

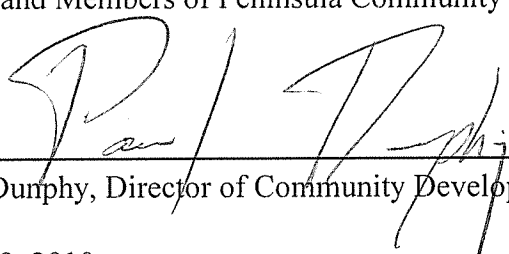


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Peninsula Community Council
September 13, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of Peninsula Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul Murphy, Director of Community Development

DATE: July 29, 2010

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Towers - HRM Website Information

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On May 10, 2010, Peninsula Community Council passed the following motion:

“MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sloane that staff develop a FAQ sheet for the HRM website on the process related to the placement of communications facilities within HRM similar to the resource that is available on the City of Winnipeg website.

Councillor Watts advised that there have been many questions about recent communication facilities in the Herring Cove area and in her own district. She added that she has referred people to a helpful resource on the City of Winnipeg website, and has discussed this with staff and that they are supportive of the idea.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.”

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Peninsula Community Council has requested staff develop a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet on the HRM website relative to telecommunications facilities.

Currently, staff are investigating the content and structure of municipal web sites across Canada (including the City of Winnipeg's website) containing information and FAQ formats related to telecommunication facilities and approval processes. In similar order, staff are researching telecommunication information and related FAQ format on Industry Canada's website, which is the federal body with ultimate jurisdiction relative to telecommunications facilities. Further research may require discussion with various municipal organizations and Industry Canada.

Following a review of municipal and federal website content and format related to telecommunication facilities, staff will create dedicated information for the HRM website pertaining to the Municipality's approach and process relative to telecommunications equipment. A FAQ section will be included. Staff anticipate this information will be made available on the HRM website by the fall of 2010.

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

The creation of a FAQ sheet for the HRM website related to the process and placement of communications facilities is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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