

Request for Council's Consideration

Included on Agenda

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)



Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)

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**Request from the Floor
Halifax & West
Community Council**

Date of Council Meeting: June 4, 2014 – Halifax & West Community Council

Subject: Land Purchase for Public Access

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Regional Council authorize staff to investigate and evaluate the appropriateness of the public value of a candidate portion of lands, its related sale price; and bring back at first opportunity with a recommendation on its possible acquisition.

Reason:

The lands are located adjacent to the Lakeside post office and/or a portion of the property located opposite the Ultramar on the St. Margaret's Bay Road.

To gain public access to Governor's Lake for citizens of Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea.

The opportunity: certain lands lying on the St. Margaret's Bay Road, Timberlea.

This item was brought forward by Councillor Rankin in 2000, 2003 and 2004. It is his understanding that the land may be under different ownership which may open the possibility of purchase.

Outcome Sought:

A staff report to gather all relevant information.

Councillor *Reg Rankin*

District *12*

Re: Item No. 13.2

May 16, 2000

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13.2 Councillor Rankin - Acquisition of Land Adjacent for Recreational Purposes

Councillor Rankin requested a staff report to evaluate the merit of acquiring a portion of the property located adjacent to the Lakeside post office and/or a portion of the property located opposite the Ultramar on the St. Margaret's Bay Road (the Reardon property - about 1 acre) to allow for public access to Governor Lake. The Councillor submitted a plan of the area to be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

Council agreed to the request for a report.

December 16, 2003

IN CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

12.2 Property Matter - Proposed Purchase - Reardon/Allen Property - Nine Mile River That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve an increase in the gross budget of Capital Account No. CWR00408, Residual Disposal Facility Site Prep Access, by \$196,894 from the Parkland Reserve, Q07, with no change in the net budget.
2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of the lands of Reardon, Reardon and Allen, containing 370 acres at Nine Mile River, for the price of \$370,000 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$393,788.00 and applicable legal expenses to be funded from Capital Account No. CWR00408, Residual Disposal Facility Site Prep Access.
3. This report not be released to the public until the transaction has closed.

March 29, 2004

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12.4 Reardon Property - BLT Trail

Councillor Rankin advised the community would like to determine if HRM would be interested

in purchasing this property. He advised staff have already visited the site and requested HRM Staff meet with the Stakeholders, BLT Trail group and the potential sellers the Reardon family.

Councillor Rankin added lack of public access to Govenors Lake and lack of parking near the

BLT Trails are reasons for considering purchase of this property. Further, that consideration

be given that this property may not always be available.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade that Western Region

Community Council request HRM investigate possible purchase of Reardon property

for consideration of public access to Governor's Lake and parking for the BLT Trail.

Further, that a meeting be held with HRM Staff, the stakeholders, including the BLT

Trail group and the Reardon family regarding this issue. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.