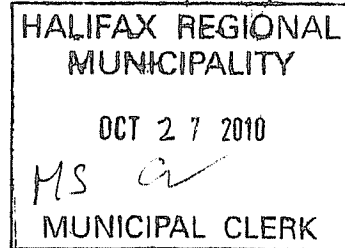


## **Attachment #3**

### **Written Submissions – Phase 2 Consultation on HRM Polling Districts**

**From:** Cathy Mellett  
**To:** alan frost  
**CC:** Clerks Office  
**Date:** 10/27/2010 12:08  
**Subject:** Re: BOUNDARY REVIEW



Mr. Frost; Thanks you for your comments. They will be included in Phase 2 of the Boundary Review process. You will be interested to know that the boundary changes as proposed do include moving the boundary for District 14 (Connaught - Quinpool) out to Joseph Howe Drive, which would address one of the issue you raised in your email. You can find the details of the proposed changes on the hrm web site at <http://www.halifax.ca/BoundaryReview/index.html>

Sincerely

Cathy Mellett  
Municipal Clerk  
Office of the Municipal Clerk  
melletc@halifax.ca  
(902) 490-6456

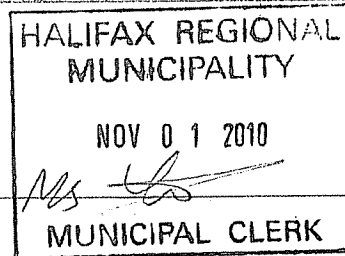
>>> alan frost <[redacted]> 10/27/2010 11:30 >>>

Our civic address is 2925 parkdale ave. Halifax. We are physically located on the peninsula, and find that our issues do not coincide with the majority of district 15 residents. This is a very subtle form of disenfranchisement, and leaves us with no avenue to have our voices heard. I may also add that we find the current size of council and the cost of supporting it to be excessive.

Alan Frost

**Clerks Office - Boundary Review**

**From:** Belinda Parker  
**To:**  
**Date:** 29/10/2010 11:22 AM  
**Subject:** Boundary Review



Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the scheduled meeting on November 3rd. In my opinion the boundaries should be established based on the area which feeds into the high schools. So for example, in Cole Harbour, if both Auburn and Cole Harbour High are classified to be in this area then all streets that would feed into these schools would be the boundary.

Thank you.

Belinda Parker

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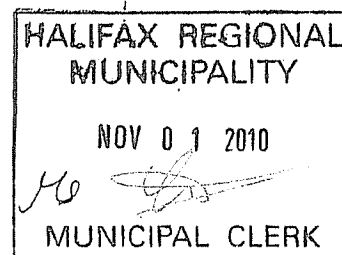
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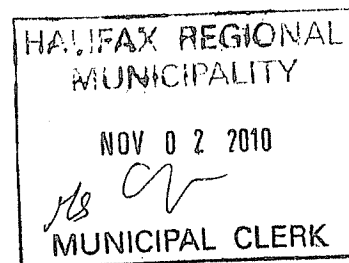
**From:** Kelly Greenwood <  
**To:** <clerks@halifax.ca>  
**Date:** 30/10/2010 11:03 pm  
**Subject:** District Boundary Review

HRM lost my interest in the process when public requests to see a reduced council size were wholeheartedly ignored.

Kelly Greenwood  
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Halifax, NS



**From:** Cathy Mellett  
**To:** Clerks Office  
**Date:** 02/11/2010 10:02 am  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Boundary changes



Please log under District Boundary Review Phase 2..

Cathy Mellett  
Municipal Clerk  
Office of the Municipal Clerk  
melletc@halifax.ca  
(902) 490-6456

>>> Martin Willison < >>> 11/2/2010 09:26 >>>  
Thanks Cathy

Steve sent both the maps and the link by copying forward the email that was sent to him. I didn't look at the link, assuming that the maps would contain the information. My mistake.

