



District 4

Councillor Lorelei Nicoll

# Engaging Cole Harbour

Winter 2009

## Dear Resident:

While October 18 may have come and gone without meaning for many, it did have significance for me as it marked one year since the municipal election when you chose me as your Councillor for District 4 - Cole Harbour.

I came into this job with a vision for Cole Harbour, one where we collectively work together to make our community all it can be. I appreciate hearing from you with your ideas and concerns as this provides me with insight and information on the needs of your particular neighbourhood.

District 4, Cole Harbour, along with other districts in Dartmouth and Eastern Passage, belongs to the Harbour East Community Council. This community council meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the former Dartmouth City Hall Council Chamber at Alderney Gate (entrance on the ferry side). The public are always welcome to attend. There are 6 Community Councils in HRM and they deal with development agreements/planning amendments and concerns of residents in their area. Agendas are available at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca).

Serving on a variety of committees does provide me with a unique perspective on the complexities of public administration and the opportunity to work with many dedicated HRM employees.

Despite busy schedules, I, like many of you, am looking forward to the Holiday Season when we can take time to reflect and find peace. May you experience a sense of goodwill this holiday season and know our true task will be to keep fostering goodwill all year.



## Boards and Committees

In addition to being a member of community groups such as the Volunteer Board at Cole Harbour Place, the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival Committee, Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association, Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society, and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 160, I also serve on the following HRM Council Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Dangerous or Unightly Premises
- Heritage Advisory
- Solid Waste/Resource Advisory
- Special Events Advisory
- Volunteer Award Recipients
- Youth Advisory



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**490-4000**

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## Feed Our Students



Feed Our Students is an initiative to provide a free lunch to students attending Cole Harbour High School. A significant number of students have been observed not receiving the proper nutrition needed for learning. This will be one day in the month where students will not have to worry about what they will eat for lunch. Students will get to enjoy a free lunch consisting of Kraft Dinner, fresh fruit, refreshments and a snack, all donated from local business and church organizations. The group hopes to continue this program on a monthly basis.

Like most communities, Cole Harbour has experienced challenging moments in the past when law enforcement is called upon to engage the youth in the community. We know from law enforcement officials that their desire is to not only engage and protect, but to embrace and serve our youth.

Feed Our Students is also an initiative that will fill the need of helping students and law enforcement recognize the desire for change and healing. On November 25th officers from the Cole Harbour and Preston RCMP served lunch to students from Cole Harbour High School and engaged them in an environment that has proven to help build community with others, by sitting down and simply eating together. This was a big success with approximately 400 kids from Cole Harbour High enjoying a free meal. They plan to hold their second one in December with a traditional turkey dinner.

## Happy Birthday Byrl Bundy

It was my sincere honour to attend the 75th birthday of Byrl Bundy at the Cole Harbour Fire Hall on November 7, 2009. Byrl is a remarkable man who demonstrates the epitome of a loving father. Although he lost his wife tragically 30 years ago, he raised his family of six children and still had room in his heart to help other children in the community, an act he continues today.

It takes a community to raise a child, but with Byrl Bundy in the community of Cherry Brook, it certainly makes it all possible.

## Sidney Crosby Stanley Cup Event



I cannot think back to the day Sidney Crosby brought the Stanley Cup to Cole Harbour without saying WOW!

It would not be enough to say thank you to Sidney Crosby for providing Cole Harbour with the opportunity to be on the world stage. Sidney is truly an ambassador for Cole Harbour.

While each of us knows what a great community we live in, it was heartwarming to see Sidney display his pride of place by giving us this event. Thank you to his parents, Troy and Trina Crosby, for instilling in Sidney that sense of pride for Cole Harbour.

While we knew the Stanley Cup event had the potential to be big, no one expected a magnitude of 65,000 people participating in the parade and festivities. It was a big success and I was happy to be part of the organizing committee.

Who knows? With the talents of Sidney Crosby, the Stanley Cup could find its way back to Cole Harbour.



The Draft Five Year Strategic Operations Plan - Taking Transit to the Next Level was formally presented to Council on October 27th. It is still currently under review by Regional Council. The report can be found online at: [www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/news](http://www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/news)



## *New Year's Evee*

*In the true spirit of the season, I welcome everyone to join me at Cole Harbour*

*Place on New Year's Day from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a New Year's Evee (weather permitting). The arena and pool will be open for your pleasure at no charge. Refreshments will be served and I would love it if you would take some time to drop by and join the party!*

## Revitalization for the Former Rehabilitation Centre Property on Bissett Road

Halifax Regional Municipality will work with the community to develop a master plan for future use and revitalization of this property. Regional Council has also allocated financial resources to demolish the buildings and clean up the property. Early in 2010 I plan to begin meeting with HRM planners, residents and a range of stakeholders and partners to develop a vision and development plan for this important public asset. The goal of this process will be to determine what type of development is desired for this site.

