



District 4

Councillor Lorelei Nicoll

Engaging Cole Harbour

Summer 2012

Dear Residents

It is hard to believe that my four-year term as your elected municipal representative on HRM Council has gone by so quickly. It has been a rewarding term filled with many successes for both our District and for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a whole.

As your representative I have met with a number of you to discuss issues, concerns or ideas you may have. In doing so, I am increasingly aware of what an amazing community we have.

The neighbourhoods and communities in District 4 are long established, and due to the efforts of the many residents who voiced their concerns over the proposed boundary recommendation to the NS Utility and Review Board, I was pleased to see that the board decided to recognize their combined interests in its recent District Boundary Review decision.

Please visit www.halifax.ca/municipalclerk/districtboundaries.html to view the new district.

In celebration of our heritage, diversity and strength as a community, the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival will be celebrating its 5th year on September 8th. Each year the Festival is a big success due to the dedication of the volunteer Committee members, festival sponsors and to the enthusiastic participation of residents. Please reference the Schedule of Events on the last page of this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there on September 8th.

As always, I am here to engage and work with you. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our communities.



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Flower Planters Welcomed on Cole Harbour Road

In response to the desire of residents and businesses for an improved 'curb appeal', I have initiated an 'Adopt-a-bed' program along Cole Harbour Road.

Working with the Association for Business in Cole Harbour (ABCH), flower planters have been placed along Cole Harbour Road and adopted by nearby ABCH businesses who expressed interest in maintaining them. Funding for these planters was provided through District 4 and District 7 Capital Funds.

I continue to work with the ABCH (www.coleharbourbusiness.ca) towards future improvements along Cole Harbour Road.



Councillor Nicoll with Ronnie Nasrallah of Ronnie's Pizza and Deborah Moulton of Moulton Optical and President of the Association for Business in Cole Harbour (ABCH)

District 4 Cole Harbour - Community Clean-up



Thank you to all who participated in the Community Clean-up on June 8th and 9th. It was a true community effort as groups and individuals from all over District 4 joined in and did their part to rid the area of unwanted garbage and debris.

I joined Dave Rawding and his Sobeys Forest Hills team to clean up along Cole Harbour Road. Thanks, Dave, for making the clean-up such a fun experience.

Westphal Cole Harbour Firefighters Association's 50th Anniversary

The Westphal Cole Harbour Firefighters Association will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Station 17 at 1150 Cole Harbour Road. There will be displays including pictures and artifacts from the last 50 years, operational demonstrations and even a Junior Firefighter's Challenge for the kids. A tour of Station 18 at 690 Main Street will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The WCHFFA would like to invite the community to drop by and meet the firefighters, see the stations and celebrate 50 years with them!



It was a very humbling experience to be named an Honorary Member of the Westphal Cole Harbour Firefighters Association on May 12th at the association's annual banquet. Thank you to Derrick Harty, Noel White and the WCHFFA for extending this honour to me.

Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children (NSHCC) Community Garden



What a great experience it has been to work side by side with others from all parts of the nearby communities of Lawrencetown, Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Westphal, Cole Harbour and Dartmouth.

The NSHCC, in an agreement with Darren Turner, provided twenty garden plots of ten rows each, all tilled and ready for planting (except for the weeding). These

Councillor Nicoll with Murray Elliott, Veronica Marsman, NSHCC Executive Director and Jennifer Hanlin, CH Harvest Festival Farmers Market Chair, at the NSHCC Community Garden

garden plots are now planted and being maintained by various community organizations, schools, and residents. It looks amazing.

The Cole Harbour Harvest Festival Society was fortunate to attain a plot where Murray Elliott and myself have put in some sweat equity with hopes to yield a crop worth harvesting for the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival on September 8th at Cole Harbour Place.

Bissett Lake Park Trail Connection

A ground breaking took place on August 23rd at the Trail Entrance to Bissett Lake Park off Colby Drive to announce the building of the pedestrian bridge connecting the trail between Brookview Drive and the Bissett Lake Park. The bridge is expected to be complete October 1st.

Afternoon Tea at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm

It was my sincere pleasure to host the Lake Loon Cherry Brook Seniors Club for an afternoon tea at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm on June 21st. The food was excellent as always and the atmosphere lent itself to reminiscing of days gone past when Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Westphal and Cole Harbour were thriving with many farms.

On hand to add to the conversation with the Seniors Club were Melvin Harris, Murray and Carole Elliott as well as Terry Eyland, Curator at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. Thank you to all who attended for making this gathering a most enjoyable and memorable afternoon.