It would be useful either to have maps with an inset explaining how to read them, or for the information that accompanies the maps to do so.  
I'm familiar with using pdf's, that's not the problem. It is possible to add 'comments', 'attachments', or additional 'pages' to pdf's, but there aren't any on those maps (which are good in themselves). The map layers can be turned on and off, but I didn't find that useful (though after writing my email to Steve Adams I found that the "current districts" layer can be turned on and off, which is somewhat helpful).  
I think the most useful thing might be to add 'comments', though I realize most people would not find them, so doing that is not a solution for everybody.

Regarding the boundary changes themselves, I guess whoever made the decisions did their best to balance things out as a whole. I was surprised though that the District 17/18 changes were made where they were (it makes more sense to me that Fergusons Cove would join District 17 to balance out the numbers, rather than that central Spryfield would be cleaved between two districts). I was also a bit surprised that District 22 remains so much more populous, given that Goodwood could be moved to District 18 given long time traditional family connections between Spryfield and Goodwood.

Martin Willison

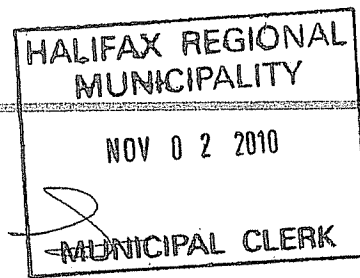
On 2 November 2010 08:25, Cathy Mellett <[melletc@halifax.ca](mailto:melletc@halifax.ca)> wrote:

> Thank you for forwarding your comments along to me.  
>  
> In regard to the pdf maps yes the blue lines are the current districts and  
> shaded areas are the proposed districts. The numbers on the map are the  
> voters projected for 2012- they are same numbers you will find on the slide  
> contained on the link "2012 projected voters per proposed district". I'm  
> not sure how familiar you may be with using PDF maps but you can use the  
> zoom in tool (usually a magnifying glass on the menu at the top) to zoom

> right into the street level where you are interested in viewing.  
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> We have put a note indicating what the lines and shading represent but,  
> based on your comments, we'll make that more prominent for people.  
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> We look forward to hearing your views and comments.  
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> Cathy Mellett  
> Municipal Clerk  
> Office of the Municipal Clerk  
> [melletc@halifax.ca](mailto:melletc@halifax.ca)  
> (902) 490-6456  
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>  
> >>> Steve Adams 11/1/2010 21:58 >>>  
> Hi, Martin:  
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> I have copied our Municipal Clerk, Cathy Mellette on this reply for  
> clarification.  
>  
> Stephen  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Martin Willison <[mwillison@halifax.ca](mailto:mwillison@halifax.ca)>  
> To: Steve Adams <[adamss@halifax.ca](mailto:adamss@halifax.ca)>  
> Cc: CCDA - Marjorie Willison <[ccda@halifax.ca](mailto:ccda@halifax.ca)>  
>  
> Sent: 11/1/2010 3:29:13 PM  
> Subject: Boundary changes  
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> Steve  
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> I looked at the map of proposed municipal district boundary  
> changes and had some thoughts, but then realized that  
> critical information is missing.  
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> Are the blue lines the existing boundaries or the proposed  
> new boundaries? Also, are the numbers of voters, the old  
> numbers or the new numbers?  
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> Clearly there are some areas that are proposed to change  
> (such as Circle Drive and Clovis Ave.), but I can't tell whether  
> these are proposed to be added or removed by the  
> boundary adjustments.  
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> Without this information, people's comments will be very  
> confusing.  
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> Martin  
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Clerks Office - boundries of cole harbour

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**From:** val conrad  
**To:**  
**Date:** 02/11/2010 12:34 PM  
**Subject:** boundries of cole harbour

