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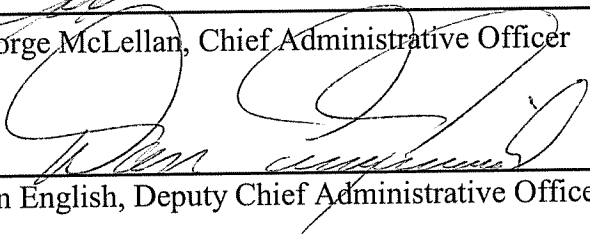
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Halifax Regional Council
April 15, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Community Boundaries- Tantallon Pilot Project Area

ORIGIN

The civic address corrections pilot project carried out in the Tantallon area in 2002 included clarification and verification of community boundaries. Progress regarding this exercise was reported to Council via an information report dated June 19, 2002. The report indicated the final resolution of community boundaries would be brought forward to Council for ratification once the project was completed and all issues resolved. The purpose of this report is to request Council's adoption of the community names and boundaries within the project area as outlined in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council adopt the community names and boundaries within the Tantallon pilot project area as outlined on the map in Appendix A.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The June 19, 2002 information report to Council identified 17 communities in addition to the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area within the Tantallon project area. The report also outlined the public consultation process undertaken to verify this information. Appendix A represents the map reflecting those communities and their proposed boundaries. In mid-August, final notices were sent to residents in the project area informing them of their full new civic address to be used for mail delivery and to obtain 911 emergency service. Residents were encouraged to contact staff with issues and concerns regarding changes to their addresses prior to the October 22nd implementation date.

All issues raised by residents in the project area have been resolved with the exception of one outstanding item- formal acknowledgement of the existence of the community of "Big Lake". The area around Big Lake, located between the communities of Blind Bay and East Dover, is inhabited by approximately 11 permanent households and 5 seasonal households. Big Lake is not recognized as a separate community within the E911 system, rather the area is included with the general service area of East Dover. Big Lake is not recognized as a community within the Gazetteer of Canada: Nova Scotia edition nor in the NS Geographical Names Database. There are community signs, however, in the area which mark the entrance and exit to the "Big Lake" area.

Throughout the Tantallon pilot project, the residents in the Big Lake area contended they belonged to a separate and distinct community and one which had been recognized through a petition process in the late 1990s. Staff have undertaken extensive research to ascertain the status of Big Lake as a community. Staff have been unable to locate any petition requesting recognition of Big Lake as a community or any motion regarding same by either the former Halifax County Council or the HRM Regional Council.

Staff and the current area Councillor have met with the residents of the Big Lake area on several occasions. They are very concerned they were led to believe that a process of recognition was followed some years ago and are very surprised to now find their community's existence is in question. The existence of community signs in the area for the past 6 years further reinforces the confusion surrounding the situation.

From staff's perspective, it is imperative this issue regarding community recognition be resolved. On-going dispute over the existence of the Big Lake community can and will lead to public safety concerns. The name of the community is a vital part of the civic address required for E911 purposes as well as general service delivery. It is imperative that residents clearly know which community they live in and that this is reflected in the databases serving the E911 system and the various emergency response agencies.

Given these circumstances and the confusion surrounding this issue, it is staff's perspective that agreement should be reached regarding the status of the community so proper data can be entered into the 911 system, data which the residents are prepared to use for both 911 purposes, mail

delivery, and other service delivery purposes. While the area of Big Lake would not be recognized as a community today according to the criteria presented to Council in June 2002, it is staff's position there are extenuating circumstances and "history" surrounding the status of Big Lake. As a result, it is staff's recommendation that the community of Big Lake and its boundaries as represented on the attached map should be recognized formally by Regional Council in order to bring resolution to this issue.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with the identification and delineation of community boundaries in the Tantallon project area. Community signs in the area are the responsibility of the NS Department of Public Works and Transportation. NSDPWT staff have agreed to relocate any community signs required as a result of Council's formal adoption of the proposed community boundaries. Approximately five signs will require relocation in the Tantallon pilot project area.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

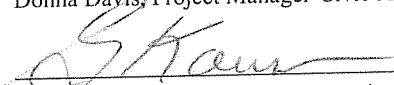
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

