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District 4 - Cole Harbour/Westphal



Dear Residents,

Spring is here and for some a welcomed departure from the bleakness of late winter. As I travel around our District, I see areas that will definitely need tidying up.

If you see anything that requires attention, i.e., potholes, grass sod upheaval, excess gravel deposits created by snow clearing over the winter, please call the HRM Call Centre at 311.

I recently initiated a discussion which resulted in a motion being brought forward to Regional Council to remove Local Improvement Charges (LIC's) for new sidewalk construction in the urban tax rated areas of HRM which includes District 4.

This issue became a concern to me as a result of the widening of Main Street/No. 7 in District 4. Included in the widening project was the replacement of existing asphalt sidewalks with new concrete sidewalks to meet HRM's updated sidewalk standards. Under the current regulations, an LIC would have to be applied to nearby property owners to pay for the upgraded sidewalks.

I am pleased to report that as a result of the motion passed at Regional Council property owners in all urban tax rated areas, including District 4, will no longer be subject to LIC's for new sidewalks in their area.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to those who exercised their democratic right to vote in the 2012 municipal election held in October.

With the reduction of Regional Council electoral districts (from 23 to 16), and the resulting boundary changes, District 4 today includes all of Cole Harbour, Westphal, Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Ross Road and the Lake Major area.

I continue to be honoured to represent you on Regional Council and I look forward to serving the residents of District 4.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

CALL CENTRE

We Can Help!

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HRM SERVICES

HRM Citizen Contact Centre - 311 Open 7 days a week, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day) Your fastest way to access information on a wide variety of municipal services and information.

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Due to Canada Post distribution areas, some residences which are not in District 4 may receive this newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this may cause and hope you still find the information useful.



Call 3-1-1



HRM has changed its Call Centre phone number from 490-4000 to '311' to make it easier to remember and to increase efficiencies. If you have/see a municipal related issue, i.e., pot hole, snow clearing damage, Metro Transit issue, Solid Waste collection, etc., please call '311' to initiate a work order to have the work carried out and tracked for future reference. For more information on the service please go to: halifax.ca/311/

Bissett Lake Park Events for Bike Week

HRM Recreation will be holding a special event during HRM Bike Week to celebrate the opening of the new bridge on the Bissett Lake Trail. The event will take place on June 8th, 2013 and additional details will be available soon. There will be activities and prizes for both hikers & bikers! For more information watch for the HRM Bike Week promotions or contact the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre by calling 490-4711.

Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum 8th Annual Spring Dinner & Auction

The 8th Annual Spring Dinner & Auction to support the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum was held on April 6th at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club. I want to express my thanks to the volunteers who put on this great event each year, especially Ralph MacKenzie for coordinating the reception and silent auction.



On behalf of the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival Committee, I presented Janice Kirkbright, Executive Director of the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, with an award for their float entry in the CH Harvest Festival parade.

The Urban Forest Master Plan: Get Ready for Spring Planting in Colby Village!

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, Halifax Regional Council approved HRM's urban forest master plan (UFMP). HRM's urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public land. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about environmental stewardship. The plan was developed in cooperation with Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES) after many years of research, public engagement, workshops and reports.

This year, five neighbourhood areas have been selected to take part in a pilot program to significantly increase the number of street trees planted. The areas are Colby Village, Connaught/Quinpool, Eastern Passage, Fairview and North End Halifax. The pilot program will include improved tree planting and maintenance programs, as well as opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

In Colby Village 204 new street trees will be planted along Caldwell Road. A variety of hardy native tree species will be selected. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow tall to form a protective canopy cover.

Planting starts in early April and will continue throughout the spring. The UFMP website will be updated on a regular basis to help you stay informed about upcoming planting schedules and volunteer opportunities in your neighbourhood. Visit the website at halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP

Auburn Drive Community Garden BBQ

Auburn High School's Green Team will host a BBQ on Thursday, May 16, 5:30 -7:30 pm, to celebrate their community garden. Neighbours and Community Groups are Welcome! Planters will be available to sponsor (to plant and tend) for a \$20 fee which will help offset the placement of water barrels for summer watering!

