

**North West Community Council**  
**January 20, 2014**

**TO:** Chair and Members of North West Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
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Jane Fraser, Director, Planning & Infrastructure

**DATE:** November 29, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Financial Implications of Sandy Lake Watershed Study Scope Change

### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

North West Community Council, November 18, 2013, Item 9.1.2, Motion passed that North West Community Council request a staff report on the financial implications of extending the scope of the contract of the “Big” Sandy Lake Watershed Study from the outlet of “Big” Sandy Lake to the mouth of Peverills Brook.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 229 (1)(g) of the Halifax Charter enables a Municipal Planning Strategy to require studies to be carried out prior to undertaking specified developments or developments in specified areas. This Study was initiated pursuant to Policy E-17 of the Regional Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On May 31, 2013, HRM’s CAO & DCAO approved the award of RFP No. P12-076, Sandy Lake and Preston Area Watershed Study, to the highest scoring proponent, AECOM. The geographic scope of the project as approved was depicted in Attachment E of the RFP document: “Watershed Study Maps”. Map 1A depicted the Study Area and Map 1B depicted the watershed boundaries surrounding the Study Area for the Sandy Lake Watershed Study.

## **DISCUSSION**

Watershed studies are designed to study the environmental carrying capacities of specified lands within the context of the watersheds or subwatersheds in which they occur. The Study Area identified in Map 1 defines the lands subject to possible development; this land is predominantly to the South of Sandy Lake. The Study Area falls completely within Watershed 1EJ4, tertiary subwatershed P – as depicted on Map 2. This subwatershed terminates at the mouth of Peverills Brook – where it flows into the Sackville River, downstream of Marsh Lake.

By this definition, the contract for Sandy Lake Watershed Study already extends to the mouth of Peverills Brook, and no change to scope or associated costs are required to meet this objective.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications identified for this report.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

None

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1. Watershed Study Map 1A: Sandy Lake Watershed Study – Study Area.  
Attachment 2. Watershed Study Map 1B: Sandy Lake Watershed Study – Watersheds.

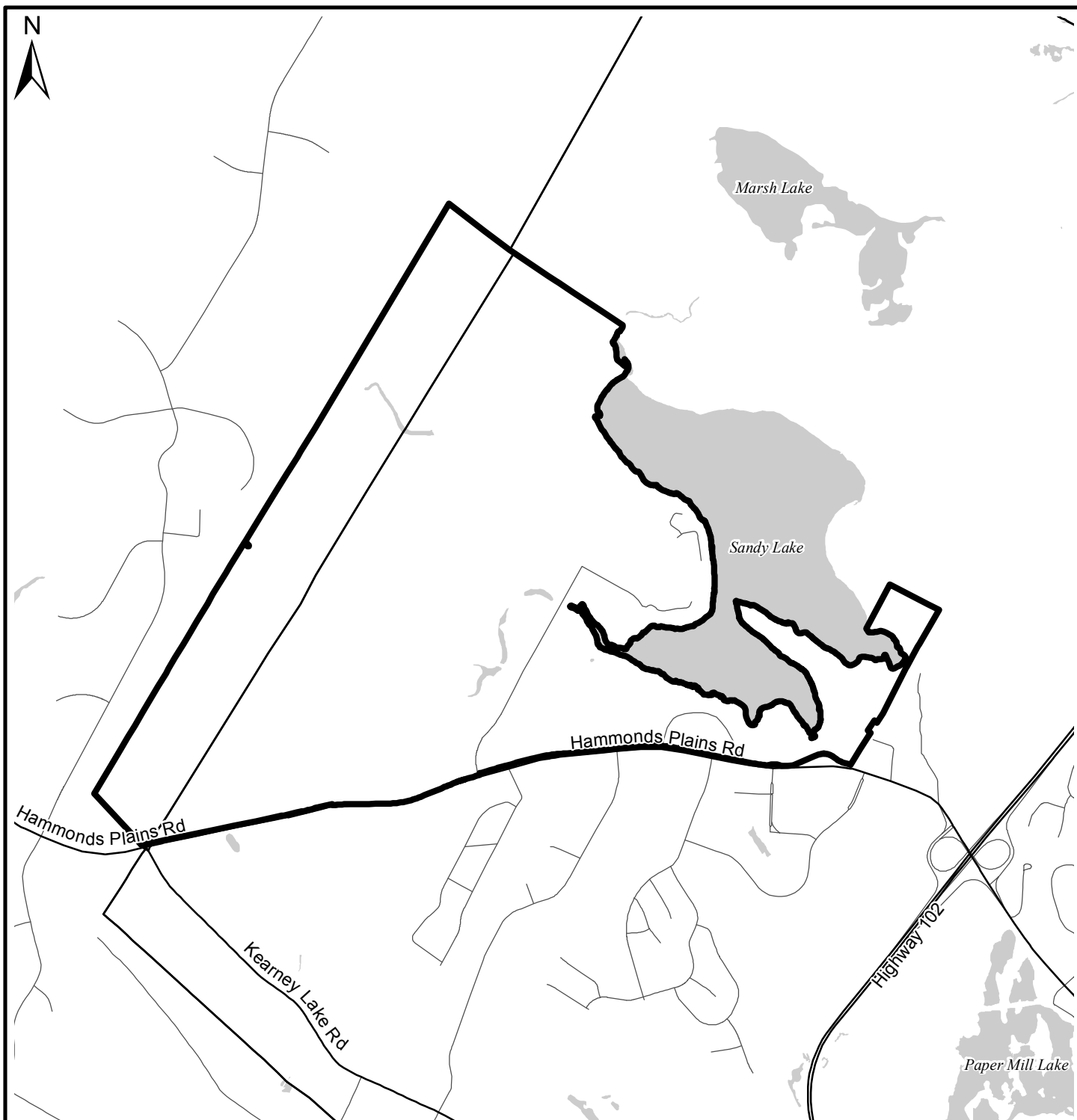
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## Map 1A: Sandy Lake Watershed Study

