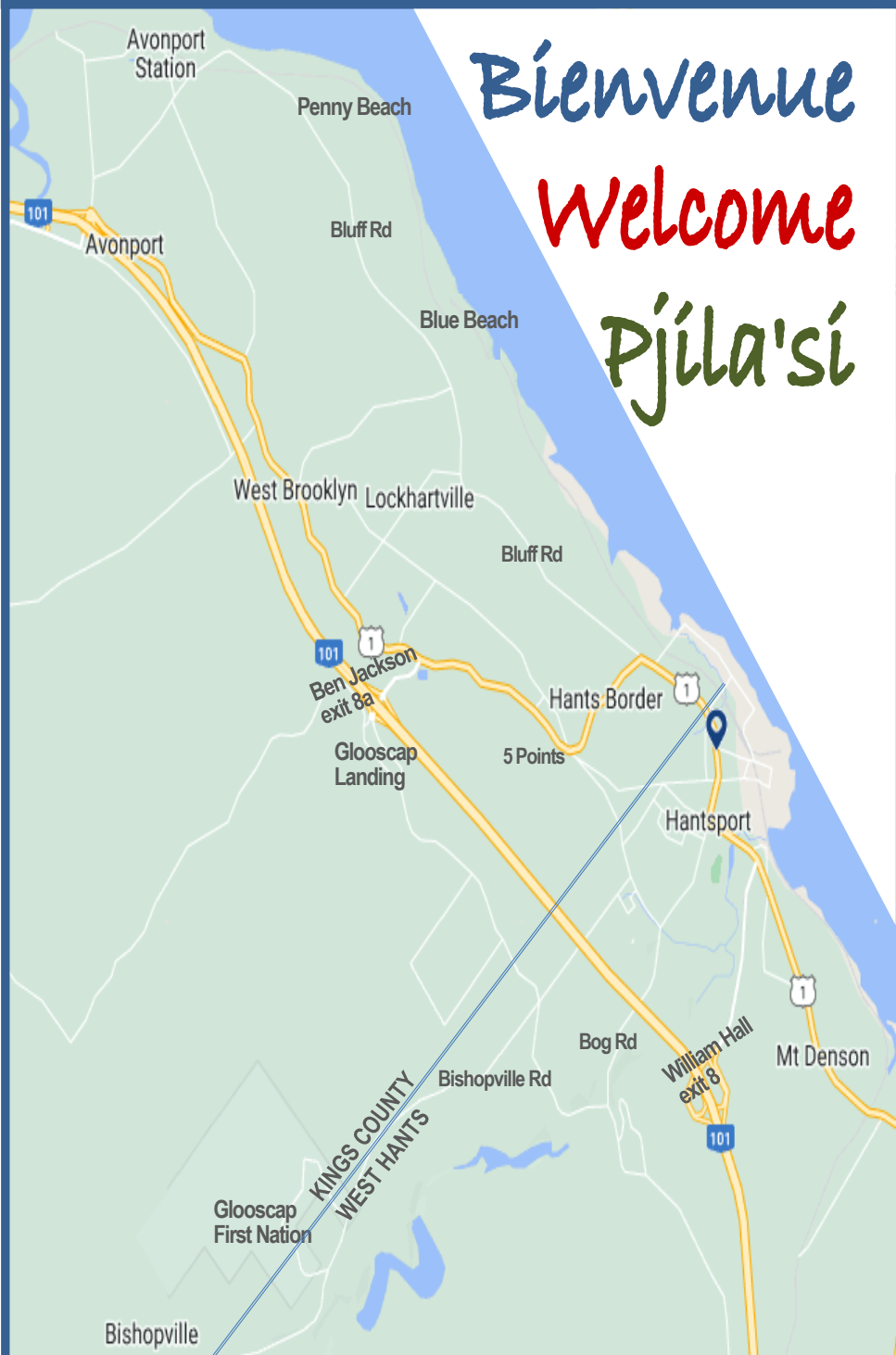


Hantsport & Area Welcome Guide 2023

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Over the past few years our community has experienced much growth in terms of the number of new individuals and families who have chosen to make this part of the Annapolis Valley their home. We are excited to have you experience all that this area has to offer. So, whether you have come from another country, another province, or another community in Nova Scotia, we welcome you and look forward to saying “hello” to you in person one day.

