

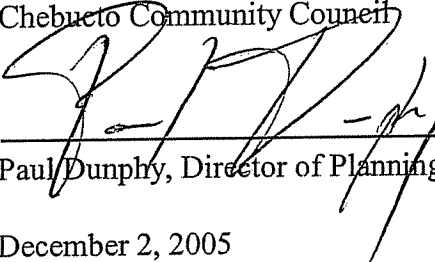
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**TO:** Chebucto Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
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**DATE:** December 2, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Project 00718 - Herring Cove Road Community Planning and Streetscape Project

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Completion of the Herring Cove Road Community Planning and Streetscape Project from Ekistics Planning and Design.

#### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to present the Herring Cove Road Community Planning and Streetscape Project Report from Ekistics Planning and Design to Community Council.

#### **Ekistics Report Recommendations**

The Ekistics report is the culmination of research and extensive public input that examined how Herring Cove Road and its surrounding area might be improved to strengthen its identity and function within the local community and surrounding region. The report is comprehensive in scope and addresses the inter-relationship of land use, transportation, parks and open spaces, trails, social conditions, community economic development, and urban design. Specific recommendations include:

- Overall road improvements, such as intersection changes along Herring Cove Road.
- The introduction of bicycle lanes along Herring Cove Road with new connections to areas outside the study area.

- A North-west Arm look-off.
- The development of a Spryfield Village centre that includes higher density housing in the vicinity of the South Centre Mall; a trail linking Long Lake Provincial Park and the Captain William Spry Centre (and ultimately beyond) along the MacIntosh Run; the redevelopment of the Mall along with improved bus transit facilities; a skateboard park; and the creation of a nature park and community venue space in front of the Captain William Spry Centre.
- The establishment of nodes of commercial development to serve the local needs of surrounding neighbourhoods along the length of the Herring Cove Road.
- The establishment of a series of connecting trails.
- Changes in the land use planning of the street and its surrounding area to allow for the establishment of features such as high density housing in the Spryfield Village area and for commercial buildings to locate closer to streets such as Dentith Road.

### **Implications**

The acceptance of the report does not commit Council to undertake any of its proposals. Rather, the report is a conceptual document devoted towards improving the character and functionality of the community area. Subject to an assignment of capital, land use planning, and other program priorities, Council may use the report to explore any of the report's recommendations. In the meantime, several projects such as the installation of street benches and other amenities are already being initiated through HRM's streetscape program.

Importantly, aside from any possible HRM initiatives, the study serves as a resource for projects that may be undertaken by any of the many community groups within the study area. Further to this, staff will promote the report by making it available to such groups and the broader community.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The acceptance of the report does not commit the Municipality to undertaking any of its recommendations. However, it should be expected that there may be future budgetary implications when staff consider the implementation of any proposals within the Report

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Black and white copy of the Herring Cove Road Community Planning and Streetscape Project Report from Ekistics Planning and Design (to be circulated to Community Council members under separate cover)

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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