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Item No. 11.4.2

| Request for Council's Consideration | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
| Date of Council Meeting: October 21, 2014 | | |
| Subject: Bayers Lake Mystery Walls | | |
| Motion for Council to Consider: That Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of HRM staff working with the Nova Scotia Archaeological Society in developing a short term plan and long term plan to protect and stabilize the Bayers Lake Historical (Mystery Wall) site so that the history is saved and can be shared for future generations. Reason: The Bayer's Lake historical site poses many unanswered questions for professionals since its media attention in the 90's. The so-called "mystery wall" discovered several years ago during an expansion of the Bayer's Lake Business Park extends more than 200 metres and measures as high as two metres. The site also includes the footprint of a large, five-sided building with compartments and an unusual set of stone steps that seemingly lead nowhere. This site is currently protected by Nova Scotia special places act due its interesting design and important significance to the community's history. Stones have been moved and holes have been dug as people explore the area. Members of the Nova Scotia Archaeological Society have seen videos, blogs, and online discussion of old coins, a knife, a gold medallion on a necklace, and many metal items removed from the area. Despite the signage that has been added to the area, the damage and removal of artifacts is jeopardizing archaeological understanding of who and why the site was built and how long ago. Outcome Sought: A staff report back to Regional Council. | | |
| Councillor Reg Rankin | | District 12 |