For those of you who are ‘come from away’ we thought it might be helpful to provide you with some insight into your new community and with information that may help answer some of your “who, what, where, when, and how” questions. Should you have more questions, or need more information, please don’t hesitate to “ask a local” or to contact us with your query.

This booklet was prepared by community volunteers. The information in it is as accurate and up-to-date as we know. Our apologies for any errors and omissions. The publication of this brochure was made possible by the overwhelming and generous support of our local businesses and municipal governments. We thank them for their support and encourage you to support them with your patronage.

We are very fortunate to live in a community in which almost all of our basic needs, and many of our pleasures, can be met. In Hantsport alone you can pick up your groceries, your mail, do your banking, meet friends for a coffee, fill your prescription, get books at the library, paint for your kitchen makeover, treats for your dog, a local craft for your sister-in-law’s birthday, have your oil changed, your blood pressure checked, grab a slice of pizza, learn a bit about your genealogy, opt for a bottle of red from a local winery, get a massage, your nails done, and pick up your kids from school ... oh, and that was just (almost) going around the block. The broader community offers even more local talent, trades, shops, services, and activities. And to those of you who’ve moved here and are starting new businesses and sharing your creative talents ... thank you!

So welcome once more and please ... make yourself at home.

Brian & Shirley Bishop
Hantsport Newcomers’ Welcome Project
hantsportguide@gmail.com

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Emergency Information

For the police, fire department, or an ambulance ... in an emergency call 911

Police services are provided by the RCMP. For non-emergency police matters and general services they can be contacted from 8am-4pm Monday thru Friday.
10 Morison Dr., Windsor NS 8833 Commercial St., New Minas NS
902-798-8193 (English only) 902-679-5555 (bilingual)

Fire services are provided by the Hantsport Fire Department (5 Oak St.) with mutual aid provided by neighbouring communities' fire departments. For non-emergency matters please phone 902-684-9187 or email kritchie@westhants.ca

Ambulance services are provided by Emergency Health Services and they can be contacted at 1-888-346-9999 to arrange non-emergency patient transfers or for general questions/comments call 1-844-424-5438 (toll-free).



"On behalf of the West Hants Regional Municipality, welcome to your new home and community. As you settle in, I'd like to share a little about your new community and region.

Around every corner you will find friendly and welcoming residents ready to help and show you around. West Hants' identity and culture have been formed by our people - they are the backbone of our safe, prosperous, accepting and progressive region.

Our farmers' markets feature fresh, local produce and offer a variety of seasonal food choices. Local artisan crafts and live music are showcased weekly. Our orchards, vineyards, and first-class wineries will satisfy your tastebuds. Couple a winery tour with one of our popular music festivals to create the first of many new West Hants memories.

If you have an appetite for history, our communities offer museums such as Hantsport's McDade Heritage Centre, Fort Edward National Historic Site, Haliburton House Museum, the Windsor Hockey Heritage Museum and Long Pond - the site of the first recorded hockey game. Don't forget to visit Dill Farm, home of the world's largest pumpkin variety.

West Hants is home to King's-Edgehill, Canada's oldest independent school. Every September, North America's oldest Agricultural Fair takes place at the Hants County Exhibition Grounds. Attend a live performance at Mermaid Theatre, world-famous for its puppetry productions.

Recreational offerings in our region are many and varied. Enjoy Ski Martock, OnTree Adventure Park, the West Hants Sports Complex, Kemp Quarry, Avon Valley Golf & Country Club and the Hantsport Memorial Community Centre. West Hants is home to an ever-growing number of family-friendly recreational trails for walking, running, snowshoeing and biking. Plan that perfect picnic at Fundy Centennial Park before fossil hunting on Blue Beach.

WELCOME to our community! I know you will find SOMETHING INSPIRING in all we have to offer. Enjoy, experience, and always know you'll have a friend here in the West Hants Regional Municipality."

~Mayor Abraham Zebian



www.westhants.ca
Municipal office: 902-798-8391

A (very) Brief History of Hantsport

Hantsport and its surrounding communities are rooted on the unceded lands of Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq. Ten thousand years ago the Mi'kmaq called this area “Cacquit” which means “swift running waters”. The French Acadians (1600s) and the British Loyalists (1700s) called it Halfway River, given its location half way between Windsor and Grand Pre. Eventually, those that settled on the Hants County side were part of the Falmouth Township and those across the border in Kings County formed part of the Horton Township.

