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Attachment C:

DRAFT Development Agreement Option for a new Mobile Home Park

The draft Policy and evaluation criteria are based upon the following:

- the proposed amendments only deal with the subject site;
- the mobile home park is consistent with the provisions of Open Space Design subdivisions;
- the park be developed in a cluster format but at a reduced density;
- the development would be subject to the provisions of the Mobile Home Park By-law;
- that the existing Mobile Home Park By-law only permits the CSA Z240 form of manufactured housing (ie mobile homes).
- protection and retention of the natural environment, especially ground water and lakes; and
- provision of safe access to and from the development.

Using these objectives staff prepared the draft policies below:

Decentralized Wastewater Treatment with Soil Dispersal

P-3A It shall be the intention of Council to permit decentralized wastewater treatment systems utilizing small flow options for low population density developments, suitable for a variety of site conditions and suitable for ecologically sensitive areas where advanced treatment such as nutrient removal or disinfection is required. Decentralized systems shall be considered for new developments or replacing failing or obsolete wastewater systems where approvals and permits from Nova Scotia Environment are obtained.

New Mobile Home Park

- P-64C Notwithstanding Policies P-57, P-62 and P-64, within the Lake Echo Community Designation, it shall be the intention of Council to consider permitting a new mobile home park by development agreement on lands known as PID 40141236 and PID 40519555 in accordance with the development agreement provisions of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*. Council will consider permitting the maximum density of said development to one unit per 4000 square metres area. In considering approval of said development agreement, Council shall consider the following:
 - (a) a hydrogeological assessment conducted by a qualified professional, to determine that there is an adequate supply of ground water to service the development and that the proposed development will not adversely affect groundwater supply in adjacent developments;
 - (b) that safe access to and from the site of the proposed development can be obtained from the abutting street and that there is sufficient traffic capacity to service the development;
 - (c) that a second street access and egress to and from the site be provided after 100 sites containing 100 mobile dwelling units are approved;
 - (d) that no mobile dwelling unit shall have direct access to a Highway 7;
 - (e) that no mobile dwelling unit be located within three hundred feet of a single detached dwelling;

- (f) that the development should be located a reasonable setback distance from a public street and that this setback be adequately landscaped and buffered;
- (g) that the proposed development is compatible with the character of surrounding development;
- (h) that cluster building sites on the parcel and provide for appropriate fire safety separations and minimize road development;
- (i) that the building sites for the residential units, including all roads, structures, driveways and private lawns, do not exceed 40% of the lot area;
- (j) retain 60% of the lot as a non-disturbance area (no alteration of grades, except for the placement of a well or on-site sewage disposal system in the non-disturbance area shall be permitted and provision shall be made for the selective cutting of vegetation to maintain the health of the forest);
- (k) that the development is designed to retain the non-disturbance areas;
- (1) the provision of landscaping or buffering from adjacent land uses in order to protect the privacy, reasonable use and enjoyment of these properties;
- (m) connectivity of open space is given priority over road connections if the development can be sited on the parcel without jeopardizing safety standards;
- (n) that the proposed roads and building sites do not significantly impact upon any primary conservation area, including riparian buffers, wetlands, 1 in 100 year floodplains, rock outcroppings, slopes in excess of 30%, agricultural soils and archaeological sites;
- (o) the proposed road and building sites do not encroach upon or are designed to retain features such as any significant habitat, scenic vistas, historic buildings, pastoral landscapes, military installations, mature forest, stone walls, and other design features that capture elements of rural character;
- (p) satisfies the requirements of the HRM Mobile Home Park By-law;
- (q) Policies P-64D and P-64E; and
- (r) provisions as contained in Policy P-89.

On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems with Soil Dispersal of Effluent

- P-64D Notwithstanding Policy P-3, it shall be the intention of Council to consider decentralized on-site wastewater treatment technology for development proposed under Policy P- 64C. These alternate on-site wastewater treatment systems will provide disinfection to reduce fecal coliforms concentrations and other pathogens. Also, such systems shall provide tertiary treatment for maximum removal of total nitrogen and total phosphorous before the effluent is dispersed to on-site soils.
- P-64E Further to Policy P-64C, the owner/operator of the new mobile home park shall conduct a water quality monitoring program to test McCoy's Pond and Lake Echo twice annually, following a spring sampling method and a summer sampling method.

Attachment D:

Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Open Space Design Criteria

- S-15 HRM shall permit the development of Open Space Design residential communities, as outlined in this Plan, within the Rural Commuter and Rural Resource designations and within the Harbour designation outside of the Urban Service Area, but not within the portions of the Beaver Bank and Hammonds Plains communities as identified in the Subdivision By-law under Policy S-25 and within the Rural Area Designation under the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Plan Area. HRM will consider permitting the maximum density of such developments to one unit per hectare of gross site area. In considering approval of such development agreements, HRM shall consider the following:
 - (a) where the development is to be serviced by groundwater and as determined through a hydrogeological assessment conducted by a qualified professional, that there is an adequate supply of ground water to service the development and that the proposed development will not adversely affect groundwater supply in adjacent developments;
 - (b) that there is sufficient traffic capacity to service the development;
 - (c) the types of land uses to be included in the development which may include a mix of residential, associated public or privately-owned community facilities, home-based offices, day cares, small-scale bed and breakfasts, forestry and agricultural uses;
 - (d) whether soil conditions and other relevant criteria to support on-site sewage disposal systems can be met;
 - (e) the lot frontages and yards required to minimize the extent of road development, to cluster building sites on the parcel and provide for appropriate fire safety separations;
 - (f) that the building sites for the residential units, including all structures, driveways and private lawns, do not exceed approximately 20% of the lot area;
 - (g) approximately 80% of the lot is retained as a non-disturbance area (no alteration of grades, except for the placement of a well or on-site sewage disposal system in the non-disturbance area shall be permitted and provision shall be made for the selective cutting of vegetation to maintain the health of the forest);
 - (h) that the development is designed to retain the non-disturbance areas and to maintain connectivity with any open space on adjacent parcels;
 - (i) connectivity of open space is given priority over road connections if the development can be sited on the parcel without jeopardizing safety standards;
 - (j) trails and natural networks, as generally shown on Map 3 or a future Open Space Functional Plan, are delineated on site and preserved;
 - (k) parks and natural corridors, as generally shown on Map 4 or a future Open Space Functional Plan, are delineated on site and preserved;
 - (1) that the proposed roads and building sites do not significantly impact upon any primary conservation area, including riparian buffers, wetlands, 1 in 100 year floodplains, rock outcroppings, slopes in excess of 30%, agricultural soils and archaeological sites;
 - (m) the proposed road and building sites do not encroach upon or are designed to retain features such as any significant habitat, scenic vistas, historic buildings, pastoral landscapes, military installations, mature forest, stone walls, and other design features that capture elements of rural character;

- (n) that the roads are designed to appropriate standards as per Policy T-2;
- (o) views of the open space elements are maximized throughout the development;
- (p) opportunities to orient development to maximize the capture of solar energy;
- (q) the proposed residential dwellings are a minimum of 800 metres away from any permanent extractive facility;
- (r) the proposed development will not significantly impact any natural resource use and that there is sufficient buffering between any existing resource use and the proposed development to mitigate future community concerns; and
- (s) consideration be given to any other matter relating to the impact of the development upon surrounding uses or upon the general community, as contained in Policy IM-15.
- S-16 Further to Policy S-15, within the Rural Commuter, Rural Resource and Agricultural Designations, HRM shall permit an increase in density for Open Space Design Developments up to 1 unit per 4000 square metres, or greater in centres as may be provided for in secondary planning strategies, where approximately 60% or more of the site is retained in single ownership of an individual, land trust, condominium corporation or the Municipality. Notwithstanding Policy E-5, the parkland dedication shall be relaxed to a minimum of 5% for this type of development. In considering approval of such development agreements, HRM shall consider the following:
 - (a) the criteria specified in Policy S-15, with the exception of items (f) and (g); and
 - (b) that the common open space cannot be used for any other purpose than for passive recreation, forestry, agriculture or conservation-related use except for a portion of which may be used as a village common for active recreation or the location of community facilities designed to service the development.

Attachment E: Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: There is limited information about the proposed mobile home park. How can HRM make a decision on this proposal without detailed information?

A: The application received is only for policy changes by way of amendments to Planning Districts 8 and 9 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. A concept plan is required from the applicant to support the requested policy changes so that it may be used as a guide to evaluate the application but is not definitive at this point of the process. A detailed design will be required if an application is made for a new mobile home park by development agreement.

Q2: When can the developer get his building permit to begin the mobile home park?

A. The process that the applicant and community are currently engaged in will not result in either receipt of any permits or entering into a development agreement. The current process is outlined below:

MPS/LUB Amendment Process

Application submitted for MPS/LUB amendment

- Initiation Report to Regional Council (June 2, 2009);
- Recommendation Report to Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council (MDVCCC) (May 20, 2010);
- Supplementary Report to MDVCCC (if requested);
- Recommendation from MDVCCC to Regional Council;
- Regional Council If Regional Council's decision is to consider amendments to the planning documents they will give first reading and set a date for a public hearing;
- Public hearing at Regional Council for the proposed amendments;
- Decision by Regional Council No appeal process;
- Ministerial approval Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs;
- Notice of approval of MPS/LUB amendments published.

