

RICHMOND COUNTY WARDEN'S OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

Fire Protection Services Committee

This committee brings Richmond County's 8 volunteer fire departments (and the department from Potlotek as guest) together with the Municipality to share information, identify common concerns, and provide advice to Council on fire protection and emergency fire services.

Working together, the Committee helps identify priorities and make recommendations on issues affecting fire services across Richmond County. It also supports communication among departments and the Municipality on matters such as funding priorities, dry hydrants, policies, regulations, and other issues that help our volunteer fire departments serve their communities.

Happy Fall...

As we look back at the month of September, it would be impossible to ignore the impact of the rain event that occurred across the region during the Labour Day weekend. So much destruction and damage, with several residents unable to leave their homes, and many individuals and businesses facing considerable costs associated with damage on their property. While all of this was difficult to bear, it pales in comparison to the death of one of our fellow Richmond County residents. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Comeau family as they move through this very difficult time.

In dark times, though, we cannot lose sight of all that is good about our communities. We will be eternally grateful to the first responders, volunteer fire departments, search and rescue operators, and emergency services staff who supported residents through this challenging time. We know we are lucky to live in this area, but that feeling is even more pronounced in times of trouble.

As we hear more about the process for accessing support for damage sustained during this flooding event, we'll be sure to pass it along.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns:

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DID YOU KNOW...

Each fall the province opens up applications for several programs designed to support Nova Scotian seniors and those living on modest incomes with the costs of heating and home expenses. Please see Page 2 of this newsletter for important program information and application deadlines.

FOUR IMPORTANT GRANTS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2026

Check eligibility and apply before the deadline



Seniors Care Grant

\$750 per household for home heating, household help, and healthcare services.

Eligibility: Nova Scotians age 65+ by March 31, 2027, with household net income of \$45,100 or less, living in a home or apartment they own or rent.

Deadline to Apply: December 1, 2026*



Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

Rebate of 50% of 2025 municipal residential property taxes paid, up to \$800.

Eligibility: Homeowners with 2025 taxes fully paid and who receive or qualify for GIS or Allowance in 2026.

Deadline to Apply: December 31, 2026



Heating Assistance Rebate Program

Help with home-heating costs for eligible residents who pay their own heating costs.

\$400 for those who have 2025 net income of less than \$30,000 if single, or net household income of less than \$45,000. Also eligible if receiving Income Assistance or receive GIS or Allowance.

Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2027.



Low-Income Property Tax Exemption Program

Property Tax Credit of up to \$200.

Eligibility: Richmond residents who own their homes and have household income of \$35,000 or less, and who are not eligible for other property tax rebates.

Deadline to Apply: December 31, 2026

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

In the past, Seniors could apply for the *Seniors Care Grant* until the end of March. This year, applications must be received before **DECEMBER 1, 2026**. (Government has said that seniors who applied in the spring didn't realize they could reapply when September rolled around, so to avoid confusion, the grant will be opened from September 1 to December 1 each year.)