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Halifax Regional Council
November 23, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning and Development Services

DATE: November 19, 2004

SUBJECT: Community Council Boundaries

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

1. February 13, 2004 decision of Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on the boundaries of the polling districts for Halifax Regional Municipality;
2. May 25, 2004 Regional Council moved, as part of a discussion on the Halifax Waterfront Plan, that staff report on options “as to the potential governance structure relating to planning issues with region-wide implications”; and
3. Information report to Regional Council on November 9, 2004.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As a result of the new polling districts, the boundaries for the Community Councils must be revised. The polling district boundaries and Community Council boundaries no longer coincide. If the current Community Council boundaries are retained, some councillors will have to sit on more than one Community Council. In addition, there is the concern expressed at the Regional Council meeting of May 25, 2004 that there needs to be a different way to handle major development agreements and rezonings.

Staff had indicated in the last information report that the report would be available for the Regional Council meeting of November 23, 2004. The report is not ready for this date. However, it will be submitted to the next Committee of the Whole on either November 30th or December 7, 2004.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None 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

None at this time

ATTACHMENTS

None

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