side of your tax or water bill, or at www.westhants.ca/payment-options.html.

West Hants Phone Tree

Who doesn't love a shortcut?
Here is a quick reference if you need to call us!

West Hants Municipal Offices 902-798-8391

General Inquiries	Ext. 201	Public Works Inquiries	Ext. 125
Water Inquiries	Ext. 107	Waste Services Specialist	Ext. 128
Property Tax Inquiries	Ext. 106	Community Development	Ext. 124
Administration Inquiries	Ext. 134	Economic Development	Ext. 213
Planning Inquiries	Ext. 115	Community Centre	Ext. 215
By-law Enforcement	Ext. 112	West Hants Sports Complex	Ext. 217



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www.westhants.ca

It has been four years since the former Municipality of West Hants and Town of Windsor consolidated to form the West Hants Regional Municipality.

During this time, our communities have grown substantially. We continue to experience unprecedented development and new construction. Council has made large investments in our infrastructure, water, sewer, and wastewater systems, with continued investments in our community organizations, programs, and halls.

Staff began implementing Council's approved beautification plan which will have you noticing amazing planters, wayfinding signage, and place-making areas throughout the region.

Volunteers have come together to create a Welcome Network. And the Diverse and Inclusive Communities Committee began its work, which will continue to make West Hants a welcoming, diverse, inclusive, and INSPIRING community to live, work, play, and visit!

Council and staff have been working hard, alongside developers, looking at ways to connect our communities with active transportation and new road networks. We also

applied for funding for a feasibility study on what a potential public transit system may look like in West Hants. With the work the Provincial Joint Regional Transportation Committee (JRTC) is doing on creating a transit spine from HRM to surrounding communities, the timing is perfect for Council to potentially tie into this work.

While we have achieved so much over the last four years, there is still much to do including preparing for climate change, increased severe storm events and flooding. Council remains committed to tackling a variety of matters in a responsible manner, leveraging local tax dollars with Provincial and Federal Funding opportunities, to continue delivering the services all residents have come to expect.

I'll end off by encouraging everyone to take advantage of our spring recreation programs. If you encounter any barriers with program costs, please reach out to us and inquire about the INSPIRE FUND and other opportunities that may be available to you and your family. Council has worked hard to remove barriers so all our residents can be involved and get active.

As your mayor, it is an honour to serve you. Keep inspiring!
~MAYOR ABE~

Emergencies - Any time, Any where! Let's get Prepared!



PREVENT FIRE, PROTECT LIVES

If a wildfire ignites a home within a neighbourhood, the burning home presents a severe threat to neighbouring homes.

Encourage neighbours within a wildfire risk area to work together to reduce their shared ignition risk.

Fire season is March 15th to October 15th. Visit <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> and follow your Municipal By-laws

Brought to you by the West Hants Regional Fire Prevention Working Group



Learn to Be Prepared for the Next Emergency

May 26, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Southwest Hants Fire Hall,
1884 Highway 14, Vaughan, NS

September 22, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Summerville Fire Hall,
59 Summerville Wharf Road, Summerville, NS



Registration is NOT required, join us for a FREE BBQ after each session. We will have activities to engage all ages.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Do all cell phones receive Alerts?
- What should you do in case of a hurricane, ice storm, power outage, flood, and more?
- Unsure about prepping your Emergency Kit?
- Where do you get local info during an emergency?
- And so much more!

Join us at our upcoming events where you can learn from emergency personnel and experts, ask all your burning questions, and even tour a fire station. Oh, and did I mention we're having a BBQ? You'll get to enjoy some delicious hot dogs while you're at it!

The first 20 families in attendance at each session will receive a basic emergency kit (excludes some items).

Where are our Comfort Centres & Emergency Shelters?



West Hants has quite a few.

- Do you know where they are?
- Do you know the difference between the two?

Learn more at:

westhants.ca/comfort-centres-and-shelters.html

Or contact the EMC at sthornton@westhants.ca or 902-798-8391 Ext. 207 to request a hard-copy of the list and locations.

For all things Emergency Management



www.westhants.ca/emo

Contact our Emergency Management Manager, Shelleena Thornton
902-798-8391 Ext. 207
or by email: sthornton@westhants.ca

ALERTS



- Alert Ready is Canada's National emergency public alerting program
 - Nova Scotia EMO is the Authorized Government Agency for Public Alerting in NS
- The Alert Ready System only works on LTE or above networks.
 - It will not work for cell phones on 3G or Wifi calling
 - Every phone (make, model, set-up) may be different
 - Go to "Settings" and research your phone. Look for these key words: Wireless Emergency Alerts, Notifications, Emergencies, SOS, Wifi Calling, etc. (You will be surprised how much is listed there). Adjust your settings to YOUR preferences and not necessarily the defaults.

West Hants offers a FREE Equipment Loan Program, including Adaptive Equipment!

- Canoes • Kayaks • Paddle Boards • Hippocamps - including trail wheels • Bikes • Bike trailers
- Adult tricycles • Walking poles • Indoor walking at the West Hants Sports Complex

For details and to reserve an item, contact Sara LeBlanc
Email: sleblanc@westhants.ca M | 902-790-0501

It's Election Year!

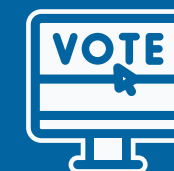
Both the Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) elections are held in 2024! And, we have exciting news!

West Hants council has supported & approved more options to help you cast your ballot this fall.

As an eligible elector, you will now have THREE (3) options to choose from. YES, THREE!

- Traditional paper ballot at your polling location (TBD), or,
- By internet from anywhere (more details to come), or,
- By telephone from anywhere (more details to come).

The 2024 Municipal Election will consist of electing one Mayor at-large and one Councillor per District. WHRM has eleven districts.



KEY DATES:

- Nomination Day – September 10, 2024
- Ordinary Polling Day – Saturday, October 19, 2024
 - Stay tuned for the advance polling dates

West Hants Municipal Election Returning Officer:
Debi Fitzgerald at elections@westhants.ca

The 'Elections' page on our website will continue to be updated, so be sure to check it out at <https://www.westhants.ca/elections/>

THE INSPIRE FUND

is a funding program that assists with the cost of recreation opportunities within West Hants Regional Municipality



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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.WESTHANTS.CA/INSPIREFUND



Let's cut the confusion around energy efficiency!

Switch West Hants is here to help you complete home energy upgrades such as a heat pump, solar panels, insulation and more.

The upgrade process can be complicated, that's why we will guide you every step of the way. From rebates and home energy assessments to contractor and project selection. Our energy experts are only a call away to answer any questions you have.

Contact us at (902) 334 - 4100 or email info@switchwesthants.ca to see how we can support you!

Hosting a Special Event

Did you know a Special Event Permit may be required if hosting a large event in West Hants, on private or public property. Likewise, an event, like a parade, procession or a walkathon, on a WHRM Street or Highway, (including Hantsport and Windsor), requires a Street Event application be submitted to the Municipal Traffic Authority.

For information contact:
Vanessa Roberts at 902-798-1708
email: vanessa@westhants.ca
Download Forms at:
www.westhants.ca/forms-and-applications.html



West Hants Welcome Network



Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist newcomers to West Hants.

To learn more about this program, contact Holly Ross, Committee Chair, at hollyross@hotmail.com or call 902-798-6102.