In the mid-1800s shipbuilding was a major industry along the tidal shores of the Avon River. Shipyards in this area built some of Canada's largest wooden ships and bolstered Nova Scotia's reputation as being the fifth largest shipbuilder in the world. In the mid-1840s the name of Hantsport was given to this community.

With the arrival of the Windsor & Annapolis Railway in 1869 many small factories and fruit warehouses sprang to life near the railway station. Hantsport, incorporated as a town in 1895, was once considered one of the smallest towns in Canada. The shipbuilding industry waned, but Hantsport continued to make the most of its tidal port and in the mid-late 1900s and until 2011 was a major exporter of locally mined gypsum. As well, the pulp mill and paper factory of the Minas Basin Pulp & Power Company, established by the Jodrey family in the 1920s, enabled the area to flourish as a manufacturing hub.

The building of Highway 101 in the 1960s meant Hantsport was no longer on the main thoroughfare and this, along with the economic downturn in the early 2000s has taken its toll on the community. Today, CKF Inc. (moulded wood fibre products) remains as the lone manufacturer in this once proud “Town of Industries”. Forced to relinquish its incorporation status in 2015, Hantsport, with a population of nearly 1200, is now part of the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) and is redefining and rediscovering its strengths as a small, self-sufficient, community and ready to write the next chapter in its history.

Numerous books and articles chronicling the community's history are available at the Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library and the McDade Heritage Centre, as well as information on nearby historical sites and sources. For more about our history visit Grand Pre National Park, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia (Cherrybrook), the Black Loyalist Heritage Society (Shelburne), the Milbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre, and contact Glooscap First Nation to arrange to visit.

Municipal Offices & Elected Representatives

Kody Blois MP Kings-Hants

101-24 Harbourside Dr.

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Councillor Gail Tupper gtupper@glooscapfirstnation.com

The Broader Community

Surrounding Hantsport are the communities of Mt Denson, Bishopville, Hants Border, Glooscap First Nation (GFN), Lockhartville and Avonport. Hantsport and Mt Denson, as part of the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM), are in Hants County while Hants Border, Lockhartville, Avonport and GFN are part of Kings County and Bishopville straddles the county line. Our communities come together for social, recreational, religious and cultural activities and cooperative arrangements at various levels of government provide joint services for education, recreation, fire protection and, in a few situations, sewer and water.

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DISTRICT 3

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All public schools in the broader community are under the jurisdiction of the Annapolis Valley Regional Center for Education.

Live in ...	Hantsport?	Mt. Denson?	Lockhartville? GFN? Avonport? Hants Border? Bishopville?
Grades PP-6	Hantsport School	Falmouth Elementary	L.E. Shaw Elementary
Grades 6-8	Hantsport School	West Hants Middle	Hantsport School
Grades 9-12	Horton High	Avon View High	Horton High

Parents may request permission for their children to attend a school outside of their designated jurisdiction. Consideration for student transfers will be based, in part, on the receiving school's enrolment and the ability to provide transportation. Parents should make such requests through their home school principal. The AVRCE's policy and transfer form can be found on their website. Note that school cancellations for Hantsport School fall under Kings County school cancellations due to the fact that Hantsport is in the Horton High feeder school family. Cancellations are announced on the AVRCE website.

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225 Payzant Dr., Windsor

902-792-6740

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30 School St., Falmouth

902-792-6710

Hantsport School

11 School St., Hantsport

902-684-4000

Horton High School

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As well as taking care of most all of your postal/packaging needs the Hantsport Post Office is a 'go to' for paying your CRA remittances, picking up gift cards and phone minutes, buying commemorative coins/stamps, getting money orders, sending a MoneyGram, and customer proofing for bank accounts. The Post Office is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday and from 8:30am to 6pm on Thursday. Lock box users can purchase a key (\$20 which is refundable on return of the key & receipt) for 24-hour access to their lock box.