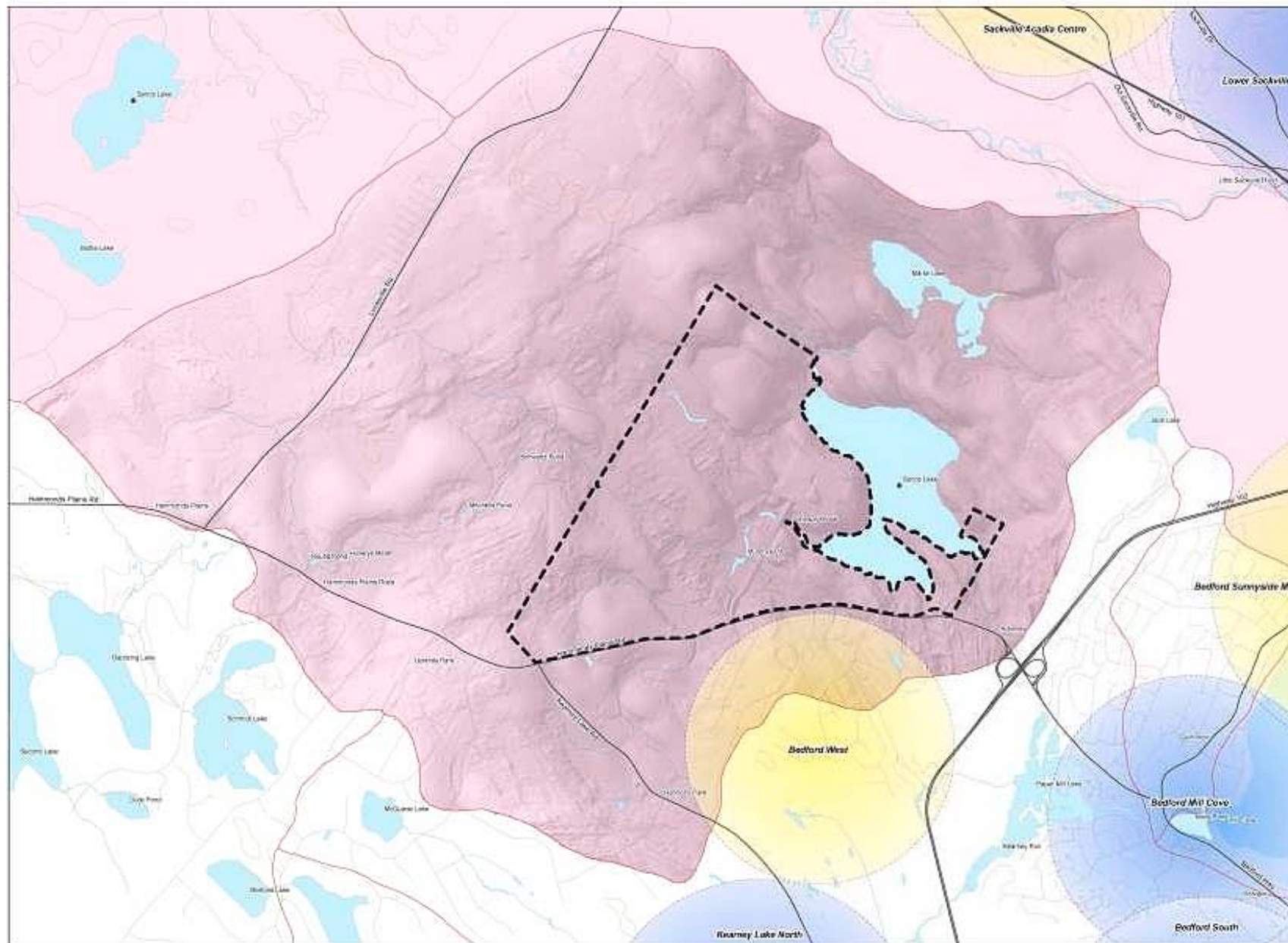
 Study Area

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Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville / Bedford  
Plan Areas

HRM does not guarantee the accuracy of any  
representation on this plan. Date of map is not  
indicative of the date of data creation.



## Map 1B

### Sandy Lake Watershed Study

1E-14 (Sackville River)

October 2012



Study Area

Major Roads

Rivers

Lakes

Wetlands

Provincial Wetland

Watersheds (NR Department of Environment)

Tertiary Watershed (1:10,000)

Sackville River watershed

Drainage Divisions (2008 Regional Plan)

Suburban Drainage Divisions

Suburban Local Councils



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