

COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL

DISTRICT 4

ENGAGING COLE HARBOUR—WESTPHAL



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

FALL/WINTER 2019



DEAR RESIDENTS,

The fall leaves are gone and the colder weather has arrived.

It has been a busy summer of construction in District 4, and with it, comes delays and inconveniences. I would like to thank everyone for their patience while this work was carried out.

Besides new road improvements, there were upgrades to six recreational assets in District 4—Playground upgrades to Humber Park Elementary School, Carolyn's Way Park in Coleridge Estates and the Astral Drive Neighbourhood Park. Major upgrades to the BJ Higgins Ballfield on the Cole Harbour Common, and Sport Courts at Ross Road School and Sir Robert Borden Junior High School were all completed as well.

Now that construction season is over for this budget year, we can look forward to the many events and festivities of the holiday season. I look forward to hosting my annual 'Christmas at the Farm' again this year on December 8th from 4:00–7:00pm at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm at 471 Poplar Drive. Please plan to attend this fun and unique experience of a Christmas in the early 1900's.

Please join me to ring in 2020 by attending our New Year's Levee at Cole Harbour Place (more information on both of these events can be found inside this newsletter).

Wishing you a holiday filled with peace and joy, and a New Year rich with blessings.

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Contact Numbers

HRM Citizen Contact Centre—311
Mon. to Fri., 8am to 8pm, Sat. & Sun. 9am to 5:30pm (closed Christmas and New Year's 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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TRAFFIC CALMING FOR SAFER STREETS

Traffic calming helps make neighbourhoods safer for non-drivers. That means slowing down cars, trucks, and motorcycles by altering driver behaviour. Studies have shown that reducing the posted speed limit in an area typically has no significant impact on how fast people drive.

Physical measures are more effective and could include speed humps, raised intersections and crosswalks, curb extensions, traffic circles or mini roundabouts, raised median islands or on-street parking.

If your street is owned and maintained by the municipality, it may be considered for traffic calming if it:

- is within a residential area
- is classified as a “local street” or “minor collector street”
- is not a multi-lane road
- has a posted speed limit not greater than 50 km/h
- is greater than 150m in length
- does not provide direct access to an emergency services building

You can initiate a review of traffic calming for your street by contacting 3-1-1. If speeding is a problem on your street and enforcement is needed, please call the Cole Harbour RCMP at 902-244-7208.

COLE HARBOUR PLACE

If you haven't had a chance to check out Cole Harbour Place's new website, you can find it at coleharbourplace.com. You will find up to date information on programs, upcoming events and all the information you need about memberships and registration.

Registration for CHP can now be done online! You can come in to set up an account or do it yourself at halifax.ca/myREC. Registration for the winter session will be happening mid-December.

We hope to see you at CHP soon!

COLE HARBOUR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Due to arrival of Hurricane Dorian this year's Harvest Festival was rescheduled to September 21st as an outdoor movie night and fireworks. Thanks to the awesome volunteers and staff at Cole Harbour Place for all their hard work. Looking forward to a hurricane free festival in 2020!

FOREST HILLS PARKWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In 2017, the municipality held public meetings at Cole Harbour Place to receive feedback from residents on improvements to the Forest Hills Parkway. The construction work taking place is a result of that consultation and will see the existing sidewalk become a greenway for active transportation, separated from vehicular traffic. The project will also result in improved connectivity with the adjacent Trans Canada Trail system. The work is being completed in two phases, Phase 1 from Main Street to Chameau Crescent (which has been completed) and Phase 2 from Chameau Crescent to Cole Harbour Road (2020-2021). An additional traffic light will be included in Phase 2 at Chameau/Flying Cloud.

Large design projects such as this are a result of a 'rethink' in designing complete streets with a focus on the pedestrians first as identified in the HRM Integrated Mobility Plan. More information on this plan may be found at <https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/integratedmobility>

EGG-LAYING HENS / CHICKENS

For those residents hoping to have back-yard chickens/ laying hens, you will be pleased to learn that on July 30th, Regional Council passed the following motion on Case 22227: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws as necessary to permit the keeping and raising of all egg-laying fowl consistent with the proposed policy direction outlined within the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 12, 2019.

