

### **Discussion on Accessibility Issues in HRM**

The HRM Accessibility Advisory Committee will be holding a meeting to gain feedback from residents concerning accessibility issues in HRM. Members of the committee and HRM staff will be on hand to listen to your comments and respond to questions. The meeting will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Dartmouth Sportsplex Common Room, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Jennifer Weagle at [weaglej@halifax.ca](mailto:weaglej@halifax.ca) or call 490-6517.

### **Boards, Committees & Commissions of Halifax Regional Council and Community Councils – Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer on a board or committee of Council and making a difference in your community? Residents of HRM who are interested in volunteering as non-paid members of a committee are invited to express your interest by applying to HRM. Applications should be received by Monday, October 7, 2013. For a list of available committees, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/September2013ad.pdf>

Residents interested in serving on a committee may apply on-line by completing an application form at [https://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/volunteer\\_application.html](https://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/volunteer_application.html) or by mail to Municipal Clerk's Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5, or by fax to (902) 490-4208. Applicants may submit a resume or other pertinent information along with the completed application form.

### **Shape Your City – Get Engaged**

HRM has launched “Shape Your City” - a new community engagement tool that provides innovative and more flexible options for you to share your thoughts on municipal initiatives. This “Shape Your City” Halifax Community Engagement Hub will be used to host information, feedback, and discussions regarding initiatives that require a public engagement component. It's a new way to connect more people on community issues that matter to everyone in HRM without needing to attend a meeting at a given time or place. This hub will complement traditional consultation activities like open houses and town halls by making the broader engagement programs more inclusive, accessible and easier to share your opinions through tools like discussion forums, quick polls and surveys.

If you have something to say about a project, don't keep it to yourself! Take this opportunity to get involved, read what people are saying and tell us what you think to help Council make better informed decisions and Shape Your City for our shared benefit. Sign up to give us your feedback by visiting <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/>

### **Moving Forward Together - The Metro Transit Five Year Plan**

Over the next few months, Metro Transit will be asking some fundamental questions about how our community values transit, and how it should grow in the future. The consultation process will include public events, a survey, an online discussion forum and a website that offers residents an opportunity to

share their thoughts on where Metro Transit should focus its resources in developing the transit system over the next five years. If you are unable to attend one of the public sessions, you can submit your feedback at <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/transit-service-plan> or send a written submission to [movingforward@halifax.ca](mailto:movingforward@halifax.ca).

### **Hopscotch Urban Arts Festival is Back**

The Hopscotch Urban Arts Festival is back – bigger and better than ever. This year's festival will take place on September 27 and 28 and will be headlined by the Chicago/Detroit based hip hop duo 'The Cool Kids'. In addition to big names like 'The Cool Kids', the festival will focus on showcasing local hip hop performers like Quake, Kayo and The Caravan w/DJIV, as well as Halifax hip hop pioneers, Universal Soul. This year, performances will be scheduled on both sides of the harbour. A visual art component of the festival will take place at the Cove in Dartmouth along with live painting at several of the events. The festival will also include a breakdancing component with Roast The Coast, a large bboy and bgirl breakdancing competition, and performances by The Woods.

For the full festival line-up, including times and locations, visit <https://www.facebook.com/hopscotchhalifax>.

### **Placemaking Program**

Neighbourhoods across HRM are invited to apply to paint their street through the Placemaking Program. The Placemaking Program provides guidance and support to community members that are interested in hosting a street painting project in their neighbourhood street intersection. HRM provides staff support to seek necessary approvals and works collaboratively with community members to design accessible, creative and successful project plans. HRM also provides staff support for project painting days. Alternative Placemaking projects that do not include painting on the street may also be considered.

Neighbourhoods across HRM are invited to apply to paint their street through the Placemaking Program. The tool kit & application form can be found at the following link.

To download an application form, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/Culture/CommunityArts/documents/HRMPlacemakingApplication2013.pdf>. Applications are due October 31, 2013 for neighbourhoods wishing to paint in 2014.

For more information about how to apply for a Placemaking project in your neighbourhood contact: Kate MacLennan, Community Arts Facilitator, [maclenk@halifax.ca](mailto:maclenk@halifax.ca), Tel: (902) 490-4408.