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***ROCKY LAKE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION***

October 12, 2005

Halifax Regional Municipality  
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**Attention: Mayor Peter Kelly**

Dear Mayor Kelly:

**Re: Application by Rocky Lake Development Association For Property Tax Exemption**

As you are aware I am the Chair of the Rocky Lake Development Association, a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers. We have been working diligently over the past three years to see that recreational facilities are brought to the Rocky Lake site. We are currently working on a proposal to see that a multi surface ice rink, soccer fields, gymnasiums, tennis courts, children's safety village and long term care facility is constructed on the 50 acres of land that we hold under agreement at the Rocky Lake site. In order for us to successfully move forward with this project we require a tax exemption on the lands.

We have been in contact with the City and have offered to present our plan to Council. In our letter to council we advised that we would approach the Province in concert with the City to see that our organization receives a tax exemption for these lands.

We have received positive feedback from HRM staff concerning our request. My review of the tax exemption guidelines strongly suggest that we are eligible for this exemption. Unfortunately our application will not be finalized until sometime next year.

There is a window of opportunity for this project to move forward now. Accordingly I am writing to you on behalf of council to let you know that we will be pursuing the tax exemption issue through the Province so that we can move forward with this project now.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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Barry J. Mason  
Chairperson

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