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Halifax Regional Council
May 9, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Julia Hencastle
for Councillor Jim Smith, Chair
Harbour East Community Council

DATE: May 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Correspondence - Brightwood Golf and Country Club

ORIGIN

Meeting of Harbour East Community Council held on May 4, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

That this correspondence be forwarded to Regional Council for appropriate action.

DISCUSSION

At the May 4, 2006 meeting of the Harbour East Community Council, Ms. Gerry Peruse, representing "Citizens for Brightwood", spoke in support of the correspondence from Mr. Rodgers, President of the golf club. She advised the vast majority of residents who live in that area are very much behind this initiative. She noted they do have issue with the price but it is a matter for discussion. She proposed the Municipality consider entering into a partnership with the citizens to find a solution.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Dependent upon decision by Regional Council.

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

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence from Kent W. Rodgers, President, Brightwood Golf and Country Club

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May 1, 2006

Councilor Jim Smith
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Dear Councilor Smith

Re: Brightwood Golf and Country Club

As you know, an application to enter into a development agreement for our lands at 227 School Street was submitted on our behalf by Clayton Developments Limited, and voted on by council on January 10, 2006. The result of the vote was to deny the establishment of the process as recommended by staff, thereby stopping any discussion and/ or input into the plan, which allowed us to sell our land holdings.

As we are faced with a necessity to relocate the club, for a myriad of reasons, some of which we have discussed with you in the past, Brightwood wishes to explore all options to move forward. We note, that as part of the discussion recorded in the council minutes of January 10, 2006 leading up to the vote, several references were made to HRM acquiring the Brightwood lands to establish a park.

We request that you formally table this purchase option with your council colleagues, and if in fact there is a desire to enter discussions, we are open to explore this with HRM. You should know that Brightwood has on file an appraisal from 2004 indicating a value of \$14,400,000. Our agreement with Clayton carried a higher value and given the passage of time and the steadily increasing land values in HRM we expect the current value to be in the range of \$15,000,000- 20,000,000. We appreciate a new appraisal would be required to finalize any arrangement with HRM.

While all discussions remains subject to the approval and affirmative vote of our membership, we respectfully request that this specific issue be given consideration with all haste, as we must continue our go forward planning for the future of Brightwood. Please let us know if you require any further information in order to respond to our inquiry prior to the summer recess.

Yours truly
Brightwood Golf and Country Club

Kent W. Rodgers
President