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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: January 16, 2005

SUBJECT: **Property Matter: Transfer of Title for 341 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth,
to Supportive Housing for Young Mothers**

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

Further to the In Camera report to Regional Council dated December 6, 2005, this supplementary report contains several corrections, further information for clarification, and information as requested by Council. The intent of the original recommendations remain unaltered.

BACKGROUND

This supplementary report contains new information not contained in the original In Camera report of December 6, 2005.

DISCUSSION

Further Information as Requested:

- The general membership of the organization fluctuates but is presently ~20 persons.
- The main source of referrals include the NS Department of Community Services, Children's Aid Society, IWK Extra Support for Parents, Phoenix Youth Services, Adsum for Women & Children, Alice Housing, and local parent resource centres.

Corrections to the In Camera Report:

- The site area is 36,899 sq.ft and not 18,450 sq.ft as previously stated.
- Federal funding consideration is under the Government of Canada Supporting Communities Partnerships Initiative, not the Bilateral Affordable Housing Initiative as cited in the report of December 6, 2005.

Clarification of HRM's Role re: Homelessness:

- Staff evaluate requests for municipal property in support of affordable, non-profit housing, within the context of Regional Council's motion dated February 10, 2004, whereby staff were directed to explore "appropriate partnerships" and to "identify efficiencies and opportunities within existing activity areas to support the development and maintenance of affordable housing stock in the region" (Minutes, February 10, 2004, Item 10.1.6 Homelessness Report).
- The value of any assistance provided to affordable housing projects (including but not limited to property, property tax, grants, or technical assistance for development agreements) is used to leverage federal and provincial funding. As such, HRM actively participates as a partner in efforts to reduce homelessness but "within existing activity areas".

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

A less than market value sale represents a revenue loss to HRM. However, all costs associated with the sale are the responsibility of the buyer (legal, survey etc). Presently, the property is not assessed for property tax; development will realize Residential property taxes for the municipality.

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

1. Regional Council may withhold approval and the sale of the property revoked.
2. Regional Council could require a market value sale.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report to Regional Council dated December 6, 2005.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.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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