

POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

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HOW WHRM SHARES ITS INFORMATION

- Municipal website
- QR Codes
- Quarterly "Inspired" newsletter
- Bi-annual EMO Newsletter (starting Oct'24)
- Inserts with mail-outs
- Recreation program brochures
- Living Local Magazine
- Newspaper ads
- Notices/signage on property
- Electronic community signs
- Radio (as required)
- Social media (Facebook, X, YouTube)

HOW YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH WHRM

- TELEPHONE: 902-798-8391
- EMAIL CONTACTS: www.westhants.ca/contact
- MUNICIPAL OFFICE
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- MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 3000
Windsor, NS, B0N 2T0
- GENERAL FEEDBACK FORM:
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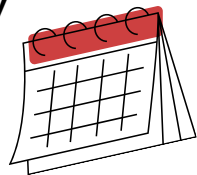
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Regular and Advance
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INTRODUCING E-VOTING

West Hants Regional Municipality is offering Electronic Voting, providing more opportunities for you to vote.

Residents who are eligible to vote can cast their Ballots **ELECTRONICALLY**, via the **INTERNET** or by **PHONE** (cell or landline).

On Election Day, October 19th and at the Advance Polls on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 and Tuesday October 15th, 2024, traditional paper ballot voting will be offered at each polling station as well as an opportunity to use internet or telephone voting.

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Districts whose Councillors are automatically elected (acclaimed) will still be holding an election for the office of Mayor.

Descriptions of Polling Districts are available at the West Hants Regional Municipal Office or on our website at <https://www.westhants.ca/>

Voter Information Cards will be sent to all electors.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

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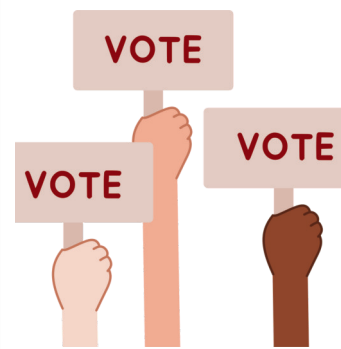
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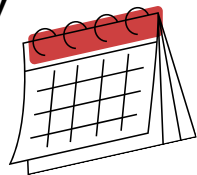
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