

**Item No. 11.1.8**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 8, 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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Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Corporate Services  
and Strategy

**DATE:** July 30, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Reinstatement of the Community Name Bayers Settlement, East  
Petpeswick**

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**ORIGIN**

At the July 8, 2008 meeting of Regional Council, Councillor Streach submitted a petition on behalf of area residents requesting the reinstatement of the historic community name Bayers Settlement within the HRM approved Community of East Petpeswick. The petition read as follows:

*“The community name BAYER SETTLEMENT, Halifax County was rescinded as an approved name from the Gazetteer of Canada on the 19th September 1975. Following that date the area was known as East Petpeswick.*

*Would you indicate below whether you feel that the name BAYER SETTLEMENT should be reinstated as an historic Locality name within the HRM approved Community of East Petpeswick. The reinstatement of this historic Locality name will not change the current HRM Community name of East Petpeswick for mail delivery and 911 service.”*

The petition was referred to Civic Addressing for a response.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council support the reinstatement of Bayers Settlement as a “locality” in the Nova Scotia Provincial Gazetteer.

## **BACKGROUND**

Prior to 1976 Bayers Settlement was recognized in the Nova Scotia Provincial Gazetteer (official geographic place names list) as “a dispersed rural community”. For unknown reasons the name was rescinded on September 19, 1975.

Over the past few years there has been renewed interest in having the name Bayers Settlement reinstated as a geographic place name, as evident by the petition submitted by the local residents in 2008.

## **DISCUSSION**

To be recognized as a geographic place name, you must be listed in the Nova Scotia Provincial Gazetteer. The procedure to be **recognized** is as follows:

- Any citizen or organization may propose a new name or name change for a place or geographical feature.
- Proposals must be accompanied by well-documented justification, including:
  - community petition supporting the proposal;
  - Municipal Council's support, in the form of a motion; and a
  - letter of support from the local MLA.

There are several designations of geographic place names listed in the Provincial Gazetteer. The designation called “Locality” is defined as “a named place or area, with or without a scattered population” and is the most appropriate classification for Bayers Settlement. The original “dispersed rural community designation” is no longer appropriate, as that designation is now reserved for HRM official communities only. Bayers Settlement is located within the official community of East Petpeswick, which was verified by the community and officially adopted by Regional Council on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications arising from this recommendation.

## **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**

Council could chose not to recommend Bayers Settlement be added to the Provincial Gazetteer as a locality. Staff does not recommend this option as the addition of a locality to the Provincial Gazetteer provides the residents a link to their history.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map of East Petpeswick and Bayers Settlement Area

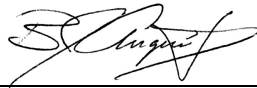
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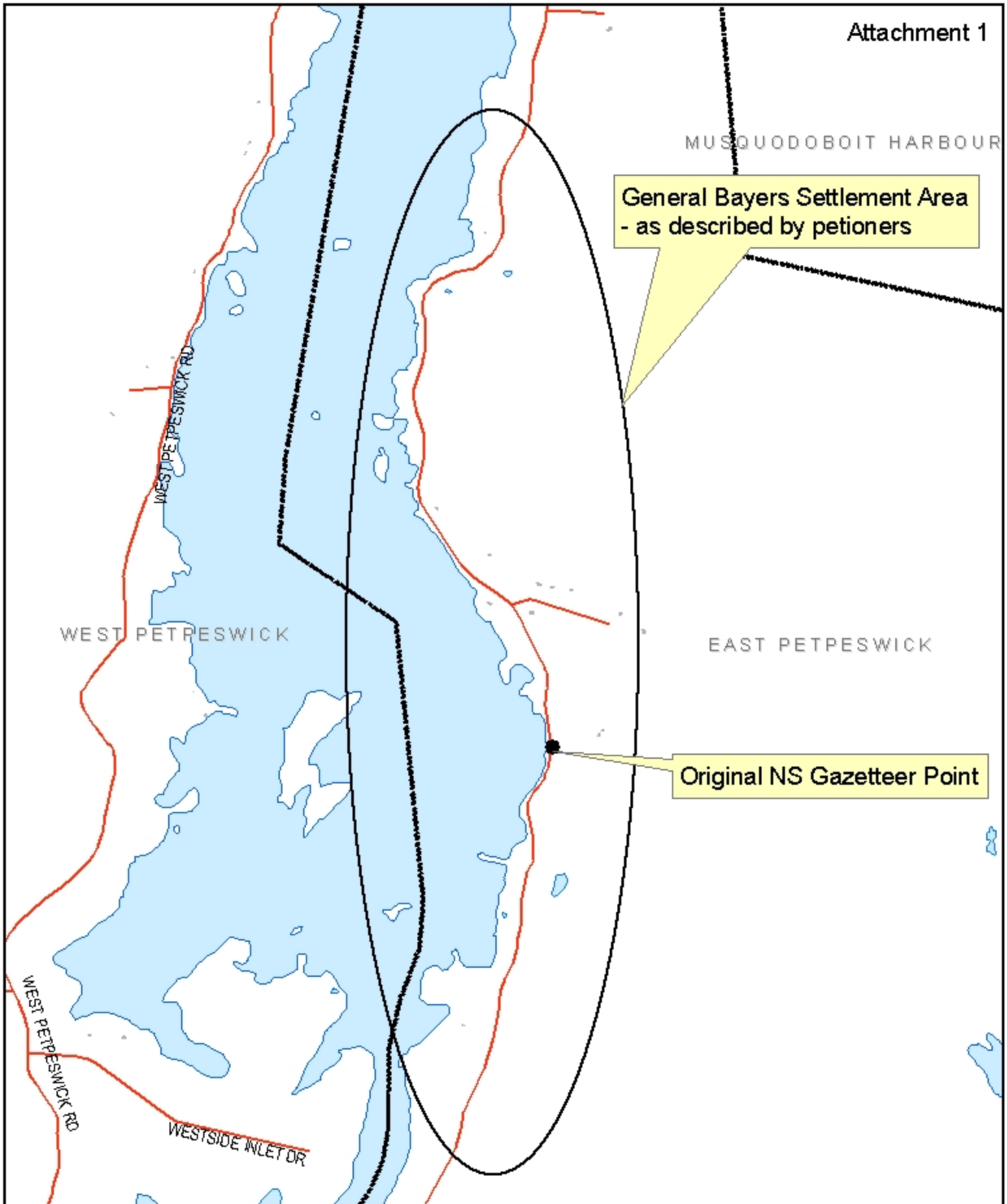
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BAYERS SETTLEMENT, EAST PETPESWICK

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