

COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL

DISTRICT 4

ENGAGING COLE HARBOUR—WESTPHAL



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DEAR RESIDENTS,

I am sure that you are as glad as I am to finally have the winter behind us and are looking forward to the summer. There will be many great community events happening throughout HRM during the summer months, including Canada

Day and Natal Day celebrations. Be sure to visit the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool on opening day, July 1, for a special Canada Day Celebration.

This newsletter is intended to update you on what's happening in our District including information on road construction, tree planting, parks, trails and more. It is also an opportunity to recognize HRM's Volunteer and Citizenship Award recipients. Congratulations to those who give of their time to give back to their community. Your dedication continues to inspire me.

I would also like to recognize and extend congratulations to all our graduates as they embark on the next phase of their journey to success.

If you have concerns, questions or suggestions of a municipal nature, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Warmest regards,

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS



Check out the Summer Recreation Programs happening in District 4. Programs begin in July and you can register online by visiting halifax.ca/myREC or by phone at 902-490-6666 or in person at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre, 1216 Cole Harbour Road.

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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) —490-6645

RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment
902-244-7208/1-800-803-7267
Fire Non-emergency—490-5020
Councillors' Office—490-4050
Cole Harbour Place—464-5100
Cole Harbour Public Library—434-6177
Water bill inquiries—490-4820

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Alicia MacDonald

HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On May 14, Regional Council hosted the 2019 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 Alicia MacDonald, Astral Drive Junior High School, and Amber Patey, Sir Robert Borden Junior High School.



Amber Patey

HRM'S AFFORDABLE ACCESS PROGRAM

It's never been easier to access important municipal programs. Starting May 21, 2019, you'll only need one application to apply for:



Low income transit pass



Recreation programming funding



Property tax payment assistance

To see if you qualify and to apply:
halifax.ca/affordableaccess or call 311

GET READY FOR SPRING TREE PLANTING!

HRM's Urban Forestry team staff are busy planting trees across District 4 this spring. So far roughly 350 trees have been planted. This includes both new plantings and replacements along Fireside Drive, Cherry Brook (Ornamental Cherries) as well as the Southampton Drive Playground and others. They will also ensure that trees damaged by snow removal operations this past winter are replaced.

DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE AT MOBILE DROP-OFF



Residents looking to dispose of household special waste that isn't accepted in curbside collection can visit Cole Harbour Place on August 17th for a Household Special Waste Drop-off day.

The mobile drop-off depot will be in the back-parking lot of Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway, on Saturday, August 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Materials that will be accepted at the household drop-off depot include batteries, leftover liquid paint, leftover corrosive cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, gasoline, fuel oil and used motor oil, solvents, thinners, pharmaceuticals and drugs, aerosol cans containing hazardous substances, barbecue propane tanks, and small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches).



Congratulations to Walker's Livestock Feed and Supplies! Recipient of the Councillor's Award for Cole Harbour Business of the Year

L to r: Carolyn Judd, President CHABA, Michelle and Craig Walker of Walker's Livestock & Feed and Councillor Lorelei Nicoll.



FOREST HILLS PARKWAY UPDATE

HRM is working on a multi-year project to design and implement changes to a 3km corridor in Cole Harbour on the Forest Hills Parkway and a portion of Cumberland Drive. The goal is to provide safer and more accessible conditions for walking and cycling, enhance transit facilities, improve intersections, and provide upgrades to the road asphalt surface.

As part of this project, a functional planning process was initiated in 2017 to review opportunities for enhanced pedestrian/cyclist facilities. The consultant was required to provide options for Active Transportation (AT) facilities along Forest Hills Parkway (east and west sides), and to evaluate each option based on strengths, weaknesses, and costs. A matrix was developed to enable the comparison between the options based on study evaluation criteria. It was concluded that the east side AT multi-use trail was the best option for meeting project objectives and the needs of the users. This proposed multi-use trail would extend along the east side of the Forest Hills Parkway from Main Street to Cole Harbour Road and continue to Cumberland Drive up to Colby Drive.

As a note, a public meeting was included in the functional planning process where staff and the consultant presented three options. The results of the public meeting (99 responses in favour of multi-use trail—east side, 91 responses in favour of multi-use trail—west side, 72 responses in favour of bike lanes with upgraded sidewalks) suggested strong support for all three options with the majority being the multi-use trail east side option. These results validated the consultant's preferred option which was determined (as noted above) through evaluation criteria that included the physical constraints of Forest Hills Parkway, connections to key destinations, benefits to transit users, connections to broader AT facilities, costs, etc.