Once the amendments are effective an application may be submitted to enter into a development agreement to permit a new mobile home park. The steps in this process are outlined below:

- Complete detailed application is submitted in accordance with MPS criteria;
- Preliminary review of proposal;
- Public information meeting;
- Detailed review of proposal:
- Prepare a staff report (includes recommendation on development agreement);
- First reading at Community Council;
- Public hearing at Community Council;
- Decision by Community Council on development agreement may be appealed to Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board;

- Development agreement signed and registered;
- Development and building permit applications may be submitted.

Q3: What assurances does the community have that the wastewater treatment facility will not pollute our lakes and streams?

A: Regulations for the development of de-centralized on-site wastewater treatment facilities is administered by Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) under the authority of the *Environment Act*.

NSE's approval process, construction/operation regulations and management/maintenance plan requirements provides rigorous protection for wastewater treatment facility development. This in turn allows appropriate densities that do not exceed the capability of the land. The process for approval of on-site systems requires:

- Pre-design evaluation;
- Pre-design report;
- Detailed design documentation that includes plans, specifications and contract documents;
- Approval/Permit to Construct is issued after the final design report is approved;
- Approval/Permit to Operate is only issued after successful completion of construction, application for plant/facility classification and naming of the certified operator(s);
- Approval allows the owner/operating authority to proceed with the operation of the facility for a 12 month period;
- Certificate of Approval to Operate is issued if the operation period above shows continuous and successful operation; and
- All operating, monitoring and reporting requirements are met.

Q4: What use is permitted on the lands under the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy?

A: Under the Regional MPS, the subject lands are situated within two Generalized Future Land Use designations; Rural Commuter that covers the majority of the lands and Open Space and Natural Resources Designation that covers a small portion of the lands on the northwest shore of Jack Weeks Lake (see Map 1). The Settlement and Transportation Map of the Regional MPS designates Lake Echo as a Rural Commuter Centre.

The primary intent of the rural commuter designation is to protect the character of rural communities and conserve open space and natural resources by focusing growth within a series of centres and carefully controlling the amount and form of development between centres. The Lake Echo rural commuter centre will be defined through secondary planning processes after the community visioning process is complete. The rural commuter centre designation envisions a mix of low to medium density residential, open space design subdivisions and a mix of commercial, institutional and recreational uses.

- Q5: What is the current watershed study intended to do? How does this differ from a groundwater assessment that the developer could possibly be required to prepare as a development agreement requirement?
- A: To assist a community through the Visioning exercise, the Regional MPS provides for the preparation of a watershed management and servicing study that is now being conducted for Porter's Lake and Lake Echo. The purpose of the study is to determine the potential of providing municipal wastewater, stormwater and water distribution systems. The watershed study will also determine the opportunities for future development within the Lake Echo and Porter's Lake areas within the environmental capacity of the land and receiving waters. It will identify those lands most suitable for development and determine environmentally sustainable solutions for anticipated growth. The study will also establish community objectives for surface receiving waters and determine the amount of development that may be undertaken in accordance with those objectives.

A groundwater, or hydrogeological, assessment can be required through a development agreement if specified in policy. Such an assessment is much more limited in scope than the watershed study as it would only apply to the subject property and potential impacts from developing groundwater servicing for development on those lands. However, much more detailed information is required to determine that there is an adequate supply of groundwater for the development and that the proposed development will not adversely affect groundwater supply in adjacent developments or sensitive features. The assessment must be prepared in accordance with HRM's *Guidelines for Groundwater Assessment and Reporting*.

Q6: Why is the applicant allowed to clear his lands and prepare the site for the proposed development?

A: The applicant, who is the property owner and developer, has advised staff that he is dealing with some Hurricane Juan debris on the property and has begun clearing some areas and putting in a woods road to address this issue. This type of activity is permitted before Council's decision on the proposed policy.

The applicant has received a topsoil removal permit from HRM for a portion of the property that permits the soil above bedrock and the vegetation to be moved or removed or grades to be altered. The permit limits the soil removal and grade alteration to a designated area and requires plans be submitted for site rehabilitation and revegetation . In addition some soil testing has been carried out, relating to the proposed wastewater treatment system, that has required excavation. Erosion and sedimentation controls are the responsibility of the land developer and must be in place before any construction begins that will impact on watercourses, wetlands or water resources or create an adverse effect on the surrounding environment under Section 67 of the *Environment Act*. Also, under Section 5(1) of the *Activities Designation Regulations* made pursuant to the *Environment Act* it is an offence to alter any watercourse, wetland, or water resource without receiving prior written approval from Nova Scotia Environment.

Any resident who suspects that any of the above regulations under the purview of Nova Scotia Environment are not being implemented may make a complaint to that department in order to have any potential violation investigated.

Q7: Can the proposed development be a senior's residential development?

A: The Planning Districts 8 and 9 MPS supports the development of senior's housing in row housing or apartments under the Lake Echo Community Designation but they must be licensed by the province. At the two public information meetings, there seemed to be a general consensus that if the applicant was to provide senior citizen accommodation this would be a more palatable proposal as seniors in the community do need a place to reside within their community as they face reduced mobility and sell their homes. Under the *Human Rights Act* (R.S., c. 214, s. 1.) HRM is prohibited in respect of accommodations to discriminate against an individual or group of individuals based on various characteristics, including age. Despite the inability of HRM to limit the proposed development to seniors only, the development still can be designed and marketed towards seniors with the understanding that other age groups could live in the development.

Q8: What lands in Lake Echo are currently subject to development?

A. When Interim Growth Management Controls were adopted in 2004 provisions were made for a number of completed concept subdivision applications submitted prior to January 2004. These applications are able to continue through the subdivision process subject to yearly limitations on the number of lots to be created and the amount of road constructed. Certain applications had proceeded through a substantial portion of the process but failed to file official applications before January 2004. One of these applications is for the former lands of Kellswater Holdings Limited in Lake Echo (PIDs 40168478 and 40881484). However, under Policy S-22 of the Regional MPS these lands may continue the process through to completion based on the approval of a maximum of 25 lots per year. These lands abut the subject property on the southern boundary.

Creation of any new subdivisions on lands within Lake Echo are limited to 8 lots on a new public road as-of-right and any lots created beyond that number requires development by the open space design subdivision process. In addition, there are limited opportunities for infill development, for example, on Highway 7, Robina Drive and Echo Forest Drive.

Q9: What effect will a new mobile home park have on local property values?

A. One of the most commonly expressed objections to development is that there will be a negative impact on property values. This is not an issue that can be considered in staff's policy analysis regarding this application.

Q10: What is the strain on the school capacity of an additional 200 dwelling units?

A: The Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) has indicated that a proposed development of 200 mobile homes would generate a potential yield of 90 students. The assigned

schools for this development would be O'Connell Drive Elementary, Gaetz Brook Junior High and Eastern Shore District High School. O'Connell Drive Elementary is at or near capacity but enrolment is anticipated to drop over the next few years. Gaetz Brook Junior High and Eastern Shore District High have adequate capacity at this time to support the potential students from this proposed development. The HRSB noted that if the schools do not have adequate capacity for the proposed mobile home park development, that the students of this subdivision will be assigned to another school within the Board's jurisdiction.

Q11: How would protective services handle the additional population?

A: Concern was expressed regarding the ability of the Halifax Regional Fire Emergency (HRFE) and Halifax District RCMP to service additional dwellings beyond those existing at present in the community. HRFE can meet its Service Delivery Standard for fire protection for the proposed development and would like to see the installation of a dry hydrant located next to the proposed park or a gravity fed hydrant from the nearby water supply lake. HRFE would also like to see a second access to this development. Halifax District RCMP identified that a development of 200 to 350 additional residences would impact their policing of the local area and increase the demand for RCMP services.

Q12: What are the traffic impacts of 350 new dwelling units on local roads?

A: All new development proposals must meet the province's engineering standards when accessing Provincial roads. A Traffic Impact Study was prepared by a private consultant for the applicant and reviewed by Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) who accepted the recommendations of the study. The study determined that left turn lanes or right turn lanes were not warranted at either of the study intersections, Circle Drive and Highway 7 and Church Lake Drive and Highway 7, and that the intersection level of performance evaluations showed continued Level of Service (LOS) "A" or excellent, for projected 2019 volumes which would be a complete build out to 350 units. Analysis showed that average delays on Circle Drive and Church Lake Drive approaches to Trunk 7 were very low.

Petition submitted during the MDVCCC June 9, 2010 session by Allan Doane, resident of Lake Echo, containing 944 signatures in support of Case: 01278

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Proposed Retirement Village Development in Lake Echo

Good Evening,

- My name is Allan Doane and I presently live in Porter's Lake.
- I am a former resident of Lake Echo, I have worked here for the past fifteen years and my parents are longtime residents of Lake Echo.
- Lake Echo has an opportunity to embrace a Retirement Village development unique to our province.
- Over the past week myself and several supporters have been busy going door to door with a petition to find out what the community thinks of this development.
- The petition reflects very positive feedback for this unique concept.
- I am here to present to council a petition that holds 933 signatures supporting the proposed retirement village.

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- At this time I would like to thank all those who signed the petition and those who participated in the task of gathering the signatures.
- We hope that council will support the development *a* agreement what we believe to be a very positive move forward in the growth of the Lake Echo area.

