

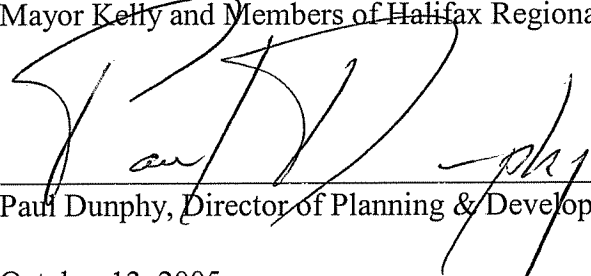


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Halifax Regional Council  
October 18, 2005

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning & Development Services

**DATE:** October 13, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Morris-Russell Lake Secondary Planning Strategy

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Planning & Development Services

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the March 22, 2005 session of Regional Council, a revised Secondary Planning Strategy for Morris-Russell Lake was approved after a public hearing was held. During the hearing, Council was advised that a citizens organization, *Harbour East Friends of the Environment*, had made an application in the Federal Court of Canada for judicial review of the decision of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) to provide financial support for the Highway 111 interchange (Hope Avenue).

The interchange is an integral component in the transportation plan for the Morris-Russell Lake master plan area and is currently under construction. The Society alleged that ACOA acted outside its jurisdiction having exercised its discretion under section 15(1) of the ACT to fix the scope of the project unreasonably.

The Municipality has recently received notification that the Society filed a notice of discontinuance of the legal challenge in the Federal Court on October 12, 2005.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

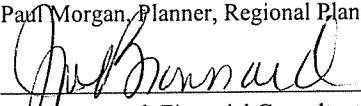
Not applicable.

**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.

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