Although the motion for a staff report passed, it is currently not permitted to own hens/chickens under the current Cole Harbour—Westphal Land Use Bylaw.



CALDWELL ROAD UPDATE

At a meeting of Regional Council last year, I tabled a petition I received with 80 signatures requesting sidewalk and curb upgrades to address pedestrian safety concerns on Caldwell Road.

This petition was sent to HRM Project Planning and Design and the response received from staff indicated that Caldwell Road, Cole Harbour Road to Hampton Green has a PCI of 91 (2016 rating) with good concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk on both sides of the road. Caldwell Road, Astral Drive to Atholea Drive, has a PCI (Pavement Condition Index) of 86 (2016 rating) with good concrete curb and gutter on both sides of the road. There is good concrete sidewalk on at least one side, and areas with both sides of the road. Caldwell Road, Hampton Green to Astral Drive has a PCI of 69 (2016 rating) with good, fair and poor asphalt curb and sidewalk.

Caldwell Road has been added to the 5-year capital plan.

PLAYGROUND AND COURT UPGRADES

I was pleased to see upgrades at the following playgrounds and courts this past construction season: Humber Park Elementary School, Carolyns Way Park, Astral Dive Neighbourhood Park (New Playground), BJ Higgins Upgrades—field/lights, Ross Road School Park and Sir Robert Borden Junior High School Park.



Updated Sports Court at Ross Road School

MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER PROGRAM



HRM's Master Composter Recycler (MCR) wrapped up its fall session in October. It is a free four-week education program that offered training sessions, hands-on workshops, and facility tours to allow participants to become more knowledgeable about how waste is managed in the Halifax region, from collection to processing. They also learned how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions. MCR is new to Nova Scotia but has been a popular and long-standing program in other municipalities in Canada and the United States.

Congratulations to graduates of this fall's program. Great work by staff on instilling environmental stewardship while providing a sense of family to a passionate group of learners.

UNWANTED FLYERS - NEW BY-LAW F-400 NOW IN EFFECT



By-law F-400, Respecting the Distribution of Flyers, has been approved. No-Flyers stickers/decals are now available at HRM Customer Service Centers, libraries and recreation centers for free or you can print your own from our website at:

<https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/homeproperty/garbage-recycling-green-cart/no%20flyers.pdf>



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SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL

The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax region who also meet the criteria below. The program applies to residential properties only—commercial properties are ineligible.

- Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented
- The total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$32,000
- The program is NOT available to landlords

The program offers assistance to clear snow from steps and walkways, including front and back steps, walkways, ramps and access to fuel tanks. The program does not apply to the clearing of driveways. To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902-483-3678 or visit the website at <http://www.ymcahfx.ca>

Councillor Nicoll is a member of the following HRM-related boards and committees:

- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council, Chair
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
- Transportation Standing Committee, Chair
- Executive Standing Committee
- Halifax Water Board
- Canadian Urban Transit Association
- Cole Harbour Place

PARK PLAN FOR REHAB LANDS ON BISSETT ROAD



The municipality has begun a comprehensive park plan for the Rehab Lands on Bissett Road. Approximately 16 hectares of the lands associated with the Former Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre will be designated as parkland. One of the considerations for the new park, will be for an off-leash dog area. The Cole Harbour Open Spaces Plan approved by Regional Council in 2011, identified these lands as an important open space connection between Bissett Park and Cole Harbour Provincial Park. The recent opening of the Bissett Trail saw the first step in the park's development and the completion of an essential link in the municipality's active transportation network. Community engagement for the park planning will be happening this winter. More information will be available after the new year.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM

Sunday, December 8, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
471 Poplar Drive

There will be festive craft activities in the Settle Barn, cookie decorating in the Harris House, a toasty fire in the farmyard and carolers, Lana Grant and David Bradshaw, singing your favorite Christmas tunes. Stop by the Blacksmith Shop and meet our Blacksmith as he hand-forges Christmas ornaments. Enjoy hot beverages in the Giles and Harris House throughout the evening, and later enjoy some seasonal treats.



NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

Hosted by Councillor Lorelei Nicoll and Cole Harbour Place. Join your neighbours, friends and family at Cole Harbour Place to ring in 2020

January 1, 2020, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy FREE Skating, swimming and refreshments.
(helmets required for all participants of skate)



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