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Item No. 9.1

Public Hearing Halifax Regional Council October 16, 2007

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: October 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Street Closure - Military Road Right-of-Way, Purcell's Cove.

ORIGIN

At its meeting of September 11, 2007, Halifax Regional Council authorized staff to set a date for a Public Hearing for consideration of HRM Administrative Order SC-47 (Attachment "B") concerning the closure of Military Road Right-of-Way, Purcell's Cove.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council close the Military Road Right-of-Way, Purcell's Cove, as shown on Attachment "A".

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BACKGROUND

A private property owner (Purchaser) has approached HRM Real Property with an unsolicited request for the acquisition of a portion (5,179 sq. ft.) of old Military Road Right-of-Way (ROW) in Purcell's Cove that transverses the Purchaser's property.

Council is being asked to approve the closure of the old Military Road Right-of-Way which has no further use as a public ROW. This action will also facilitate the market conveyance of a portion to the Purchaser, previously approved by Regional Council, subject to holding a Public Hearing respecting the street closure.

DISCUSSION

Old Military Road

Prior to the late 1960's, access to areas along the southwest side of the North West Arm and the entrance to Halifax Harbour, from Halifax, was via Military Road. Military Road was a narrow, winding road which provided an important supply route between Halifax and York Redoubt Military Fort during World War II. However, the location of Military Road was not carefully planned and as a result, the subject property was separated into two parcels, Lot 3 to the south side of Military Road and Lot 2B to the north side of Military Road. (See Attachment "A")

In the late 1960's, the Provincial Government replaced portions of Military Road with the construction of Highway No. 253, commonly known today as Purcell's Cove Road. With the construction of Purcell's Cove Road, the portion of Military Road providing frontage and access to Lot 3 and Lot 2B to its southern boundary, was declared surplus and abandoned. At the time of abandonment the official street lines were not corrected (closed).

Lot 3, owned by the Purchaser, remains legally separated and landlocked from road access to Purcell's Cove Road. The Purchaser is considering selling Lot 3 and requires Parcel B of the Military Road ROW (approximately 5,179 sq.ft. see Attachment "A") to consolidate it with Lot 3 and Lot 2B, the latter fronting on Purcell's Cove Road.

Conclusion

- < At this time Council is being asked to formally close (or lift the old or abandoned street line) Military Road shown on Attachment "A".
- The closure will also facilitate the market sale of Parcel B of the closed right of way to the Purchaser.
- The closure would also un-encumber the remaining HRM portions making them available for sale should the other abutting property owners express an interest at a future date.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Purchaser will be responsible for all costs associated with the Street Closure, including, but are not limited to, appraisal, survey, environmental, advertising, and HRM legal costs.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A" - Site Plan Attachment "B" - Administrative Order SC-47

at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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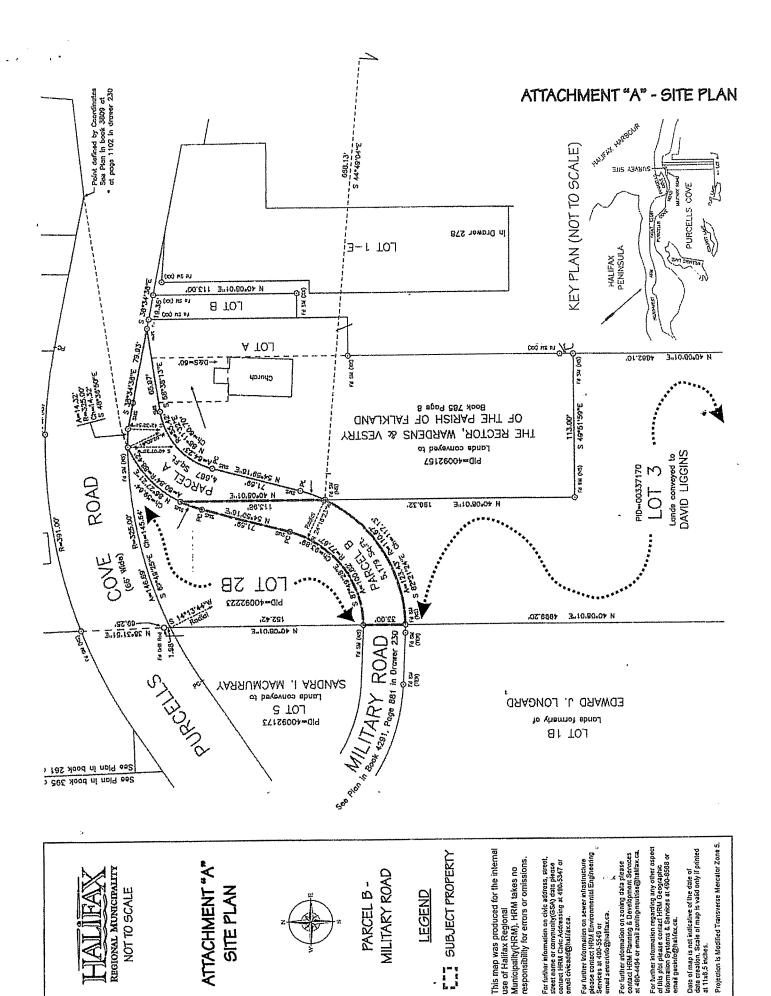
Report Reviewed by:

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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER SC - 47

RESPECTING CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF

Military Road, Purcell's Cove

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:

Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk