


Chebucto Community Council
March 5, 2012

TO: Chair and Members of Chebucto Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: February 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Larry Uteck Boulevard – Highway 102 to Kearney Lake Road

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On January 9, 2012, Chebucto Community Council approved a development agreement for Bedford West Sub-Area 9.

BACKGROUND

At the joint public hearing held with Northwest Community Council on January 9, 2012, a request was made by a member of the public for a community meeting to discuss the design of the Kearney Lake Connector project. In subsequent discussions with Councillor Hum, it was agreed that it is premature to hold a community meeting and staff agreed to provide an update of the project to Chebucto Community Council.

The Kearney Lake Connector project, which is the extension of Larry Uteck Boulevard to Kearney Lake Road, is included in the Bedford West transportation master plan approved by HRM Regional Council in 2009. Funding for the project is included in the Bedford West Capital Cost Contribution (CCC) program. HRM's share of the project is limited to 33% of the total project cost. In the plan approved by Regional Council, developers are required to construct the roadway.

DISCUSSION

The extension of Larry Uteck Boulevard to Kearney Lake Road is designed to divert traffic away from Kearney Lake Road. Traffic volumes on Kearney Lake Road south of the connector, are expected to drop with the opening of the roadway. As Bedford West develops however, traffic volumes are expected to increase to the levels observed now.

The original design of the connector road intersection at Kearney Lake Road is shown on Attachment 1. At the public hearing held on January 9, 2012, concerns were raised that the proposed design would not encourage drivers to use the interchange. A revised design has been prepared in response to these concerns and is shown on Attachment 2. There are technical challenges to this new option and the design will require approval by Halifax Water because of the proximity to a major water transmission main.

The roadway will be constructed in three phases. The first phase will consist of clearing and grubbing, wetland alteration, culvert extensions and subgrade construction. Funding for this phase of the work was approved by HRM Regional Council in the 2010/2011 Capital Budget. It is anticipated that this work will be completed during the 2012 construction season.

The second phase will consist of the construction of the roadway from the Larry Uteck Interchange to the Kearney Lake Road right-of-way boundary. It will include the installation of storm, sanitary and water services, roadway gravels, concrete curb and gutter, trail construction, and asphalt pavement. The third phase will be the construction of the intersection at Kearney Lake Road. This phase includes the realignment of Kearney Lake Road, traffic signals and private property reinstatement. Phases 2 and 3 are contingent on funding being approved by Regional Council in future Capital Budgets and approval by Halifax Water and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, in relation to the municipal storm water and sewer services.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

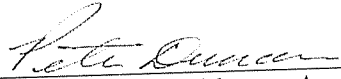
Public consultation has occurred as required for discretionary planning approvals in the Bedford West Secondary Planning Area. A public information meeting that deals specifically with the Kearney Lake Connector project will occur when the schedule for construction is more certain.

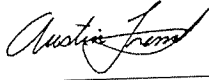
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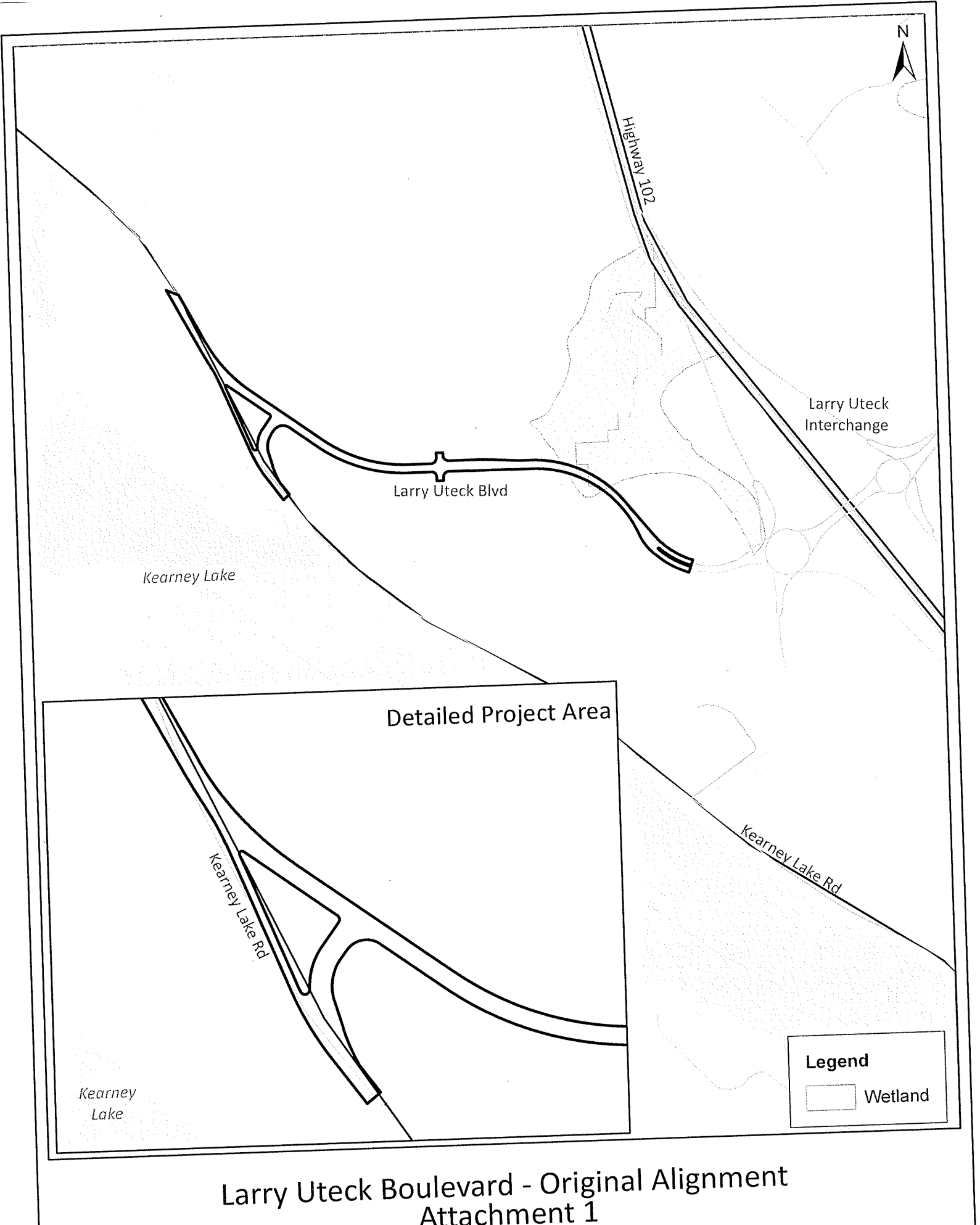
Attachment 1 – Original Design – Larry Uteck Boulevard at Kearney Lake Road
Attachment 2 – Revised Design – Larry Uteck Boulevard at Kearney Lake Road

