

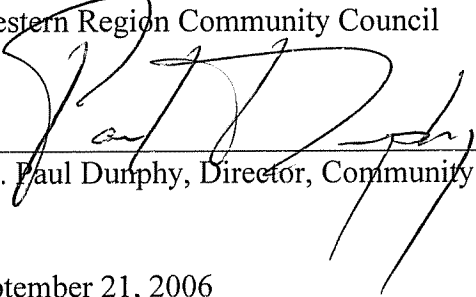
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Western Region Community Council
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TO: Western Region Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development

DATE: September 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Drysdale Bog - Wetland Interpretive Kiosk

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Western Region Community Council, August 28, 2006.

BACKGROUND

A suggestion was made by Ms Beth McGee during the public participation portion of the WRCC meeting of August 28/06, that a pavilion be constructed at the Drysdale Bog to house interpretive panels.

DISCUSSION

The Drysdale bog is a 'raised bog' located on the Chebucto Peninsula in the Western Commons area. The community has expressed interest in its care and interpretation. However, the Municipality does not own the bog.

The land resources adjacent to the bog are limited and would not support the construction of a kiosk. As well there are no controls available to ensure that the public would not trespass on private land. In addition, access to the area is problematic and not practical or safe at this time.

The community is commended for its interest in making this type of land feature available for general enjoyment but given that HRM does not own the land on which the bog is situated, the idea of a kiosk is not feasible.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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