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Please post on Council Chambers for information.

Thanks, Jo

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Community Development Newsletter - September 2024

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Volunteer Fair



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October 5 | 10am-12pm
Lloyd E. Matheson Centre

Every organization could use some extra help! That's why East Hants is planning a Volunteer Fair for the community. Register your group today so you can connect with new volunteers!

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Lloyd E Matheson Centre Lobby, Elmsdale

We are asking each participating organization to commit to the full fair, as well as be on site a little early to set up. Staff will be on hand to assist.

To register for the Volunteer Fair, please fill in the [online registration form](#). We will follow up the week before to confirm additional details. You can also [reach out](#) to me with any questions.

Can't make it to the in-person fair? Create an online listing for our [Volunteer Opportunities page](#). We recommend promoting entry-level roles in your listings so potential volunteers can try out your organization and get a feel for the work being done. We have also seen an increase in youth/students looking for volunteer opportunities, so please consider how your organization might be able to welcome some younger community members. It will help grow your organization while helping youth gain valuable experience!

Attention Sport Organizations:

Do you volunteer with a local sporting association? Did you know there is funding available through [Sport Fund](#)? And that there is sport specific community support to help you with funding applications and much more?

[Chelsey Bray](#), the Sport NS Regional Consultant for our area, is hosting office hours around the Fundy region. The goal of the office hours is to give local sport providers an opportunity to meet with your Regional Sport Consultant, in person without having to book a prior meeting time.

Drop into the **Elmsdale Library** community meeting room on Thursday, **September 19 from 12:30PM to 5:00PM**.

Chelsey will have guidelines for funding programs, services that she is able to provide / assist with and can even do initial intake meetings for October Sport Fund Applications! If there are other topics, you would like to discuss please stop by anytime during the office hours.



Sport Fund is a valuable funding stream for community sport organizations. Upcoming application deadlines are October 15 and December 15. Contact [Chelsey Bray](#) to get started. More information is on the [Sport NS website](#).

Grant Opportunities

Community Grant Program

The Municipality of East Hants recognizes the importance and value of not-for-profit community-based organizations. Community Grants are available for sport and recreation groups in four categories: New Recreation Initiatives, Recreation Operating, Recreation Programming and Event Hosting.

There is still funding available, and many organizations can qualify for up to \$1500 - if you aren't sure, feel free to reach out and we can discuss options and opportunities. Click for [policy](#) and [application](#).

Not-for-Profit Insurance

This 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.

2025 Funding

Watch for more opportunities and deadlines in the next issue. Many applications are due over the winter so now is the time to start thinking about projects and new programs for 2025. The NS Department of Communities, Cultures, Tourism & Heritage (CCTH) have launched a [Grant Finder Tool](#) to help groups find the right funding program(s) for their projects.

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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