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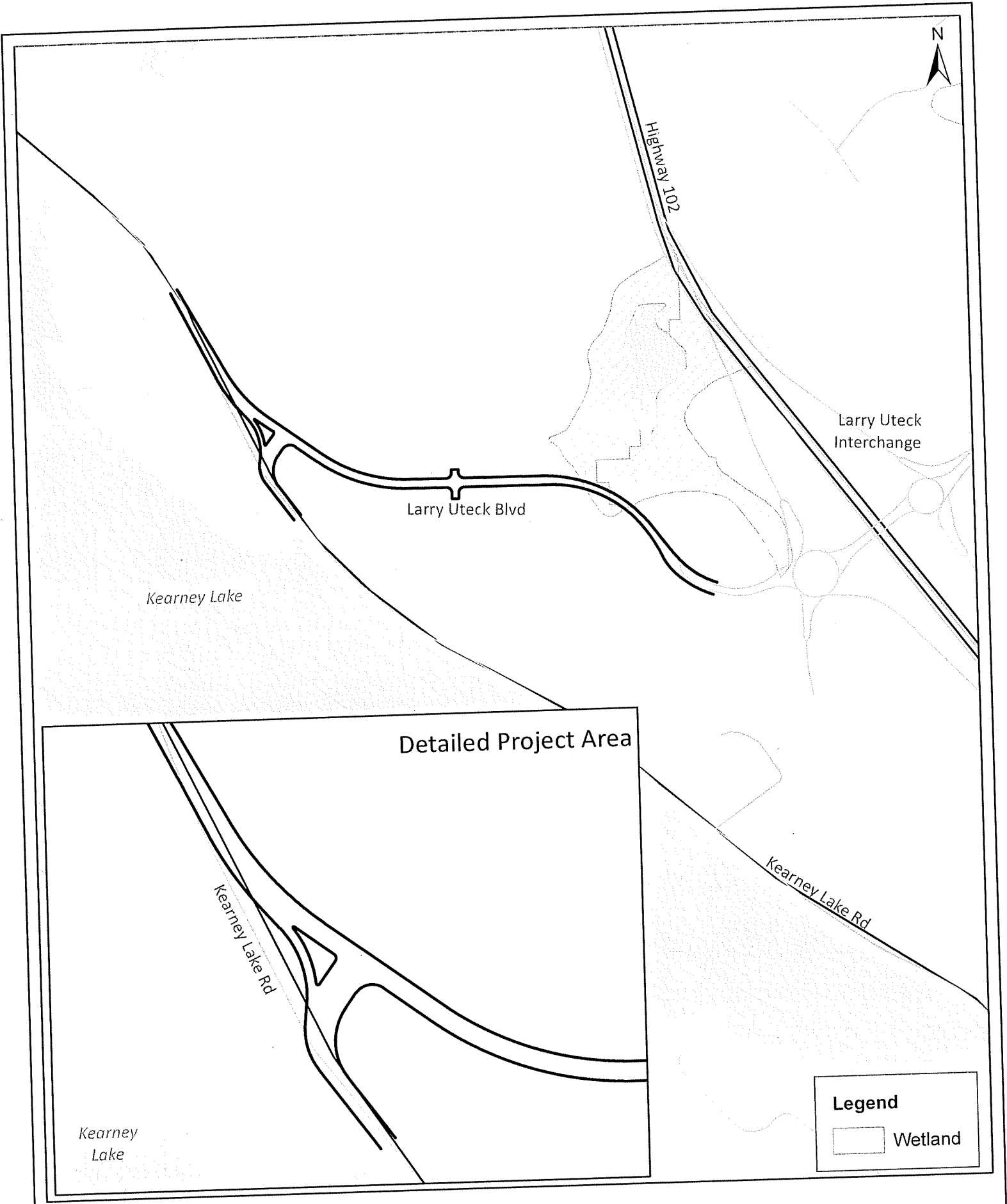
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Larry Uteck Boulevard - Original Alignment
Attachment 1



Larry Uteck Boulevard - Revised Alignment
Attachment 2