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# Item No. North West Community Council June 23, 2011

**TO:** Members of North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Austria from

For Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** June 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Correspondence re: Second Lake

# INFORMATION REPORT

# **ORIGIN**

May 26, 2011 motion of North West Community Council:

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that a copy of the correspondence dated May 22, 2011 from the Second Lake Regional Park Association be forwarded to planning staff with the intention that they will meet with the Second Lake Regional Park Association and the Sackville Rivers Association as outlined in the submitted correspondence. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the May 26, 2011 meeting of North West Community Council, Council requested, in accordance with Policy NF-2 of the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy, that staff consult with the Second Lake Regional Park Association and Sackville Rivers Association regarding Case 15969, Open Space Subdivision Application for Windgate Farm (156 Windgate Drive), Windsor Junction. Policy NF-2 states: It shall be the intention of Council to recognize the Sackville Rivers Association and other Environmental groups through cooperative consultation programs on matters relating to the Sackville and Little Sackville Rivers and First and Second Lakes.

# **DISCUSSION**

In accordance with Policy NF-2 and the directive of North West Community Council on May 26, 2011, Staff is in the process of scheduling a meeting with members of the Second Lake Regional Park Association and Sackville Rivers Association.

# **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.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Letter from Second Lake Regional Park Association

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Report Approved by: Austin French, Manager of Planning Services, 490-6717



May 22 2011 Councillor Robert P Harvey Chairman North West Community Council Halifax Regional Municipality

Dear Councillor Harvey

I am writing you today with regard to Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy policy NF-2 (see attached) as it relates to Second Lake and the Second Lake Regional Park Association (SLRPA). As the community environmental group referred to in this policy, we ask for clarification on our opportunity to consult, as a group, on a development application recently made under the Regional Plan.

It is our understanding that this application for a Development Agreement for Windgate Farm, Windsor Junction in the Second Lake watershed, and in the Sackville Plan area, will be presented to the Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council for their deliberation and decision. HRM Planning has advised that the Development Agreement will not be formally reviewed by the North West Community Council and the North West Planning Advisory Committee who would normally review plan area applications, which causes us some concern.

The 1994 Sackville MPS clearly reflects the significant community interest in the protection of the watershed and associated habitat. The MPS has not been amended to reflect the present status whereby the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) currently administers the 305 hectares of Crown land. The Second Lake Regional Park Association has been working with DNR since 1999 to create a provincial park.

We ask for your assistance in ensuring the Association has an opportunity for an exchange of information and meaningful discussion as provided by policy NF-2 of the Sackville MPS.

Regards

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Cc Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair, MDVCCC
Tyson Simms, Planner, Planning Services, Central Region
Ann Merritt, Chair, North West Planning Committee

NF-2 It shall be the intention of Council to recognize the Sackville Rivers Association and other environmental groups through cooperative consultation programs on matters relating to the Sackville and Little Sackville Rivers and First and Second Lakes. (Page 37, Sackville MPS)