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Information
Report #3

Harbour East Community Council
April 3, 2008

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: December 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Freshwater Trail - Russell Lake West Subdivision

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On February 7, 2008, Harbour East Community Council rescinded a recent decision of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to accept the re-instatement plan for Freshwater Trail and to not accept the proposed plan, and requested a new plan be submitted to HRM.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

At the February 7, 2008 Harbour East Community Council meeting, Community Council rescinded the approval of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board for a re-instatement plan of three properties on Freshwater Trail in the Russell Lake Subdivision. These three properties had grades altered and vegetation removed within a non-disturbance area.

Harbour East Community Council felt that the approved landscaped plan to re-instate the properties would not meet the objectives of the development agreement and the non-disturbance buffer would not return to its natural state.

Staff have internally met to discuss a better process when these compliance issues arise. For this incident, additional resources will be used through the Infrastructure and Asset Management Business Unit which have subject experts on staff.

Discussions have occurred with the owners and the Urban Forester has requested revisions to the landscape plan. A revised plan has been submitted and is currently under review.

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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