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Support Petition for Retirement Village in Lake Echo

Developer Paul Norwood of Mountainview Mobile Home Park Ltd. has made an application to Halifax Regional Municipality (case number 01278) to amend districts 8 & 9 Municipal Planning Strategy to provide the opportunity to develop a Retirement Village / Mobile Home Park in Lake Echo. We the undersigned are in complete support of this proposed project going ahead and ask that you, our elected Councillors, approve Mr. Norwood's application by way of development agreement be

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RE: Case 01278: MPS Amendments to permit a mobile home development in Lake Echo

Dear Members of Community Council:

Attached to this letter please find information not included in the staff report on this application. The information includes:

Information on the Proposed Units. 1.

Information received from the public supporting the application, including minutes of a public information meeting held by the applicant Paul Norwood that was well attended in the community.

Proposed Units:

On April 22, 2010, Mr. Norwood provided information to staff on the proposed units; this information is attached. As you may be aware, there have been significant changes in the mobile and modular home industry, with the units becoming visually indistinguishable from each other. The differences between the two are now limited to floor joist spacing, electrical panel location, and other minor interior elements; from the exterior they can be indistinguishable. Included also is an email from Maple Leaf homes, confirming that the units as proposed by Mr. Norwood can have either a "mobile" or "modular" home approval number. Staff confirmed that the units proposed by Mr. Norwood (if stamped with "modular" approval) would be eligible for a single-family home building permit on a lot on any street in any subdivision in the Municipality.

In the staff report, staff recommend that the application be rejected based on "community character". In their recommendation, they rely on the MPS section pertaining to Wonderland Mobile Home Park: "At the present time the park accounts for approximately twenty-two percent of the dwellings in the community and it is felt that this proportion is sufficiently high for this type of residential development. The Designation, therefore, does not support any new mobile home parks".

The MPS concern pertaining to community character is defined clearly - it references the character of a specific mobile home park (Wonderland) and the policy is located under the title "Wonderland Mobile Home Park". The character of Wonderland could not be further from the character of what is being proposed by Mr. Norwood. Wonderland represents a very <u>dense</u> form of development, with <u>limited openspace</u>, and with <u>long thin units</u> that

resemble a shipping container on a transport truck. What is proposed by Mr. Norwood are units which resemble small single family homes (and in fact could be labeled as such if so requested), that are located at a very low density (same density as a rural single family home subdivision, 1 unit/2 acres), and with significant openspace created by clustering the homes and leaving large areas of natural woodland and lake frontage open for all to share.

The Regional Municipal Planning strategy encourages affordable housing and seniors housing, which are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in the core. Lake Echo is a wonderful location for seniors housing as this development type exerts much less pressure on Municipal infrastructure (schools, transportation, policing, recreation, and fire) than single family housing. Agency comments on the application, as indicated in the staff report, suggest that there is capacity within the Municipality for the application. In addition, traffic studies for seniors focused development demonstrate that this type of development contributes significantly less vehicles to the peak traffic volumes than a typical single family home subdivision.

We submit that there is no "community character" difference between what Mr. Norwood could do on his land through an openspace subdivision application (with single family homes and a land based condominium) and what is being requested in this application as a mobile home park. There is, however, a very significant difference with respect to affordability. In a mobile home park (like a land based condominium) residents have their landscaping, street maintenance, road plowing, sewer and water systems, etc. looked after for them. For many seniors, this is a critical aspect of their decision-making – they are no longer able or willing to look after these things for themselves. The key difference between the landbased condominium and a mobile home park, is that in the mobile home park they don't have to make a capital investment in land in order to obtain these services, but instead lease the land and the associated services. Fundamentally, the only difference is a business model. An apartment building and a condominium building in the downtown can look identical, and each offer maintenance personel to perform repairs, but each offers a very different business model that appeals to different abilities to make capital investments. For many seniors, this affordability issue is critical. In addition, when families have health concerns that may require flexibility, the opportunity to lease and invest less money may be critically important.

Community Support:

On March 19, 2010, Mr. Norwood hosted a public information meeting on the application that was very well attended. The minutes from this meeting were provided to staff and are attached to this letter. Also attached are additional letters and emails of community support that were not attached to the staff report.

At the March 19th meeting, we presented to the community on Mr. Norwood's behalf, responded to questions, and since then have reviewed a great deal of the communication from the organization "Citizens for Responsible Development". At the March 19 meeting, members of this organization spoke and made clear that they did not wish to discriminate against residents of Wonderland Mobile Home park, and that their issue was not the look of the mobile home park, but other issues, and in particular, environmental concerns.

In the past, mobile home parks have been fraught with environmental problems, including densities that were too high and sewage treatment facilities that were inappropriately sized and/or maintained, resulting in water quality concerns. It is not surprising that the public is concerned about these aspects as this has been their experience in the past.

As with changes in the look of mobile homes, sewage treatment technologies for all types of development have improved significantly. Sewage treatment systems that discharge directly into lakes are generally no longer permitted in the Province regardless of they type of development (including Municipal sewage treatment plants). The sewage treatment system proposed by Mr. Norwood is to provincial standard, and staff acknowledge in their conclusion that the development agreement provides sufficient control to protect the environment.

We believe that if the public understood that the environmental controls implemented by Council and Staff were equivalent or more stringent than single family development, as it is possible to provide by way development agreement, that opposition to the development would be significantly reduced.

Alternatives

2. <u>Alternatives</u> Staff have provided Council with three alternatives. We believe that Alternative 2 is consistent with the intent of the MPS and the "community character" of Lake Echo, if the unit type specified in the Amendments is as proposed by the Applicant.

Yours truly, Environmental Design & Management

Margot Young, MCIP

Proposed Retirement Village Lake Echo, Nova Scotia

Paul Norwood, Mountainview Mobile Home Park Ltd., Developer

Minutes of Information Meeting – Friday, March 19th, 2010 Lake Echo Community Centre (Gymnasium)

Attendance: See attached attendance sheets

Guest speakers:

Margot Young – EDM Environmental Design and Management Ltd. Ken Reardon, P. Eng. – Atlantic Purification Systems Ltd. Tom Austin, P. Eng – ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. Duncan Cann – General Manager, Patterson Sales

Jim Colford -- Mediator called information session to begin at 7:10pm

Purpose of gathering was to discuss the proposed Retirement Village project in respects to environmental concerns and accommodate any preconceived concerns from the residents Lake Echo and surrounding communities and the application to HRM to amend the Districts 8 & 9 Municipal Planning Strategy to provide the opportunity to develop a Mini Home Retirement Park.

Paul Norwood, Developer

- Introduced himself as the developer and provided family background of living and working in the Lake Echo/Porters Lake area
- Provided this opportunity for the residents to acquire accurate information on the proposed Retirement Village

Margo Young

- Employed by a private firm, EDM Environmental Design and Management Ltd.
- Has reviewed the proposed amendment application from Mr. Norwood, which is currently on file open space subdivision and sewage treatment system proposed
- Has reviewed the past minutes of community meetings
- Has a working relationship with Darryl Joudrey, HRM Staff Planner
- Provided slide presentation regarding the proposed amendment to the Planning Strategy for Districts 8 & 9
- Mixed Use Zone (1989) that is current, Mr. Norwood would like to see amended for the project
- Rural Enterprise Zone mobile homes were excluded
- New Open Space Subdivision 2006 now more options available for development due to technology and availability of goods and services – i.e. Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Provided slide presentation on designs of communities single family dwellings R1 and Mini home parks
- Currently 6.3% of homes in Lake Echo are rented, most are owned

Duncan Cann, General Manager Patterson Homes

- Provided overview of Patterson Homes
- Reviewed building standards being used for mini homes today exceeding code requirements
- Maple Leaf homes has wond many Quality Awards
- Indicated that the proposed Retirement Village would include comfortably spaced lots, walking trails, landscaped lots, gardens, paved roads and driveways

Tom Austin, MSc., P. Eng.

- Provided background on his experience, skills and knowledge
- Provided an overview of the proposed Waste Water Treatment System
- Proposed a cluster of 50 units (mini homes) for each Waste Water Treatment System
- Will research and design the best system for this project
- Department of Environment will approve the design and system
- No sewage will go into the local lakes or water courses
- No final decision on the system until approval is made for the amendment of the proposed project to the Planning Department of HRM

Ken Reardon, P. Eng.

- Provided background on his experience and past projects
- Provided a slide presentation on the traditional systems for septic/sewer and then showed proposed system – "ADVANTEX" ax 100 Treatment Systems (www.orenco.com)
- The system is: a recirculating filter that's configured like a recirculating sand filter a packed bed filter technology. Is reliable and low-maintenance. See attached.
- An "operator" will be assigned to the system to oversee the function at all times
- Sample of this system was made available for attending residents of information session to review and ask questions

