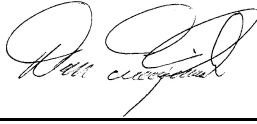


Item No. 10.1.4
Halifax Regional Council
September 22, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Corporate Services
and Strategy

DATE: September 9, 2009

SUBJECT: **Recognition of Newcomb Corner as an official HRM Community,
District 1**

ORIGIN

Civic Addressing Staff were contacted by residents in June 2008 requesting the community of Newcomb Corner be officially recognized by Halifax Regional Municipality and appropriately signed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council recognize Newcomb Corner as an official HRM Community and authorize staff to install community signs at its boundaries as outlined on the map in Appendix A.

BACKGROUND

Newcomb Corner is currently recognized as a geographic place name in the Nova Scotia Provincial Gazetteer (official geographic place names list). During the Musquodoboit Valley Community Verification Project in 2005, the area was identified as part of the Higginsville Community.

Following the installation of community signage for Higginsville, residents in the Newcomb Corner area began to inquire about having the community name Newcomb Corner officially recognized by HRM as being a separate and distinct community from Higginsville.

DISCUSSION

In February, 2009 staff consulted with a small group of interested persons regarding potential boundaries of the Newcomb Corner community. Based on this input a proposed boundary was identified. A map showing the proposed boundary was mailed to all property owners in the area for their feedback and comment. Only two calls requesting clarification were received and there were no calls expressing any negative feedback regarding the recognition of Newcomb Corner as a separate community nor the proposed boundary. As a result, staff are requesting Regional Council recognize the community of Newcomb Corner as illustrated in Appendix A.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Identification of the community of Newcomb Corner would require the installation of four new community signs and the relocation of two Higginsville signs and one Elmsvale sign at an approximate cost of \$4700.00. There are sufficient monies in Capital Budget CDD00910, Community Signage Project, to cover these costs.

Budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Cumulative Unspent Budget:	\$ 9,916.91
<u>Less signage:</u>	<u>\$ 4,700.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 5,216.91

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

Regional Council could refuse to recognize Newcomb Corner as an official HRM community. This would be inconsistent with the desire of residents in that area as verified through the community boundary consultation process.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A - Community Boundary - Newcomb Corner

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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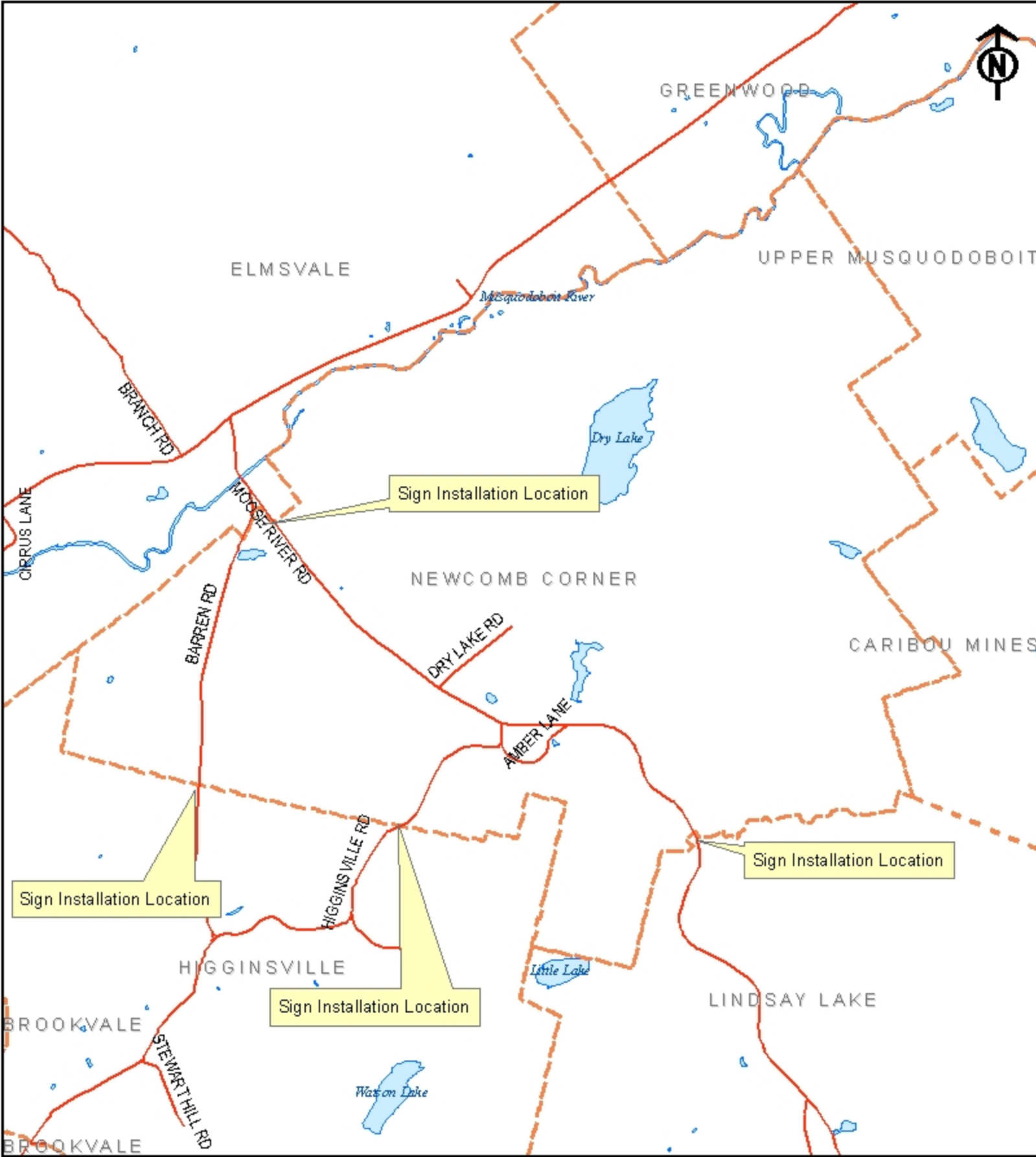
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Appendix A



Community Boundary
Newcomb Corner
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