

North West Community Council May 22, 2008

TO:

North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Ann Merritt, Chair

North West Planning Advisory Committee

RE:

Case 00955 - Extension of the Deadline for the Signature of the Development

Agreement

DATE:

May 8, 2008

ORIGIN

North West Planning Advisory Committee meeting - May 7, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

The North West Planning Advisory Committee recommend that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed extension of six months to the signature deadline of the development agreement for Case 00955; and
- 2. Require the proposed development agreement be signed and delivered within 548 days (an extension of 183 days), or any extension thereof granted by North West Community Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval of said agreement by North West Community Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever is later, including any appeal periods. Otherwise this approval shall be void and any obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

ATTACHMENTS

Staff report dated April 11, 2008

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> North West Planning Advisory Committee May 7, 2008

TO: Chair and Members of North West Planning Advisory Committee

SUBMITTED BY:

Paul Demphy, Director of Community Development

DATE: April 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Case 00955: Extension of the Deadline for the Signature of the

Development Agreement

ORIGIN

An application by Hampton Holdings to extend the date required for the signature of the development agreement by six months.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed extension of six months to the signature deadline of the development agreement for Case 00955; and
- 2. Require the proposed development agreement be signed and delivered within 548 days (an extension of 183 days), or any extension thereof granted by North West Community Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval of said agreement by North West Community Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever is later, including any appeal periods. Otherwise this approval shall be void and any obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

BACKGROUND

On July 5, 2007, North West Community Council approved a development agreement (Case 00955) to permit a gas station and commercial building at 220, 228 and 232 Cobequid Road, near the corner of Glendale Drive and Cobequid Road. The site is:

- approximately 1.5 acres in size;
- located partially within the Urban Residential designation and located partially within the Community Commercial designation (Map 1);
- zoned P-1 (Community Facility) Zone, zoned C-2 (Community Commercial) Zone, and zoned R-2 (Two Unit) Zone (Map 2);
- contains land partially owned by HRM and subject to a purchase and sale agreement with the developer which has been approved by Regional Council.

Due to complex land transactions required between the developer, other land owners and HRM to enable this development, the approval included a one year time frame for the signature of the agreement by the applicant. To date, the land transactions required to enable this agreement have not been completed, and the applicant has not been able to sign the agreement. The applicant is concerned that the land transactions may not be complete in time to sign the agreement. The time frame requested by North West Community Council ends on July 4, 2008.

An application has been made to extend the deadline for signature by six months.

DISCUSSION

Staff have reviewed the proposed request for the extension to the signature deadline and offer the following comments:

- The applicant and HRM have been working to finalize the required land transactions which must be completed prior to the signature of the agreement.
- The transfer of land from HRM to the applicant has taken longer than anticipated, to the fault of neither party.
- The transfer of land to the applicant is anticipated in the near future and all other transactions are anticipated to be complete within the six month period.
- No new issues have arisen which would lead staff to suggest the denial of this request.
- The request does not require a public hearing, nor is the granting of an extension appealable to the N.S. Utility and Review Board.

Conclusion

Staff have reviewed the request to grant an extension to the timeline for the signature of the development agreement for Case 00955 and recommend that Council approve the request as outlined in the recommendation section of this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The HRM costs associated with processing this planning application can be accommodated within the C310 operating budget.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Council may choose to approve the proposed extension to the deadline for the signature of the development agreement. This is the recommended course of action.
- 2. Council may choose to refuse the proposed extension to the deadline for the signature of the development agreement. This alternative is not recommended as ooutlined in the staff report.
- 3. Council may choose to approve the extension to the deadline for the signature of the development agreement subject to modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Map 1 Generalized Future Land Use Map

Map 2 Zoning

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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