

# Lorelei Nicoll

District 4 - Cole Harbour - Westphal

## Engaging Cole Harbour



### DEAR RESIDENTS



Now that the buds on the trees are in full bloom, a sight I thought I would never see given our long, hard winter, I want to commend you for your endurance and perseverance during a challenging winter season.

I have had discussions throughout the winter with residents and HRM Winter Works staff. I look forward to having HRM Winter Works Operations present its end of season report to Regional Council this summer.

As we know, a sense of community is important to residents' quality of life. Thank you to all who are considerate of their neighbours and pitch in to help as they see the need. As a volunteer in District 4 for 29 years, this consideration is a mindset I share with many volunteers and residents in the area. This was my intent when I recently hosted a Community Engagement event at Cole Harbour Place to raise awareness of the admirable work and service provided by our dedicated volunteers and volunteer organizations in District 4.

I look forward to Spring of 2016 and to receiving input on potential community projects you and volunteers/volunteer organizations would like to see realized through the District 4 Participatory Budgeting Process. Additional information on this process can be found in this newsletter.

Until then, have a wonderful and safe Summer and I'll see you at the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival on September 11th and 12th at Cole Harbour Place!

### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Applications are available for residential property tax exemptions. Do you qualify? If you have applied in previous years, did you receive your application in the mail? For answers to these questions, visit [halifax.ca/taxes/exemption](http://halifax.ca/taxes/exemption) or call 311.

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

**My Office is here to serve you**

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HRM Citizen Contact Centre - 311

7 days a week, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm

(except Christmas and New Year's Day)

Your fastest way to access information on a wide variety of municipal services and information.

HRM Call Centre TTY/TDD line: 902.490.6645

RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment:

902.244.7208 or 1.800.803.7267

Fire Non-emergency: 902.490.5020

Councillors' Office: 902. 490.4050

Cole Harbour Place: 902. 464.5100

Cole Harbour Public Library: 902.434.6177

Water bill inquiries: 902. 490.4820



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.

# HALIFAX



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### 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 Joanne Hughes, Cathy White and Merek Jagielski. HRM appreciates your commitment to improving our community.



Joanne Hughes



Cathy White



Merek Jagielski

### HRM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On May 12, Regional Council hosted the 2015 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 Kiera Sparks-Lucas, Astral Drive Junior High School, Lindsay Norrie, Graham Creighton Junior High School and Quinn Marnitz, Sir Robert Borden Junior High School.



Kiera Sparks-Lucas



Lindsay Norrie



Quinn Marnitz

## COLE HARBOUR HARVEST FESTIVAL | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### FRIDAY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 11TH

Food Truck Party and Drive-in Movie (movie to be determined, suggestions welcomed) | Fireworks at dusk

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Pancake Breakfast | Parade | Farmers' Market/Health Fair | Chef Cook-off | Multi-Cultural show | Variety Show entertainment

### Ongoing throughout the day (11:00AM-3:00PM):

Games including Bouncy Castles | Sports Skills | Face Painting | Balloon Animals | And much more!

### Public Skate at 9:00 pm at Cole Harbour Place

All events subject to change. Schedule will be updated regularly on [www.coleharbour.org](http://www.coleharbour.org) and twitter at @CHHarvestFest

The Harvest Festival is organized by a dedicated and committed group of community volunteers. If you would like to donate some of your time leading up to or on the day of the event, please contact the Committee at [CHHF@bellaliant.net](mailto:CHHF@bellaliant.net).



**COLE HARBOUR PARKS & TRAILS UPDATE:** Submitted by Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association  
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association has many irons in the fire, so to speak. We are in the planning stages of a pilot Living Shores project at the western side of the Salt Marsh Trail out to the first bridge area. This will rely heavily on volunteer involvement as we need to keep costs down in a fiscally strapped funding environment. The project would see the greening of the Salt Marsh Trail in order to have vegetation eventually protect the storm surge foundation with a network of binding roots and an umbrella of green. This would lessen the impact of hurricane surge on rock, and would grow back in between events. We are following proven techniques from along the eastern US.