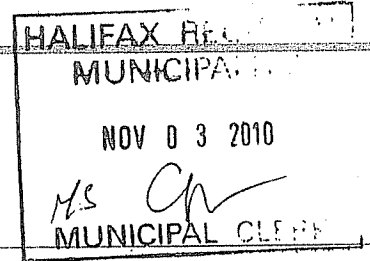
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I have just heard of this meeting and the propsal for changing the boundries around the remaining heritage site in Cole Harbour. This harbour along Bissett Rd. is the name sake for this community, the other side is in a different district as well as the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. The Heritage farm was built and supported by the community with pride. The parks and trails were built by the community. My husband's family is a heritage family of Cole Harbour with the original homestead on Bissett Rd. The family has supported the community by volunteering their time and support of these sites as well as others. They have donated servies and product to the Cole Harbour community many times when asked. To have their harbour put in a different district is a total disrespect to the people of Cole Harbour, past and present. Cole Harbour is growing because it is a great place to live and raise a family, this is taking too large a piece of the community and I can't beleive it is even considered.

Very Concered  
Val Conrad

**Clerks Office - District Bountry Review comments**

**From:** Jim Ruth & Jenna  
**To:**  
**Date:** 02/11/2010 9:32 PM  
**Subject:** District Bountry Review comments



Hi  
We live at \_\_\_\_\_ and are in district 23 and from what I read we are going to stay in district 23. We would much sooner move to either district 16 or 21 as we have more of a connection than we do with dist 23 territory.

One of the things that bugs me is that I pay an area rate for the St Margrets arena that I have never ever used. When my kids played hockey they played at the Lebrun center in Bedford not the St Margrets Arena. I am really afraid that in the future we will be tapped for even more funds to pay for services that we will not be able to use.

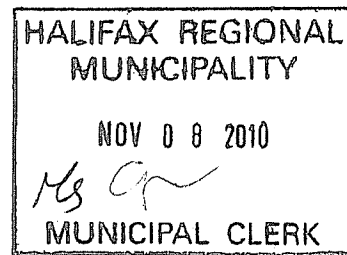
Bottom line we feel more a part of dist 16 and 21 than we do dist 23

Respectfully  
Jim & Ruth Bower

Hammonds Plains NS



**From:** Cathy Mellett  
**To:** Valerie Bradshaw  
**Date:** 08/11/2010 11:11 am  
**Subject:** Re: Dartmouth Electoral Boundary Review



Thanks you very much for your comments and input.  
The proposed boundary for District 5 (Crichton Park & MacMac Blvd) does include Lakeshore Park in Distict 5 rather than in the Westphal area across the lake. I hope that meets with general support.

Sincerely

Cathy Mellett  
Municipal Clerk  
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>>> Valerie Bradshaw < !> 11/7/2010 19:37 >>>  
Several of us on this street would prefer that our relatively new street known as Lakeshore Park on the edge of Lake MicMac be included in the District with Crichton Park & MicMac Blvd. We have more in common with that area than with the Westphal area across the lake. Our street names are : Lakeshore Park Terrace And Lakemist Court.

Usually we get forgotten by the HRM councillor for Westphal & Main Street as we are across the Parkclo (Rotary) and for all appearances cut off from their District. We would fit better as part of the MicMac Blvd continuum which includes Glen Manor and the lower part of MicMac Blvd itself.

Sincerely,

V. Bradshaw  
Resident

**From:** tracey w <  
**To:** <ramonajennexmla@  
**CC:** <clerks@halifax.ca>  
**Date:** 11/12/2010 20:30  
**Subject:** HRM's District Boundary Review



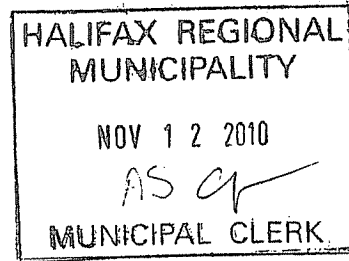
Hello Ms Jennex,  
I read in the paper that HRM was reviewing its Polling District Boundaries. I went to the [Halifax.ca/boundaryreview](http://Halifax.ca/boundaryreview) web site to read more about it and to view the proposal. I was outraged by the second line, "Council's decision was to recommend keeping all twenty-three of the current polling districts HRM." What a self-serving joke!!

