

9.1.1

March 3, 2008

Councillor Bob Harvey
Chair, North West Community Council

Dear Councillor Harvey:

RE: Future Community Visioning - Sackville

Your letter to Paul Dunphy of February 14, 2008, in which you expressed the Community Council's concerns regarding the timing of Community Visioning for Sackville, was forwarded to the Regional Plan Advisory Committee (RPAC) for review and comment. This matter was discussed at our February 20th meeting.

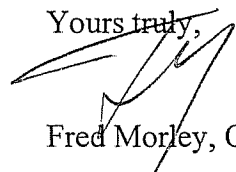
The Committee acknowledges that Community Visioning is an important and desired process for all growth centres designated under the Regional Plan. In determining the proposed priority for such exercises, the RPAC worked closely with regional/community planning staff, over several meetings, developing what it felt were objective criteria, upon which the numerous growth centres were then evaluated.

Based on the Committee's deliberations concerning the communities of Sackville, its recommendation includes a high priority for community visioning for Middle Sackville (year one), while visioning for Sackville/Lower Sackville is proposed to be undertaken in approximately year four, assuming staff resources can implement the program on a the basis of three communities per year.

The RPAC has now completed its work on the proposed future program for community visioning and the report is now before Regional Council for its consideration. The Committee suggests that any potential amendments to the proposed program should be discussed in that forum.

The RPAC wishes to thank the NWCC for its interest in this important matter.

Yours truly,



Fred Morley, Chair RPAC

cc: Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development
Austin French, Manager, Planning Services