



Sandy Lake at Peverill's Brook, by Jeremy Vaughan

## **Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park Coalition update – July 7 2023**

There's a lot afoot with regards to the future of Sandy Lake and the Sackville River, and our collective efforts to save this extraordinary area. Here are just a few, time-sensitive updates...

### **1. Art Meets Nature and Activism at Sandy Lake – July 13<sup>th</sup> opening!**

A wonderful collective of artists has been creating works based on their experiences at Sandy Lake Regional Park. Their gorgeous paintings and drawings will form part of a 2-week long art show at Secord Gallery (Halifax), called "Sanctuary – Save Sandy Lake." The show opening is on Thursday, July 13, from 6pm to 8pm and YOU are invited (so is everyone you know). We hope you can promote the opening and show to your members, and either attend the opening or visit the gallery during the 2-week show. You can read more about the artists' inspiration and how it relates to the campaign in the [press release](#) about the show.

## **2. Hikes galore**

Our well-loved guided hikes at Sandy Lake continue to be offered. See our [campaign webpage](#) for the dates and times of upcoming hikes, but as a member of the Coalition, YOU have the chance to line up a special hike to offer to your members. Get in touch with us at [sandylakecampaign@gmail.com](mailto:sandylakecampaign@gmail.com) to exploring lining up a hike for your group.

## **3. Draft Regional Plan release**

The long-awaited, DRAFT Regional Plan was released on June 20. The draft has major implications for the future of the Sandy Lake and Sackville River area. The Coalition Steering Committee is still digesting it... picking out the parts that have to do with our efforts, directly and indirectly. Fortunately, there is a public comment period about the draft Regional Plan, which will run until October. And, the Coalition Steering Committee will have special access to HRM staff who are working on the plan. Stay tuned for our analysis and get ready to speak up for good city planning, which includes keeping wild spaces as part of the municipality.

All the best from

Karen Robinson, Walter Regan, and the rest of the Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition Steering Committee

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