



CITY SCOOP

NSTU Halifax City Local



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Message From the President

The spring stretch is when many members begin submitting paperwork for **retirement** or **leaves of absence**, and the timelines can approach faster than expected.

The school year is moving quickly, and I'm glad to be in buildings every week. I always appreciate the invitations to visit, and I'm still looking for nominations for City Shout-Outs—there's great work happening, and I want to highlight it.

Nancie de la Chevrière



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Upcoming Events/Due Dates

March 31st: Local Member Project Grant

Spring grant: March 31, 2026 @ 4:00pm

April 1st: John Huntley Internship deadline (learn more about NSTU!)

April 15th: Provincial Executive Elections

(Halifax City seat and eligible voters can also vote for ANS/Indigenous seats)

April 22nd Local Meeting followed by Pre-Council meeting for Halifax City Local Delegates and Alternates

April 28th: Zoom session on Term Teacher Contracts and Benefits Register

economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com

May 5th: Zoom session on Pensions 101

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Important Notices

Last Call to Register for YOGA

Chebucto Heights teacher and trained yoga instructor Amanda MacEachern will be offering yoga sessions for our local. **Sessions will run every Thursday for 8 weeks, beginning April 9th.** Participants may register for 4 weeks in April, 4 weeks in May, or the full 8-week series for a total cost of ten dollars. All levels welcome. **I will be contacting members March 31st to confirm registration.**

Please register here:

[YOGA with Amanda MacEachern – Fill out form](#)

Location: Halifax Yoga, 1027 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax, B3L 1R2

Time: 4:15–5:15 p.m.



City Shout-Out: Rachel Crawley

Rachel Crawley teaches Grade One at **Central Spryfield Elementary** and brings a steady, reassuring presence to the school. She creates a classroom where students feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. Her patience, warmth, and genuine care help students grow in confidence and independence.

Rachel is also a collaborative, dependable colleague who generously shares her time and ideas. Her kindness and positivity brighten the school community every day.

Contact me for a school visit School Visit Request or email me for a meeting.

Nominate a colleague for a **Shout-Out: City Shout-Out Nomination – Fill out form**



Register to VOTE

African Nova Scotian and Indigenous NSTU members are encouraged to register so you can vote for your ANS/Indigenous Provincial Executive Members. Only those who self-identify are eligible. Follow this link: **Elections REGISTER BY APRIL 13th**

Contest ALERT

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From The Equity Committee

A **Google Form** will be shared next week with the **City Scoop**. Everyone who submits the correct answer will be entered to win a prize.

Fact Week 8: Two-Spirit Celebration and Awareness Day, honors and raises awareness about Two-Spirit people in many Indigenous cultures across North America. The day celebrates the diversity of gender and spiritual identities within Indigenous communities and promotes respect, visibility, and understanding of Two-Spirit traditions and experiences.

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

QR Code and [Link to Halifax Regional Agreement](#). The agreement covers local provisions including bereavement



leave, staffing, transfers, and postings,

Article 5: Leave of Absence

The Regional Centre **shall grant** a one (1) school year unpaid Leave of Absence to a teacher on a permanent contract who applies for such leave. Upon completion of the Leave of Absence the teacher's status within the school remains the same as if the Leave of Absence had not occurred;

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