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Item No.
Western Region Community Council
October 24, 2011

TO: Councillor Steve Adams and Members of the Western Region Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: *Brian Dempsey*
for Mr. Brian Dempsey, Chair, Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee

DATE: October 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Herring Cove Breakwater

ORIGIN

Correspondence dated September 12, 2011 from HRM's Infrastructure and Asset Management Manager of Real Property Planning.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Western Region Community Council:

1. Request that staff move forward with a public information meeting with the community of Herring Cove in regard to the Herring Cove Breakwater, and;
2. Recommend that the catchment area for the potential area rate, to support the long and short term maintenance of the Herring Cove Breakwater facility, be the entire community of Herring Cove.

BACKGROUND

The September 12, 2011 correspondence from the Manager of Real Property Planning, HRM Infrastructure and Asset Management.

DISCUSSION

The Committee passed a motion that the Western Region Community Council request staff to move forward with a public information meeting in regard to HRM taking over the Herring Cove Breakwater, and; that the catchment area for the possible area rate to cover short and long term maintenance of the breakwater be the entire community of Herring Cove.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this 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

The Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee is comprised of eight (8) citizen representatives from the community of Herring Cove and the area Councillor who serves as an *ex officio* member.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Western Region Community Council may choose not to request that staff move forward to a public information meeting with the community of Herring Cove and that the catchment area for the possible area rate not be the entire community of Herring Cove. This is not the recommended option.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter dated September 12, 2011 from HRM's Infrastructure and Asset Management business unit.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSET MANAGEMENT
Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning

September 12, 2011

Mr. Brian Dempsey
Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee
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Dear Mr. Dempsey;

Staff are in the process of completing a draft report for Regional Council dealing with the possible takeover to Herring Cove Breakwater. As we discussed at our meeting in your home last spring and at a meeting at Captain William Spry Centre in July, staff are looking for information from your group and the community at large. Setting a catchment area that your committee feels is representative of users of the breakwater is important in assessing the primary value it is to the community and in determining the viability of any area rate to support the long term and short term maintenance.

Jan Skora sent you an area map to aid in your discussions. Also your group was going to discuss any benefits to hosting a public meeting/information session regarding the plans for the facility and contact us. Input on both of these items would be helpful and would add insight to Council's discussion once it reaches their session.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance please let me know. I can be reached at 902-490-6047.

Sincerely,

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Cc Councillor Steve Adams, District 18
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