



October 31, 2006
Dear Councillor Harvey
Halifax Regional Municipality
P.O. Box 1790
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Bob,

We are writing to you to report our recent success in construction of trails at Second Lake Park and to present to you our request for funding for development and construction of the parking and entrance area for the Park.

Attached you will find a copy of the Park Management Plan for Second Lake Provincial Park Reserve and a proposal for construction of the parking and entrance area. The completion of the Park Management Plan and having it endorsed by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources this summer was a real milestone for our Association and the park development process.

Completion of the parking area will help us realize access to one of Halifax Regional Municipalities newly recognized Regional Parks.

“HRM intends to create additional Regional Parks at various locations throughout HRM including the Western Common, Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, Feely Lake, Jacks Lake, **Second Lake**, and Porters Lake. The existing and additional Regional Parks are identified in Table 2-3.” (HRM Regional Plan pg. 24).

The success of the protection and early development of Second Lake Provincial Park has been through the input and contributions of many. Foremost among those that have made the park a reality has been the Province of Nova Scotia and in particular the Department of Natural Resources, support from our local council which has included discretionary

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and Landfill Closeout funds, Halifax Regional Municipality staff who have assisted us in our trail planning, and the Halifax Regional Trails Advisory Team (HRTAT). Also key in realizing our success to date has been the in-kind and volunteer support from members of our Association, Friends of First Lake, and Lake District Recreation Association, provision of funds from Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation, and from the Regional Health Authority.

The first trail scheduled for construction at Second Lake was completed this autumn. The trail currently goes by two names (our naming convention hasn't been finalized yet), 'The Great Oak Trail' and 'Ed Grove's Loop'. We are excited about this trail circuit and even though the Park isn't opened yet and "trail under construction" signs are present there are many visitors daily.

We recognize the contribution that HRM has made through the HRTAT funds in contributing to the active transportation trail through Second Lake Provincial Park. This trail is noted in the HRM Regional Plan.

Our Association is anxious to officially open Second Lake Provincial Park but cannot do so until an appropriate access node is completed. This will address safety, access, information options, and aesthetic issues. Hence we present this proposal to HRM requesting financial support to construct a parking lot and entrance-way in 2007.

Please consider submitting this for capital funding for the coming year.

If you have any questions please contact me at 865-3760 (h) or 426-1579 (w).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Shane F. O'Neil

cc. Councillor Brad Johns
D. Haley, SLRPA
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Mr. Brian Kinsman, NS DNR

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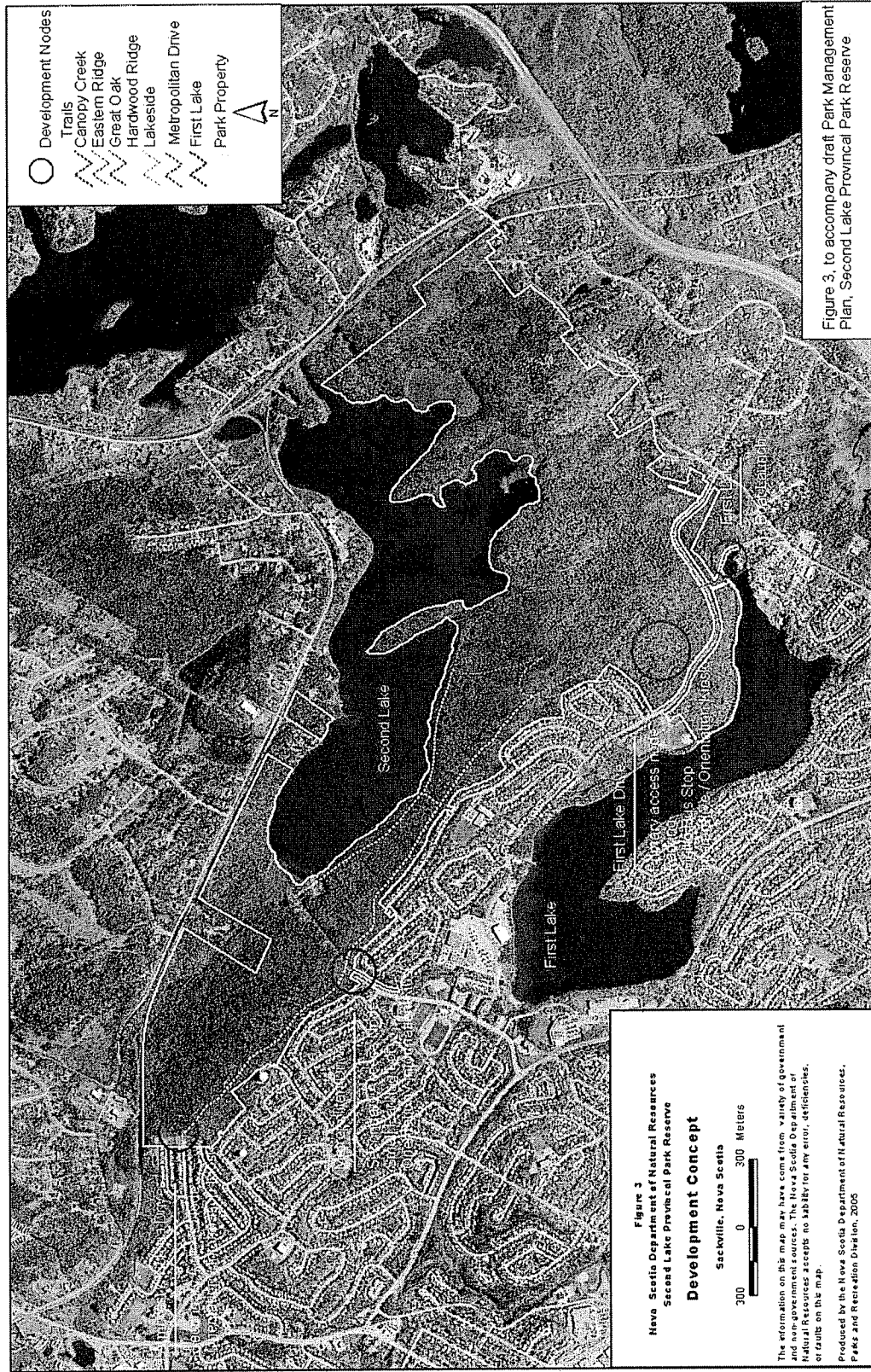


Figure 2. Second Lake Provincial Park Reserve trail plan as prepared for the Park Management Plan - Second Lake Provincial Park Reserve. The parking and entrance areas are to be developed at the noted "Primary Access node". The trail identified as a complete loop was completed in 2006 along with a portion of the trail along the lake shore.

Table 1. Second Lake Park entrance area and parking lot construction cost estimates.

Item	Description	Cost
1	Clearing, grubbing, excavation, and grading @\$1,200/day for 15 days	\$18,000
2	Rock @ 61,000 square feet* \$ 0.89/ sq ft=	\$40,667
3	Finish work grading and rolling	\$5,000
4	Culvert including concrete ends & drainage	\$4,000
5	Design, engineering and survey	\$8,000
6	Landscaping and entry treatment including signage and gates	\$17,000
7	Light standards (solar powered), 6 @ \$4,200 ea.	\$25,200
8	Contingency (to include funds for light installation) @ 10%	\$11,800
	Total cost estimate	\$129,667.00