



COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL

DISTRICT 4 ONLINE NEWS

COLE HARBOUR - WESTPHAL

IN THIS EDITION

This e-newsletter will provide an overview of regional news items that you may find of interest.

In this month's overview, you will find information on the Women's Advisory Committee Volunteer Opportunity, African Heritage Month, the Poet Laureate Call for Submissions and more!

Regards,
Lorelei

Women's Advisory Committee – Volunteer Opportunity

The Women's Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Executive Standing Committee on the impact of municipal policies, programs, and services for women.

The Committee will consist of 10 members. Eight (8) women appointed, with at least one woman from each of the rural, suburban, and urban areas of the municipality. In addition, the

Committee shall include women from the following communities:

- (a) African Nova Scotian and Black communities;
- (b) Indigenous/aboriginal communities;
- (c) LGBTQ2S+ communities;
- (d) Immigrant communities;
- (e) Women with disabilities; and
- (f) Francophone/Acadian communities

Two (2) members of Council, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

Deadline to Apply - Monday, February 10, 2020, 11:59:59 p.m.

More information on this committee and other volunteer opportunities including application forms, can be found [here](#).



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Roadside Memorials

Regional Council has requested legislative amendments to permit the placement of roadside memorials in the municipal public right-of-way. There is currently no policy for the placement of roadside memorials on streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way in the Halifax region.

The municipality recognizes that roadside memorials are installed by family and friends of persons who have been the victim of a motor vehicle fatality. In some instances, a memorial is erected at a location where a crime has been committed and an individual has passed away.

Due to the lack of policy, there have been roadside memorials removed from the municipal right-of-way, which has caused distress to those members of the public who placed the memorials, as well as staff involved in the removal. To help us understand resident interest, concerns, challenges and opportunities regarding the placement of roadside memorials in municipal right of way, we would appreciate a few minutes of your time to answer some questions. Your feedback is appreciated. Click [here](#) to participate in the survey.

Transportation Network Companies

On January 14, 2020, Regional Council approved a motion that would amend our [taxi bylaw](#) and [administrative order](#) to introduce new licensing requirements for Transportation Network Companies like Uber and Lyft, and asked the Mayor to request that the province make amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable us to charge a per-trip fee and allow drivers to operate with a Class 5 license.

Halifax Regional Council is committed to public safety. These amendments will ensure drivers are required to have a criminal record check and a vulnerable sector check will reduce the risk to the public. Please find the full report [here](#) and the current Motor Vehicle Act that outlines different classes of licenses [here](#).



CELEBRATE AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH HALIFAX



The 2020 African Heritage Month theme, **The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community**, recognizes the essential traits that sustain the strength, resiliency and togetherness of the African Nova Scotian community.

As part of African Heritage Month, Nova Scotia Mass Choir: A celebration of song will be held on Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Cole Harbour Public Library, 51 Forest Hills Parkway. Come out and enjoy the music from this multicultural, community gospel choir. More information can be found [here](#).

More information and a list of events celebrated during African Heritage Month can be found [here](#).

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Beyond 3 R's Recognition Program

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to launch Beyond 3 R's, a new recognition program that will highlight businesses, organizations, and groups who are making a positive impact on the community through their waste management systems.

Residents can [nominate](#) an organization that is going above and beyond in this area and the selected businesses will be highlighted on our [Halifax Recycles Facebook page](#) and website. The municipality will recognize a business every quarter who exemplifies waste reduction, innovation, continuous improvement and community impact beyond the program. For more information or to nominate a deserving business, visit our [website](#).

Outdoor Ice Safety

The Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Services urges residents to make sure ice is thick enough before venturing out for a skate or hike on lakes across the region. Temperatures often drop and increase variably from day to day, which can impact ice thickness. The Canadian Red Cross recommends that ice be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of lakes. It is also important to note that ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.

During the winter months, ice thickness reports for more than 70 lakes tested by the municipality are available to the public [online](#), or

by calling 902-490-3577. Reports are updated weekly, pending weather conditions.

Shared Micromobility

Shared micromobility is a service that provides access to personal vehicles for transportation purposes, such as bike and e-scooter share systems.

We recently completed a survey on this topic after a [2019 motion](#) from the Transportation Standing Committee as well as Action 88 of the [Integrated Mobility Plan](#) which directs municipal staff to conduct a bike share feasibility study. You can find out more about Shared Micromobility and the next steps in a feasibility study [here](#).

Municipal Budget 2020/21

Each year the municipal budget is presented to, debated, and approved by Regional Council at Budget Committee meetings. These meetings are open to the public, and can be watched or listened to online.

The municipal budget determines spending priorities and service delivery for residents. Help shape the 2020-21 municipal budget by using the Budget Allocator. You can participate or find more information [here](#).



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Poet Laureate Call For Submissions

The Halifax Regional Municipality is accepting applications for the position of Municipal Poet Laureate. The Laureate acts as an ambassador and advocate for literacy, literature and the arts and serves to reflect the breadth, complexity and vitality of the community during their tenure.

The Laureate will serve a three-year term beginning April 2020 and ending March 31, 2023. Details regarding the role and the responsibilities of the position, as well as the necessary information regarding the requirements of application, can be found [here](#).

Deadline - February 14, 2020.

Cole Harbour Place Digital Visitor Kiosk



In 2018, the Destination Marketing Organization responsible for promoting the Halifax Region to visitors made some significant changes to their programs. Specifically, they have overhauled

their membership program and designed a new program to build awareness of the many regions of Halifax. The new Visitor Experience Program promotes members directly to visitors through a number of new platforms including the Region's Official Visitor Guide, a new dedicated TV channel in hotel rooms in the region, and new Digital Visitor Kiosks which are being installed throughout the region.

I am pleased to advise that, with the use of District 4 Capital Funds, a new Digital Kiosk has been installed at Cole Harbour Place which will help visitors learn more about businesses in the region and surrounding things to do. I love to see local businesses grow and thrive so should any restaurant, business and attraction in the Cole Harbour Westphal area wish to become a member, please contact Mitch Donnelly at mdonnelly@discoverhalifaxns.com or learn more [here](#).



Meet Your Farmer on Heritage Day

February 17, 2020
10am-3pm
Cole Harbour Place



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