Information presentation ended at 8:03pm – by Jim Colford

Questions/Comments

- 1. Sandy Naugle
- Lives in Lake Echo mini home park since 1981
- Offended by the petition as she was not made aware of it. Felt people in the mini home park were discriminated against
- 2. Dan Regan
- Wanted to know if there were any statistics available that would prove that a retirement facility was needed in Lake Echo. Asked the group how many people were between the ages of 49-59
- Discussion with Duncan Cann and Mr. Regan regarding that even though there may not be enough 55+ citizens in Lake Echo, the retirement village will be available for anyone from any community across Canada
- Concern regarding water availability number of times a toilet would be flushed
- Discussed that mini homes use less gallons of water per day than a traditional family home
- Discussion regarding soil -- Ken Reardon, P. Eng. addressed this concern -- will have to find the "right" soil to accommodate required needs of System. Has to be approved by Department of Environment
- 3. Gary Robertson
- Has lived in Porters Lake/Lake Echo for 35 years. "Paul Norwood does everything with integrity."
- 4. Sue Duncan
- Concerned that this with a potential zoning change...what does this mean for the future of this Retirement Village. If it is sold, can other developments occur, can families now move in
- Margo Young addressed this issue and said that this cannot occur
- Discussion regarding Paul Norwood's land being adjacent to a Wilderness area and what concerns need to be addressed. Paul Norwood addressed this and said that the Retirement Village will not affect this land area. Various other government departments will ensure this
- 5. Mark Baker
- Said he had the communities interest at heart
- Concerned that the mini home parks residences were not consulted regarding the petition
- Asked how many mini homes were planned, 350 over eight to ten years, if approved
- 6. Terry Bagnall
- Proud to be a mini home owner, takes pride in her home and she is no different than any other home owner, she pays taxes too. "I trust Paul, and look forward to one day moving to a place like that"
- 7. Rod Naugler
- Concerned with the possibility of land/home value changes
- Concerned with policy of 55+ residents will actually be the persons moving in to this Village. Paul Norwood would confer with his lawyer and the Residential Tenancy Board.
- How will the screening occur? Paul Norwood indicated on the application form and some form of ID if required

- Margo Young indicated that when property values are evaluated, homes of comparison are compared "apples to apples"
- Discussion regarding wastewater system: what happens if there is a power failure, how often system is pumped, what happens if a plastic bag gets stuck? Ken Reardon, P.Eng answered all these questions...system can handle all these concerns
- 8. Gunther Faber
- Is community minded
- Not happy that the petition did not go to the mini home parks
- Is in favor of the Retirement Village
- 9. Darlene Shaw
- Asked how the traffic volume would be dealt with. Paul Norwood indicated that access in and out could be on Circle Drive or Churchlake Drive
- Concerned that discrimination takes place when you say the Village is for 55+
- Wanted to know what the attraction for this demographic of people would be
- 10. Steve Hawes
- Believes that this is a "great project". "Lets build the community"
- 11. Wendy Russell
- "Congratulates Paul for this development", "Glad you are looking after the environment",
- "expand Lake Echo, get more people here, then we might get more services". "Thank you for the meeting, thank you for your seriousness"
- 12. Yvan Jacquemin
- "Paul is honest and will do it", "he is a leader"
- 13. Gerry Myers
- "Paul does a very good job". "you have to sign development agreements, Paul will make it happen"
- 14. Ron Hollett -- Real estate agent
- "hats off to the people to develop it", "it can be affordable", "bench mark for the country"
- 15. Angela Smith
- "What will the mini home park do for the community?" Paul Norwood answered by saying construction helps community grows, Amoyan development group has also purchased land in Lake Echo for possible housing development
- 16. Jan Helgason
- Inquired about the Country Lake Estates. Paul Norwood did state that the owner of this development was now deceased. No one could answer her question
- 17. Eileen Beiswanger
- Commented how Mineville was able to attract a Medical Facility, by a local resident/doctor, and this would be an advantage for the people of the Retirement Village

- 18. Vaughan Borgal
- Wanted to know if lots would be rented or owned by the people. They will be rented. "Paul will does things on his own and well"
- 19. Sally Hinch
- Inquired about fire and safety services. Councilor David Hendsbee said "HRM is currently evaluating the Lake Echo and area requirements and with possible relocation"

Paul Norwood gave closing remarks:

- Thanked Councilor Hendsbee for coming
- Thanked all audience for coming
- He has the "best interest for the community"
- Indicated that he would be available after the meeting to address any additional concerns
- "I am a man of my words"

Information meeting closed by Jim Colford at 9:05pm

Respectively submitted:

Lyn R. Miles March 29, 2010

Duncan Cann Minutes LE

My name is Duncan Cann and I manage Patterson Homes located at the corner of Forest Hills and Main Street. My family owned 2 mini home parks and I have been involved with the parks since I was old enough to go around with my father. Both Paul and I have grown up with this type of involvement in our family businesses. I started working with Patterson Homes approximately 2 years ago and took over the location last January. I met Paul Norwood several months ago and we spoke of developing a mini home park. It was at that time that we discussed the idea of a retirement village and how we thought it would be a great project and a benefit to the area. We are looking to set a high standard of living that would be a model for other development of this type to follow.

After my first meeting with Paul I knew he was someone that I would be comfortable working with. I do not work with all developers since I feel some do not have the same outlook as I do with regards to the community and other issues. Our proposed plan was to create a community for retirees

that would have large spacious lots, paved driveways and walkways, sheds, walking trails 2 park areas not including a park area up by the lake. There is also a plan for a club house at a later date. This development would bring in 350 new mini homes and provide revenue for businesses located in and around the area, it would create a new tax base. I realized after a very short time that my decision to be involved in this project with Paul Norwood was a good one. Paul is a community minded person who has the areas best interests in mind and this has been echoed by many people who know him in the community. Paul goes beyond what is expected and would be doing so if this project gets approved. There was discussion about the lake being polluted and that would not be the case, a lot of time and effort was put into the planning for this park. Since Paul has been a member of the community and has relatives living on the lake why would he want to see it polluted. I am also in the area as a business person selling homes and if this project was not run the way it should it would reflect very negatively on my integrity and standing as a supplier. In closing I would like to say that this would be a great addition to the community and would provide retirees with a good quality of living.

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minutes of meeting

From: **T. Austin** Sent: March 25, 2010 5:55:58 PM To: Paul Norwood

T. Austin of ABL Environmental consultants presented the wastewater treatment concept for the cluster development. Each cluster of homes will be treated in a modular treatment system using septic tanks, advantex filters, UV disinfection and treated effluent is disposed in an irrigation field in the upper soil horizon which is the most biologically active. The exact number of homes in any cluster will be recommended based on soil conditions in the irrigation areas and as approved by NSE. So there may be variations in the numbers of homes in each cluster but the concept has been developed based on 50 homes per cluster and 200 gallons per home per day. Our experience indicates that homes typically use between 100 and 125 gallons per day. This provides a safety buffer in the design of any cluster. The most important concept is that no effluent will be discharged to any water course. Like a septic system the water will be percolated into the soil. The high level of treatment ensures that the field is unlikely to fail as in a septic system which has minimal treatment before discharge to the ground. Each cluster will require separate approvals ensuring that each previous system must be successful or the next will not likely be approved by NSE. At this point Tom turned the floor over the Ken Reardon to discuss the particulars of the treatment technology.

T. Austin MSc. P. Eng. ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd.

Lake Echo Meeting Mintues - Summary of APS Sewage Treatment Presentation

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
T. Austin

Ken Reardon March 23, 2010 6:54:09 PM Paul Norwood

Paul;

Summary of my presentation attached for your minutes.

I assume Tom would be providing comments on his introduction to this topic so I have not commented on his presentation.

If you have questions just give me a call.

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Kind regards;

Kenneth F. Reardon, P.Eng.

Director of Business Development APS Atlantic Purification Systems Ltd. PO Box 877, 10 Ferguson Road Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 3Z5

Web: www.aps.ns.ca

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Ken Reardon of Atlantic Purification Systems Ltd. spoke on the proposed AdvanTex treatment system and the Geoflow sub-surface drip line technology.

He stated that Paul Norwood had approached him on treatment options for the proposed Lake Echo Development and Paul wanted to pursue the AdvanTex technology understanding that the system is not the least expensive on the market but is one of the more technically advanced systems that produces a very high quality effluent. He was also attracted to the small footprint of the system and the fact that it had low energy costs and could blend in aesthetically with the landscaping.

Ken displayed a few slides in the presentation. His first slide outlined issues with traditional on-site septic systems including:

- High BOD and TSS directly from the septic tank at levels of 150-300 mg/l or higher being applied to the soil
- Tank leaking and infiltration

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- Drainline and field blockages
- Transport line breaks and cracks associated with tank settling
- Pump or siphon Failures
- Drainfield failures due to:
 - Tanks Too Small
 - No Effluent Filter
 - Poor Materials
 - Poor Installation
 - O Unsuitable Soils for Load
 - End user abuse
- Lack of access to equipment for inspection or maintenance (Ken noted that with traditional systems the equipment is not accessible and the owner does not know they have a problem until the "stuff" starts to some to the surface of the bed or lawn. By then it is too late and the owner has a big problem on their hands and has to bring in large equipment to try and correct the situation)

Ken then reviewed the operation of the AdvanTex system on his second slide and highlighted how the system design addresses many of the concerns associated with the older on-site systems designs and technologies. The key benefits he identified included:

- Because of the textile media, the filters have very high loading rates resulting in a footprint that is several times smaller (10-20 times smaller) than traditional area bed, mound or sand filter options.
- The AdvanTex[®] pods come fully assembled and ready for connection to the treatment system so onsite construction activities are minimized.
- Factory assembly also enhances the quality of the filter installation over sand filters that are assembled and installed on site by the contractor.
- The textile filter material is also readily accessible for inspection and maintenance through retracting covers on the Advantex filters and can easily be cleaned with a hose and hot water if they are ever fouled. All treatment equipment including pumps and effluent filters are also easily installed and removed for inspection or maintenance. This makes it much easier to identify and correct any issue that arises in the AdvanTex system before it becomes a major issue.
- The on-going operating costs of AdvanTex systems are significantly lower than traditional processes as AdvanTex utilizes passive septic system processes to treat sewage.
- Pumps are high quality 25 year rated with 5 year warranty and are doubled up (or duplexed) to provide redundant capacity in the system.
- Third party studies show that Advantex is capable of treating to 5-10 mg/l of BOD and SS in residential applications so the quality of effluent being applied to the soil is 10-30 times better than traditional systems
- One key point that was also mentioned was that the system is monitored 24/7 by a computer control system that will call an operator if any alarms are activated. The operator can log onto the system remotely and assess the situation and make any necessary changes without even being on site. The system is capable of logging historical data on the system operations and it can be accessed and serviced remotely by Orenco at the request of the owner or operator.

