

Lorelei Nicoll

District 4 - Cole Harbour - Westphal

Engaging Cole Harbour



HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

WINTER 2016

DEAR RESIDENTS,



2015 is now just a memory, but what an honour it was for me to serve as HRM's Deputy Mayor for the past year. I met so many people from near and far who loved everything our region has to offer and who recognized its tremendous potential.

Now that 2016 is here, it is natural to look ahead to what this year will bring. For residents of District 4, this will include the construction of a regional all-weather turf field on the Forest Hills Parkway (former Gordon Bell Building), some new development applications either approved or in the application process, implementation of the HRM LED streetlight conversion project, community identity projects, landscaping improvements and numerous road construction/paving projects pending budget approval by Regional Council.

Last May, I hosted an event at Cole Harbour Place to announce the District 4 Participatory Budgeting Process. This process is to give District 4 residents of all ages from Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Westphal and Cole Harbour, the opportunity to propose projects for funding through the District 4 Capital Funding Program.

A Participatory Budgeting Idea Swap will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00–8:30 pm in the Westphal Room of Cole Harbour Place. Please bring your ideas. I look forward to working with you on this community building opportunity!

It is a privilege representing you as the Councillor for Municipal District 4, Cole Harbour-Westphal.

Happy 2016 everyone! May it be a year of possibilities.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

My Office is here to serve you

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HRM Citizen Contact Centre—311
(The Centre is open 7 am to 11pm daily, except Christmas and New Years' Day)

HRM Call Centre TTY/TDD line
(Hearing impaired)—902.490.6645

RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment
902.244.7208 / 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



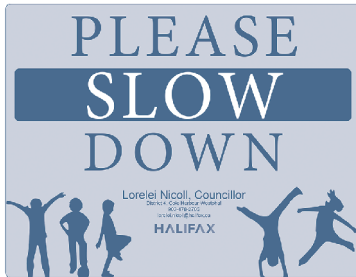
Due to Canada Post distribution areas, some residences which are not in District 4 may receive this newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this may cause and hope you still find the information useful.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEEDING



RCMP wish to remind residents travelling on Caldwell Road that during school hours when children are present the speed limit is 30km. Please slowdown in all school zones when children are present. With high snow banks children can't be seen and could come out of anywhere and surprise a motorist. The slower you are going the quicker you can stop.

The RCMP has also been receiving complaints of motorists speeding on Hampton Green and motorists not stopping at the stop sign at Delta/Driftwood Crescent. They will be increasing enforcement patrols in this area and setting up speed radars in the area which will warn drivers of speeding.

Any concerns can be directed to the RCMP Cole Harbour Office at 902.244.7208.

2016-2017 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Community Grants Program is a centralized program that may provide annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Municipality. There are two types of grant (a) a project grant of up to \$5,000 and (b) a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Presently, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories: Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighborhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity, Community Arts & Crafts.

The guidebook and application form are posted on-line at www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/grants.php. Application deadline is March 31st, 2016.

INTERACTIVE MAP OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The planning applications webpage has been recently updated. This interactive map allows users to see the location of planning applications within their community, with direct links provided to additional application information, opportunities for engagement, and staff contact details for which to provide feedback.

A link to the map can be found on the active planning applications website at <http://www.halifax.ca/planning/Applications/index.php>

GATEWAY TO COLE HARBOUR

Prior to the snow, you may have noticed some landscape improvements in the areas of Caldwell Road and Cole Harbour Road. Through public consultation in the formation of the Cole Harbour Basin Open Space Plan, this area was identified as one of the 'gateways' to Cole Harbour.

Based on this Council approved concept plan (<http://www.halifax.ca/municipalclerk/documents/fulldraftcoleharbouropenspaceweb.pdf>), I worked with the community by providing District 4 Capital Funds towards this landscape plan as a means to dedicate this former farm field to the farmers and early settlers of Cole Harbour.

Cole Harbour was once an agricultural community and known as the 'Food Basket for Halifax'. In 1973, the Province of Nova Scotia created the Forest Hills Housing Plan and bought these farmlands to provide housing. It was at this time that the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society was formed as a means of preserving the Harris Family Farm for future generations and is now the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm at 471 Poplar Drive.

In the spring, there will be an unveiling of a public art addition to this landscape plan as a means of dedicating this 'left over' piece of farmland (off Caldwell Road) to the farmers who worked the soil for centuries.

The date of the unveiling is not known as yet but I look forward to having you join me for this public art installment as we acknowledge Cole Harbour's past farming community as well as celebrating the community we are today.

Please contact me at lorelei.nicoll@halifax.ca if you wish to attend or be involved.