ANY CHANGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE DRAMATIC CUTS TO THE NUMBER OF HRM COUNCILORS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

It would be difficult to justify an HRM council of even half the size. Look elsewhere; larger cities with more people and bigger areas have fewer councilors. You have an ability to influence this review. I strongly urge you to get rid of the excess fat in HRM council and the costs that go with them.

Best regards,  
Tracey Whyte  
highly overtaxed Canadian

**From:** Cathy Mellett  
**To:** bill moody; Clerks Office  
**Date:** 12/11/2010 10:39 am  
**Subject:** Re: boundary review  
**Attachments:** Newcastle St. Inquiry.doc



**CC:** Clerks Office  
 Dear Ms. Moody;

Thanks you for your comments in regard to HRM's polling district boundary review.

I've attached a word document that outlines (in the purple shaded area) the boundary that HRM is proposing to the NSUARB for the 2012 elections. You will note that in HRM's proposal Newcastle street is proposed to move back into District 5 in keeping with submission. HRM's boundary application will be going to Council at the end of the month and will be forwarded to the NSUARB (along with the public submissions such as yours) to the NSUARB at the end of December.

Sincerely

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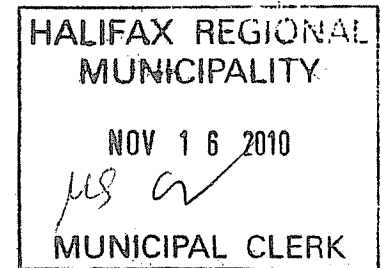
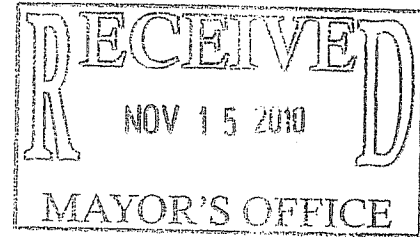
>>> bill moody · 1> 11/11/2010 22:07 >>>  
 To whom it may concern,  
 I am presently in District 8. I live on  
 and have lived here for over 30 years.  
 I am requesting that you move that boundary to, at least, the top of  
 Newcastle St. (where it meets Pleasant St.)  
 Twice I have written to my representative, Jackie Barkhouse, regarding this  
 matter.  
 What the present boundary has done is effectively divided a close knit  
 neighbourhood street where there are several regular get-togethers, where we  
 have brought up our families together, where we know and care about each  
 other. Moreover we have a historical relationship with Downtown Dartmouth.  
 We do our banking, attend the dentist and the library, museum activities,  
 Sullivan's Pond activities, Findlay Community Centre to name only a few.  
 Today we walked with our neighbours to participate in the Remembrance Day  
 service at Sullivan's Pond. Unfortunately when it comes to voting I must  
 consider issues pertinent to Woodside and Eastern Passage and not Downtown  
 Dartmouth.  
 I see where one of your mandates is to "keep communities and areas of  
 interest within the same electoral districts."  
 I ask that you please keep the Newcastle Street community together in the  
 same (Downtown Dartmouth) electoral district. I am very interested in the  
 development of Downtown Dartmouth and have attended most of the planning  
 sessions regarding this area.  
 When it has come to voting, in two elections I have felt that my voice was  
 silenced because the issues of Woodside and Eastern Passage are not the  
 issues of my neighbourhood.

With thanks.  
 Margaret Moody

Boundary Action Reversal Committee  
Cherry Brook Lake Loon Community  
28 Serpentine Ave.  
Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 3X1

November 10, 2010

Mayor Peter Kelly, Chair  
Governance and Boundary Revision Committee  
Municipal Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 1749  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 3A5



Dear Mayor Kelly:

Re Proposed Boundary changes for Cherry Brook, Lake Loon and Humber Park communities (District #6) as presented by Halifax Regional Municipality's Staff at a scheduled public meeting at Cole Harbour Place on November 3, 2010.

