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Chebucto Community Council
April 7, 2008

TO: Chair and Members of Chebucto Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Signage

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

March 3rd meeting of the Chebucto Community Council a motion was put that “the neighbourhoods of Birch Cove, Prince's Lodge, Rockingham and Kearney Lake be considered for the Neighbourhood Sign initiative and that a staff report be completed for clarification on neighbourhood boundaries and locations of signage.”

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff have completed draft neighbourhood and special district sign policy. The policy is tentatively scheduled for the March 25th session of Regional Council.

The policy is intended to provide a consistent and coordinated approach to neighbourhood signage, as well as a sound decision making framework for new neighbourhood and special district signage throughout the region.

If approved, the policy directs neighbourhood signs to existing neighbourhood parks, and recommends utilising the existing neighbourhood park sign program to create the neighbourhood sign. Further, the policy states that the neighbourhood sign will identify a neighbourhood and reinforce a sense of community, but it will not be located to define the boundaries of a particular neighbourhood.

The proposed policy identifies priority neighbourhoods for signs. Specifically, it recommends focussing on Halifax and Dartmouth given these communities did not directly benefit from the 911 sign program. The neighbourhoods noted in the motion would qualify for neighbourhood signs.

Upon approval of the policy, priority neighbourhoods will be identified. The policy recommends that signs be considered on an annual basis by Capital Projects - Parks. Request for signs will be considered from local groups, councillors, and Community Councils.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

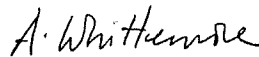
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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