Ken also highlighted the advantages of dispersing this high quality AdvanTex effluent in shallow drainfields or drip lines.

- These systems are placed in the top 16" of the soil where 95% of the microbial activity is and 40% of the root mat
- When the applied effluent is high quality, in intermittent doses, with low BOD and TSS levels, the microbes, soil and roots have capacity to address the nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus and

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can oxidize or bind up contaminants such as personal care products, pharmaceuticals and metals.

- In some applications where high quality effluent is applied properly in intermittent doses, the infiltrative capacity of the soil is improved due to the high level of microbe activity.
- Treatment of most contaminants takes place within 4" of the dispersal tube so many jurisdictions opt to reduce the separation distances and drainfield sizes.
- These systems have the flexibility to be placed under lawns, boulevards, in flower gardens and in forests or along tree lines as long as they follow the contours and can drain properly.

Ken noted that the proposed new technology would not create any pollution issues for the lake. He identified that in a recent On-Site convention in Oregon they suggested that as many as 20-50% of older onsite systems were failing in many areas of North America. Considering this, Ken suggested that those with real concerns for the on-going viability of the lake should turn their attention to the many homes along the lake that have septic systems that are 10-40 years old. These systems were not subject to the same regulations and scrutiny that the proposed development would be subject to, and they would most likely present the largest single threat to the future of the lake.

Ken brought some of the AdvanTex equipment to the meeting and invited any interested persons to speak to him afterwards about any questions or concerns they may have.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING

Friday March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Echo Community Centre (Gymnasium).

To: All residents of Lake Echo

Fr: Paul Norwood, Mountainview Mobile Home Park Ltd.

Re: Proposed Retirement Village in Lake Echo.

As many of you are aware, Mountainview Mobile Home Park Ltd. has made an application to Halifax Regional Municipality to amend the Districts 8 & 9 Municipal Planning Strategy to provide the opportunity to develop a Mobile Home Park / Retirement Village.

The proposed project has raised many concerns in the community. Because of these concerns we have decided to host a public meeting. The meeting is not an official HRM meeting, but a more casual format where I have invited some of the people who have worked on the project to come and address your concerns, ideas and views.

I hope that you are able to attend. I personally, as well as my family and our company, want to ensure that the project is a good fit in the community. Speakers in attendance will include:

Margot Young EDM Environmental Design and Management Ltd.

Ken Reardon P.Eng Atlantic Purification Systems Ltd.

Tom Austin P.Eng ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd.

Duncan Cann General Manager, Patterson Sales

MOUNTAIN VIEW MOBILE HOME PARK LIMITED

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Quality Affordable Care Free Lifestyle

David Hendsbee Chairman Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council Halifax Regional Municipality

RE: An Amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 8 & 9, To Permit A Mobile Home Park Development

Dear Mr. Hendsbee:

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Mountain View Mobile Home Park Limited (MountianView), hereby requests that you initiate the process to have the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for Planning Districts 8 & 9 amended to permit the development of a mobile home park on our lands at Lake Echo, Halifax County, N.S., being P.I.D. 40141236 and P.I.D. 40519555.

MountainView currently owns the two properties, identified above, being 496 acres (200 hectares) and 98 acres (39.7 hectares) respectively in area. P.I.D. 40141236 is currently zoned RE, and P.I.D. 40519555 is split between the RE and R1 zoning designations, with the majority being RE.

MountainView wishes to construct a mobile home park which would be developed in pods of approximately fifty (50) lots each. These pods will be connected with walking trails and other significant open space which will be in conformance with the spirit of the Open Space Design concept of development of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy.

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Paul;

Message received.....

They are grasping at straws....saturated soil conditions in one letter....phosphorus and pharmaceuticals in another......in fact our complete system deals better than any other with all these issues.

They took the one un-substantiated reference from the 2005 report and no others.....I have attached some other comments from the report.

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All rubbish and fear mongering.

I'll speak to Geoflow about the dripline concern and see what they say.

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Rory Mac Neil

Class IV Wastewater Treatment Operator

May 17th, 2010

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Robert MacFarlane

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Porter's Lk N. S.

To Whom It My Concern;

My name is Bob MacFarlane I have built homes & roads in Lake Echo in the 60's and have moved to Porter's Lk where I was building roads until I retired.

We purchased land with the idea of developing at our later years to help with retiring income.

We as excavators & builders are looking forward to the future to keep our income coming in.

Paul Norwood is a business man in the area and has been for many years

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has come up with a plan to keep our retires in the area they love.

The 55+ park is a good thing for the area. As we get older being able to maintain a large house becomes difficult. Where do we go?Most people don't want to move to Halifax or Dartmouth.

I think the 55 + park is an excellent idea for Lake Echo. It would help the community. When the 107 highway bypassed Lake Echo business closed there wasn't enough traffic to keep the main garage that was in Lake Echo going. That is just one example I can think of.

We need a place for our senior's to go. Someplace they can still be in our area and still be independent.

As I see a businessman like Paul Norwood investing in a project like the 55 + Park in Lake Echo it makes me realize that so many others with the same thought of staying in the country in our Golden years may be realized.

Robert MacFarlane



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FW: Lake Echo Development proposal

From: Steve Miles Sent: May 21, 2010 10:42:54 AM To: Attachments:

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From: Steve Miles Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:52 AM To: 'clerks@halifax.ca'

Subject: Lake Echo Development proposal

Dear Mayor Kelly and Council Members

Re: Mountainview Retirement Park

We are writing in support of the proposed development in Lake Echo for a retirement village as proposed by Paul Norwood, President of Mountainview Mobile Home Park.

Area's of concerns brought forward from the "Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo" have been addressed or in the planning stages to meet all building and eviromental requirements. We also find it ironic the name, "Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo", as there has been no development in the area for some time, correct me if I'm wrong, but the last development was Country Lake sub division over 10 years ago. In my opinion, this proposal from Paul Norwood is a very respectful and much required in an area with little growth in the past. It seems like this group is not interested in any form of development or growth.

With the increase in retirements from the "baby boom" era, Lake Echo is an ideal location for such a proposal. What better place to locate a development, close proximty to Dartmouth, Porters Lake, hospitals, recreation facilities and churches. A secure area where persons can enjoy the golden years in an affordable and energy efficient housing.

Benefits:

- 🕌 Increase in HRM tax base revenue
- 🕌 Increase of services in the Lake echo area, including spin off economies for local merchants.
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- Additional population will also generate additional support to the community center, local churches and recreation facilities.
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lifestyle.

- This would create a great sense of community within the park and surrounding area's with activities designed for retiree's.

Eniviromental:

- All sewage and waste water systems have met the requirements and exceeded the base standards for proper environmental controls.
- Concerned residents should have their existing properties checked to see if their systems are within code and have these existing septic systems replaced if it is a concern of the watershed.

Traffic:

With an additional entrance and exit to access this proposed lands, there is no other requirements for traffic controls. This village area is for retired persons, who would not in my opinion, affect the normal flow of rush hour congestion or school bus access.

Property Values:

We belive, the property values of existing single family dwellings would remain unchanged for two reasons, 1) the property is isolated from any of the existing sub divisions, 2) the average price of these modular homes range between \$80,000 - \$100,000 and with the current selling prices of existing homes in Lake Echo averaging \$125,000 - \$200,000, I see no impact of the value changing.

More advantages:

- Snow removal will be contained within the agreement and would not increase any additional costs for the current resident area rates
- Roads, landscapeing, enviromental equipment, water and other services have been proposed to exceed building and municpal codes.

In conclusion, we truly believe this project warrents a quick approval to begin the necessary processes forward to create an official business plan with time lines for the phased in construction.

People must be educated that growth benefits all, and with increase growth comes prosperity and legacy.

Sincerely,

Steve and Lyn Miles

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Seniors Mobile Park

From:	Lynn Purchase
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My family moved to Lake Echo in November of 1968 and I am now living nearer the city. I expect to retire in the near future and I was very excited to hear about the plan for a 'Senior Mobile Park'. Seniors are looking for safer and quieter neighourhoods in which to spend their retirement years, have a small yard and know that some maintenance services will be available if needed. I think this park will fulfill a lot of seniors needs that we worry about that may not be available to us in the up coming future, I feel this park would be a plus for this community. The park would generate growth to Lake Echo which in means more amenities for everyone and I can't imagine that this would have negative repercussions to this community in any way.

Myself being a baby boomer, the park opens up some options for our future living arrangements and I would hope the residents of this beautiful community would have the foresight to approve this venture.

Sincerely,

May 31, 2010



To whom it may concern

I have lived in the Lake Echo Porters Lake area for the last 30 years. I raised and educated my children in the area. The area has a low crime rate, friendly people, and wide open spaces and fresh air, a great place to live. Now as I start to think about retirement in a few years, I realize that the up keep and cost of maintaining a single dwelling home will cause limitations for my fixed retirement income. When I heard that a seniors mini home development was being proposed for the area I thought that this would keep me in the area that I love to live in well into my golden years. This will help to solve the chronic shortage of seniors housing in the area when all the baby boomers start to retire. I was surprised to hear that some people are apposing this development, not everybody can afford a \$350,000.00 house on the water, especially on a fixed retirement income, nor would I want to. Mr Norwood and i have crossed paths over the last 30 years, in minor sports etc, the ball field and playground in lake echo exist because of Mr Norwoods generosity, way before HRM looked after the area. So please let this development proceed as planned so the old folks will have affordable housing in their golden years. It doesn't look like the Provincial Government is paying much attention to the seniors housing shortage. Many thanks and have a great day.