Once again the communities of Cherry Brook, Lake Loon and Humber Park have been dealt a fierce blow by boundary changes. In 2004, the community of Cherry Brook Lake Loon was taken out of Cole Harbour District #4 and placed into District #3 Preston Area because of race. We are thankful that after years of struggle, a decision was made by the Nova Scotia Utility Board to re-instate the community back into the Cole Harbour District.

The 2010 boundary changes have divided Cherry Brook, Lake Loon and Humber Park from Cole Harbour. These communities share the same interests. The recent boundary change has separated our communities from Cole Harbour District #4 once again. This is a District which we have affiliated with for nearly one hundred years. Our communities now have been placed in District #6 (Sackville and Dartmouth) where we have very little affiliation.

It was pleasing to see that the communities of Cherry Brook, Lake Loon and Humber Park were kept together but at the same time it is difficult to comprehend how or why there would be a need to separate us from Cole Harbour, a community which we have built together.

Our communities and Cole Harbour share families, schools, churches, recreation, hospitals, occupations, businesses, policing, fire protection, water supply, transportation and many other resources. Our communities are interdependent.

Furthermore, the recent boundary change has severed one of the oldest Black landmarks, the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, from the Black community of Cherry Brook where the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia (which is situated on the Home's property)

is built. The Nova Scotia Home has property on both sides of the Number 7 Highway. This Highway should not be used as a boundary to separate the communities.

The Boundary Action Reversal Committee strongly request that the communities of Cherry Brook, Lake Loon and Humber Park of District #6 be re-instated into District #4 Cole Harbour and that the Number 7 Highway not be used as a dividing line or boundary to separate these communities from Cole Harbour.

I trust that the above mentioned changes will be taken dealt with for the benefit of the four communities mentioned.

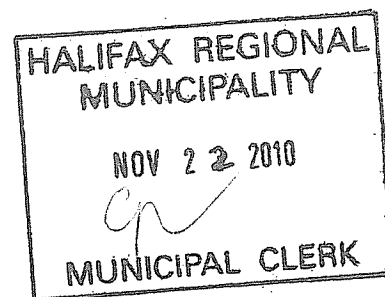
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alma Johnston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alma Johnston



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To the Municipal Clerks Office  
PO Box 1749  
Halifax, NS  
B3J 3A5

Dartmouth, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Transfer of Horizon Court in Dartmouth, NS from District 5 to District 9**

Dear Chairmen Mayor Kelly, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Can Euro Investments Ltd. is objecting to be transferred with its lands at Horizon Court from District five to District nine for several reasons:

1. Woodland Ave, which is well known a highway, is a clear and strong natural geographic border ever since, which influenced the homogenous development of the buildings and their infrastructure around the Mic Mac Mall until Downtown Dartmouth. Woodland Ave cannot be easily crossed. Around our buildings there is a speed limit of 80 km/hour and the highway may not be crossed with the only exception of the traffic lights at Mic Mac Boulevard and Woodland Ave. The next exit of the highway is then Dartmouth crossing. Because of this strong geographic border there is no hope that the two regions and two Districts five and nine situated north and south from the Woodland Ave at the height of Horizon Court could ever grow together. We feel that this geographic border should be respected.