The Mt. Denson/Falmouth postal code is B0P 1L0 while Avonport is B0P 1B0. The other communities fall under the B0P 1P0 postal code. Please note that Mt. Denson residents pick up over-sized parcels at the Falmouth Post Office which is located within Avon Valley Variety at 129 Falmouth Back Rd., Falmouth. For more information about Falmouth pickups phone 902-798-5380.



Local Parcel & Courier Services

Canada Post parcel services. For more information call the Hantsport Post Office at 902-684-9127.

FedEx pickup & drop off services available at Payzant Home Hardware, 39 Main St., Hantsport. Call 1-800-463-3339 or find info online at fedex.com

Maritime Bus Service pickup & drop off at Glooscap Landing, 10 Sweetgrass Rd. (Hwy 101 Exit 8A) with 3-hours' advance notice required to arrange. Call 1-800-575-1807 or find info online at maritimebus.com

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Hospitals provide emergency services regardless of the community in which you reside. Ambulance calls are dispatched to the hospital deemed best suited to the need of the patient. Other services such as mental health counselling, physiotherapy, wellness clinics, etc. are usually administered to clients from within the health region they reside. WHRM residents are served by the Nova Scotia Health Authorities' Central zone while Kings County residents are served by the Western zone. There is some flexibility with respect to where a person might access a service. Discuss options with your doctor or hospital client service personnel.

Hantsport Collaborative Practice

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This is a family practice consisting of a Primary Care Physician, a Family Practice Nurse, and a Nurse Practitioner. New patients are taken from a waiting list so newcomers should register on-line at needafamilypractice.ca or by calling 811.

Dental Services

There are no dentists within our community. To find information on nearby dentists in Falmouth, Windsor, and Wolfville contact the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia at 1-866-326-1046 or check online at pdbns.ca

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Waste collection in Hantsport and Mt. Denson is provided by the WHRM. Most residents are in 'Area 3' so collection day is Friday; however, those who live along Hwy 1 from Falmouth to Apple Tree Rd., or on Bog Rd. from Hwy 1 to Old Post Rd. are in 'Area 1' so collection day is Thursday. Collection alternates between garbage pick-up one week and recyclables/compost (green bins) the next. To ensure collection have your waste curbside by 7am on collection day. For curbside collection issues call GFL dispatch 902-798-0910.

WHRM does not have a 'spring clean-up'. You can, however, substitute a non-metal bulky item for one of your bags of garbage (you are allowed a maximum of six bags) on garbage pick-up day. And there a special collection of 'Metal Waste' once a year (typically in June) with no limit to the number of metal pieces placed curbside (some restrictions do apply). For Hantsport residents, a Christmas tree pick-up is usually scheduled with other disposal sites and options provided for those outside of Hantsport.

Need a collection calendar? Sorting guide? Green bin? Have questions about WHRM waste management? Visit westhants.ca/waste-and-recycling or contact the Waste Services Coordinator at waste@westhants.ca, or phone 902-798-8391 ext. 128. The downloadable app R6Recycles is also a handy reference.

June 2022						
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VWRM has Spring and Fall Clean-ups. The clean-up is scheduled for a week that is not a 'regular garbage' pickup week and is one day only. Items set out for Clean-up must be out before 7am on the Monday of Clean-up week and will be picked up sometime thru that week.

