

# GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COUNCIL

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

As the snow continues to melt and trees and flowers begin to bloom, we should always be reminded that we are fortunate to live in such an INSPIRING and rapidly growing community.

Here in West Hants, we are privileged to have a well-equipped, prepared, professional, and dedicated team of emergency service providers.

Your WHRM Emergency Management Organization (EMO) is an efficient, solution-focused network of individuals who get called into action when an emergency event takes place. Just recently, when we had the extreme cold weather system hit the province, our EMO personnel activated an emergency shelter to assist those in our community who are under-housed.

Another important group of emergency service providers are the volunteers who staff our West Hants Regional Fire Service and West Hants Ground Search and Rescue Organization.

Did you know our regional fire service includes four fire departments and six fire stations:

- Brooklyn Fire Department (with stations in Brooklyn and Garlands Crossing),
- Hantsport Fire Department
- Summerville Fire Department, and
- Windsor Fire Department (with stations in Windsor and Southwest Hants/Vaughan).

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### Sign Up for E-mail Updates

Don't miss out! Sign up to receive e-mail updates on a variety of different matters.

Choose as few or as many as you would like.

For more information and to sign up visit [www.westhants.ca/sign-up.html](http://www.westhants.ca/sign-up.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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- West Hants Regional Municipality
- West Hants Parks and Rec
- West Hants EMO
- Inspire West Hants

**Website** - [www.westhants.ca](http://www.westhants.ca)  
**Twitter** @RegMunWWH  
**Instagram** @whrm\_ns  
**YouTube** - West Hants Regional Municipality



Recently, Mayor Zebian met up with our West Hants Emergency Management team at the West Hants Sports Complex. Attending, from the left: Fire Chief Ryan Richard, Mayor Zebian, Deputy Chief Paul Maynard, Shelleena Thornton, Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire Chief Jamie Juteau, Fire Chief Chris Spencer, RCMP Staff Sgt David Ferguson and Liam Fraser, President West Hants Ground Search and Rescue.

Drop by the West Hants Sports Complex to check out the new lobby mural donated by Repracor Design and Print Solutions.

# Happy Birthday

On April 1, 2023, West Hants Regional Municipality turns three years old. Council and staff are working diligently to ensure that residents and visitors are truly inspired by all that West Hants Regional Municipality has to offer.

## Something Inspiring Awaits

### FREE Equipment Loan Program Explore West Hants this weekend

Loans include: Canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, adult tricycles & Hippocampe chairs - with water wheel and trail wheel options. Reserve today! Call 902-798-8391 Ext 214



Budget discussions are booked for April 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Council Chambers. They will start at 6 PM and Facebook livestreamed as well.

Budget highlights will be featured the next issue of the Mayor's Newsletter.

### Residential Property Tax Assistance Program 2023-24

2023-2024 forms will be available beginning April 11, 2023 for Residential Property Tax Assistance. Application deadline is June 30, 2023. More information can be found at westhants.ca or give us a call at 902-798-8391, Ext. 306.

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Our approximately 203 regional fire volunteers are a committed, service-oriented crew, comprised primarily of West Hants residents. They respond to structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, provide medical assistance, and so much more. These dedicated members run toward the dangerous situations that the rest of us would rather avoid.

West Hants Ground Search and Rescue (WHGSAR) is another vital sector of our volunteer emergency services team. Comprised of 42 dedicated members, they are actively training and volunteering in our community year-round. GSAR members provide a specific expertise and collaborate frequently with other emergency groups. These folks are skilled, energetic, and always eager to work with others and assist in their community. They have been active locally and province-wide, operating out of their headquarters in Mount Denson.

Beyond our local RCMP and volunteer emergency service providers, West Hants is a resilient community. We live in a region where friends and neighbours help each other. I am proud to be the Mayor of such a caring and INSPIRING community and I know I can always count on residents to go the extra mile for those in need.

If you are interested in joining any of our volunteer emergency service organizations, please find the information to contact them at [www.westhants.ca/emergency-management-protective-services.html](http://www.westhants.ca/emergency-management-protective-services.html).