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2. It is the aim of the Governance & Boundary Review Committee of Regional Council, "to use identifiable boundaries". From Horizon Court there is continuous traffic flow from pedestrians, cyclists, drivers to the Mic Mac Mall and to Mic Mac Boulevard, where our tenants are using the bus stations and the entire infrastructure. We have been growing together with the Mic Mac Mall. There is no identifiable border between our lands and the Mic Mac Mall. According to the Development Agreement from October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, between Can-Euro Investments Limited and Halifax Regional Municipality 2.7.2 we are obliged to maintain the existing walkway from our Lands to adjacent commercial lands to the south, which is the Mic Mac Mall and Kent. Our strong connection to Mic Mac is still a requirement by the city. Why should this naturally grown connection now being artificially cut off? Is there a stronger identifiable border than the Highway Woodland Ave? Why should this clearly identifiable border of the Woodland Ave not being respected?
3. Our buildings and many other apartment buildings around the MicMacMall until Downtown Dartmouth have a similar character, have a similar structure of tenants and similar needs. Since many years we have been growing together as a community. We feel protected in this community. Why should our community not being kept within the same electoral boundaries as ever since?
4. Our company owns buildings left and right to the Mic Mac Mall. If Horizon Court would be transferred to District 9 we would need to deal with two different councilors in future, which would deeply hurt the operations of our company and would create inefficiencies and conflicts of interest.
5. Many of our tenants have been living in Dartmouth ever since. They would be deeply irritated if they needed to vote in a different district. These voters would not understand this major change, being transferred to a different district after many decades of consistency of voting in the same district.
6. 35 to 40 % of our tenants are seniors. They hardly will cross the Woodland Ave for their daily needs. They are using the infrastructure of Mic Mac Mall. Not only our about 800 voting tenants but also our company is using the infrastructure of the Mic Mac Mall and of Downtown Dartmouth. If our tenants cannot influence by means of their votes the infrastructure they and we are using, why should approximately 800 residents at Horizon Court vote at all?
7. In case, that Horizon Court would be transferred from district 5 to district 9, it is to be expected, that our residents would loose their political homeland, the councilor of district 5 would loose 800 voters, but the councilor of district 9 will loose them also, because our residents would hardly vote for a district to whom they have no connections and an infrastructure they are not using. In this case everybody will loose and nobody will win.

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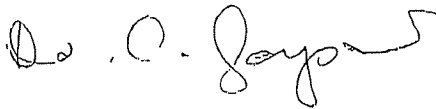
3. It should be also taken in consideration, that a lot of growth is being expected in district nine, for example Shannon Park, 1200 units in Dartmouth Crossing, 450 single homes at the Homburg Land, 3 Apartment buildings at Trinity Avenue, Condominiums at Harbour Isle and 196 townhouses at the Banc Development Lots. Evaluating that growth it might not even be necessary to transfer any voters from district 5 to 9.

The idea to transfer Horizon Court from district five to district nine on that score is objecting many principles, which should influence the decision of the Governance & Boundary Review Committee of Regional Council. I'm sure that this has been overseen.

The above factors and many more need to be considered before displacing such a large number of people to a district or community which is not their home and which will bring the expected parity between the two districts only in numbers, but not in the political reality.

With deep respect to the committee  
And kindest regards

Yours



Dr. Christiane Gaspar  
Vicepresident



LAKEVIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
195 THIRD AVENUE  
LAKEVIEW, NOVA SCOTIA  
B4C-4C9

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*Submitted at  
the Boundary Review  
meeting of  
Nov 10/2010  
Gordon Snow  
Community Centre*

September 22, 2010

Councilor Barry Dalrymple  
10 Pine Oak Drive  
Wellington, NS B2T 1J4

HRM District Boundary Review Committee,

During our last annual general meeting held on March 28, 2010 a motion was passed to inform HRM's boundary review committee of the desire of our community to remain within the district boundaries of Lakeview, Waverley, Windsor Junction and Fall River. The motion was supported unanimously. Now that HRM has entered phase 2 of the District Boundary Review we the board of Lakeview Homeowners Association feel it is appropriate to express the strong desire of our community to remain within the district boundaries of our communities of interest. These interests include not only a long inter-community history but also, education, sport and recreation, volunteer organizations, social events, and politics.

Children living in Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Waverley and Fall River attend school together at Waverley Memorial (English elementary), Ash Lee Jefferson (French elementary), Georges P. Vanier Junior High and Lockview Senior High.

The Gordon R. Snow Community Center has enhanced the recreational opportunities available to Lakeview, Waverley, Windsor Junction and Fall River. Most programs available at the community center include residents from each of these areas.

