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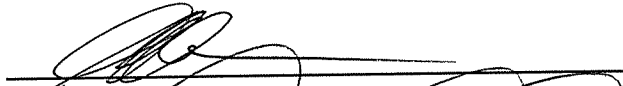


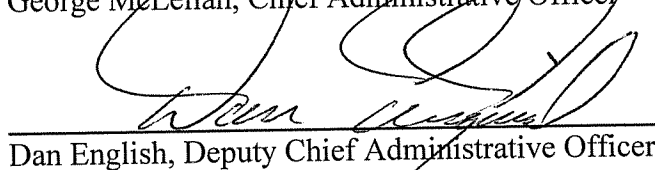
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Halifax Regional Council
July 5, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


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DATE: June 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Area Rate for Mineville Community Association

ORIGIN

On May 21, 2002, Regional Council approved a flat rate of \$20.00 per household to be applied against the properties within the mapped area depicted in Appendix A for the purpose of enabling the Mineville Community Association to increase and develop parkland and other recreational amenities within the community of Mineville.

The appropriateness of this boundary was first discussed during the 2004-2005 Budget debate.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. **The catchment area for the area rate for the Mineville Community Association be revised to the mapped area depicted in Appendix C of this report.**
2. **That an area rate of \$20.00 per household be applied against the properties within the mapped area depicted in Appendix C for the 2005-06 fiscal year.**

BACKGROUND

The Mineville Community Association was formed in November 1999 with the purpose of “protecting and developing community parkland, building community pride and spirit, and working with government representatives on behalf of the community.” The Association is registered under the Societies Act with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. Since it’s formation, the Association has been very active in the community of Mineville fund raising and planning for recreational amenities and activities for the residents.

On May 21, 2002, Regional Council approved a flat rate of \$20.00 per household to be applied against the properties within the mapped area depicted in Appendix A of the staff report dated May 15, 2002, effective with the 2002/03 fiscal year. That map is recreated in Appendix A of this report.

DISCUSSION

In the time since the area rate was approved, HRM staff have done consultations on the community boundary. A comparison of the GSA map for the community to the properties currently charged the area rate indicates there are several properties within the Lawrencetown GSA which are included in the Mineville area rate while other Lawrencetown properties are not. Staff feel that it is appropriate to align the Mineville area rate with the Mineville GSA boundary. This represents a relatively minor change with 10 properties being removed from the area rate boundary. These properties are shown in the map in Appendix B.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Because all of the funding provided by HRM is through the area rate (there are no transfers from the general tax rate), there is no impact on the 2005-06 Operating Budget approved by Council other than for the area rate itself.

The Mineville Community Association will lose 10 properties from its area rate. However, staff have also discovered a number of properties within both the original catchment area approved by Council and the Mineville GSA which are not included in the billing area but should be. The inclusion of these properties will more than offset the loss from the 10 Lawrencetown properties. The total number of properties charged the area rate will increase from 453 to 459.

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

Council may chose not to amend the boundary of the catchment area until full consultation with the community has been taken place.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Map included in Appendix A of the staff report dated May 15, 2002 which was approved by Council as the catchment area.

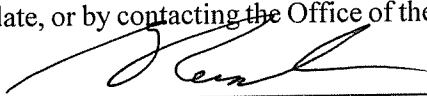
Appendix B: Map indicating properties which should be removed from the catchment area because they are within the community of Lawrencetown, not Mineville.

Appendix C: The revised catchment area for the Mineville Community Association area rate.

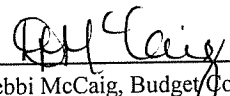
Appendix D: 2005-06 Business Plan and Budget for the Mineville Community Association.

