

Request for Halifax & West Community Council Consideration

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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Subject: Parking on Quinpool Road

Motion for Halifax & West Community Council to Consider:

That Halifax & West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request a staff report investigating potential opportunities for the installation of a temporary pay and display parking lot with the property managers of the former service station at the intersection of Quinpool Road and Harvard Street to augment limited parking in the area. And;
2. Assess any temporary parking opportunities with the Quinpool Catchment Area.

Reason:

There has been a continued decline of on-street parking on Quinpool Road and surrounding areas. As such many area businesses with their own parking lots are being very aggressive with ticketing and/or boots put on cars that are not attending their businesses. Business owners are fearing a decline in their business with the projected future changes in the area. The aforementioned vacant lot has been vacant for well over 10 years, is a brownfield site and would be a great location for a parking lot. Currently, it is fenced off and unused.

Examples further pressures on on-street parking

Service Canada relocated their offices to Quinpool Road September 1, 2014. They have 10 staff and approximately 100 clients that visit this area Monday-Friday.

The parking lot at 6112 Quinpool Road will cease operating in early 2016 to accommodate a significant development.

HRM is in the process of demolishing the former St. Pat's High School and this will be sold for development.

There are two development applications coming to Council: 1) two Armco high rise commercial buildings (28 story and 11 story) and 2) Westwood Development's 11 story residential structure.

Each development has many construction and related workers that also drive to the area and seek on-street parking.

Outcome Sought: HRM to work with the property owner to determine if they would consider having this vacant lot a pay and display lot with a business such as Metro Park. Consideration of temporary alternatives in the area for on street parking. The proposed report can provide information on potential revenue opportunities for the property managers based on the example of the conversion of HRM's owned similar sized parking lot at the intersection of Bell Road and Sackville Street to a pay and display lot managed by Metro Park

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