Yours Truly

Ken Levy

To Halifax Regional Municipality. I would like to show my interest in the development of the senior housing in Lake Echo. I am a resident of Porters Lake and frequently hear concerns from seniors on the Eastern Shore who want to stay in the community. At present there is not housing available to those who wish to live in a private home without the worry of upkeep and safety. To have a gated seniors housing area developed so close to home would be a benefit to anyone who wishes to stay outside the city and remain independent longer. I am hoping the development gets under way soon as we are losing people to apartments in the city because they have no other options.

Thank Rheury.

allan doane

From:	"Karen Dominix"
To:	
Sent:	Monday, May 31, 2010 6:43 PM
Subject:	FW: New Gated Seniors Park in Lake Echo

From: karendominix

To: kellyp@halifax.ca; streats@halifax.ca; barry.dalrymple@halifax.ca; david.hendsbee@halifax.ca; lorelei.nicoll@halifax.ca; mcclusg@halifax.ca; darren.fisher@halifax.ca; karsteb@halifax.ca; barkhoj@halifax.ca; smithj@halifax.ca; wilema@halifax.ca; blumenj@halifax.ca; sloaned@halifax.ca; utecks@halifax.ca; jennifer.watts@halifax.ca; walkerr@halifax.ca; humd@halifax.ca; mosherl@halifax.ca; adamss@halifax.ca; brad.johns@halifax.ca; harveyb@halifax.ca; outhitt@halifax.ca; rankinr@halifax.ca; peter.lund@halifax.ca Subject: New Gated Seniors Park in Lake Echo Date: Sat, 29 May 2010 13:59:15 -0300

Hi,

My name is Karen Dominix. I have lived in Lake Echo all my life for 35 years and all I ever have seen is businesses struggling and closing because of lack of support possible being partial to the low # of families living here in Lake Echo compared to other communities.

To have the new development of the "Gated Seniors Park" that Paul Norwood wants to develope would benefit us greatly. I think especially all the local businesses; le Hair Shop, Convience Stores, Community Center etc...like I said that are struggling.

I also believe it will bring new businesses back and create jobs for people living in Lake Echo. Paul Norwood is a well respected and trustworthy guy and I have NO worries that this new

dévélopment will meet and exceed all rules, regulations and expectations to protect the environment around us.

So that being said I see NO reason that Paul shouldn't be able to go ahead with this great new "addition" to our community!

Thanks for listening!

Karen & Cory Dominix

Lake Echo, NS

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allan doane

From:"Flo"To:"allan doane"Sent:Monday, May 31, 2010 8:06 PMSubject:SENIORS MOBILE HOME COMPLEX

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to advise that I feel the Senior's Mobile Home Complex in the Lake Echo area is a wonderful idea. A few years down the road, I will be considering, very seriously, of down-sizing my living accomodations and would consider re-locating to one of these complexes. I fully support this project. Florence B. Axford

allan doane

From: "joseph arsenault" To: Sent: Monday, May 3T, 2010 7:30 PM Subject: Fw: Remini home park 4 seniors

----- Original Message -----

Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 7:28 PM Subject: Fw: Re:mini home park 4 seniors

>> >> >> >> My name is Jim Lohnes, and I am sending this e-mail, to show my support to >> Paul Norwood, who wants to put a Mobile Home Park in Lake Echo, geared >> towards >> seniors. I applaud him for taking on this task, to do something for our >> seniors, which in my opinion are not a priority in this society. ≫ ≫ >>> >> _____ >>>> \gg >> No virus found in this incoming message. >> Checked by AVG - www.avg.com >> Version: 8.5.437 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2836 - Release Date: 04/26/10 >> 06:31:00 >>5 ≥ >>> > No virus found in this incoming message. > Checked by AVG - www.avg.com > Version: 9.0.814 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2840 - Release Date: 04/28/10 > 03:27:00 5

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Melissa's Lake Echo Letter

From:Melissa DoaneSent:May 31, 2010 10:50:59 PM

Here is mine....We have our fingers and toes crossed this all works out for the best!

Dear Counsellors of HRM,

With regards to the proposed development of a Retirement Community here in our neighboring community of Lake Echo:

Firstly, I would like to let you know that I was born and raised in Lake Echo with my sister by our Mom and Dad who have lived there for roughly 35 years. My husband's father was raised in Lake Echo and his Grandparents still reside there. Lake Echo means a lot to us, as well as to many of our friends and family members. We were married just last year in my parents backyard actually and would not have had it any other way. Lake Echo is, and always has been, a close knit community in which we are proud to be associated. However, we fear that without new and positive growth to this community, the wonderful aspects of it may eventually slip away.

We feel very strongly that it is due time that something positive has come to the Community. My mother and father would certainly like nothing more then to be able to settle into a safe, beautiful, new Retirement Community right here in their own area, where they are very actively involved in community organizations, fundraisers and social activities.

Many long-time community members 55 and over are having to leave to find affordable and more convenient housing after selling their homes because there isn't anything available here and the larger private properties they had grow difficult to maintain. With snow removal and maintenance provided in the proposed development I would worry far less about my Mom and Dad!

As displayed by the environmental representatives at past meetings, Im positive they will make sure that all the rules and regulations are followed. I know that there is no intentions of any harm to the environment with the proposed development.... so why not give this proposal a "Yes" when it comes to voting.

Please listen to the residents of Lake Echo and to the rest of the people like us who really care, when they say they Want this development! Please understand that the majority of the long-time residents do want this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Melissa Doane, and Jeff Doane

5/31/2010

Alice's Lake Echo Letter

From:Melissa DoaneSent:May 31, 2010 10:47:46 PM

Hi Paul, See blow for Alice's letter. I will send mine in a separate email. Thanks!

Attention Counsellors;

I am sending this email with one thing in mind; that Paul Norwood would like to develop a new mini-home Retirement Park for seniors in the Lake Echo district. I can not believe the hesitation of such a wonderful development. I myself live in Porters Lake, where there has been a lot of new changes to our community in the past 10-15 years, and nothing bad has come out of it, if anything the community has become stronger and a better place to live.

Why would anyone want to try to stop this when a private developer is covering the whole expense, and looking out for the community to bring it up to spec with the surrounding areas.

I feel that this will be a stepping stone for the future of Lake Echo, in a positive way. It might create some new businesses and families in Lake Echo who would support their community. I myself would love to retire to a place like this and to be a part of this new development as it would make my life easier as a senior.

Please keep this in mind, it is not just for the residents of Lake Echo, it is for anyone who wishes to downsize in the future.

Thanks for your time,

Alice Doane

April 22, 2010

Bonnie & Jim Higney

Dear Councillors of HRM,

We are writing this letter to voice our opinion on the proposed Retirement Park in Lake Echo, NS.

We are Nova Scotians who at this time live in Alberta. Our plan is to retire at home in Nova Scotia and hopefully be able to go south in the colder winter months.

While we were home in Nova Scotia this past summer on holidays we heard about the proposed retirement park in Lake Echo and were very pleased about this development. It's a great situation for folks like ourselves who want to retire and still have our own home and yard but have the peace of mind that when we go away for an extended period of time we know our property is taken care of and we don't need to worry about snow removal or lawn care etc.

We have seen the proposed plan for the development and it looks to be very attractive with green spaces and a secure location that we would be proud to live in.

It's disappointing to hear there are people who are against this development as it can only improve the community by bringing in more tax dollars which could bring more amenities to Lake Echo like a gas station, coffee shops etc.

We feel as this is to be a retirement community and the properties to be privately owned as opposed to rental units it will be very well maintained by proud homeowners.

Hopefully this development will proceed as scheduled and we look forward to seeing the development progressing when we get home to NS soon.

Sincerely,

Bonnie & Jim Higney

Fw: Proposed development in Lake Echo

From: Pbde Keizer Sent: April 27, 2010 1:20:44 PM To: Paul Norwood

Hi Paul:

Below is the e-mail that I forwarded to David Hendsbee re: your development in Lake Echo.

Hope it helps, Pixie

----- Original Message -----From: To: <u>david.hendsbee@halifax.ca</u> Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 12:49 PM Subject: Proposed development in Lake Echo

Hi David:

As the owner of a small business in the Porters Lake area, I would fully support Paul Norwood in his proposed development in the Lake Echo trailer park. I believe any spin offs for a small business is a great opportunity. I feel this is especially beneficial as it targets the over 55 age group and would provide a rural setting for those wishing to stay in their own community.

Pixie Keizer Owner/Operator R. Keizer's Auto Clinic

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FW: Lake Echo Development proposal

From: Steve Miles Sent: May 21, 2010 10:42:54 AM

> Attachments: image001.gif (0.6 KB)

From: Steve Miles Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:52 AM To: 'clerks@halifax.ca' Cc: Subject: Lake Echo Development proposal

'Lyn Miles'; Steve

Dear Mayor Kelly and Council Members

Re: Mountainview Retirement Park

We are writing in support of the proposed development in Lake Echo for a retirement village as proposed by Paul Norwood, President of Mountainview Mobile Home Park.

