

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**April 12, 2005**

**To: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council**

**Submitted By:**

  
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**Subject: Councillor McNroy - Municipal Services To Native Lands  
Cole Harbour**

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**Origin:**

At the November 06, 2001 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, Councillor McNroy indicated his desire that municipal services provided to the Millbrook Reserve on Caldwell Road be on a grant in lieu of tax basis, rather than a specific price for each municipal service provided.


**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

A draft agreement similar to that drafted by Planning Staff for proposed Indian Brook Band in Hammonds Plains was forwarded to Millbrook Band for their consideration September 23, 2003. This agreement incorporates a grant in lieu of taxes financing basis as supported by Council. The solicitor for the Millbrook Band has indicated that the Band is not prepared to accept such a proposal.

In late 2004, the Millbrook Band indicated through their solicitor that they are interested in negotiating an agreement regarding Fire Services only. A draft agreement was forwarded to the solicitor for the Millbrook Band dealing with Fire & Emergency Services only on February 02/05. This agreement incorporates a grant in lieu of taxes financing basis relative to Fire and Emergency Services only. To date staff have not received a response to that proposal. Fire and Emergency Services will bring a report to Regional Council if and when a response is received from the Millbrook Band.

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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