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Item No. 1
Halifax Regional Council
April 20, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development

DATE: March 31, 2010

SUBJECT: Petition - Telecommunications Tower Application, Purcells Cove Road,
Halifax

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

March 9, 2010 (item 10.2.1) - Petition to Regional Council requesting that the construction of a proposed telecommunications tower off Purcells Cove Road, Halifax, be prevented.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The federal government has exclusive and comprehensive jurisdiction over the area of radiocommunication and telecommunications. Industry Canada is the government agency responsible for regulating radiocommunication including authorizing the installation of radiocommunication towers and sites. When a new telecommunications facility (i.e., tower structure and associated equipment) is proposed, federal regulations require the applicant to consult with the local municipality to review and provide comment on the application to Industry Canada.

Staff are currently evaluating a telecommunications tower application for a site off Purcells Cove Road in Halifax under Case No. 15883. As the subject property is located within polling district 17, a staff report will be forwarded to Chebucto Community Council (CCC), who in this case, is the Municipal body responsible for providing comments to Industry Canada. A copy of the petition will be attached to the staff report. Comments forwarded to Industry Canada are structured in the following three forms:

1. Inform Industry Canada that Community Council has no objection to the proposal.
2. Identify additional comments or recommendations with respect to the proposed tower. In this event, staff will notify the local office of Industry Canada of Community Council's recommendations.
3. Identify that Community Council is not in favour of the proposal.

When forwarding comments to Industry Canada, CCC also has the opportunity to forward other information related to the application, including the staff report, minutes from the Public Information Meeting, and the petition in question. Staff will ensure CCC is made aware of this opportunity. Further, a copy of the petition has already been forwarded through the Mayor's office to the Honourable Tony Clement - Minister of Industry, and the Honourable Gary Goodyear - Minister of State (Science and Technology).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the proposed Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

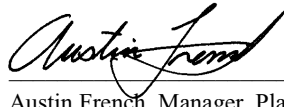
ATTACHMENTS

None.

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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