Lakeview residents pay an area rate to the LWF ratepayers association. The funding provided by the LWF ratepayers association allows us to provide a summer children's program at our community park. The area rate also provides people in our community with access to programs such as day camp and swim lessons at the Windsor Junction Community Center.

Lakeview is home to the Halifax Regional Search and Rescue (HRSR). Many active volunteers of the HRSR as well as the Lakeview-Windsor Junction-Fall River (LWF) Fire Department (Station 45) and the Waverley Fire Department (Station 41) reside in Lakeview.

Socially our communities are well connected through events and festivals such as Keloose, Waverley Gold Rush Days, and most recently Shubenacadie Canal Days.

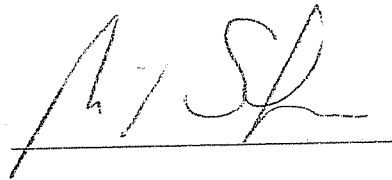
Politically HRM District 2 currently shares the same electoral boundaries as our provincial MLA constituency office.

In closing, the residents of Lakeview wish to remain within the same district boundaries as Waverley, Windsor Junction and Fall River.


Lakeview Homeowners Association



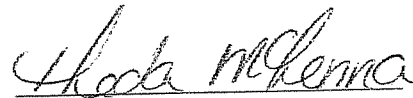
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03 November 2010

Municipal Clerk, City Hall,  
PO Box 1749  
Halifax, NS  
B3J 3A5

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: HRM's District Boundary Review >> DISTRICT # 4 vs # 6**

This letter is to advise The District Boundary Review Committee that the facts, both written and verbal, have not changed since the decision date of November 22, 2007 by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board hearings of the past years, including the Hearing Date of June 13, 2007.

The decision of the board approved the amendment to the boundary between Polling Districts #3 and #4. The Board transferred the Montague Road / Humber Park area and a portion of Lake Loon to the Cole Harbour district, but the Cherry Brook area was initially retained in Polling District # 3 (Preston-Lawrencetown-Chezzetcook) but later amended to District 4 – thanks to the communities Boundry Action Reversal Committee's efforts.

I would, once again , draw to the current HRM District Boundry Review Committee, that our communities to the north of Highway # 7 Highway are NOT in favor of using the highway as a boundry separating us from our neighbors to the south of the #7 HWY – namely, Cole Harbour.

Our residents have contributed significantly to the growth of Cole Harbour as volunteers providing countless hours in the development of the Fire Service and the Recreation facilites for ALL of its residents of all ages. One only has to look at the two Fire Stations and Cole Harbour Place that are the historic gems of the community and the residents time vested at large.

Under the proposed DRAFT of HRM's new Districts our community is projected to be included with DISTRICT 6 – the old Westphal – Main Street – Woodlawn – Waverley Road / Lake Charles etc. We do NOT accept this proposed concept as we have minimum interaction with these areas – our community has always had a strong community of interst / involvement and association with our neighbors and remains to the South ( Cole Harbour ) not to the West.

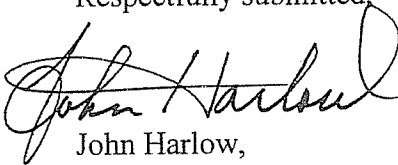
The question arises once again, when something works, why is HRM determined to change and destroy what we the residents- present and past- have spent decades in building for our residents.

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*Submitted to the  
Nov. 3 / 2010  
District Boundary  
Review Public Meeting  
Cole Harbour Place*

As a ratepayer and a past dedicated volunteer of the greater Cole Harbour area - for the past 42 years, I strongly oppose the placement of our community with the proposed District 6. District 4 is our home and HRM must adjust the District 4 & 6 voters ratios / variances to insure that we remain in the community of Cole Harbour.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Harlow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

John Harlow,

Dartmouth, NS,

cc >> Mayor Peter J. Kelly

cc >> Lorelei Nicoll, Councillor, Cole Harbour

*Eliz Holly Wood-H Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Assoc*

*Submitted  
Nov. 3/2010  
District Boundary  
Review  
Public mty  
Cole Harbour  
Place*

