



# Lorelei Nicoll

## District 4 - Cole Harbour - Westphal

### Engaging Cole Harbour

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPRING 2017

#### DEAR RESIDENTS,



*"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow"*

– African Proverb

As we transition from the dormancy of winter to the eagerly awaited arrival of spring, warmer days fill us with hope, energy and vigor.

With this renewed energy, take time to be mindful of our surroundings. Residents of all ages are returning to our wonderful outdoors in larger numbers and with the school year soon ending, please drive attentively through our residential and commercial areas.

There is a popular expression of *'paying it forward'* which reminds us to be considerate to each other and whomever is the beneficiary of such a good deed repay it to benefit others. I hear there are residents in our district who are paying for a coffee for someone in line behind them or paying for groceries for others in a line up.

The good deeds many do in our neighbourhoods may go unnoticed and recognition is not the reason for *'paying it forward'* but I would like to acknowledge them all the same.

Let's keep this consideration for others at the top of our minds as we go about our days. We all have the ability to lead by example.

Happy Spring everyone!

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#### CONTACT NUMBERS

HRM Citizen Contact Centre: 311

*The Centre is open 7 am to 11pm daily  
(except Christmas and New Years' Day)*

HRM Call Centre TTY/TDD line

(Hearing impaired): 902-490-6645

RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment:

902-244-7208/1-800-803-7267

Fire Non-emergency: 902-490-5020

Councillors' Office: 902-490-4050

Cole Harbour Place: 902-464-5100

Cole Harbour Public Library: 902-434-6177

Water bill inquiries: 902-490-4820



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Due to Canada Post distribution areas, some residences which are not in District 4 may receive this newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this may cause and hope you still find the information useful.

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### COLE HARBOUR HARVEST FESTIVAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY



I am pleased to introduce the new logo in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival! If you are interested in volunteering check out the website at [www.coleharbour.org](http://www.coleharbour.org) and stay tuned for more details. Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Cole Harbour Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 9th, 2017.

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS FROM DISTRICT 4

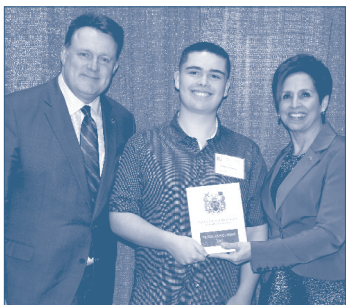
On May 9th, Regional Council hosted the 2017 HRM Citizenship Awards at City Hall. Grade 9 students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving life in both their school and community. Congratulations to Alexander Torrealba, Astral Drive Junior High School, Alexandria Ruth Grandy, Caledonia Junior High School, Nicholas Highmore, Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School and Mya Slawter, Sir Robert Borden Junior High School.



Alexander Torrealba



Alexandria Ruth Grandy



Nicholas Highmore



Mya Slawter

### STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Halifax Regional Council approved HRM's Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) in 2012. Since then, over 6,000 new street trees have been planted. This spring's goal is to plant an additional 1,100 trees. HRM's urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public land. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about the many benefits that we all gain from the trees in our neighbourhoods. Tree selection is seasonally specific and aimed towards native, hardy species. Infill planting will occur as well as sites by request or replacement. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow to form a protective canopy cover.

In Districts 4 and 5 there will be 367 new street trees planted in general conformance with the schedule and maps below. Starting dates are dependent on tree delivery and weather.

The progress of the UFMP street tree planting project will be monitored by faculty and students from Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES). Monitoring crews will be visiting your neighbourhood soon to evaluate the condition of the new street trees and to identify any diseased or dead trees that will then be removed and replaced under the full two-year replacement warranty provided by our tree planting contractors. In the meantime, please remember you can report street tree damage to our Citizen Call Centre at: 311.

For more information about the UFMP please visit our website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/Property/UFMP/index.php>

### INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEIGHBOURHOOD LITTER CLEANUP?

HRM and the Clean Foundation can help! Clean Foundation will provide you with a free cleanup kit including an information booklet, safety tips, advertising posters, an appropriate amount of garbage bags and recycling bags and a data card that you can use to keep track of what types of litter you find. If you, or your organization, are interested in organizing a litter cleanup in your neighbourhood, please let me know.



## DISTRICT 4 STREETS AND ROADS CONSTRUCTION LIST

### Street Recapitalization

Montague Rd – Montague Mines to Serpentine  
Badger Ave – Rattling to End  
Rattling Ave – Gander to Badget  
Serpentine Ave – Montague to End  
Bissett Rd – Cole Harbour to Former Rehab Center  
(Potential Projects List)

### Asphalt Overlays

Colby Dr – Briarlynne to Greenwich  
Flying Cloud Dr – Forest Hills to Forest Hills

### Microsurfacing

Bissett Rd – Former Rehab Center to Civic 1051  
Trunk 7 – Forest Hills to Montague

### Planer Patching

Cherry Brook Rd – Trunk 7 to MacLaughlin

### Crack Sealing

Bissett Rd – Former Rehab Center to Civic 1051  
Trunk 7 – Forest Hills to Montague  
Cherry Brook Rd – Trunk 7 to MacLaughlin  
Arklow Dr – John Stewart to 1.2km  
Astral Dr – Parkway to Cul De Sac  
Circassian Dr – Forest Hills to Kirtland  
Cole Harbour Rd – Forest Hills to Bissett  
Hampton Grn – Cole Harbour to Hannebury  
Lakeridge Cres – Rockhaven to Astral  
Parkway Dr – Civic 45 to Astral  
Poplar Dr – Otago to Otago  
Taranaki Dr – Forest Hills to Forest Hills  
John Stewart Dr – Cole Harbour to Inglewood