Area's of concerns brought forward from the "Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo" have been addressed or in the planning stages to meet all building and eviromental requirements. We also find it ironic the name, "Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo", as there has been no development in the area for some time, correct me if I'm wrong, but the last development was Country Lake sub division over 10 years ago. In my opinion, this proposal from Paul Norwood is a very respectful and much required in an area with little growth in the past. It seems like this group is not interested in any form of development or growth.

With the increase in retirements from the "baby boom" era, Lake Echo is an ideal location for such a proposal. What better place to locate a development, close proximity to Dartmouth, Porters Lake, hospitals, recreation facilities and churches. A secure area where persons can enjoy the golden years in an affordable and energy efficient housing.

Benefits:

- 🖶 Increase in HRM tax base revenue
- Increase of services in the Lake echo area, including spin off economies for local merchants.
- With the additional population base, more retail area's would become attractive to prospective merchants
- Additional population will also generate additional support to the community center, local churches and recreation facilities.
- Retired persons and "empty nesters" in Lake Echo who would like to remain in the area would benefit from this option of selling their current homes and moving into a smaller more affordable

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lifestyle.

This would create a great sense of community within the park and surrounding area's with activities designed for retiree's.

Eniviromental:

- All sewage and waste water systems have met the requirements and exceeded the base standards for proper enviromental controls.
- Concerned residents should have their existing properties checked to see if their systems are within code and have these existing septic systems replaced if it is a concern of the watershed.

Traffic:

With an additional entrance and exit to access this proposed lands, there is no other requirements for traffic controls. This village area is for retired persons, who would not in my opinion, affect the normal flow of rush hour congestion or school bus access.

Property Values:

We belive, the property values of existing single family dwellings would remain unchanged for two reasons, 1) the property is isolated from any of the existing sub divisions, 2) the average price of these modular homes range between \$80,000 - \$100,000 and with the current selling prices of existing homes in Lake Echo averaging \$125,000 - \$200,000, I see no impact of the value changing.

More advantages:

- Snow removal will be contained within the agreement and would not increase any additional costs for the current resident area rates
- Roads, landscapeing, enviromental equipment, water and other services have been proposed to exceed building and municpal codes.

In conclusion, we truly believe this project warrents a quick approval to begin the necessary processes forward to create an official business plan with time lines for the phased in construction.

People must be educated that growth benefits all, and with increase growth comes prosperity and legacy.

Sincerely,

Steve and Lyn Miles

Dear Community Councillors,

My name is Dr. Julie Boutilier, and I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and parents Michael and Mary Boutilier. We would like to voice our support with regards to the retirement settlement planned by Mr. Paul Norwood.

Our entire family has lived on the Eastern Shore for many generations and hope to continue to do so for many more decades to come. It is with this hope that a development such as that proposed by Mr. Norwood would facilitate our continued habitation on the Eastern Shore. In fact, within the past five years my grandparents were forced to leave their home on the Eastern Shore due to the ever growing difficulty of taking care of a property with their increasing age. It would have been ideal if my grandparents would have been able to continue to reside on the Eastern Shore where their friends and family also live however this was not possible and they were forced to move to Dartmouth and have since had to move into nursing homes in part due to the inability of family to be nearby.

We have known the Norwood family for over two decades and have grown to respect them greatly. It has therefore come as a complete surprise to hear about the opposition with regards to the planned development in Lake Echo as the Norwood family has only ever had the best intentions with fostering development in the Porters Lake and Lake Echo areas over the decades. It appears that the large hesitation towards the development pertaining to the contamination of the lake is a mute point, as the issues are likely in large part due to older cottage properties.

It is therefore our family's hope that all facts will be taken into consideration when deciding whether to approve this development.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Julie Boutilier

My name is Ron Hollett and I am a senior real estate specialist, selling homes with Re/Max Nova.

A few weeks ago I attended a community meeting in Lake Echo about a Seniors community being proposed by Paul Norwood which I think would be a great asset to the community

After listening to the people who spoke I thought back to the frustation my brother in law, Edward Roach when he was trying to start a senior complex called Northwood, now called the Edward L. Roach Senior Center for Living. This center is now the bench mark for senior living across North America.

I take my hat off to Mr. Norwood for thinking out of the box to find a solution for the much needed affordable senior living and I ask the council to think long and hard about the great need for housing for the senior population.

In addition I think it would be a big boost to the community as well as the seniors.

Mrs. Doane's letter to Council

From: Brenda Lee

Sent: May 31, 2010 7:53:56 PM

To: peter.lund@halifax.ca; rankinr@halifax.ca; outhitt@halifax.ca; harveyb@halifax.ca; brad.johns@halifax.ca; adamss@halifax.ca; mosherl@halifax.ca; humd@halifax.ca; walkerr@halifax.ca; jennifer.watts@halifax.ca; utecks@halifax.ca; sloaned@halifax.ca; blumenj@halifax.ca; wilema@halifax.ca; smithj@halifax.ca; barkhoj@halifax.ca; karsteb@halifax.ca; darren.fisher@halifax.ca; mcclusg@halifax.ca; lorelei.nicoll@halifax.ca; David Hendsbee (David.Hendsbee@halifax.ca); barry.dalrymple@halifax.ca; streats@halifax.ca; kellyp@halifax.ca Attachments:

Mrs. Doane's letter to Council.jpg (50.4 KB)

Please find attached, a letter from a neighbour who has no computer.

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6/1/2010

Fw: New Lake Echo Sub Division

From: allan doane Sent: June 1, 2010 1:00:47 AM

---- Original Message ----From: <u>Glen Rennie</u> To: Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:25 PM Subject: New Lake Echo Sub Division

To whom it may concern: Re: Proposed Lake Echo Retirement Village

I think Mr. Norwood and his team have put a lot of thought, planning and engineering into this. His group have tried to use and share new technology to put in a well needed sub-division in to meet the future needs of seniors. He has seen a need for long time residents, now heading into their senior years, who would like to stay in this area.

I would like to see this project proceed and not be put down by "N.I.M.B.Y" attitudes!

Glen Rennie Lake Echo resident since 1974

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO CASE 01278

From: Sent: To:

Cc:

Josh Norwood

June 9, 2010 2:37:54 PM david.hendsbee@halifax.ca; streats@halifax.ca; barry.dalrymple@halifax.ca

Attachments: HRM community planning minutes.doc (50.0 KB)

Dear Councillors:

As you are already aware, developer Paul Norwood of Mountainview Mobile Home Park Ltd. has made an application to Halifax Regional Municipality (case number 01278) to amend districts 8 & 9 Municipal Planning Strategy to provide the opportunity to develop a Retirement Village / Mobile Home Park in Lake Echo.

On June 1st 2010, I, along with Margot Young and Paul Norwood, attended a meeting with HRM Community Planning Staff, Darrell Joudrey and Kurt Pyle to discuss the report that they prepared relevant to this case. During the meeting I was tasked with taking detailed minutes.

As an educated, professional and critically minded thinker who resides in the Eastern Shore area where this development is proposed, I believe that it is extremely important that you be made aware of the content of this meeting. It is my belief that the information that was told to myself, the developer and Ms. Young during this meeting is imperative; therefore, I have attached comprehensive minutes from the meeting in order that you can be fully informed in your decision of this application.

I have highlighted some of the questions and answers in BLUE that I feel are of particular importance. I find it very worrisome that the HRM Community Planning Staff admittedly chose not to include some crucial information in their report for this case that was provided to the HRM Community Planning office by the developer. Mr. Pyle stated that some of the developer's information was left out of the report because it did not support their decision. Undoubtedly, this omitted information is significant in helping you, our Councillors, to make the most well-informed decision about this application that you can.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Norwood,

Turn down-time into play-time with Messenger games Play Now!

Proposed Retirement Village / Mobile Home Park (Case 01278) Lake Echo, Nova Scotia

Minutes from Meeting with HRM Community Planning – June 1st 2010 HRM Community Planning Office (Boardroom), Alderney Gate, Dartmouth, NS.

Present:

Margot Young – EDM Environmental Design and Management Ltd. Paul Norwood – Developer Josh Norwood – Minute Taker Kurt Pyle – Senior Planner, HRM Darrell Joudrey – Planner, HRM

1316 hrs - Commencement of meeting. Questions / Comments.

Margot Young

Q 1. Asked whether or not the development of a mobile home park in Lake Echo is still an option

Kurt Pyle

Advised that is still an option; however, the developer must proceed by way of open space design / hybrid.

Darrell Joudrey

Added to Mr. Pyle's response by saying that the developer can develop eight (8) lots as of right then the rest would have to follow the open space design model. Indicated that the home plans proposed by the developer are considered a house not a mobile home.

Paul Norwood

Asked whether or not the development could include "clusters" [of homes].

Kurt Pyle

Responded by saying that the aspects of the clusters would have to be looked at and could be considered on part of the land, the rest would have to follow the hybrid model. Advised that one cluster of units may be allowed (no specific number given) because that is what would be consistent with the community character of Lake Echo, the rest of the proposed development would have to follow the hybrid model.

Margot Young

Q 2. Asked about the modular homes proposed by the developer in terms of the Z240 label.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that homes can have two (2) different ratings to them. He stated that a Z240 label is a typical mobile home: 3 x longer then it is wide. An A277 label looks like a "typical house" with different joices.

Paul Norwood

Advised that the homes that he is proposing for the development can be assigned either the Z240 label or the A277 label from the manufacturer.