Councillor Nicoll with Alma Johnston, President and members of the Lake Loon Cherry Brook Seniors Club, Murray and Carole Elliott, Melvin Harris and Linda Devonport, Chef at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm.

Open Space: Cole Harbour Basin Project Update

Cole Harbour Basin Study has been moving forward at a steady pace in order to prepare a document that is easy to use. The Public Engagement Process that wrapped up at the end of 2011 had quite an impact on the analysis component of the study. Staff has been working closely with Stakeholders and the Technical Team on the details of the 13 validated projects in order to test policy and then draft policy guidelines to inform decision makers on where in the Green, Blue, and Grey colour spectrum HRM should invest. Citizen values that include cultural identity, sustainability, good stewardship, and connectivity still resonate loud and clear and show that they help form the pillars of a livable society. Staff is looking forward to being able to present the study conclusions to the Steering Committee and the residents of the Cole Harbour Basin this autumn.

Electronic Notices/Newsletters

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Contact Numbers

HRM Call Centre *The Call Centre is open 7 am to 11pm daily (except holidays)	490-4000
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

HRM Volunteers

Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contributions to our community. Congratulations to District 4 residents Donald Carter and Pat Rodenhiser. HRM appreciates your commitment to improving our community.



Donald Carter



Pat Rhondenhiser

HRM Citizenship Awards

On June 19th, Regional Council hosted the 2012 HRM Citizenship Awards at City Hall. Grade 9 students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving life in both their school and community. Congratulations to District 4 resident Marina Muberwa, Halifax Christian Academy.



Marina Muberwa

**Congratulations
to all
Award recipients!**

Quick Links

Regional Council Agenda/Minutes/Reports may be found at www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html

Province of NS reducing speed limits in School Zones this September to 30km/h from 50km/h – Please see novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20111102008

Municipal and School Board elections will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012. To confirm you are on the voting list or have questions, please call the HRM Election Office at 490-VOTE (8683) or email election@halifax.ca. Link for voting list www.halifax.ca/election/index.html

HRM's Urban Forestry Master Plan will be coming to Regional Council and can be reviewed at www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP/#UFMPWorkshops

HRM's Fall Curbside Giveaway will be held October 20/21. Any unwanted/unused household items may be placed at the curb and marked 'Free'. Leftover items must be removed from the curb by dusk on Sunday www.myhrm.ca/Resources/CurbsideGiveAway.php



Harvest Festival Schedule of Events (Tentative)

The purpose of the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival is to bring people together to celebrate the richness of the Cole Harbour community. This event is a time to build community pride, respect and awareness.

The 2012 Cole Harbour Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 in and around Cole Harbour Place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The 2012 Cole Harbour Harvest Festival tentative event schedule is as follows (subject to change – visit www.coleharbour.org and follow the Harvest Festival link for up-to-date details):

Saturday, September 8, 2012		
Time	Event	Location
9:00am – 11:00am	Harvest Festival Road Race Presented by the Salt Marsh Trail Running Club	Corner of Forest Hills Parkway and Auburn Drive
10:00am – 11:30am	Grand Street Parade	Pope John XXIII Church – Cole Harbour Place
11:00am – 3:00pm	Harvest Festival Street Hockey Skills	Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot
	Harvest Festival Soccer Skills	Cole Harbour High School Field
11:00am – 3:00pm	Cole Harbour Place Health Fair	Cole Harbour Place
	Harvest Festival Farmer's Market	Cole Harbour Place
	Local Art Exhibit	Cole Harbour Library
	Live Music and Entertainment featuring The Worrybirds and children's entertainers Tiddlywinks	Main Stage – Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot
	Food Vendors	Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot
	Bounce Games	Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot
	Antique Tractor Display	Cole Harbour Place Parking Lot
	Wagon Rides	Cole Harbour Place Front Entrance
	Introduction to Nordic Walking	Meet at Health Fair Nordic Pole Walking Booth at 11:45
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Mass Zumba Outdoor Dance Class	Main Stage – Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot
1:00pm – 3:00pm	HRM Skateboard Competition	Cole Harbour Skate Park
	Guided 6 Km walk Presented by the Dartmouth Volksmarch Walking Club	Departs from Cole Harbour Place
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Live Chef Demonstration and sampling Presented by Aramark	Cole Harbour Place Main Foyer
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Special Performance by Atlantic Cirque and Daylight Fireworks Finale Presented by Sobeys Forest Hills Parkway and Panavista Drive locations.	Main Stage – Cole Harbour Place Back Parking Lot

Events and schedule subject to change.



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