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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Appendix A

Region View






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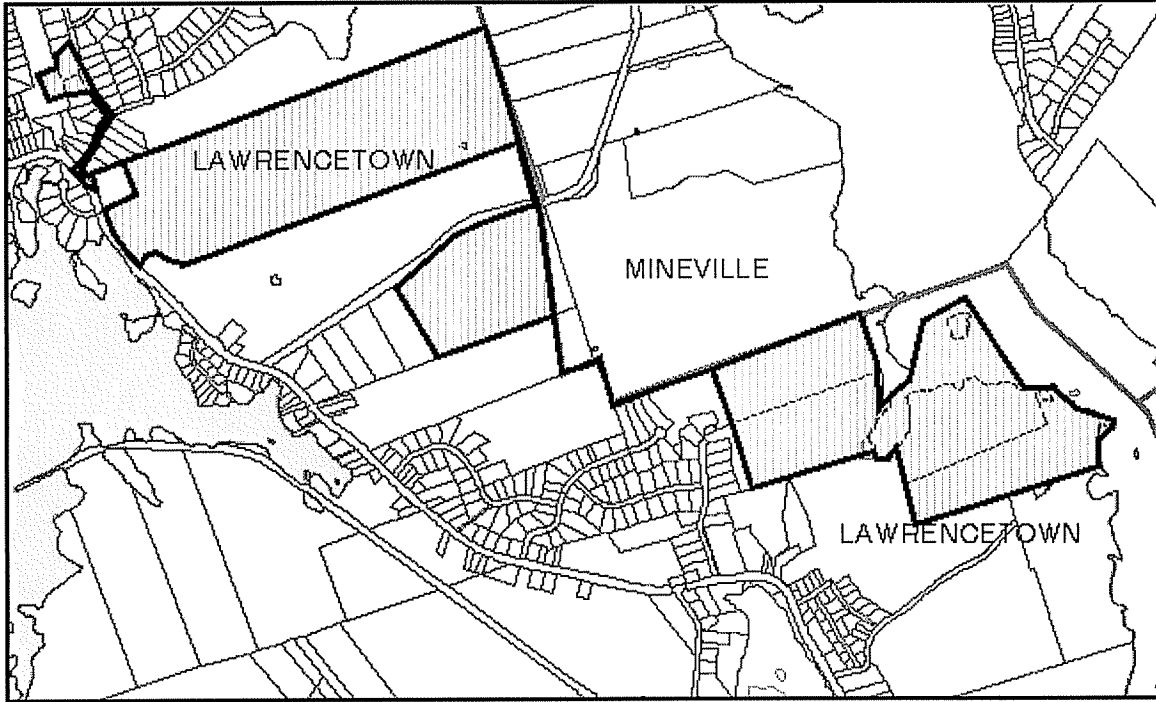