The big red Conrod's Barn reconstruction is suffering from a serious lack of funding. We are looking for support from the community and a source of funding to rebuild the iconic heritage link to Cole Harbour's rural past. CHPTA hopes to get some trail work done along the Bissett and Forest Hills trails this year, since funding was cut from the province, and the federal partners, we hope that the municipality will continue to support our efforts through some difficult times. The Forest Hills Trail still requires upgrades to make it safer, and sustainable.

Our trails make their way through three constituencies and Lorelei has always been most particularly supportive in everything we are working on. We gratefully thank you for all your efforts. You can join us on Facebook, and follow us on twitter, or simply read more at [www.chpta.org](http://www.chpta.org)

## **DISTRICT 4 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING: HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?**

Each year, Councillors receive money for capital projects in their district. Traditionally funds have been allocated in response to public requests and in consultation with staff. I have decided to use the participatory budgeting process.

Participatory budgeting allows citizens to identify, discuss, and prioritize public spending projects that meet the District Capital Policy, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent. Community members, like YOU, will propose projects and/or make recommendations on how to spend this money.

**Need funding for a project to support, enhance, build community? Want to see more public art, bike racks, benches? Does your neighbourhood want to improve a park or playground?**

I'm looking for great ideas from local groups. Mark your calendars for Spring 2016 when we will meet again.



Thank you to all who attended my community engagement event at Cole Harbour Place. The conversation was great and helped those present know of the great work taking place in our neighbourhoods and communities. Thank you to Staged for Upsell and Joanna Lane for her furniture staging for the event and Janet's Flowers for the daisy arrangements.





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### CHANGES AT THE CURB

#### RESIDENTIAL SINGLE UNIT



Starting August 1, 2015 new requirements for curbside collection will be in effect. This date allows time for residents to become aware of the changes, and for retail stores to adjust their inventory of bags.

- Clear bags will be required for garbage, with each residence allowed one dark bag within the collection limit. Bags may also be placed in cans to address privacy concerns. More than one dark or 'nested' bag will be rejected.
- Exclusive use of kraft paper bag for excess leaf & yard waste. Leaf & yard waste can still be placed in the cart, but grass clippings will no longer be collected curbside in favour of grasscycling and backyard composting.
- Boxboard (cereal and cracker boxes) will be accepted with paper for recycling, though it can still be used to contain wet kitchen scraps in the green cart.

For more details please visit [www.halifax.ca/recycle/contact.php](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/contact.php)

### UPCOMING STREETS & ROADS PROJECTS

Arklow Drive from Civic 234 to Amaranth Crescent - Sidewalk & Curb Spot Repairs  
Arklow Drive from Civic 234 to Amaranth Crescent - Thin Overlay  
Arklow Drive at John Stewart - Culvert Repair  
Caldwell Road from Hampton Green to Atholea Drive - Planer Patching  
Cole Harbour Road from Forest Hills Parkway to Bissett Road - Microsurfacing  
Cole Harbour Road from Forest Hills Parkway to Bissett Road - Sidewalk & Curb Spot Repairs  
Coventry Lane to Fireside Drive - Walkway  
Cumberland Drive from Colby Drive to Cole Harbour Road - Planer Patching  
Forest Hills Parkway from Auburn Drive to Main Street - Planer Patching  
Forest Hills Parkway from Cole Harbour Road to Main Street - Planer Patching  
Lake Loon Road from Montague Road to MacLaughlin Road - Recapitalization  
Lake Major Road from Trunk 7 to Ernst Mill Bridge - Recapitalization  
Merrimac Drive from Forest Hills Parkway to Arklow Drive - Recapitalization  
Poplar Drive from Civic 123 to Otago Drive - Recapitalization  
Poplar Drive W from Circassion Drive to Civic 126 - Sidewalk Renewal  
Poplar Drive W, from Civic 122 to Elm Street - Sidewalk Renewal  
Poplar Drive N, from Otago Drive to Elm Street - Sidewalk Renewal  
Poplar Drive, from Civic 110 to Elm Street - Walkway  
Poplar Drive, from Civic 146 to Sirius Crescent - Walkway  
Poplar Drive, from Civic 170 to Sirius Crescent - Walkway



What can a person do when a garden is on private land but needs maintenance badly?

Get permission and then volunteer, also get your husband, family and friend to help you out... THANK YOU to Jim Nicoll and Burke Cushing for lending a hand..wheelbarrow.. etc.!!

