

Engaging Cole Harbour – Westphal
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As a member of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC) I want to provide a brief update on the Regional Plan 5 year review. Following Committee of the Whole's discussion of draft 3 this past December, Regional Council directed further changes to the proposed (revised) Regional Plan. Draft 4 of the plan is now available to view on the website at <http://www.halifax.ca/PlanHRM/>. This version will be reviewed by both the Heritage Advisory Committee and CDAC for their comments and then will come back to Regional Council in February for final consideration before scheduling a public hearing. Please take time to review the changes as it affects how future growth and development will take place in HRM.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014-2015 Community Grants Program. The program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities in our Municipality. There are two types of grants available - a project grant of up to \$5,000 and a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Grants are one time and for specific types of projects in the following categories: Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighborhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity and Arts & Crafts. You will find application forms and program guidebooks on-line at www.halifax.ca/grants or you can call 311, or contact one of HRM's Citizen Contact Centres. Deadline for applying is March 31st.

As a resident of Cole Harbour - Westphal what does living in the Halifax Region mean to you? HRM is asking residents to share their thoughts on our regional identity as part of a rebranding project. Your feedback is an important part in developing a new brand for HRM. A new website has been launched that provides an easy way to share your thoughts and is a resource to learn more about this initiative and why it matters to the region. Please visit DefineHalifaxRegion.com or email your comments to comment@DefineHalifaxRegion.com or call 490-TALK (8255) or toll-free at 1-855-380-TALK (8255) to leave a message.

As I am sure you have noted pothole season has arrived early this year. The combination of freezing and thawing conditions has seen the development of potholes earlier than usual. Please report potholes by calling 311, or fill out the on-line form at: <https://apps.halifax.ca/311>. For more information on potholes, as well as HRM's standards for pothole maintenance, please visit: <http://www.halifax.ca/municipalops/potholes/index.html>