Walk Events

We have five enjoyable walks set up for everyone starting from, and ending at the Atlantica Hotel, where registration will also take place. The walks will pass by many of the historical landmarks in the city and will also feature our beautiful harbour, the second largest in the world.

There will be the usual President’s Walk on Saturday morning and the Convention walk on Sunday morning. There will also be two Permanent Walks; one will take you to the magnificent Point Pleasant Park plus residential streets that include beautiful stately old homes. We shall also have a multi-day walk that will take you to the North West Arm, a hidden treasure of the city, to be sure! On Sunday afternoon, we are offering a guided walk on the outstanding Salt Marsh Trail across the harbour on the Dartmouth side. Everyone will receive printed walk instructions/directions that will include information on notable city landmarks, in italics.

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Friday Evening—Meet and Mingle

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**Silent Auction**

A silent auction will be held during the CVF/FCV convention. We are requesting that all participating clubs donate a suitable item for the auction. Please contact Sharon Russell if you are bringing an item. The auction commences Friday, May 25th in the afternoon and the bids will close at 8:40 am Sunday, May 27th. Auction items will be available for pick-up between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Cash or cheque accepted. Sharon’s email is as follows: russellse1945@outlook.com

**Early Bird Registrations**

All names for Early Bird registration will be entered into a draw for two free nights accommodation at the Atlantic Hotel.

**Transportation**

If you are staying at the Atlantic Hotel, transportation should not be a problem during the convention. For the walk on Sunday afternoon, on the Salt Marsh Trail in Cole Harbour, DVC members will be offering drives to those people that don’t have transportation. (Subject to availability of sufficient DVC drivers.) Halifax has an excellent public transportation system, maps and routes guides will be available on request.

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**POST CONVENTION BUS TOUR**

**MAY 28 – JUNE 5, 2018**

Join us for an 8-day bus tour with Atlantic Tours and Travel through Nova Scotia completing 10 sanctioned walks along the way as well as a visit to Peggy’s Cove; Swiss Air 111 Memorial; Oak Island; Lunenburg; Liverpool; Kejimkujik National Park and Historic Site, Annapolis Royal; Wolfville; Grand Pre; Victoria Park-Truro; Stellarton; Baddeck; Louisbourg; and a day trip around the fabulous Cabot Trail. A brochure is available with further information and registration forms.

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**Accommodations**

Please contact the Atlantic Hotel, 1-888-810-7288 or 1-902-423-1161 and let them know you are making reservations for the Canadian Volkssport Federation convention.

**USA Registrants**

Any $ exchange due American guests walkers will be refunded at the convention.

**Sanction**

All events are sanctioned by the Canadian Volkssport Federation (CVF)

**Condition of Participation**

The sponsors of these events cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items, accidents, or injuries at any time. All participants must sign a “Waiver of Liability” form before starting any event.