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### Love is in the air, it's February!

Happy February fellow trail enthusiasts! February is the month of love and we are showing our love for local trails! What I love most about our trails is that they provide a little bit of nature, right in the middle of the city! Check out our social media posts and tell us what you love most about our trails. February is also (and more importantly) Black History Month. Nova Scotia is celebrating with virtual events all month, so [check them out!](#)



### February and March Indoor Walking Group

With the latest pile up of snow, it's making it a bit harder to get out and walk in the neighbourhood! If you're still looking for opportunities to go walking, but are hesitant to use the sidewalks and trails, join us for our indoor walking group on Tuesdays! The February dates are filled up (maximum capacity is 20), but there are still spaces in the March events! Right now, registration is only open to paid members of HNWTA (yay, benefits of being a member!). Full registration will open to everyone ONE WEEK before the walk. If you are a paid member but did not receive an email, please email us at [hnwta.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hnwta.communications@gmail.com) and we will get you sorted! For non-members, keep an eye on our [Eventbrite page](#) for when the event goes live for additional registrations!

### Important Community Surveys

Halifax is hosting two surveys that may be of interest to those living in Bedford West and those who LOVE the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area like we do!

In the first survey, Halifax wants us to tell them about parkland in the Bedford West community, the issues and opportunities that we see, and how park projects should be prioritized. [Check it out!](#)

The second survey is about a proposed second trailhead to the Hobsons Lake Trail from the new Brookline Park subdivision. Although you may not be familiar with this proposed trailhead as described on the website, the survey also asks for feedback about current and future trailheads for the proposed Regional Park you may know. Help put the Regional Park on the HRM Recreation Trail Maps with trailhead access points that can be used by us all, now and in the future! More information [can be found here!](#)

### Virtual Heritage Day Event

The office of Patricia Arab, along with Kelly Regan, Lena Diab, Rafah DiCostanzo, Geoff Regan, and Andy Fillmore are offering a [virtual Heritage Day](#) event and family activity package. [Request your package](#) soon so it will be available on the holiday!

### Apply to the Young Leader Grant

Do you know a young person with great ideas for a project to celebrate the role that nature plays in our Canadian culture and identity? Nature Canada is accepting applications for the Young Leader Grant of \$1,000, awarded to a young person to develop and implement a youth-led, community-based project centered around nature and sustainability in Canada. Applications are due March 31. More information can be found [here](#). Good luck!



### Look how beautiful trails are in the snow!

The trails are especially beautiful after a fresh snowfall when the trees are still covered and the snow is crunchy under your boots. It's the perfect time to get out and walk, but it's also the perfect time for hidden ice patches! Please get out and enjoy the trails, but make sure that you are being careful and preparing for time outside in our cold and icy climate. Share your winter trail photos with us on our Social Media (links at the bottom of the newsletter) and let everyone in on your secret winter trails! Have a wonderful February, and stay safe out there!

### Join us!

Follow these links to learn more about projects and areas that we are always looking for volunteers to help us with!

[Naturalist HNWTA Project](#)  
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