The upcoming planning process will be an important opportunity for community to work with the HRM and key partners to develop a shared vision and plan for the former rehab property. For information on how to get involved please visit the HRM web-site at: [www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning](http://www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning)

## Drive Sober

As someone who has been devastated by the loss of a loved one to a drunk driver, I am making a passionate plea to drivers. **THINK HARD** about what you are doing; **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

On average, four people die every day in Canada and approximately 207 are injured in drug and alcohol related highway crashes. Despite the strides that have been made in recent years, this still remains the #1 criminal cause of death in our country and is three times higher than homicide.

Our community at large can also be involved now by playing a part in the apprehension of impaired drivers. You can **CALL 911** if you see someone you believe may be operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



## Cole Harbour Harvest Festival

The second annual Cole Harbour Harvest Festival was held on September 12th and 13th at Cole Harbour Place. It was a tremendous success with thousands in attendance. New this year, was a Youth Kick-off on Friday night. It meant a lot to our youth to have ownership of this event. The Youth Committee, under the direction of Kevin Morash and Jonathan Bienko, organized an outdoor concert where local youth were provided the opportunity to showcase their talent.

Since this festival is an outdoor event, the festival committee would like to thank the residents of neighbouring streets for their support and understanding.

I would like to offer a special thank-you to the festival sponsors, the organizing committee, the youth committee and the many volunteers who helped on the big day. Without you, Cole Harbour would not have an annual festival. For Festival information please visit the website at: [www.coleharbour.org](http://www.coleharbour.org).



This photo, taken by Frieda Pieroway in the 1940's, looking west up Cole Harbour Road is one of my favourites as it depicts Cole Harbour as the rural farming community it once was. In the foreground on the left would be present day Bank of Montreal with the entrance to Colby Village at the top of the hill on the left. The home on the right is the homestead of Stewart Bissett's family and is now Toad Computers. This photo is a wonderful depiction of simpler times, where even snow cannot deter milk delivery. (Note the milk jugs on the right).



## HRM's Winter Safety Operations

Safety of residents is HRM's top priority. HRM crews and contractors will be working to keep the streets and sidewalks in our neighbourhoods as free as possible from snow and ice for the protection of all residents.

HRM encourages residents and business owners to support safety and service delivery standards by planning ahead and keeping your vehicles off the street in compliance with the winter parking ban (Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act provides that parked vehicles obstructing snow removal or winter maintenance operations may be removed at the owner's cost, regardless of time or date).

HRM thanks you for your cooperation and patience during and after snow events. In the event of a snow storm, HRM asks that residents please allow 12 hours after the end of the snowfall for crews to plow main roads and bus routes and 24 hours for residential and rural streets. For sidewalks, please allow 12 hours on main routes, 18 hours on school and bus routes and 36 hours for sidewalk clearing on residential and rural streets. Please note **HRM's Winter Parking Ban, will be in effect as of December 14, 2009 and remain in effect until March 12th, 2010. The parking ban restricts on-street parking each night from 1:00 am to 7:00 am.**

Working together we can have a safe and enjoyable winter season.

For information on service standards, driving tips, HRM's Smart Trip Program, frequently asked questions, and to report snowplow damage and more, please visit us at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) or contact HRM's call centre at 490-4000.

## HRM Council launches District Boundary Review Process

Every 8 years, and prior to each regular municipal election, all municipalities in Nova Scotia, including HRM, are required to do a review of the district boundaries. The next major review for HRM is scheduled for 2010. A major District Boundary Review includes looking not just at where the electoral district boundaries are located but also the number of districts and the role of Council and community Councils in representing their residents.

A Committee of Council has been formed and over the coming months they will be looking for input from as many residents as possible. Your views and opinions count.

## Kiwanis Park



The Kiwanis Park on Caldwell Road (across from Atholea Drive) is a wonderful asset to Cole Harbour and is maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers who belong to the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour. This park provides residents with access to Morris Lake and a small trail. In the winter, volunteers provide the community with an outdoor ice surface for skating.

On a Saturday morning in September, I had the pleasure of meeting up with one of these volunteers, Murray Elliott (left) along with (from left) Winston Wright, Stanley Giles, John Stewart, and Lloyd Eisener.

## Directors Award



HRM's Annual Corporate Awards were held on November 12, when two firefighters from Cole Harbour were recognized for their exemplary work in the community. Kevin Thomas (left) worked tirelessly on the Risk Watch program which is a prevention resource for elementary school teachers. Kevin so impressed the Department of Education that they adopted the program in every school in the Province.

Derrick Harty (right) is deeply involved in the Westphal Cole Harbour Fire Fighters Association and all their fund raising efforts. On behalf of Fire & Emergency Services, his efforts helped to raise over half a million dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

## Milestones

- Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Stan and Jackie Giles
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***If you know someone celebrating a milestone, please let me know at 478-2705.***



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.