### Sidewalk Renewals

Trunk 7 – Hillsboro to End of Asphalt (S)  
Trunk 7 – Montague to End of Asphalt (N)

### Active Transportation

Cole Harbour Parks & Trails (Saltwater Marsh Segment Recap)  
Trunk 7 – Hillsboro to End of Asphalt Swk (S side Bike Lane)  
Trunk 7 – Montague to End of Asphalt Swk (N side Bike Lane)

### Guiderails

Ross Rd @ Salmon River Rd (Replacement)

### Bridges

BR7 Forest Hills Pkwy Inspection  
BR007 Cole Harbour High School Pedestrian Path Repairs

## COLE HARBOUR ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD



Councillor Nicoll and John  
Zorychta, Cole Harbour  
Soccer Coach

The Cole Harbour field is now open for booking. The field house, which was damaged by fire, is in the process of a re-build. Design work is ongoing with construction expected this summer with a fall completion date. A temporary office is on site for the 2017 season. Stayed tuned for an official opening date.

For more information on booking the field, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/AllWeather.php>

## COLE HARBOUR TRAILS UPDATE

Submitted by the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association



Installation of the Bissett  
Trail Bridge funded by  
District 4 Capital Funds

Bridge placement for the Bissett Trail connection to Cole Harbour Road was completed last fall. This summer an information kiosk, including an updated map of our entire trail system, a bench and a garbage receptacle will be installed at the trail entrance at Cole Harbour Road.

HRM and the Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association are planning to complete the Bissett Trail system next year with the final phase, a connection from Brookview Drive to the Cole Harbour Heritage Park traversing the former County Hospital lands. The Forest Hills Trail upgrade will be completed next year as part of the reconstruction of the Forest Hills Parkway. This project will complete the upgrade currently ending behind Cole Harbour Place. Planning is underway for connecting the Bissett Trail at Cole Harbour Road to the Forest Hills Trail. I hope that in a few years there will be a continuous active transportation trail across the communities of Colby Village and Forest Hills where one can walk, bike or rollerblade from Main St. to the Salt Marsh Trail.





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### SPEED REDUCTION/TRAFFIC CALMING

Earlier this spring Council voted in favour of a Transportation Standing Committee motion to request that the Province of Nova Scotia reduce the speed limit in residential areas to 40 km/h to help increase roadway safety. Currently, the provincial Motor Vehicle Act provides for a default speed limit in residential areas of 50 km/h. We expect a response back from the Province in the near future.

While the Province is the only governing body that has the authority to reduce speed limits, the Municipality oversees speed control measures like the traffic calming policy. Through this policy HRM staff has a means to assess and address vehicle speed within residential areas. This policy is applied to existing roadways and includes analysis of vehicle operating and collision information and makes use of various physical measures that can be put in place, where appropriate, to impact driver speeding.

Traffic calming is a combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behaviour, and improve conditions for pedestrians. It applies only to streets owned by the Municipality that are within residential areas; are classified as “local streets” or “minor collector streets”; are two-lane roads with a posted speed limit not greater than 50 km/hr; are not part of a transit route or part of a primary emergency response route.

If the above conditions are met, the next step is a review process involving data collection, internal stakeholder consultation, Traffic Authority approval, resident voting, project implementation ranking, and lastly installation. Examples of traffic calming measures are speed humps; raised intersections; raised crosswalks; curb extensions; traffic circles/mini roundabouts; on-street parking; raised median islands; etc.

You can request a traffic calming assessment on your street by contacting the Customer Contact Centre at 311 or online at <https://apps.halifax.ca/311>. Include details of your request including the street name and street limits to be assessed.

### HRM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community



groups and organizations for their significant contributions to our community. Congratulations to District 4 residents Taylor Oake, Sheila Lucas-Cole and Barbara Bungay.

Mayor Mike Savage and Councillor Nicoll presenting the HRM Volunteer Award to Taylor Oake (l) and Barbara Bungay (r). Missing from photos is Sheila Lucas-Cole.

### FOREST HILLS PARKWAY PROJECT

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is currently planning for the addition of a new active transportation (AT) facility on Forest Hills Parkway in Cole Harbour. The project, timed to coincide with planned street resurfacing on Forest Hills Parkway that is being considered for 2018, provides a good opportunity to make a key north-south walking and bicycling connection that has the potential to improve connectivity between a significant residential population and many important destinations including schools, recreational facilities, churches, and commercial developments.

HRM's 2014-19 Active Transportation Priorities Plan incorporated Forest Hills Parkway as a key component of the regional AT network. Though the Plan aims to upgrade AT infrastructure on the street—including addition of a designated bicycle facility—it does not specifically identify the facility type.

Planning is now underway to determine the best option to provide quality walking and bicycling facilities. The options include a three-metre wide active transportation greenway, which bicycles and pedestrians would share, or an upgraded sidewalk, combined with bicycle lanes. Consideration is also being given to whether improvements would happen on just one side, or if there is a need and a feasible option to make improvements on both sides.

So far in the planning process, consultation has taken place with stakeholders such as utilities, HRM departments, and the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association. A public engagement session was hosted and an online survey was posted with high participation. Check for regular updates on this project at <http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/forest-hills-parkway>