



# CITY SCOOP

## NSTU Halifax City Local



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### Message From the President



Members have been actively using **JOHSC** and **Article 70** to advocate for their health, safety, and contractual rights. This is uplifting to see — it shows the real power of speaking up and using the tools in our collective agreement. Let's keep that momentum going. If you need support, guidance, or help navigating the process, feel free to reach out.



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### Upcoming Events/Due Dates

- February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Nomination form for **Provincial Executive Positions (3 seats: African NS, Indigenous and Halifax City) PE Nomination form**
- February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Full Year Ed Leave Applications due (See HRCE SharePoint)
- February 24:** Maternity/Adoption/Parental Leave Zoom session email [economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com](mailto:economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com) to register, session title in subject line
- February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Article 60 Conference Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant Application Due (HRCE SharePoint)
- March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Local General Meeting. All Halifax City Members welcome. 4:30 at 3106 Joseph Howe drive
- March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Local project Spring grant: March 31, 2026 @ 4:00pm

### Annual Council 2026 (May 1-3, 2026 Westin)

Halifax City Local NSTU will be well represented by the following members:

<b>Delegates</b>	Amanda Patterson
Malik Adams	Ben Sichel (PE)
Mattea Caracristi	Marilyn Skinner (PE)
Erin Chisholm	Amanda Stockley
Tim Dawe	Allison Sydney
Nancie de la Chevotiere (HRRC Chair)	Danielle Theriault
Laura DePalma	Maddy Thomas
Kelsey Fitzpatrick	Sara Thompson
Kemble Flynn	Kayley Wartman
Shelbi Genge	Charmaine Wilkie
Michael Haley	Caitlin Wilson
Andrea Heans	<b>Alternates</b>
Lindsay MacLellan	Yasemin Ugursal
Moira Marks	Jason Petrie
Kelly O'Brien	Jason Hallett
Paulette O'Connor	



### Important Notices

#### CONTEST ALERT

The **Equity Committee** will share **one fact each week, followed by a Google Form in week 8**. Everyone who submits the correct answer will be entered to win a prize.

**Fact Week 2:**  Flag by Wendie Wilson

Did you know that **Myla Borden** was the **first African Nova Scotian to serve on the NSTU Provincial Executive**? She was elected in 2021 and served until 2025. Myla is a well-known educator and quilter, and she has long been a strong advocate for NSTU members. She contributed in many capacities on the Pictou Local Executive, championing equity, member voice, and community connection.

Contact me for a school visit **School Visit Request** individual or group site visit



### City Shout-Out: Malik Adams, Tim Dawe, Madeline Thomas

**Citadel High NSTU members** are exceptionally well represented by Malik, Maddy, and Tim.

**Malik**, a veteran rep, Annual Council delegate, and school counsellor, isn't afraid to ask tough questions and consistently advocates for members with clarity and confidence. **Tim** brings tremendous energy to the NSTU and works hard to ensure contractual rights are upheld by pursuing article 70. Despite a complex teaching assignment, he excels in the classroom and in his role as a rep. **Maddy**, in her second year as rep, successfully balances a heavy teaching load, and speaks up for her colleagues and ensures concerns are brought forward thoughtfully and effectively. Both Tim and Maddy will also attend Council. **All three reps are doing the work to ensure members feel informed, supported, and empowered.** We're proud to recognize their excellence—both in the school and as NSTU representatives.

**Article 60**  
Make sure to read the guidelines before you apply! See HRCE SharePoint



**EQUITY SURVEY**  
Halifax City Local NSTU wants to hear from you. **Please take a moment to complete the survey** and share your concerns, priorities, and ideas—**your voice will guide** the direction of this important work. **Equity Survey Link**  
**OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th**

### IT'S IN OUR AGREEMENT

#### Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): TPA Link

#### Article 70: Working Conditions

Teacher(s) who believe that a system, policy, or structure is creating a significant barrier to carrying out their duties may submit the concern in writing to their immediate supervisor. This process requires investigation and responses. See TPA for full details.

**QR Code and Link to Halifax Regional Agreement.** The agreement covers local provisions including bereavement leave,



staffing, transfers, and postings,

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