

**Halifax Regional Council  
April 28, 2009**

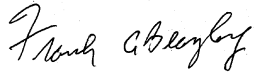
**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



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Frank A. Beazley, Chief of Police

**DATE:** March 10, 2009

**SUBJECT:** By-Law A-300 Feeding of Waterfowl & Pigeons Section

### **RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

Pursuant to Section 13(1) of By-Law A-300, Regional Council can determine, by Administrative Order, site specific locations on Municipal owned property where no person shall feed waterfowl and pigeons.

Currently, Administrative Order 11 does not identify any locations where citizens are prohibited from feeding waterfowl and pigeons.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council approve the amendment to Administrative Order #11 (attached as Appendix A).

## **BACKGROUND**

Dartmouth By-Law W-201, Respecting the Feeding of Waterfowl was repealed on April 1, 2008. This was a result of harmonizing animal related by-laws from the former Municipal units into By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, effective April 1, 2008.

Repealed By-Law W-201 stated that no person shall feed or place food for waterfowl to consume within 50 feet of the shores of Lake Banook and Little Albro Lake.

## **DISCUSSION**

By-Law A-300, Section 13, Feeding of Waterfowl and Pigeons states:

- "(1) No person shall feed waterfowl or pigeons at site specific locations as determined by Council or Community Council on property owned by the Municipality as prescribed by an Administrative Order.*
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to Municipal staff or contractors on behalf of the Municipality who feed waterfowl or pigeons on property owned by the Municipality."*

Regional Council approved Administrative Order 11 which currently does not identify any site specific locations. Therefore, the attached list of site specific locations has been identified to be included in Administrative Order 11. These locations identified on the attached list are bordered by property owned by the Municipality as Section 13 of By-Law A-300 does not include the feeding of waterfowl on private property.

The rationale for this provision is based on the negative impact that the feeding of waterfowl and pigeons can have on both humans and waterfowl. Examples of these are highlighted below:

- an increase in waterfowl populations concentrated in small areas will decrease water quality and diminish the surrounding landscapes due to the high levels of fecal coliform and nitrogen found in waterfowl waste.
- artificial feeding of waterfowl can impact their diets resulting in malnourishment, choking, and an increased susceptibility to disease, disrupt their migratory instincts, and decrease their fear of humans causing them to become a nuisance and danger.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Municipal Operations budget is structured to respond to requests for signage as required and within reasonable limitations. Placing signage at the attached locations will be absorbed by existing operational funding.

**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**


1. Council not approve the amendment to Administrative Order 11. This alternative is not recommended.
2. Council modify the specific locations from the list brought forward by staff. This alternative is not recommended.

**ATTACHMENTS**

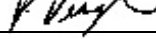
**Appendix A - Amendment to Administrative Order Number # 11**

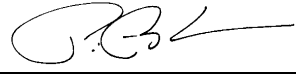
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**Appendix A**

**Halifax Regional Municipality  
Amendment to Administrative Order Number # 11**

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality Administrative Order Number # 11 be amended as follows:

1. Section 5 be added to Administrative Order # 11.

**Feeding Waterfowl and Pigeons**

5. No person shall feed waterfowl or pigeons on or from the Municipal owned lands located at or adjacent to the site specific locations as set out in Schedule 1 of this Administrative Order.

**Administrative Order #11 - Schedule 1**

**Site Specific Locations**

Albro Lake	Little Albro Lake
Bayers Lake	Long Pond
Bell Lake	Lovett Lake
Big Belchers Marsh/Little Belchers Marsh	Maynard Lake
Black Rock Beach (Point Pleasant Park)	Moody Lake
Chadwick Place Pond	Morash Park
Chocolate Lake	Morris Lake
Cranberry Lake	Oathill Lake
Cunard Pond- Williams Lake	Penhorn Lake
Dingle Beach	Powder Mill Lake
Frenchmans Lake	Public Gardens
Frog Pond	Punch Bowl Pond
Hall Pond	Range Park
Hatchet Lake	Russell Lake
Heart Shaped Pond (Hemlock Ravine)	Sandy Lake Beach
Kearney Lake Beach	Scott Saunders Memorial Park (Paper Mill Lake)
Kidston Lake	Settle Lake
Kinap Beach-Porters Lake	Shubie Park (Lake Charles and Lake Mic Mac)
Kinsmen Beach (First Lake)	Spectacle Lake
Lake Banook (Grahams Grove, Birch Cove, Turtle Grove, Senobe, Banook Boardwalk)	Springfield Lake
Lake Echo	Sullivans Pond
Lake Thomas	Victoria Park
	Whimsical Lake