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> Halifax Regional Council March 23, 2004

 TO:
 Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

 SUBMITTED BY:
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DATE: February 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Street Closure - Portion of Mountbatten Avenue

<u>ORIGIN</u>

At its meeting of February 17, 2004, Halifax Regional Council authorized staff to set a date for a public hearing for consideration of HRM Administrative Order SC-31 concerning the closure of a portion of Mountbatten Avenue, Dartmouth, as shown on Attachment "A", and approved the sale of a portion of Mountbatten Avenue, Dartmouth, subject to approval of the street closure, to Mr. John Boucher, containing approximately 680 square feet *(exact area to be determined by survey)*, based on the key terms and conditions contained in the staff report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Halifax Regional Council close a portion of Mountbatten Avenue, adjacent to 14 Andover Street, Dartmouth, as shown on Attachment "A".

BACKGROUND

The Municipality has been approached by Mr. John Boucher with a request to close and purchase a small strip of Mountbatten Avenue, totaling 680 square feet in area. Mr. Boucher owns the abutting corner property at 14 Andover Street which contains an area of 9,479 sq. ft.. It is his intention to acquire the strip of property, consolidate it with his existing house on the newly created lot, subdivide into two lots of slightly more than 5,000 sq. feet in area, and construct a small split-entry.

The new residence is planned to be similar to a recently constructed split-entry located on the property to the rear at 19 Mountbatten Avenue. That property was assessed in 2003 for land only at \$35,000, and with the new residence it is assessed at \$168,900 for the 2004 tax year.

DISCUSSION

Mountbatten Avenue is located off the Waverley Road in close proximity to the Fairbanks Centre in Shubie Park. The subject area is grassed and has been maintained for some time by Mr. Boucher. Public Works and Transportation has reviewed the request and has declared the parcel surplus subject to the retention of a 3M by 3M corner cut-off at the Mountbatten/Andover Intersection for sight distance purposes.

Mr. Boucher has agreed to a purchase price of \$10.00 PSF, which represents fair value to the Municipality. In addition, the owner has agreed to pay the HRM's legal costs of closing as well as the survey costs involved and applicable HST.

KEY BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRANSACTION	
Property Address	Surplus land abutting 14 Andover Street
Site Area	680 sq. ft.
Purchaser	John Boucher
Purchase Price	\$10.00 PSF (\$6,800.00)
Special Conditions	 Sale is subject to closing the subject portion of Mountbatten by Council; Purchaser will pay survey costs and HRM's legal costs and applicable taxes.
Closing Date	ASAP after street closure is approved.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no costs to HRM with regard to this street closure. This represents non-forecasted revenue to HRM. Proceeds will be deposited to the Sale of Land Account. Anticipated property tax revenue of approximately \$2,460 arising from new construction on subdivided lot.

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 recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A"- Site Plan Attachment "B"- Administrative Order SC- #31 Attachment "C"- Site Photography

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.	
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Attachment "B"

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER SC-31

RESPECTING CLOSURE OF <u>A PORTION OF MOUNTBATTEN AVENUE</u>

BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER of Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality pursuant to Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act as follows:

1. The "subject lands", a portion of Mountbatten Avenue, more particularly described in Attachment "A" hereby enclosed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Administrative Order was duly adopted by Halifax Regional Council the 17th day of February, 2004.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

I, Jan Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted Administrative Order was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on 17th day of February, 2004.

Jan Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENT "C" Street Closure - Mountbatten Drive SITE PHOTOGRAPHY



View of Subject Property looking West



View of Subject Property adjacent to 14 Andover looking East

ATTACHMENT "C" Street Closure - Mountbatten Drive SITE PHOTOGRAPHY



View of Subject Property looking West from Mountbatten



19 Mountbatten Avenue to the rear of Subject Property