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TO: Chair and Members of Peninsula Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Heather Ternoway
Heather Ternoway, Chair
District 12 Planning Advisory Committee

DATE: February 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Saint Patrick's School site

ORIGIN

District 12 Planning Advisory Committee meeting – November 22, 2010

RECOMMENDATION

The District 12 Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Peninsula Community Council that when the Saint Patrick's School site is given back to the City and, if the City deems that it is going to offer it for sale, that a comprehensive development district be developed for the site, following the same process used on the Alexandra School site.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Alexandra School site was declared surplus in 1980 and the building was used as a community centre until it was demolished in 1992. In January of 2002, Halifax Regional Council passed a motion authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale for HRM lands known as 2156 Brunswick Street (former Alexandra School site) Parcel X, and a portion of the Maitland Street right-of-way.

In April of 1998, Regional Council approved a revised set of development policies and criteria for the block bounded by Brunswick Street, Cornwallis Street, Maitland Street, and Portland Place – called the Brunswick Comprehensive Development District. The policies included detailed criteria for development agreements.

The District 12 Planning Advisory Committee is recommending that if the Saint Patrick's school site is given back to the City and, if the City decides to offer it for sale, that the site be developed as a Comprehensive Development District (CDD), similar to the former Alexandra School site.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget implications associated with the recommendation have not been identified. Any associated budget implications would need to be determined by HRM staff and disclosed to Peninsula Community Council in a subsequent report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

None provided by the Committee.

ATTACHMENT

None.