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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: February 16, 2005

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). A report was filed on November 16, 2004 indicating that, at that time staff did not have all the information required to make a site recommendation.

BACKGROUND

Having compiled the necessary information to complete the analysis process, RPAM is now in a position to be able to make a site recommendation.

Staff has completed two independent site options analysis reports for both the Zone 4 Fire Station Location and the District 2 Recreation Facility. The site selection criteria indicates that the Jefferson site located on Fall River Road is the preferred site for both facilities.

For the Fire station it appears that this site is optimal for the response times required by the facility. For the Recreation Centre this site addresses recommendations made by the Indoor Recreation Facility Masterplan guidelines that a new facility be situated adjacent to complimentary commercial, residential, educational and recreational land uses.

Staff has completed a desktop environmental study by Jacques Whitford and follow up geotechnical testing of the site to verify possible areas of risk. Staff has also just reviewed an Archeological investigation on the Jefferson property.

DISCUSSION

After completion of the studies to date on this property, RPAM feels confident recommending the Jefferson site as a location which will meet the needs of both facilities. It is the intention of Real Property and Asset Management to recommend that the facilities be combined similar to the BeaverBank/Kinsac Facility with a Recreation Component similar in size to the North Preston Facility. RPAM will go forward with the verification of the program for a combined facility and issue an RFP for design during 2005 with construction expected to commence early in 2006 pending the required budget approvals.

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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