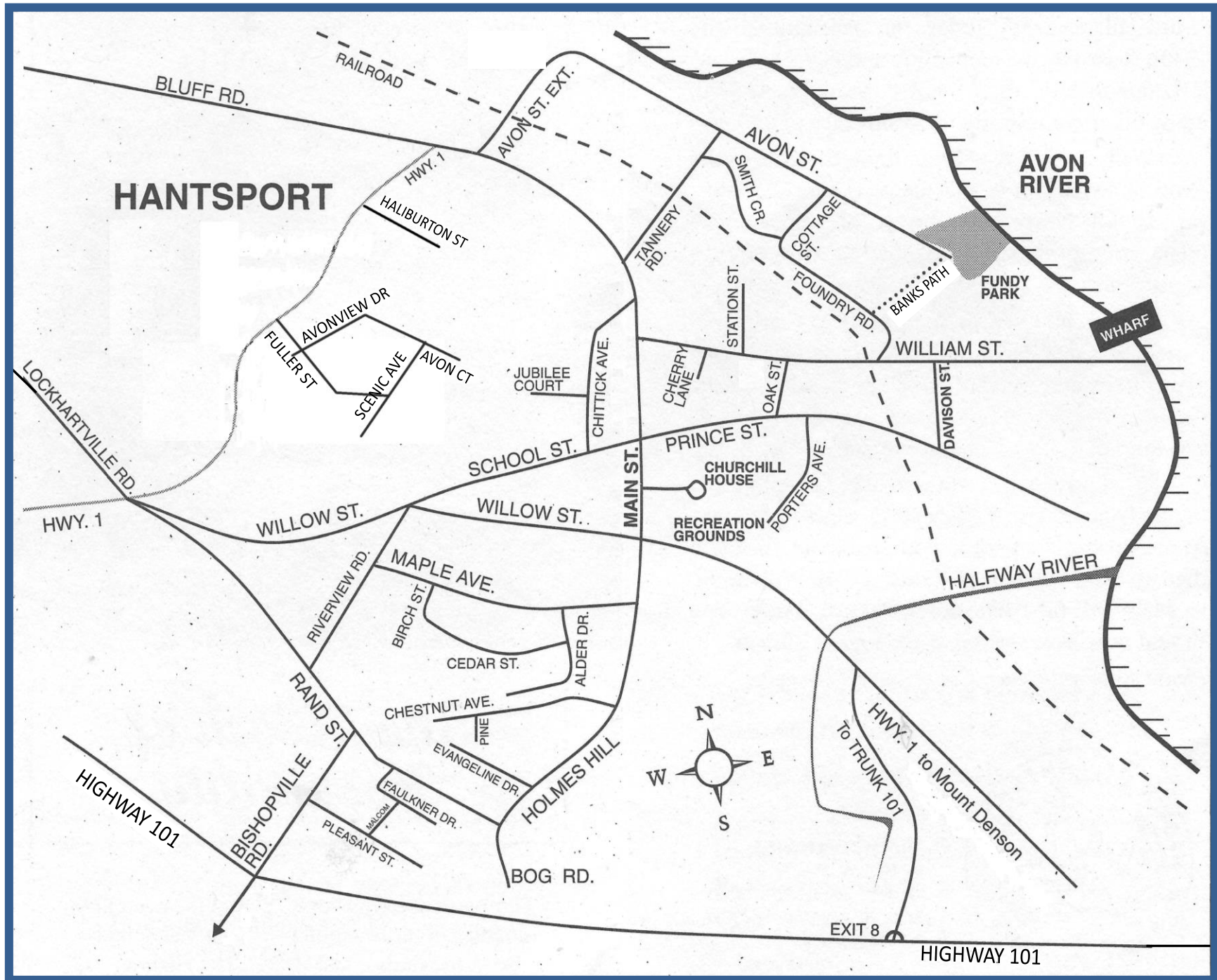
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1 	7 	8
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3 	5 	8

For Spring/Fall Clean-up dates and rules, sorting guidelines, green bin requests, or more information visit valleywaste.rpdev3.com or contact VWRM at info@vwrn.com or phone 902-679-1325 (toll-free 1-877-927-8300). The VWRM's Waste Management calendars (call to request one or check at the library) are full of useful information and the downloadable app 'recycle coach' is a handy tool for collection reminders and updates.

Dogs. Cats. Critters.

Yes, there are lots of dogs in Hantsport ... and lots of dogs in neighbouring communities come to Hantsport for romps in the HMCC Dog Park. We do seem to like our dogs! That said, please be aware that all dogs are to be registered so please contact your regional municipal office (WHRM /Kings County) to do so. And, tho' it ought to go without saying, it is expected that all owners will take responsibility for their dogs, er, 'stuff' ... as an FYI, look for the "poop happens" bag dispenser/disposal units located around Hantsport (Chittick Park, Foundry Field, McDade Green) if caught 'empty handed' while walking your pooch.

Cats? Cats, being cats, get to do as they please and do not have to be licensed. However, if you see a feral cat in the neighbourhood please contact the SPCA for a 'Trap, Neuter, Return' by calling 902-835-4798 or toll-free 1-844-835-4798. Chickens? roosters? sheep? goats? rabbits? horses? The by-laws regarding these (and other) animals/reptiles vary and depend on where you live. Please contact your regional municipal office for the necessary information for your critters and location.





