



Happy New Year to HNWTA members and contacts!

We hope you have been able to enjoy the trails although some are icy in patches – be sure to take care as you walk and hike!

**Plan to attend a Community Meeting, hosted by local Councillors and MLA's  
7:00 - 8:30 pm, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Keshen Goodman Public Library**

Staff from HRM Parks, Municipal Operations, Parkland Planning, Police and others will be present. Bring your questions for Districts 10 and 12 - Councillors Walker and Rankin and MLA's Arab and Whalen will be present.

All community members are welcome to this local Town Hall!

Have you been along the **Mainland Linear Trail** since it was extended last fall? It is now 4.5 km long from Parkland Dr. and crosses both Main Ave. and Washmill Lake Dr. to extend in behind Mount Royale. The long range plan is to extend this trail to cross over highway 102 to connect with the popular Chain of Lakes Trail. In the meantime, more volunteers are needed to help make this happen. Contact the Halifax North West Trails board if you have some time to spare and would like to be a part of this exciting Active Transportation Vision.

Traffic along the Linear Trail has been counted....over 10,000 walkers and cyclists have been using the trail each month from May to September....a popular route to School, Library or the Canada Games Centre! It links to the Mainland Common Loop Trail and other neighbourhood trails along the way.

**Hike Nova Scotia** and 11 host organizations across the province have partnered up to offer the 2014 Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike series in January, February and March. There are 35 hikes led by local folks. Check out the list of events here: [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca). Snowshoes may be available for some events.

## **Volunteers**

As we continue to plan for next steps, volunteers are always an important part of planning. So if you are using the trails and are interested in giving back to your community, consider adding your name to the HNWTA Volunteer Board.

As well, each Trail needs a steward. If one of the following Trails is in your neighbourhood and you are able to keep an eye out for things like a tree down or an overflowing garbage can, then this is the role for you! Dog walkers are welcome as you are regular trail users. Here are the HNWTA Trails to be covered:

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Mainland Linear Trail....Mainland Common Loop....Belchers Marsh Park  
Hemlock Ravine Park....Old Coach Road Trail....Cabin Lake Trail....

If you have not yet visited all these trails, check out our website  
([www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca)) and locate the maps and photos posted there.

A Trail Warden training program will be delivered on Sunday, January 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Shearwater Aviation Museum, hosted by the NS Trails Federation. Contact HNWTA for more details, forms to complete, etc.

**Halifax North West Trails Association** is just one of over 20 trail groups in HRM that is overseen by volunteers. If you are interested in finding out about other trails in the HRM region, go to [www.halifax.ca/trails](http://www.halifax.ca/trails) and follow the links to PDF maps for over 20 trails around the city. Many are cleared for winter use.

For additional info or to contact the Trails group:  
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