Caldwell Road & Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road Update

HRM is proposing improvements to the intersection of Portland St/Cole Harbour Rd at Caldwell Rd/Dorothea Dr and Caldwell Rd at Hampton Green. The work will include: construction of a second left turn lane for northbound Caldwell Rd at Portland St/Cole Harbour Rd, bike lanes on Caldwell Rd from Hampton Green to Portland St/Cole Harbour Rd, new sidewalk on both sides of Caldwell Rd from Hampton Green to Portland St/Cole Harbour Rd, new bus pads on Caldwell Rd, and a left turn lane for southbound Caldwell Rd at Hampton Green. This project is currently in the design phase and is pending Council budget approval. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer/autumn of 2013. Please call 311 with any inquiries.



Bissett Lake Park Bridge Now Open

On December 14, 2012 barriers were removed from the entrance and the new bridge on Bissett Brook was made available for crossing. Two new park benches have been installed along the Bissett Trail, one on each side of the new bridge. The bridge opens the Colby Village area to quick access, not only to Cole Harbour Heritage Park, but by use of the Heritage Trail and Salt Marsh Trail, one may now travel all the way to Porters Lake. In the opposite direction, there is now access, through the Shearwater Flyer, to Eastern Passage and Shearwater.

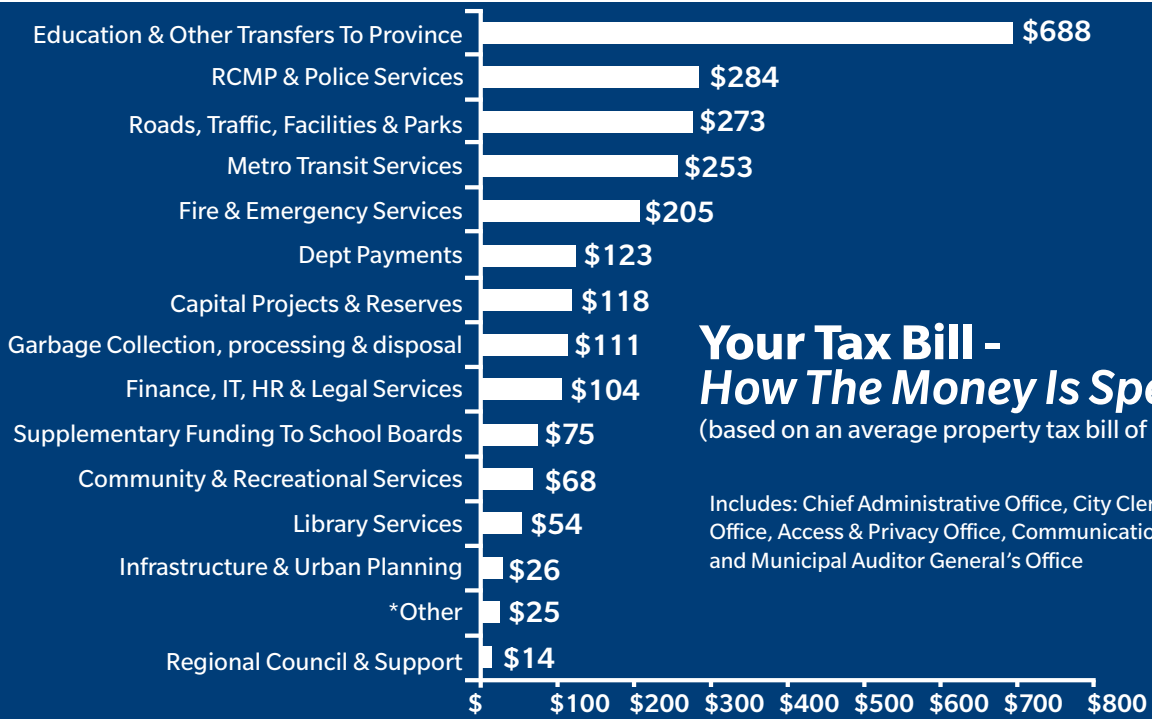
I have long seen the need for this active transportation connection in the community and three years ago I committed District 4 capital funds to ensure the installation of the bridge. Its completion means the heavily populated areas of Cole Harbour can connect to the Bissett Road area and the parklands/trails. Those from the Bissett Road area can cross to Colby Drive and catch a Metro Transit bus, if desired. Entrance to this trail is off Colby Drive.



