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# MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members of St. Margarets Bay Coastal Planning Advisory Committee

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Subject:Case 18944: Application by Village Station Townhomes Limited to consider a non-<br/>substantive amendment to the existing development agreement at 26 French Village<br/>Station Road, Upper Tantallon, to consider changes to the exterior architectural<br/>appearance of the dwellings

### **Background:**

On April 24, 2012, Western Region Community Council approved a development agreement (Case #16095) to create a multi-unit development at 26 French Village Station Road - see Attachment A. The approved development agreement outlines how the development will be constructed from lot layout to building design. The applicant, Village Station Townhouse Limited, now wishes to amend the development agreement to provide greater flexibility on the exterior design of the townhouse buildings. The subject property is located within the community of Upper Tantallon, which falls within the Committee's designated area.

#### **Proposal:**

The development consists of 10 residential townhouse units within 2 buildings as outlined in Attachment B. To provide greater flexibility on the exterior design of the townhouse buildings, the applicant is requesting that a second design option for the townhouses be enabled under the development agreement (see attachments C and D). The proposed changes include roof pitch, window placement, entryways, cladding, and the general appearance of the units. The applicant contends the changes are minor in nature and consistent with the existing development agreement.

## **Proposed Amendments:**

Section 6.1 of the development agreement indicates what amendments to the development Community Council will consider as a non-substantive amendment (Attachment F). Non-substantive amendments may be approved by resolution of Community Council and **do not** require public consultation or public hearing. Section 6.1 (b) of the development agreement considers "changes to the exterior architectural appearance of the dwellings, including materials, architectural treatments and fenestration pattern" as a

non-substantive amendment. Therefore, Community Council can considered the proposed amendments to the development agreement by a resolution of Council.

## Input Sought from the Committee:

The purpose of this application is to amend the existing development agreement on the property to include a second set of elevations that enable greater flexibility on the design of the townhouse buildings. The role of the Committee is to provide feedback to Community Council on the proposed amendments relative to the intent of the development agreement and plan policy. The Committee's feedback will be included in the staff report to North West Community Council.

### Attachments:

- Attachment A Generalized Future Land Use Map
- Attachment B Approved Front, Left, Rear, Right Elevations
- Attachment C Proposed Front, Left and Right , Rear Elevations
- Attachment D Proposed Renderings
- Attachment E Site Plan
- Attachment F Relevant MPS and Development Agreement Policies

Attachment A - Generalized Future Land Use Map







Attachment B - Approved Left Elevation





Attachment B - Approved Right Elevation



Attachment C - Proposed Front Elevation









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Attachment E - Site Plan

## Attachment F Relevant MPS and Development Agreement Policies

## <u>MPS</u>

- MU-4 Notwithstanding Policy MU-2, within the Mixed Use "A" and "B" Designations Council shall only consider senior citizen homes over twenty (20) units and multiple unit dwellings within the Mixed Use Designations according to the development agreement provisions of the Planning Act. In considering such development agreements, Council shall have regard to the following:
  - (a) that the architectural design and scale of any building(s) are compatible with nearby land uses;
  - (b) that adequate separation distances are maintained from low density residential developments and that landscaping measures are carried out to reduce the visual effects of the proposal;
  - (c) the general maintenance of the development;
  - (d) that open space and parking areas are adequate to meet the needs of residents and that they are suitably landscaped;
  - (e) the means by which solid and liquid waste will be treated;
  - (f) the effect of the proposed use on traffic volume and the local road networks, as well as traffic circulation in general, sighting distances and entrance to and exit from the site; and
  - (g) the provisions of Policy IM-9.

#### **Development Agreement 16095 Policies**

6.1 Non-Substantive Amendments

The following are considered by both parties to be Non-Substantive and may be amended by resolution of council:

- (a) Changes to the signage requirements detailed under Subsections 3.9.1(b), 3.9.1(c), and 3.9.1(e) of this agreement;
- (b) Changes to the exterior architectural appearance of the dwellings, including materials, architectural treatments and fenestration pattern;
- (c) The granting of an extension to the date of commencement of development as identified in Section 7.3 of this Agreement;
- (d) The length of time for the completion of the development as identified in Section 7.4 of this agreement;
- (e) Subject to a supplementary Level II Groundwater Assessment, less than five(5) dwelling units in the second phase of the development;
- (f) Changes to any of the Schedules which are necessary to accommodate the requirements of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations and, which in the opinion of the Development Officer, do not conform with the Schedules as per Section 3.1;
- (g) Changes to the amenity space design, including the location of the required crusher dust path detailed in Section 3.8 of this agreement; and

(h) Changes to the building required by Section 3.10 of this Agreement which are necessary to accommodate the requirements of the Municipality's Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law (S-600)