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From: Jo Swinemer
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Please post recent Community Development e-newsletter for Council information.

Thanks, Jo

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Community Development Newsletter - December
2024

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EAST HANTS

**This time of year is quite busy,
so we won't keep you long.
Here are some time-sensitive items,
we want to pass on!**

When grants seem daunting, don't hesitate,

Reach out for help — it's never too late!

Wishing all of our community partners a wonderful holiday season! We'll be in touch early in the New Year with more grant information.

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES



[Canada Summer Jobs](#)

Federal funding to create a quality summer work experience for people aged 15 - 30.

Deadline: December 19

***Note this deadline is normally mid-January - Don't miss the chance at funding!**



[East Hants District Recreation Funds](#)

Recreation capital projects for new opportunities or enhancements to existing ones. Please note [this policy was recently revised](#). Application form is not available online. Reach out to [Jo Swinemer](#) with project summary and an application will be emailed.

Deadline: January 31 and April 30



[Student Summer Skills](#)

Nova Scotia provincial funding to employ a post-secondary student over the summer months.

Deadline: January 31



[Recreation Facility Development](#)

Provincial funding to assist with the development of facilities for increased public use and participation in sport and recreation projects.

Deadline: February 14

*See more information below about info sessions on this grant and other provincial funding opportunities.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING INFORMATION

Fundy Region announced this week that applications for the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage's (CCTH) Community Infrastructure, Active Transportation, and Access-Ability grants for the fiscal year 2025-26 **are now open!**

Available Grant Programs:

1. [Business ACCESS-Ability Program](#) Offers cost-shared grants to businesses for accessibility related improvements.
2. [Community ACCESS-Ability Program](#) Supports renovations and improvements to make community buildings more accessible.

3. [Community Facility Improvement Program](#) Aids in repairs and upgrades to community facilities open for public use, such as community halls.
4. [Connect2 Program](#) For active transportation projects that improve connectivity within and between communities.
5. [Legion Capital Assistance Program](#) Assists Royal Canadian Legions with capital upgrades.
6. [Recreation Facility Development / Rink Revitalization Fund](#) Supports repairs and upgrades to community recreation facilities and rinks.

Eligible Applicants:

- Registered non-profit societies
- Mi'kmaw Band Councils
- Municipalities and villages
- Schools and post-secondary institutions with facilities available for community recreational use

Important Dates:

- **Application Opening:** December 2nd, 2024
- **Application Deadline:** February 14th, 2025

Online Information Session:

CCTH is hosting online information sessions where you can learn more about programs and ask questions. **If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email communitiesNS@novascotia.ca to get the Zoom link.**

Please indicate which session you would like to attend and how many from your group will be attending. The session dates are:

- Thursday, December 12th, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 16th, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 10th, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In addition to the online public information sessions, it is recommended all potential applicants discuss their projects with a CCTH regional manager or program officer before submitting an application. This will ensure that you are well-informed and best positioned to succeed in securing the support you need.

Contacts for Program Inquiries:

- **Community ACCESS-Ability:** AccessAbilitygrants@novascotia.ca
- **Community Facility Improvement & Legion Capital Assistance:** Communitiesns@novascotia.ca
- **Connect2:** Connect2@novascotia.ca
- **Recreation Facility Development and Rink Revitalization (Contact your local Regional Manager):**
 - Fundy (Cumberland, Colchester, East Hants): Courtney Nicholson-Patriquin (fundyregion@novascotia.ca)

Watch for more news in the new year, including Volunteer Award nominations and more grant information!





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