The detailed engineering design phase has now been initiated, and currently being completed by EXP Consulting. The deliverables include:

1. Detailed design of the Forest Hills Parkway, including the new multi-use pathway from Main Street to Cole Harbour Road;
2. Detailed design for a new sidewalk on Auburn Drive from Forest Hills Parkway to Gordon Bell Park;
3. Detailed design of the intersections, including new traffic signals at the intersection of Flying Cloud

Drive/Chameau Crescent; (Phase II, 2020-21)

4. Consideration of transit improvements including a transit-only queue jump lane at Cole Harbour Place, and modifications to transit stop waiting areas;
5. Preliminary and detailed design of improvements to the intersection of Cole Harbour Road/Cumberland Drive/ Forest Hills Parkway to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists; (Phase II, 2020-21)
6. Preliminary and detailed design to replace the existing asphalt sidewalk on Cumberland Drive from Cole Harbour Road to Colby Drive with a multi-use trail connecting to the upgraded AT facilities on Forest Hills Parkway; (Phase II, 2020-21)
7. Detailed design to provide connection with the multi-use trail system that terminates behind Cole Harbour Place, and other walkways connected to Forest Hills Parkway; and
8. Detailed design for the street recapitalization component.

These design enhancements would be implemented as part of a multi-year street rehabilitation project that includes both Forest Hills Parkway and Cumberland Drive. Phase 1 work on Forest Hill Parkway from Main Street to Cole Harbour Place is tentatively scheduled to begin in early July.

BISSETT GREENWAY PROJECT PHASE 3

The Bissett Greenway project was initiated by the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association (CHPTA). HRM started construction of Bissett Greenway Phase 3 in late Fall 2018 and plans to finish the project by the Summer 2019. It is 615 metres and will connect to existing multi-use pathways in Colby Village and Forest Hills to the Cole Harbour Heritage Park. These are part of a network of active transportation facilities connecting 35,000 residents from the communities of Cole Harbour, Colby Village and Forest Hills to schools and retail and commercial centres, and destinations such as Cole Harbour Place. Given the wet weather, construction should be completed in July.

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 James Ryan, Emme Morin, Gilbert (Gil) Smith, Steve Carr and Scott Connolly.*



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DISTRICT 4 STREETS AND ROADS CONSTRUCTION LIST

Allison Dr—Brookfield to Spence
Ambro Ln—Cole Harbour to End
Auburn Dr—Leander to Quindora (S)
Colby Dr—Greenwich to Deerbrooke
Forest Hills Pkwy—Main to Cole Harbour Place
Kirtland Crt—Circassian to Cul De Sac
Leander Dr—Auburn to Broom
Pernix Crt—Arklow to Cul De Sac
Savona Crt—Circassian to End

Planer Patching

Deerbrooke Dr—Colby to Caldwell

Crack Sealing

Bissett Rd—Former Rehab Center to Civic 1051
Arklow Dr—Amaranth to John Stewart
Astral Dr—Caldwell to Selig
Colby Dr—Deerbrooke to Hampton Green
Colby Dr—Cumberland to Briarlynn (S)
Cole Harbour Rd—Forest Hills to Bissett
Deerbrooke Dr—Colby to Caldwell
Ellerslie Cres—Circassian to Loops Itself
Fiddlers Grn—Flagstone to Nova
Flagstone Dr—Colby to Loops Itself
Hampton Grn—Caldwell to Hannebury
John Stewart Dr—Cole Harbour to Inglewood (S)
Lake Major Rd—Trunk 7 to Little Salmon River
Lakeridge Cres—Astral (E) to Rockhaven
Parkway Dr—Civic 45 to Astral
Trunk 7—Forest Hills to Montague

Sidewalk Renewals

Auburn Dr—Leander to Quindora (bus stop work)
Hampton Green—Caldwell to Colby (S)
Forest Hills Pkwy—Main to Cole Harbour Place (E)—
multi-use trail

New Sidewalk

Astral Dr—Civic 428 to Civic 488
Colby Dr—Hampton Green to Hardisty

Active Transportation

Cole Harbour Place Connections—Active Transportation
Design
Salt Marsh Trail—Re-rocking—Bissett to West
Lawrencetown
Cole Harbour Heritage Greenway—Amenities

Guiderails

Ross Rd at Salmon River Rd

Walkways

Allison Dr to Astral Dr
Allison Dr to Spence Dr
Colby Dr to Carnaby Cres
Kirtland Crt—Civic 49 to Trail
Savona Crt—Civic 37 to Trail

Retaining Walls

Forest Hills Pkwy—Main to Cole Harbour Place

Bridges

BR57 Walker—Replace Timber Crib Abutments, Detail
Design for Replacement

Traffic Calming

Riley Road (speed humps and signage)

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS UPDATE

- Playground upgrades will be taking place at Humber Park Elementary School (Inclusive Playground) and Carolyns Way Park.
- A new playground will be installed in Astral Drive Neighbourhood Park this fall.
- Upgrades to BJ Higgins will include both the field and lights.
- Work will be done on the courts at Ross Road School Park and Sir Robert Borden Junior High School Park.

COLE HARBOUR OUTDOOR POOL UPDATE

Due to ongoing construction work, the outdoor pool will be delayed in opening this summer. Follow me on Facebook (LoreleiNicoll - District 4) and Twitter (@loreleinicoll) for updates on an opening date.



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Due to the delivery routes followed by Canada Post, it is possible that some of these newsletters may appear in other Districts. If you receive it in error, I apologize for any confusion and hope you find its content useful.