Spotlight on Cherry Brook

Submitted by Alma Johnston-Tynes, President, Lake Loon Cherry Brook Seniors

A rural black community situated approximately 6 miles east from downtown Dartmouth. The name probably came from the wild cherry trees that grew near a brook in the area. John Wisdom and Edward King received a 730 acre grant of land on January 20, 1786. Charles Jackson obtained a grant of 105 acres in 1904 with a schoolhouse standing nearly in the centre of the lot. The Cherry Brook United Baptist Church was organized and built in 1902. This small community has produced many firsts in Canada and in the province of Nova Scotia such as ministers, missionaries, judge, teachers, nurses, dietician, lawyers, craftsman, tradespersons, law enforcement officers, social worker, just to name a few. The population is approximately 345. The community houses the Graham Creighton Junior High School, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, and the Cherry Brook United Baptist Church. In recent years the community has been referred to as Cherry Brook – Lake Loon Community. A pipeline from Dartmouth City Water Supply runs through the community.



Your Tax Bill - How The Money Is Spent

(based on an average property tax bill of \$2,421)

Includes: Chief Administrative Office, City Clerks Office, Access & Privacy Office, Communications, and Municipal Auditor General's Office



Cole Harbour Place Embraces its Community as We Celebrate 25 Years of Operation

By Cathy Burgess, General Manger, Cole Harbour Place

Built by the community, For the community

In 1984 a group of community minded individuals formed the Cole Harbour Westphal and Area Culture and Recreation Foundation. This group had a vision for our community...Cole Harbour Place.

In 1975, Scotia Stadium now called Scotia 1 was constructed, and Cole Harbour Place was built around Scotia Stadium in several phases. First was the opening of both rinks and the Bingo Hall in 1988 and in 1989 the pool, library and fitness areas opened followed by 2 additional phases in 1993 and 1999 which saw the opening of the new weight room and squash courts followed by the Cardio centre and Lifestyle centre.

Since 1989, Cole Harbour Place has positioned itself as a true multipurpose community facility with a diversified package of services and membership opportunities. It is our mandate to provide a healthy environment where children, families, and individuals come to play, learn, be physically active and engage in recreation. Cole Harbour Place is the hub of the community with an established presence and professional image. Throughout its history, Cole Harbour Place has been able to operate and deliver programs in an entirely self-sufficient manner led historically by a volunteer Board of Directors.

When you think of Cole Harbour Place's history, two words come to mind. Community and Volunteers. Over the coming year Cole Harbour Place will recognize our founders, volunteers and the community who supported and continue to support Cole Harbour Place. There will be special events and opportunities throughout the year. Go to coleharbourplace.com to find what's happening at your centre.

Volunteers are the heart of our community. Did you know that a volunteer group puts on the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival and Parade every September? More information on this year's festival can be found at harvest.coleharbour.org. Another hard working group of volunteers will bring the Women's Wellbeing Expo to Cole Harbour Place on May 24-26, 2013. With a focus on women, 85 exhibitors at the trade show, including businesses, not for profit organizations and health care providers, will be here to share their information, products, and entertainment with you. Throughout the weekend workshops will be given by clinicians, researchers, a physiotherapist, a clinical nurse specialist and others in the fields of financial, social, physical and spiritual wellness.

Socializing and networking in the spirit of community is a very important component of the Expo. On Friday evening participants will kick off the event with a wine and cheese social introducing local products and music by Lana Grant. On Saturday evening, come and enjoy a beautiful dinner with the girls, MC'd by C100's Moya Farrell and share in this opportunity to be inspired by our keynote speaker, Barb Stegemann. Ladies gather your girlfriends for this exciting weekend and gentlemen why not purchase a weekend pass for that special mom for Mother's Day. To find out more go to womenswellbeingexpo.com.

Cole Harbour Place would like to thank Councillor Nicoll for providing District Capital funding for the purchase of new furnishings for the main areas of the facility, which has provided additional community space and an internet cafe for small meetings and gatherings. In addition, Cole Harbour Place has recently purchased new treadmills and several pieces of weight training equipment. Become a part of our family, drop by anytime and let us show you how to get started.

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*The Centre is open 7 am to 11 pm daily (except holidays)

HRM Call Centre TTY/TDD line (Hearing impaired) - 490-6645

- RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment - 244-7208
- Fire Non-emergency - 490-5020
- Cole Harbour Place - 464-5100
- Cole Harbour Public Library - 434-6177
- Water bill inquiries - 490-4820