

Can You Afford to Litter?

How many times have you seen an empty coffee cup or a loose piece of refuse littering the streets, sidewalks or parks in your neighbourhood? Unfortunately, these are not isolated incidents. As residents, businesses and community groups, we can each make a difference in reducing litter in our neighbourhood by putting litter in its place.

In April 2006, several HRM departments will launch a coordinated campaign in partnership with local environmental non-profit organizations to help prevent and reduce littering in HRM. A renewed public education and awareness campaign is being developed to heighten awareness about the issue of litter and its effect on the environment now and in the long term. In addition to the public education component, increased enforcement of existing anti-litter legislation will be conducted.

As a concerned citizen, a parent, a business or a student, can you afford to litter?

Look for more information upcoming about our April launch of the HRM Litter Prevention and Education Campaign, or contact the campaign coordinator Tiffany Chase at 490-2865.

Give your car an early retirement... and ride the bus!!

The Steer Clean Program offers rewards to car owners willing to recycle their older, high-polluting vehicles. Through this program the Ecology Action Centre offers a mix of incentives and information to help Nova Scotians make sustainable transportation choices. Imagine, you could choose from one of five different incentive packages – including a 6-month Metro Transit pass or a free bicycle and accessories. If your car is 1995-or-older and still being driven you could be eligible for this innovative program. For more information please call (902) 442-0202 or visit us at www.steerclean.ca



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New Sackville
MetroLink!**

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Schedule Adjustments

Effective Sunday, February 19, 2006

Route #63 Woodside

Departing the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal - same location as the Route #60 Eastern Passage - lane closest to the Dartmouth Sportsplex.

Route #80 Sackville

Departing Sackville Terminal 3 mins. earlier, from 6:36 AM to 6:33 AM in order to connect with Route #84 at Cobequid Terminal at 6:45 AM.

Route #82 Millwood

Additional evening trip departing the Cobequid Terminal at 11:10 PM.

Route #83 Springfield

Additional round trip in the evening departing the Sackville Terminal at 9:50 PM.

Introducing Phase II of MetroLink: The Sackville Link

METROLINK On February 20th 2006, Metro Transit will introduce Phase II of the new MetroLink service.

The #185 Sackville Link will provide two directional service from the new Sackville Terminal (with a stop at Windmill Rd. at Wright Ave.) to Scotia Square, Monday to Friday, 6AM to 12 midnight, 10 minute peak hour frequency and 30 minute off-peak service. Saturday 30 minute service, no service on Sunday and Holidays.

With a free Park & Ride lot at its terminal, the #185 Sackville Link is an extension of the MetroLink service launched in August 2005, with the #159 Portland Hills and the #165 Woodside Links. MetroLink's buses feature custom-upholstered high-back seats with arm and foot rests, heated in the winter, and air-conditioned in the summer, MetroLink offers plenty of room to relax and enjoy your commute. MetroLink also features easy-to-use bike racks to encourage active living.

MetroLink Fares

EXACT CASH FARE	Fare Category	MetroLink Pass	With Transit Ticket, MetroPass, UPass or Transfer
\$2.50	Adult	\$75	+50¢ additional payment
\$1.90	Senior & Child	\$68	+50¢ additional payment
\$2.50	Student	n/a	+50¢ additional payment

MetroLink March passes will be available on February 20th and will be honoured during the month of February – meaning pass holders will travel MetroLink free for 8 days!!

MetroLink passes are available at the following retail outlets:

- Alderney Gate Lotto Booth
- Cole Harbour Shopping Centre Pharmasave
- Blazer's Lotto – Superstore Lower Sackville **NEW**
- Dartmouth Shopping Centre Lotto Booth
- Metro Transit
- Perk's (Lower Water Street)
- Scotia Square Lotto Booth
- Shopper's Drug Mart
 - Bedford Place Mall **NEW**
 - Sackville Drive **NEW**
 - Spring Garden
 - Quinpool Road
 - Forest Hills Parkway
- Storefront Locations
 - Acadia Centre **NEW**
 - Alderney Gate
 - Cole Harbour Place
 - Scotia Square

HRM developed the MetroLink service in response to Transport Canada's Urban Transportation Showcase Program, established in order to promote effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by attracting commuters to public transit. For more information, visit <http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/utsp/menu.htm>

Bug World Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History

January 10th until April 16th 2006

(Admission charged)

Gigantic robotic insects have invaded the Museum. See humongous bugs like the Desert Locus with colossal wingspan and two fighting Atlas Beetles, the size of Volkswagens. There's a 7 metre (20 foot) Praying Mantis big enough to eat you! These colossal creepy crawlers will be sure to gain your respect. Live insect BUGS is a must see!

Bug World Programs every Saturday and Sunday

January 14th to April 17th 2006

11:00 am Bugs: Fact and Fiction (Sat. only)

1:30 pm: Bug cooking (eat a bug)

2:30 pm: Bug-du-jour

3:30 pm: Turtle time with Gus

The Museum of Natural History is located at 1747 Summer Street, Halifax. For more information: call 424-6099 or visit <http://nature.museum.gov.ns.ca>

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers launched its program in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton in 1987, with immediate and tremendous success.

Since the program's inception, Crime Stoppers has solved such serious crimes as murder, aggravated sexual assault, fraud, arson, illegal smuggling and drug dealing. Regardless of where you live in Nova Scotia, whether served by the RCMP or municipal police, Crime Stoppers has played a significant role in identifying criminals and bringing them to justice.

The program offers complete anonymity to tipsters as well as cash awards, ranging from \$50 to \$2,000. Crime Stoppers do not tape or trace calls, or subscribe to any form of call identifier. If the police make an arrest, the tipster qualifies for cash award.

For more information, visit www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or call 1-800-222-8477(TIPS)