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Mr. Dan English, CAO
Halifax Regional Municipality
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May 14, 2009

Dear Mr. English, *Dan*

I am writing on behalf of the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association Board of Directors regarding the concerns we have with the potential loss of 150 parking spaces due to the expansion of the Metro Transit Bridge Terminal. As you are aware, the HRM legal department has informed city staff and our General Manager that as a result of changes, at the provincial level, to Council's request to amend the Municipal Government Act relating to the Dartmouth Common, Sportsplex parking cannot be replaced.

Throughout the planning process for the new terminal, the Sportsplex Board and staff have been assured on a number of occasions, including a presentation to the Board by Metro Transit, that there would be no net loss to our already overtaxed parking lot.

As a group of volunteers that are entrusted to operate and manage the Dartmouth Sportsplex on behalf of the HRM, we cannot agree to the expansion of the terminal until there is a suitable solution to the parking situation. Parking availability is the number one concern with all Sportsplex user groups. The loss of 150 spaces represents a 35% reduction in parking that will have a significant effect on our ability to serve our customers and the community in general. This loss of parking would clearly threaten the financial viability of the Sportsplex. This would also put us in violation of our Parks and Institutional Zoning where we require one parking spot for every 2.5 seats in the building.

It is our understanding that city staff are working to see if there is a viable option to building the terminal without any reduction in our parking. The Board would like to have a senior representative from the HRM come to our Board meeting on June 4, 2009 at 7:30 AM to present the reasons why this happened and your viable solutions to correct the parking issue.

In closing we would like to express our sincere desire to work with the Municipality and resolve this issue to everyone's benefit.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Smith".

Brad Smith, Chair
Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association

cc: Mayor Peter Kelly
Dartmouth East Community Council
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