~ Mayor Abraham Zebian

## Hosting a Special Event in WHRM

Did you know a Special Event or Street Event Permit may be required if hosting an event, parade or walkathon in West Hants?

A Special Event means any event where a large number of people are brought together to watch or participate in a sport or entertainment event.

Likewise, if you are planning an event on a WHRM Street or Highway, (including Hantsport and Windsor), you need to submit a Street Event application to the Municipal Traffic Authority.

For information contact: VanEssa Roberts at 902-798-1708 or email: [vanessa@westhants.ca](mailto:vanessa@westhants.ca)  
Forms: [www.westhants.ca/forms-and-applications.html](http://www.westhants.ca/forms-and-applications.html)

Opening May 19, 2023

**VISITOR WELCOME CENTRE**  
Hants County War Memorial Community Centre  
312 Gerrish Street, Windsor

[welcome@westhants.ca](mailto:welcome@westhants.ca)  
902-798-2690

Open daily  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Drop off your business brochure  
or event flyer beginning May 15

## Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee

West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) and the Town of Kentville are jointly creating residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs to provide loans for sustainable home upgrades.

WHRM applied for funding to construct a solar energy project, which will have a significant impact on emissions while reducing long-term energy costs.



MCCAP meetings are livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/RMWindsorWestHants/](http://www.facebook.com/RMWindsorWestHants/)

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at [www.westhants.ca/municipal-climate-change-action-plan-committee](http://www.westhants.ca/municipal-climate-change-action-plan-committee)

The Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee was created to implement the Local Climate Change Action Plan and is the primary forum in WHRM for regional action to counter climate change. The Committee is considering changing its name to be more recognizable and reflective of its role, and we want your input! Do you have a suggestion on what the Committee should be called? Please email it to [jogilvie@westhants.ca](mailto:jogilvie@westhants.ca) by June 1, 2023.



Earth Day is April 22! Take time to appreciate the natural environment and the things you can do to improve it. Some examples:

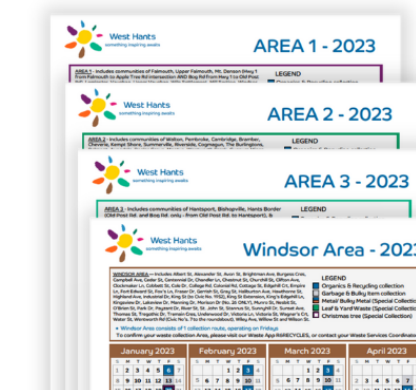
- Organize a litter clean-up in your community; details at [www.westhants.ca/plan-a-community-litter-clean-up.html](http://www.westhants.ca/plan-a-community-litter-clean-up.html)
- Turn off your lights, turn down the thermostat to save on heating, and take a shorter shower to conserve water. Rebates, grants, and technical assistance are available at: Efficiency Nova Scotia [www.efficiencyns.ca/](http://www.efficiencyns.ca/)
- Reduce, reuse, recycle every day

WHRM strives to promote both an economically and environmentally viable community, now and for future generations.

## Solid Waste

You can find so much solid waste information on our website at [www.westhants.ca/waste-and-recycling.html](http://www.westhants.ca/waste-and-recycling.html)

We also have a solid waste app! Download it today!  
[www.westhants.ca/waste-app.html](http://www.westhants.ca/waste-app.html)



have you received  
your 2023  
waste mailout?

Visit 76 Morison Drive  
to pick up a copy!

WHRM does not allow the disposal of any bio-plastic material in the green cart, as it presents several issues for collection staff and the receiving organics facility. **This INCLUDES compost bags or bin liners labelled as "biodegradable" or "compostable".**

Paper bags and liners are accepted. Other examples of accepted materials include soiled paper, scrap paper, dry leaves, and straw, which can be layered inside your bin as you go. As an added perk: these materials help to absorb excess moisture and reduce odour! Thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.

For questions, please reach out to your municipal Waste Services Coordinator at [waste@westhants.ca](mailto:waste@westhants.ca)

friendly reminder:  
**NO BIO-PLASTIC in the green bin**