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West Hants Parks & Recreation 902-798-8391
westhants.ca/parks-and-recreation

Kings County Parks & Recreation 902-678-6141 or 1-888-337-2999
countyofkings.ca/residents/parks/

Hantsport Memorial Community Centre 902-790-7599
thehmcc.ca

HMCC Recreation & Day Camps
HMCC Pool

GFN's MPAL Program

Another great source of information about local recreation is the Valley Connect.ca online guide for communities in West Hants, Kings, and Annapolis.

Annapolis Valley Connect.ca
valleyconnect.cioc.ca



Please note that all of the above information sources have Facebook pages which may provide the most current information.

The HMCC's facilities include a walking track, outdoor courts for tennis & pickleball, basketball court, outdoor swimming pool, children's playground & splash pad, skating rink, sliding hill, and an off-leash dog park. Except for the swimming pool, use of the HMCC facilities is free.



Fall and winter sessions of pickleball are offered at Wellwood Hall by the Hantsport Baptist Church. In the spring and summer the pickleballers use the HMCC's tennis courts. To find out more about the game and how to get involved contact info@hantsportbaptist.ca for the winter sessions and hmccrecreation@gmail.com for the summer sessions.



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And for information on nearby soccer leagues/teams visit the Valley District Soccer Association (VDSA) website valleysoccer.org or contact them by email coordinator@curckentville.com or phone 902-678-2426.

Walking & Hiking & Biking

In Hantsport the Foundry Field walking track provides a flat even surface for walking/running and is maintained by the WHRM. For those looking to 'do a few hills' in Hantsport there are plenty of options and 'walking maps' can be found on the HMCC Recreation Facebook page (May 2021 post) or at the library.

The Hants West Wildlife Association maintains the Laurie Saulnier Memorial Trail at Akins Marsh (596 Bog Rd.) which is a 2km walk through mixed woodland with tall alder, birch and spruce trees. The Glooscap Nature Trail in GFN is a approximately 2.5km and a good walk for all ages and skill levels ... try it in the winter with snow shoes!. And in the summer and fall the West Hants Recreation team often has guided walks/hikes on nearby trails at Castle Frederick Farms and at the Irishman's Road Recreation Site.

For more about hiking & biking trails in the area the following online resources have great information and downloadable maps.

Kings County Parks & Trails countyofkings.ca/residents/pars/parks.aspx

West Hants Trails Association westhantstrails.ca

NS Trails Trail Guide novascotiatrials.cioc.ca

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Veteran's Memorial View Park in Avonport, at the corner of West Brooklyn Rd. and Oak Island Rd., offers a panoramic view of Cape Blomidon, the Minas Basin and North Mountain. Well worth a visit in each and every season.

To get to **Blue Beach** in Avonport follow the path at the end of Blue Beach Rd. to discover a two kilometer stretch of cliff-bordered coastline known globally for its fossils. To learn more about this "birthplace of vertebrate paleontology in Canada" contact/visit the Blue Beach Fossil Museum (bluebeachfossilmuseum.com or phone 902-790-9541) located at the head of the beach path. This is also a great bass fishing location.

Off the Bluff Rd. along the way to Avonport from Hantsport are two very different beaches. **Penny Beach** offers a stunning view of Cape Blomidon and is a great place to play in the mud at low tide, swim, fish bass or enjoy a walk with your dog. **Avonport Beach**, down Avonport Rd., is a secluded beach that is the perfect spot for a walk along the shoreline when the tide is out and then a swim when the tide comes in over the warmed sand.

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The **Hantsport Memorial Community Centre** at 6 Main St. operates as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the maintenance and provision of facilities for recreational, cultural, athletic and educational purposes.

The HMCC is a registered charity run by a volunteer Board of Directors. At the heart of HMCC's 18-acre property is Churchill House, which is used for community events as well as public/private receptions and meetings. The HMCC employs a Recreation Director and summer staff is hired to run the days camps and look after the pool.



