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Halifax Regional Council
July 6, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Mike Labrecque, Director, Real Property & Asset Management

DATE: June 29, 2004

SUBJECT: **Presentation - North End Community Gardening Association 2002
Project Proposal**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Presentation to Halifax Regional Council on November 6, 2001, to Halifax Regional Council.

BACKGROUND

At the November 6, 2001, meeting of Regional Council, David McCall, Project Coordinator for the North End Community Gardening Association (NECGA), made a presentation to Council regarding the opportunities for expanding urban gardening on the Halifax Peninsula (the area east of a line from the Armdale Rotary, along Dutch Village Road and Joseph Howe, to the Fairview Container Terminal). The purpose of this project would be to produce organically grown produce locally.

The presentation included HRM's possible roles and the steps required to make this project a reality.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to clean up outstanding items on the Council Status sheet, RPAM staff has spoken with staff of the former Parks and Recreation Division to determine what participation, if any, they had with this project. We were unable to find anyone who was involved with this project and attempts to reach Mr. Call were also unsuccessful.

It would appear that this project did not proceed whether it was due to a lack of public interest, lack of funding, or for some other reason, is not clear. Staff believe this item no longer warrants further consideration; however, we will keep the information on file in the event that NECGA contacts staff in the future.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

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

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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