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Harbour East Community Council
October 2, 2008

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Sharon Bond, Acting Director of Community Development

DATE: September 23, 2008

SUBJECT: 167 Portland Street - Sign

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On January 23, 2007 a petition was presented to Harbour East Community Council by the residents and owners of the Canal Bridge Condominium which outlines their displeasure about a sign at 167 Portland Street.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

On July 11, 2000 Regional Council adopted the Downtown Dartmouth Land Use By-Law. This by-law includes signage provisions which prohibit back lit signs. Any sign that existed prior to adoption of the by-law is grand fathered and permitted under the nonconforming provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Records indicate that the original sign permit was issued in 1983 and the current business was located within the building in 1992. These permits pre-date the current requirements under the Downtown Dartmouth Land Use-By-Law. Therefore the sign was permitted under the regulations of the day and is not a violation of the current land use by-law requirements.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

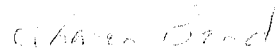
ATTACHMENTS

None.

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