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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: June 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Petition - Rail Corridor Purchase

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Petition submitted at the February 26, 2008 meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

BACKGROUND

A petition was submitted by Councillor Mosher encouraging Council to purchase CN rail land that is being abandoned between Joseph Howe and Lakeside Drive.

DISCUSSION

The petition refers to the Chester Rail Spur corridor, which was abandoned by CN earlier this year. Staff, with direction from Regional Council, is continuing to pursue this acquisition.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this information 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

There are no attachments.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.



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