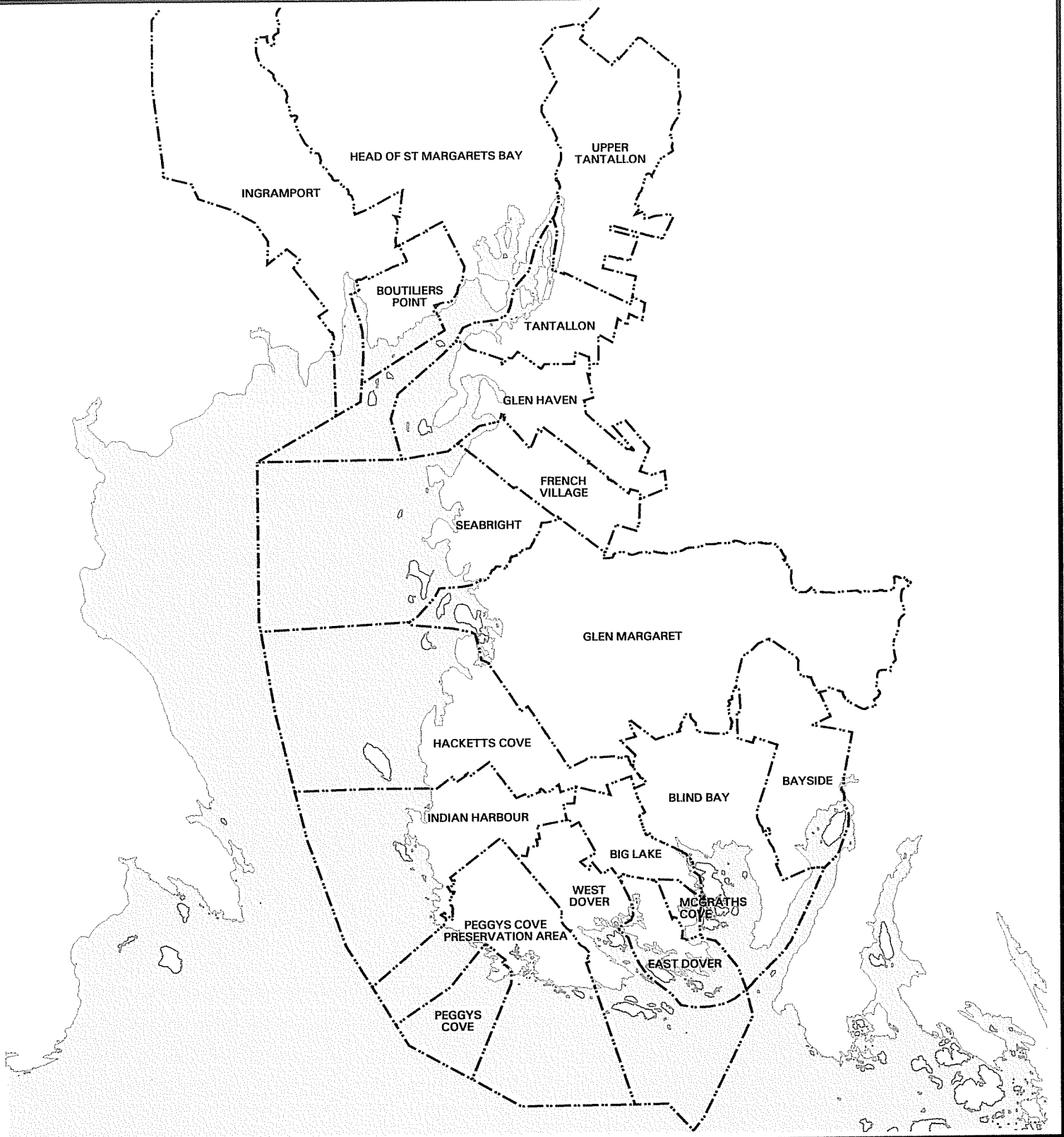
Appendix A- Community Boundaries- Tantallon Project Area

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Appendix A



Community Boundaries
Tantallon Project



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Community Recreation Centres

Bedford, Hammonds Plains

LeBrun Centre
36 Holland Avenue
Telephone: 490-4665 Fax: 490-4680

Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea

Prospect Road
Tantallon-Hubbards

Beechville - Lakeside - Timberlea
Centre

1492 St. Margaret's Bay Road
Telephone: 876-8812 Fax: 876-0818

Cole Harbour Office

Serving Cole Harbour, Lawrencetown,
North & East
Preston, Cherrybrook & Woodlawn
1216 Cole Harbour Road (next to Shell)
Telephone: 490-4711 Fax: 490-4299

Dartmouth

Programs offered at the
North and South Woodside Communities
c/o Tallahassee Centre
168 Redoubt Way

Telephone: 465-5267 Fax: 465-8730
North Woodside Comm. Centre
South Woodside Community Centre

Findlay Community Centre

26 Elliot Street
Telephone: 490-4728 Fax: 490-4742

Dartmouth North Community Centre

Recreation Office
134 Pinecrest Drive
Telephone: 490-4730 Fax: 490-5905

Eastern Passage

Tallahassee Centre
168 Redoubt Way
Telephone: 465-5267 Fax: 465-8730

Fall River

Fall River Centre
3182 Highway #2
Telephone: 860-4570 Fax: 860-4576

Spryfield, Herring Cove,

Harrifetsfield, Ketch Harbour, Sambro

Spryfield Lions Wave Pool
Capt. William Spry Community
Centre

10 Kidston Road
Telephone: 477-P00L (7665) or
479-1111 Fax: 479-1177

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Adventure Earth Centre

68 Parkhill Road (Fleming Park)
Telephone: 490-4539 Fax: 490-4509

Bloomfield Centre

2786 Agricola Street
Telephone: 490-4628 Fax: 490-4588

Chocolate Lake Centre

14 Purcell's Cove Road
Telephone: 490-4607 Fax: 490-4504

George Dixon Centre

2501 Gortingen Street
Telephone: 490-4550 Fax: 490-4570

Needham Centre / Pool

3372 Devonshire Avenue
Telephone: 490-4633 Fax: 490-4579

Northcliffe Centre/Pool

111 Clayton Park Drive
Telephone: 490-4690 Fax: 457-3881

St. Andrew's Centre

6955 Bayers Road
Telephone: 490-4693 Fax: 490-4641

St. Mary's Boat Club

1641 Fairfield Road
Telephone: 490-4688 Fax: 490-6935

Sackville

Acadia School

636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville
Telephone: 869-4200 Fax: 869-4219

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