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DATE:	September 26, 2008
SUBJECT:	Chebucto Landing - Service Corridor

ORIGIN

Request from Heritage Gas to install a gas pipeline in Chebucto Landing to service several businesses in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

Council designate Chebucto Landing (George Street Extension) as a Service Corridor and authorize staff to apply the regular permitting and reinstatement fees for the gas line extension through the corridor as shown on Attachment 'A', in accordance with HRM's Street By-Law S-300.

BACKGROUND

The area known today as Chebucto Landing, was formerly a portion of the George Street right of way, which was officially closed by the City of Halifax Council in January 1967. However, it has continued to be used for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, parking and utility services between Lower Water Street and the Ferry Terminal along with other businesses that front on it.

DISCUSSION

At present there are several service lines that run through the site servicing the various businesses and buildings in the area as well as the HRM Ferry Terminal. These include NSP power, Aliant telecommunications, and Halifax Water sanitary/storm sewer and water.

The laneway into Chebucto Landing also serves as a public thoroughfare to the Ferry Terminal and the waterfront. Although access is limited and parking is restricted to meters, vehicles do access the site and drop off and pick up passengers for the Ferry. In addition, the businesses utilize the laneway for service-supply deliveries and the Law Court has a restricted underground exit-entrance to their parking garage.

From a practical perspective the area behaves somewhat like a formal public street ROW but is not classed as such. Council could choose to designate it as a formal street again but this introduces some additional complexities over the status quo as the parcel does not fully meet the street standard as it has been modified considerably since 1967. The laneway is effectively a Service Corridor, especially given all the various underground and access services. Therefore, staff is recommending, for the purposes of installing the gas line extension to the businesses, including HRM's Tenant (Perks/Stayners) and the Ferry Terminal, that it be designated as a Service Corridor and the regular permitting and infrastructure reinstatement fees be applied.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Regular Permitting and reinstatement fees would be applied in HRM's favour as administered by Traffic and Right of Way Services.

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

The alternative is to designate Chebucto Landing as a formal street; however, this is not the recommended action for reasons outlined above.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 'A" - Site Plan

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