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Information Item No. 1
Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: *Original signed*

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SUBJECT: Administrative Order 50: Disposal of Surplus Real Property: 2015 Update

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

April 9, 2013 – Administrative Order 50 approved by Regional Council.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- *HRM Charter* (2008) s.61 and s.63 respecting less than market value sale or lease of municipal property.
- Administrative Order 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property.

BACKGROUND

Municipal property declared surplus to the municipality's operational requirements as approved by Council under Section 3(6) of Administrative Order 50 may be assigned to a Community Interest category as defined under the policy. Properties assigned to this category may be offered first to the non-profit sector prior to any open call for bids.

Section 63 of the *HRM Charter* permits the sale of public property at less than market value to a non-profit organization that Council considers to be carrying on an activity that is beneficial to the Municipality. Approval requires a two-thirds majority of Council present and a public hearing is required.

DISCUSSION

To accommodate HRM's staff resource capacity, internal stakeholders prioritized the list of properties to be offered first through the Community Interest disposal process. The criteria used to rank properties placed safety concerns and HRM's risk/holding costs ahead of chronological order and unsolicited requests. The disposal process for those properties listed in Table 1 below will commence in the Fall of 2015.

Table 1. List of Properties for Disposal: Community Interest Category			
Rank	Civic Address	Known As/Formal Function	Rationale
1	220 Lake Loon Road, Cherry Brook	Former Cherry Brook Community Centre	Risk of structural failure/safety issues: demolition deferred.
2	80 Grono Road, Dutch Settlement	Former Riverline Community Centre	Holding cost of annual HRM operating subsidy ceases with conveyance, septic system/safety issue.
3	1018 Fall River Road, Fall River	Former school occupied by daycare and seniors	Occupancy (no leases); liability. Notification required and could delay closing date.
4	PID#40107153 – Lot 3, 379 Shore Road, Bedford	De-commissioned tennis court	No lease but land used for boat storage service by abutter, potential liability.
5	4 Fernhill Road, Dartmouth	Vacant land	Unsolicited request for land donation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Administrative Order 50 includes a mandatory public information session for all disposals considered under the Community Interest category. The policy is posted on the HRM web site at: <http://www.halifax.ca/legislation/adminorders/documents/AO50.pdf>
- In accordance with Section 63(1) of legislation the public hearing notice must include: the date, time and location of the public hearing, location of the property under consideration; estimated value of the subject property; purpose of sale.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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