Most all of the other planning, promoting, and running of events and programs is done by volunteers ... the highlight of which is the HMCC's July 1st celebrations. The HMCC's tennis/pickleball courts (which also serve as the rink) and surrounding area will soon be getting a makeover with the creation of the Renda VanderToorn Memorial facility. If you would like more information about the HMCC or are interested in volunteering please visit their website/Facebook page.

The **McDade Heritage Centre** at 50 Main St. is home to the Hantsport & Area Historical Society. The Centre's display rooms are full of artifacts garnered from



the Mariners' Museum (once housed in Churchill House) and from their own ever-growing collection. The ongoing digitization of their collection includes volumes of our area's history, genealogical research, personal memoirs and family histories. Much of their amazing compilation can also be accessed online thru their website. Open in the summer or by appointment. New members always welcome!

The **Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library** at 10 Main St. is the local branch of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL). Part of the Same Page partnership our library provides access to a catalogue of over one million books, magazines, audiobooks, e-books, music, movies, and more ... for free! There is free Wi-Fi, as well as public access computers, iPads, and printers. *(continued on p.27)*



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Community Organizations

The **Hantsport Seniors & Elders Club** is a non-denominational social group that meets weekly at St. Andrew's Anglican Church (Chittick Ave. entrance) on Thursday afternoons from 1-4pm to play games and to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Also meets the first Tuesday of each month at noon for a Potluck Lunch and a business meeting. The Club does not meet in the summer.

The **Hantsport Refugee Sponsorship Committee (HRSC)** raises money to sponsor/support refugees under Canada's Community Sponsorship Program. In 2019, we brought a family of Rohingya refugees to Hantsport. In 2023 we welcomed a family of Syrian refugees, and we have another family waiting for their exit visas from Turkey. Our fundraising activities have included a dance, a community supper, two concert/art auction events, and a yard sale. We have also had many shared activities with our sponsored families.

The **Hantsport & District Lions Club** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month and hosts a Pancake Breakfast at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on the first Saturday. No meetings/breakfast in July and August.

The **Mount Denson Garden Club** meets at 596 Bog Rd. (Hants West Wildlife Association) on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The club hosts guest speakers and discussions on various topics, goes on walking tours and does community projects. New members welcome!



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Annual Community Events

January 1st New Year’s Day Levee. The Friends of the Hantsport Public Library, the Hantsport & Area Historical Society, and the Hantsport Memorial Community Centre take turns hosting this gathering as a shared effort in maintaining the tradition of a Levee in Hantsport. Everyone is invited to these different venues to welcome in each New Year and celebrate our community. Look for WHRM **Winter Carnival** events in our community in February ... or March, depending on the weather! For information and updates visit the West Hants Parks and Rec Facebook page or the WHRM website westhants.ca

July 1st Canada Day celebrations in Hantsport have been a tradition for over 100 years. Organized and hosted by the HMCC the day’s festivities may include a pancake breakfast, road races, parades, BBQs, pool fun, a car show, games & activities at HMCC, a dog show, a strength challenge, music , and fireworks!

The **Hantsport Music Fest** is a day-long festival held in late July at Foundry Field. It’s ten hours of non-stop music by some of the East Coast’s finest bands and a showcase for local talent both on the stage and at the vendor stalls.

The second Saturday in September is **Hantsport’s Community Yard Sale!**

In October visit **Haunted Churchill House!** The HMCC transforms Churchill House into a haunted house and hosts escape rooms, a children’s day of games & crafts, and ghost tours! For details visit their Facebook page or thehmcc.ca

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Caring & Sharing

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The **Hantsport Community Garden** (alongside the Dog Park behind the tennis courts) has six raised beds with room to build more. For more information, or to book a bed, email hantsportgarden@gmail.com or visit the HCG Facebook page.

The **Hants West Food Action Council's Soup Project** drops off frozen 'home-made' soups and stews at the Hantsport library every other week. If you'd like some free soup, please stop in! For more information about this project, email hantswestfoodactioncouncil@gmail.com or visit the HWFAC Facebook page.

For **LGBTIQQ2S** resources, support, events and programs there is the **Valley Youth Project** for those who are 25-years-old and under. Please visit the VYP Facebook page or valleyyouthproject.wordpress.com for more information. And visit the **Wolfville Area Pride Group** Facebook page for shared information about events of interest to the local LGBTIQQ2S community.

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