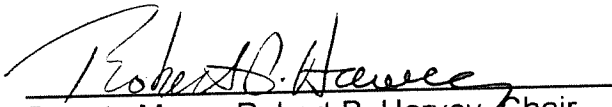


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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2002

February 26, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

FROM: 
Deputy Mayor Robert P. Harvey, Chair
North West Community Council

DATE: January 29, 2002

SUBJECT: **The Barrens, Bedford**

ORIGIN:

North West Community Council meeting held on January 24, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Inquire of the Province re the Orders in Council referred to in the attached Memorandum dated January 4, 2002;
2. Inquire of the Minister of Heritage Canada re the status of the plans for a trilingual plaque at the Barrens site;
3. Inquire of the Province re plans to acquire all privately owned lands in the Barrens area; and
4. Forward this matter to HRM's Heritage Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum dated January 4, 2002 - Recommendation from North West Planning Advisory Committee
Map of Remaining Undeveloped Barrens July, 1992

North West Community Council
January 24, 2002

TO: North West Community Council
SUBMITTED BY: Gail Harnish
Gail Harnish, Admin\PAC Coordinator
DATE: January 4, 2002
SUBJECT: "The Barrens"

ORIGIN:

North West Planning Advisory Committee - January 2, 2002

RECOMMENDATION:

The North West Planning Advisory Committee recommend:

WHEREAS that natural and undeveloped area of Bedford known as "The Barrens" has been a place of passive recreation for generations of Bedford residents, and a seasonal camping place for Native people before the growth of settlement in Bedford;

AND WHEREAS a survey of the Barrens in the early 1990s by Dr. Brian Molyneaux confirmed the existence of authentic Mi'kmaq petroglyphs on this land;

AND WHEREAS fourteen Chiefs of the Mi'kmaq Nation signed a four point declaration recognizing the significance of this land to their people and requiring its protection because it... is a site having inalienable cultural, spiritual and historical significance to the Mi'kmaq Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has placed this site under the Special Places Protection Act;

AND WHEREAS the, then, Minister of Heritage Canada, Michel Dupuy, welcomed "the Bedford Petroglyphs to Canada's family of national historic sites;"

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Cabinet passed Orders-in-Council re: The Barrens;

AND WHEREAS Bedford has become a community of subdivisions connected by three main highways and a community where family recreation is valued;

AND WHEREAS we are a multicultural people with an obligation to acknowledge and encourage the preservation of all cultures including that of our Native people;

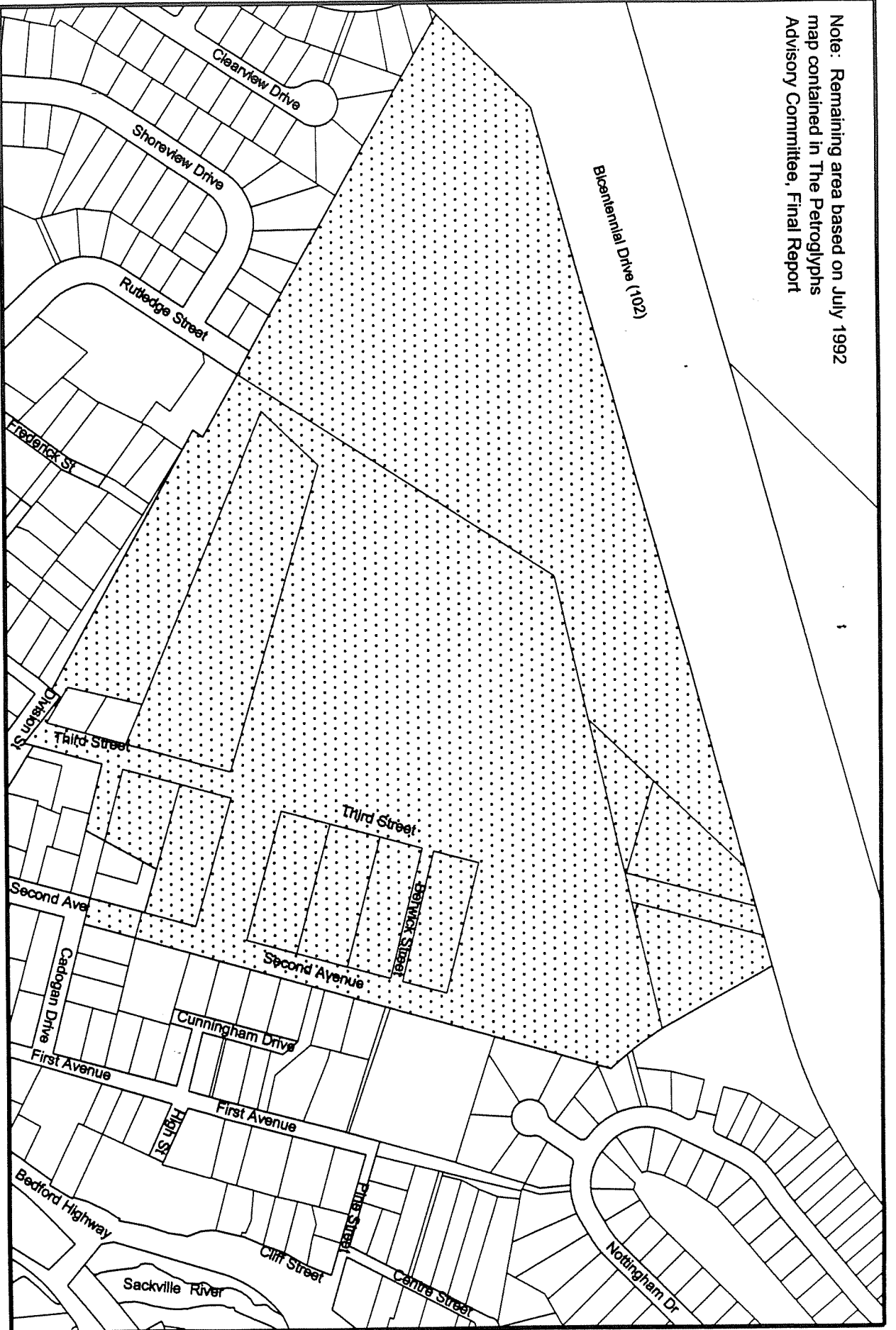
AND WHEREAS there is a growing need for green space and natural urban parks to maintain and improve air quality;

AND WHEREAS the Bedford Shaman Wilderness Initiative, registered under the Societies Act, remains ready to work with all for the care and preservation of the site.

BE IT MOVED, THEREFORE, that North West Community Council request of HRM Council that they:

- (1) Enquire of the Province re: the above noted Orders-in-Council;
- (2) Enquire of the Minister of Heritage Canada re: the status of the plans for a trilingual plaque at the site as referenced in the Minister's letter dated 16/2/95;
- (3) Enquire of the Province re: plans to acquire all privately owned lands in this land; and
- (4) Forward the matter to HRM's Heritage Advisory Committee.

Note: Remaining area based on July 1992 map contained in The Petroglyphs Advisory Committee, Final Report



Map 1
Remaining Undeveloped Barrens

Feb. 11, 2002

HRM does not guarantee the accuracy of any base map information on this map.

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