

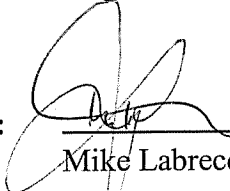
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Halifax Regional Council
November 16, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Mike Labrecque, Director Real Property & Asset Management

SUBMITTED BY: 
Mike Eddy, Chief Director Fire & Emergency Service

DATE: November 12, 2004

SUBJECT: Site Selection for Municipal Facilities - District 2
(Recreation Centre and Fire Hall)

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Regional Council, November 9, 2004:

Item # 11.3.5. - Councillor Snow - Site Selection - Recreation Centre District 2 - Referred to staff for a report for November 16, 2004, respecting site selection for municipal facilities in District 2 (Recreation Centre and Fire Hall).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Due to the short time period between the request for report and the November 16th Council session staff is unable to comply with this request.

Staff is currently evaluating two potential sites for the proposed recreation facility. One of these sites, known as the Jefferson Property has also been identified by Fire Services as a potential location for the Zone 4 Fire Station. The Jefferson Property is currently owned by HRM. Preliminary investigations indicate that the Jefferson site could accommodate the construction of both the District 2 Recreation Centre and the Zone 4 Fire Station. The second site being considered for the Recreation Facility is known as the McDonald Property. This property is owned by the Province of Nova Scotia. We are currently awaiting approval from

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the Province to carry out detailed geotechnical and environmental site assessments. These assessments are a crucial component of our site criteria analysis. HRM Staff is also awaiting information from the Province regarding the purchase or leasing options for this property. This information is also a significant factor in the site selection process.

Staff's ability to make a final recommendation on the site selection is contingent on geotechnical, environmental and servicing information on both of these sites. Staff requires additional time to acquire and compile this information to complete the analysis process. Pending a timely response to our request for access and purchase costs for the McDonald property, staff anticipates that a report to Council will be available with a recommendation on the site selection for the District 2 facilities (Recreation Centre and Fire Hall) on December 14th, 2004.

Funding for the construction for the Fire Station is in place. Funding for the development of the Recreation Facility project was approved by Council in June of 2004. Staff intends to submit a Capital funding plan for the Recreation Centre in the budget approval process for 2005/2006. It will be proposed that some of the funds required for the construction will be raised through an Area Rate which is yet to be approved.

Any delays beyond December 14th in making a site selection will not jeopardize funding for the project or its ultimate construction.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

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

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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