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Agenda No.

**Harbour East Community Council
January 10, 2008**

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Sharon Bond
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DATE: December 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Case 01006 - Heritage Development Agreements in Dartmouth

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On September 6, 2007, Harbour East Community Council passed a motion to strike a subcommittee, that includes a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee and Heritage Planning staff, to explore the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) amendment allowing development agreements for heritage properties in the Dartmouth Plan area.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

On September 26, 2007, two members of the Heritage Advisory Committee, Paul Shakotko and Lisa Miller, who are also residents of Dartmouth, volunteered to assist planning staff with this project. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner with HRM will also be on this sub-committee.

The subcommittee met with Planning Applications' staff on October 31, 2007 to determine a course of action. In 2008, this subcommittee intends to:

1. Complete a GIS map of existing registered heritage properties in the Dartmouth Plan Area, which also includes a number of properties identified in a 1986 inventory as having good potential for registration.
2. The public consultation program will include:
 - a/ interviews with local historians and residents familiar with Dartmouth's Heritage; and
 - b/ at least one centrally located public information meeting. The sub-committee has determined that the best approach to notification will be to send direct notification to all property owners who live in, or near, one of the existing or potential registered heritage properties, in addition to HRM's standard notice in the Chronicle Herald.
2. Objective of the public consultation program is to:
 - a) determine the acceptance of the concept of allowing development agreements for heritage properties within the Dartmouth Plan Area; and
 - b) determine the suitability of the proposed criteria to be used to evaluate applications for such development agreements (Criteria in the Regional MPS will be used as a starting off point)

In addition to the public participation program, staff will evaluate the efficacy and impacts of similar provisions in the Halifax and Downtown Dartmouth Plan Areas. Once this has been done, staff will prepare a recommendation report for consideration by the Heritage Advisory Committee, Harbour East Community Council, and ultimately by Regional Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None. The costs to process this request will be covered under the C310 operating budget.

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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