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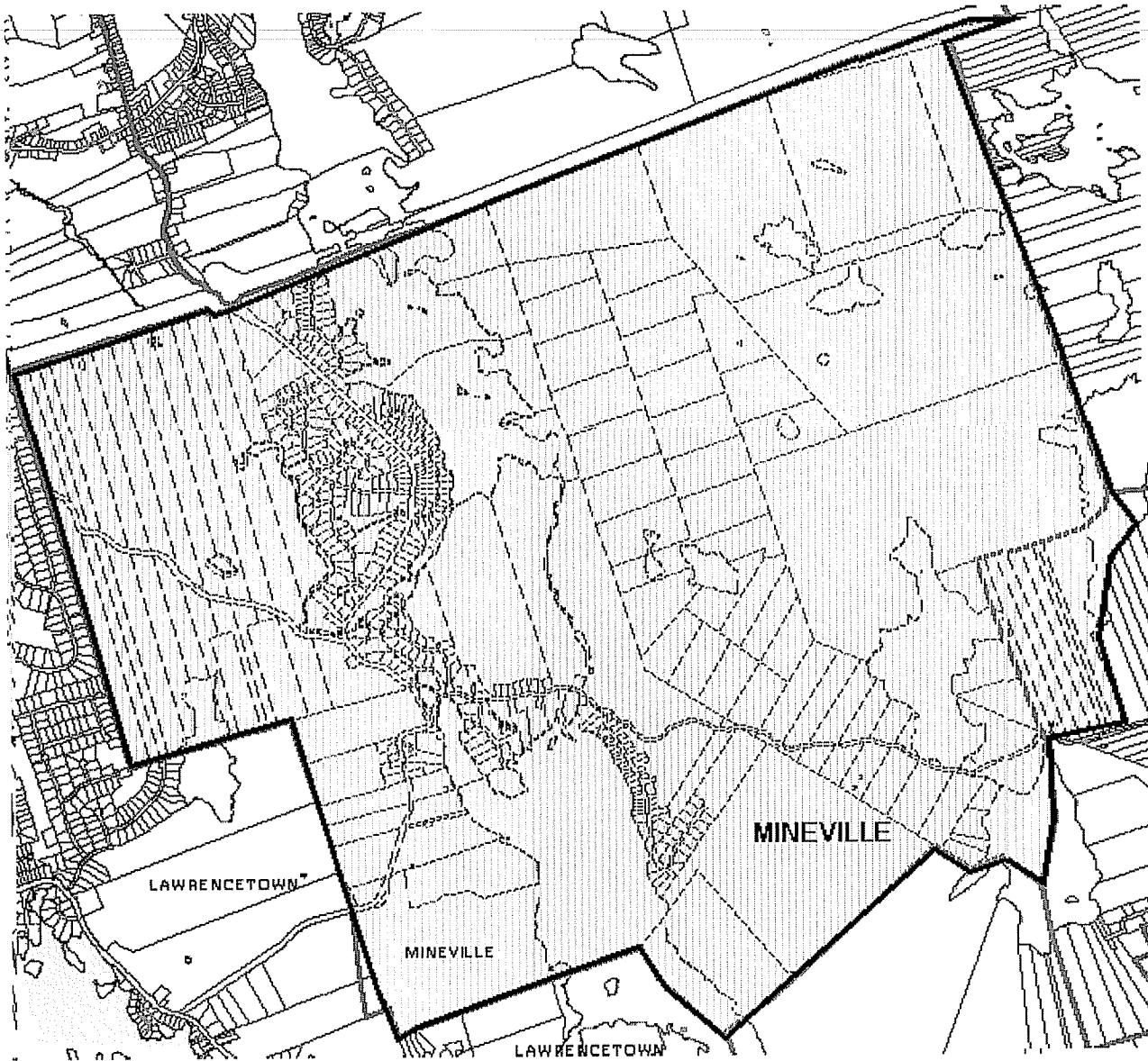
Legend:

-  STREET CENTER LINE
-  STREET NAMES
-  PARCELS
-  LAKES
-  COMMUNITY





*Information captured from map (project #05.04.14.02)



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Appendix D: 2005-06 Business Plan & Budget for

Name of Association or Society:	Mineville Community Association
Registry of Joint Stock Companies ID#:	3029296

	Primary Signing Authority	Secondary Signing Authority
Name & Title:	Grant MacDonald	Lori Mitchell
Phone number:	489-5062	829-3464
M a i l i n g Address:	55 Dempster Cres Mineville, N.S. B2Z 1J6	27 Partridge Nest Drive Mineville, NS B2Z 1K1

Business Plan & Budget approved at Annual General Meeting held on:	January 8 th , 2005
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Mission and Description of Services Provided

(including who the services are provided to)

The Mineville Community Association will be using the area rate funds towards the following items:

1. Construction of a foot bridge at Middle Park in Mineville.
2. Cover a portion of the salaries for our summer students.
3. Towards the construction of a multiuse facility at Bennett Park.

Accomplishments

(What has your organization accomplished in the past year?)

We have done some trail work, hired 2 employees, and cleaned up our parks. The area rate fund was used to help pay for the employees.

Goals for 2005-06

(What does your organization plan to accomplish between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006)

1.	Construct a foot bridge at Middle Park.
2.	Hire summer students.
3.	Construct a multiuse facility (lacrosse/tennis/outdoor rink) if other funding is granted.
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Area Rate Information

Purpose of Area Rate:	To pay for park projects and to assist with the salaries of our summer students.
Will the Purpose <u>or</u> Amount of the Area Rate change in 2005/06?	No.
If so, how and why has it changed, and have the majority of homeowners voted to approve the change?	N/A
Amount of Area Rate for 2005/06:	\$20 per home.
Area subject to Area Rate:	Mineville
Year Area Rate to Expire (if applicable):	N/A
Do you anticipate a surplus or a deficit at the end of this year (2004/05)? How much?	Almost all of the funds will be used towards salaries and park projects. Any surplus will be used towards the many other park projects that we hope to complete.
If a surplus exists at the end of the fiscal year, how is it to be applied?	Carried over to the following year.

