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Case 20265:

Amendments to the I-3 Zone under the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law

Public Hearing

Halifax and West Community Council

September 13, 2016

Application

- **Applicant:** WSP Canada Inc. on behalf of Banc Properties Ltd.
- Proposal: The applicant wishes to amend the I-3 Zone under the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to reduce the watercourse setback requirement from 61m (200 ft.) to 20m (65.62 ft.).



Subject Property

PID: 40048969

Zone: I-3

Area: 72.27 ha

Frontage: 50 ft.

Designation: IND







A Brief History ~1980s

- Bayers Lake / Ragged Lake area was annexed by the City of Halifax in 1983
- Designated Industrial and assigned I-3 (General Industrial) Zoning in 1984
- Unserviced
- No regional policy requirements to protect watercourses



Current Policy

Watercourse Protection

- Policy E-16 requires 20m (65.62 ft.) riparian buffer along all watercourses throughout HRM
- Regulated under Section 14QA(1) of the Halifax Mainland LUB
- No reference to 61m setback
- Industrial Development
 - Limited supply of undeveloped industrial lands
 - Policies 4.2.1 and 4.3.1 encourage industrial development of the Lands

Regional Plan	I-3 Zone	Proposal
20m	61m	20m
(65.62 ft.)	(200 ft.)	(65.62 ft.)

Comparison of Industrial Zones

- More restrictive watercourse setbacks (>20m) are not required in all industrial zones across the region.
- I-3 zone only industrial zone that requires a more restrictive watercourse setback, where the majority of lots are serviced with municipal sewer and water.
- All others are unserviced.



Serviceable Boundary



- The majority of I-3 zoned lands are serviced
- Seven (7) lots are not

Recommendation

- Staff have reviewed the proposal in terms of all relevant policy criteria and advise that it is consistent with the intent of the MPS.
- Staff recommend reducing the watercourse setback requirement under the I-3 Zone for serviced lots **only**.
- Recommendation: Approval



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Thank You

Comments and Questions