*HRM's Principles for Setting New Boundaries*

The Governance and Boundary Review Committee of Council set out a number of principles to be used in proposing revisions to district boundaries. Those include:

- Taking growth into account
- Parity between districts
- Minimize change to voters where possible
- Keep communities and areas of interest within the same electoral districts where possible
- Use highly identifiable boundaries where possible
- Meet the NSUARB requirements of equity (+/- 10% of average) where possible

*Thank you for the opportunity to address the public hearing this evening. Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Assoc is here to express our concerns re the proposed boundary changes on two significant properties in Cole Harbour: The Cole Harbour Heritage Park and the site of the former County Hospital on Bissett Road.*

Cole Harbour Heritage Park: The provincially owned 400-acre park on Bissett Road was built and is maintained by Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Assoc. (CHPTA), a small dedicated volunteer group based in Cole Harbour. While the park has many users, the majority of users are from Cole Harbour and the park is an integral part of the community:

- Various forms of recreation; hiking, biking, cross-country skiing.
- All forms of nature experiences
- *Our heritage and historical connection among the properties along the trails system includes the Poors' Farm in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. An archeology dig sponsored by CHPTA has occurred within the park the past number of years has maintained and promoted this connection.*

*As to future developments, CHPTA has undertaken a brand new project, building a state of the art Environmental Resource Centre inside the big red barn on Bissett Road which resides in the CHH Provincial Park.*

Given that there are and will be no residents associated with this property, the transfer to another district will have zero affect on the objective of achieving parity re the number of HRM residents. However, given the historic and present connection of the park by the residents of Cole Harbour, we would strongly recommend that this property remain in the Cole Harbour District.

Former County Home Site: *The Bissett Lake Project, the former home of the Halifax County Home will be redeveloped and a public hearing is planned for further input on future uses. Whatever the use may be, the connection to the Cole Harbour community is evident.*

A trail system, the Bissett Lake Project is planned, with the first phase largely complete, which will connect the communities of Colby Village and Forest Hills to

the Cole Harbour Heritage Park. HRM has agreed that whatever the future land use, provision will be made to allow a trail to be an integral part of the development.

Our Cole Harbour Councilor has already directed significant district funds to the construction of the BLP, which is already being built. This project is large and complicated and has been under consideration for almost four years now and changing councilors in mid-stream would not be fair to the *municipality*.

Various development options for the site i.e. recreational use would be based largely on the future needs of the surrounding communities considering existing facilities and expected population growth. Again, the primary area of consideration would be Cole Harbour.

Other issues: There have been preliminary discussions in regard to the Cole Harbour Heritage Park and the Old County Home properties becoming an HRM Regional Park, which we at CHPTA support and would work towards.

These boundary changes would pull the very heart of Cole Harbour out from the residents of Cole Harbour with our heritage and view planes that have been part of HRM's planning processes for over 20 years. *Indeed it physically separates the Harbour from our residents.*

*Nova Scotia Power Corp* has a stated goal of bringing a major power line system through Cole Harbour area which will affect the future uses of both properties mentioned. The huge overhead power line has been unanimously opposed by all residents of Cole Harbour would similarly put the District 8 Councilor in an unwinnable situation.

*Conclusion:* Our view is that the few extra constituents that would shift over to District 8, to partially balance the numbers book; pales in comparison to the negative impact this would have on these major projects underway by residents of Cole Harbour. *Eastern Passage District has been developing homes at an exponential rate with room to develop more, while Cole Harbour has virtually run out of room.*

All of these major projects have been in the works for sometime now and are at various stages of evolution and should remain under the leadership of the District 4 Councilor who has the most exposure and experience with them.

In summary, the future use of these sites, whatever that may be, is closely tied to the existing and future communities of Cole Harbour and we very strongly recommend that these properties remain as part of the Cole Harbour District.