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING:

BUILDING A GREAT COMMUNITY ONE IDEA AT A TIME

I invite District 4 residents' input on how to spend \$60,000 in the community. The funds will be allocated using a Participatory Budgeting model whereby residents are invited to submit community project ideas and qualifying submissions are then voted on by the community. The benefits of this process are that it encourages great ideas to come forward from local groups, builds community support and collaboration, and gives local residents a direct say in how they want the District 4 capital funds spent.

Participatory Budgeting Idea Swap

Thursday, April 14, 2016 | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Westphal Room, Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway

Everyone is welcome to discuss priorities and ideas on how to improve District 4.

Proposal Submission Deadline

Midnight | Friday, May 13, 2016

Email to linda.johnson@halifax.ca or by mail to Linda Johnson, Council Support Office

PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

Community Vote

Thursday, June 2, 2016 | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Westphal Room, Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway

District 4 residents of all ages are invited to vote on their favourite projects in person.

Winners will be announced that night.

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A collage of some of the many events/activities in my year as Halifax Regional Municipality's Deputy Mayor. It was a true honour and wonderful opportunity to meet great people.



Cheque presentation to Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society for hosting an Old Fashioned Christmas at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm.



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REGIONAL ALL-WEATHER TURF

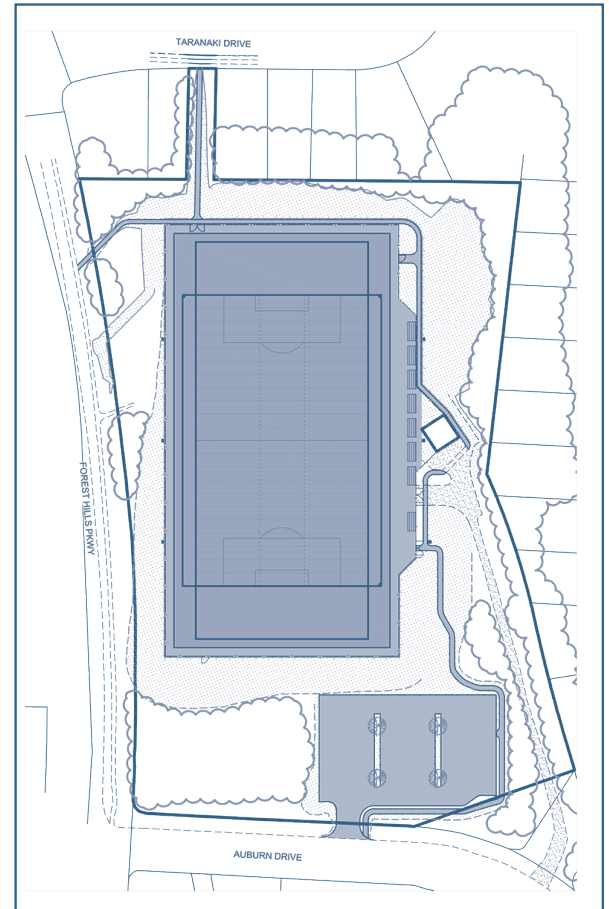
The approved 2015/16 and advanced 2016/17 Capital Budget includes funds (\$3,900,000) for the construction of an all-weather turf multi-sport field on the Gordon Bell Annex lands. The proposed field will be sized to accommodate relevant regular season sport usage, featuring FIFA regulation Soccer and Canadian Football League fields of play.

The project will include a parking lot off Auburn Drive and a pedestrian walkway to Taranaki Drive and Forest Hills Parkway. In addition the proposed field will include the following features:

- Field lighting;
- Scoreboard;
- Bleachers;
- Field perimeter fencing;
- Accessible pathways &
- Redevelopment of the existing building for a staff office and storage.

Its close proximity to Cole Harbour Place, Cole Harbour District High School, other recreation infrastructure and adjacent open space lands, provides opportunity to create a recreation campus with access to all relevant amenities.

It is our intention to complete the proposed work during the 2016 construction season and have the field ready for play in 2017.



LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROJECT



To help make our communities safer and more energy efficient, the Municipality is moving forward with a project this fall to replace all traditional, high-pressure sodium streetlights in the Halifax region with energy efficient LED technology.

LED streetlights are widely popular for their energy efficiency, long lifespans and reduced maintenance requirements. They also produce a much brighter, whiter light that is focused on the ground, improving visibility and safety for all users.

The Municipality is responsible for close to 43,000 streetlights across the region. About 7,000 of those have already been converted to LED technology. All streetlights will be converted over a two-year period ending June 1, 2017. Once complete, this conversion will save the municipality about \$5m a year in savings that will fully fund the project and continue to accrue after all the debt is paid off.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about this exciting project, I would encourage you to visit the website at <http://www.halifax.ca/traffic/LED/index.php>. While you're there, make sure to check out our online map to keep track of the completed areas and find out when we'll be visiting your neighbourhood. To report a burned out street light, call 311.