Margot Young

Asked Mr. Pyle to explain Q 2. again.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that the construction standards are different for a Z240 home versus an A277 home, hence the different labels.

Margot Young

Q 3. Asked what is considered a mobile home versus and modular home is in HRM community planning office's terms.

Darrell Joudrey

Stated that any structure with a CSA Z240 label is considered a mobile home and any structure with a CSA A277 label is considered a modular home.

Margot Young

Q 4. Asked if someone were to purchase a building lot on Lynda Lane in Lake Echo, would HRM issue a building permit that would allow them to put a home with an A277 label (one that is similar to the units proposed in this application) on that lot.

Kurt Pyle / Darrell Joudrey

Both responded yes and indicated that it could be confirmed in writing by Shawn (sp) if we want.

Margot Young

Q 5. Asked whether or not HRM community planning has any concerns about the construction of the homes that the developer is proposing.

Kurt Pyle

Answered no, not that he is aware of because they both meet the building code for what they are.

Margot Young

Q 6. Asked about road length and any limitations on open space designs.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that they try to limit road length when possible and that this development would require two accesses in/out after 100 lots.

Margot Young

Q 7. Inquired about road length and cul-de-sacs.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that cul-de-sacs are permitted 240m after the "choke point" before a second access is required.

Margot Young

Q 8. Asked whether or not there are any limitations on where a second access /entrance in/out has to be located in schedule k.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that to his knowledge there are not limitations on where a second access has to be located.

Paul Norwood

Asked if he decided to go through an open space design development versus getting the land re-zoned to allow for a mobile home park, what the difference is considering the design of the homes is the same.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that under the plan requested, open space design allows for clusters of homes however in this case it may be in contrast with the character of the community.

Margot Young

Q 9. Asked why "clustering" is not compatible with the character of the community.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that it has to do with lot configuring. He indicated that it has to do with how the development is layed out; certain layouts are considered clusters. He stated that they want a hybrid layout. Stated that according to their solicitors, a developer can not own all of the land that a condo sits on in Nova Scotia.

Margot Young

Q 10. Asked about the proposed development and the Department of Environment

Kurt Pyle

Stated that the stuff that was indicated in the report that was prepared by HRM planning was specific to a mobile home park and high density housing.

Margot Young

Stated that this application was for modular homes and low density housing development and asked for a definition of what HRM planning considers high density versus low density housing.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that high density versus low density depends on the layout of the development.

Margot Young

Asked how many homes per acre is considered low density

Kurt Pyle

Advised that one home per 2.5 acres is considered low density. Advised that Mr. Norwood's proposed development would be considered low density.

Margot Young

Asked what is considered high density housing.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that he would need to look at the regional plan (no specific number given).

Margot Young

Asked what is considered medium density housing.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that a medium density housing development would be something comparable to Sunset Ridge, but he would have to check further.

Margot Young

Q 11. Asked about this development specifically and the comments from the Department of Environment again.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that whatever the Department of Environment approves is acceptable and that HRM community planning would not concern itself with that aspect of a development. Talked about 20/80 hybrid and that the septic for the lot area developed in the 20% can occupy the 80% area.

Margot Young

Q 12. Asked whether or not cluster home developments can share septics.

Kurt Pyle

Answered yes.

Margot Young

Q 13. Asked that if the developer did a portion hybrid/ portion cluster development would it be consistent with the MPS.

Kurt Pyle

Advised that he could not think of any reasons why it would not be consistent with the MPS at this stage.

Margot Young

Q 14. Asked if the Department of Environment approved the septic would HRM Community Planning.

Kurt Pyle

Answered yes.

Darrell Joudrey

Stated that the Department of Environment had good things to say about this proposed development.

Margot Young

Offered a synopsis of the conversation so far. She stated that so far based on the questions asked / answered, the issue that HRM community planning has with the proposed development is: not about the look/aesthetic/design of the units; is not about the density of the proposed development; is not about environmental issues or sewage treatment; rather, it is about the individual homes on lots versus clusters of homes.

Kurt Pyle

Agreed with Ms. Young's summary. Stated that high density developments and clusters of homes go against the community character for the area. Also questioned whether or not a business model where land is owned by the developer and rented to tenants is in keeping with the community character for Lake Echo (rentals versus ownership and the percentage of each in the community).

Margot Young

Commented on the fact that a lot of support letters / e-mails were left out of the report and not talked about; however, the letters of opposition were referenced in the body of the report.

Darrell Joudrey

Stated that he included all of the e-mails and letters that he had. He stated that he does not know how some slipped through.
Margot Young

Commented on the fact additional information that the developer forwarded to HRM Community Planning including minutes from an information meeting held by the developer on March 19th 2010; affidavit from a wastewater treatment operator who collected samples from the existing wastewater treatment plant (formally owned by the developer); conceptual drawings / interior plans for homes proposed by the developer for this development; and, information on the AdvanTex wastewater treatment system proposed for the development was not included in the report prepared by HRM Community Planning.

Kurt Pyle

Advised that they only put in documents that were required. Stated that at the time of the original application, the application was for a typical mobile home park. Stated that the material did not support HRM Community Planning's decision therefore it was not included in the report.

Margot Young

Q 15. Asked why the HRM Community Planning report did not set out a development agreement. Asked why not put formal criteria in.

Kurt Pyle

Questioned whether or not this project is consistent with what the community wants.

Margot Young

Q 16. Asked whether or not a development agreement could address concerns with the proposal

Kurt Pyle

Stated that there is nothing that can not be dealt with under a development agreement as far as the number of units and environmental obligations go; however, the community character issue can not be dealt under a development agreement. Stated that the community is clear that they do not want more than 22% rentals in the area. Questioned whether or not there is a justification for an increase in rentals in the community of Lake Echo.

Margot Young

Q 17. Asked where else have mobile home parks been approved in HRM since amalgamation.

Kurt Pyle

Advised that there were no new mobile home parks approved, only expansions; one on Lucasville Rd.

Margot Young

Q 18. Asked whether or not there are any areas in HRM where new mobile home parks can be developed, and where this type of business model can be operated in particular.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that districts 8 and 9 allow for expansions. Musquodoboit Valley, Bedford and districts 15, 18 and 19 allow for new developments.

Margot Young

Q 20. Asked where the 22% policy comes from

Kurt Pyle

Stated that it comes from the Lake Echo designation (showed a bound report).

Josh Norwood

Asked what year the report was written.

Kurt Pyle

Replied 1989.

Margot Young

Q 21. Asked whether or not new policy would be written if Council decides to recommend the proposal.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that yes, new policy would be written.

Margot Young

Q 22. Asked, prior to Reg. plan (Lake Echo designation written in 1989) could the developer have developed another mobile home park.

Kurt Pyle

Stated that yes, the developer could have but the land would have to be re-zoned, R-3 zone, policy P-62.

Margot Young

Q 23. Asked whether or not anyone ever re-zoned land to R-3 since amalgamation.

Kurt Pyle

Advised not that he was aware of and he has been working in HRM planning for 20 years.

Margot Young

Q 24. Asked whether or not there is such a thing as a modular home park.

Darrell Joudrey

Stated not here [in Nova Scotia] and he is not aware of any in Canada.

Margot Young

Q 25. Asked if Council approves the application, could the Mobile Home Park Bylaw be re-written to accommodate the A277 unit type.

Kurt Pyle

Indicated that he could not see why not.

Margot Young

Q 26. For a second time, asked why the developer's information was not included in the HRM Community Planning report. Asked was it because it did not support the recommendation.

Kurt Pyle

Stated "Yes." Because of the recommendation that was made. It did not support the recommendation. Stated that a mobile home park and environmental concerns can be addressed by way of development agreement however an increase beyond 22% rentals in Lake Echo goes against the community character for the area.

1445 hours - Meeting concluded.

Minutes prepared by Josh Norwood.

My name is Bill McLaughlin

I would like to thank you for letting me speak as a ratepayer on the Planning districts 8 & 9 case 01278. This case has been the subject of two PIMS that I spoke at. To date the two PIMS we attended have shown that HRM is applying due diligence to this project evin though it comes a little late The second PIM identified me as Mr. For the minutes. I have provided paperwork tonight so that I cannot be misidentified.

We in Lake Echo have been developing at an excellent rate in the last twenty years. Look at the growth in our Lake Echo community on the Mineville Rd. We are a very small community and therefor any new house is an important addition to the community.

The current staff report presented after the two PIM's I consider to be excellent advice to Council. My concerns are in the main environment. I am sure others will have other important concerns but I will limit mine to two.

First: The done deal approach the developer has applied to this project and the poor presentation given to the public when presented with normal questions at the PIM's. We have been told that work had to be done to do tests. I do not believe that the work done was all in support of tests.

The other item I want to talk about is Lake Echo disasters and changes.

The disasters and changes I refer to are sewage problems in 1980's, new development requests in 1990's, Hurricane Juan in last decade and the big fire .

Hurricane Juan provided a platform for harvesters with the help of politicians to flatten the lands here and surrounding areas. As well I believe the promised employment on this project went to the New Brunswick Forest Harvesters. All of this is not what we expected but should be considered when evaluating what will happen with more changes.

I now draw your attention to the paperwork I have provided.

Annex A to F: They show possible damage to our watershed and demonstrate that something has happened already to the land that is not good.

Verbal good intentions do not make things happen. Good intentions expressed by investors and developers at the highest levels of government on the North American Continent are now haunting us all. This project is small by comparison but certainly depicts a level of inconsistences that do not pass the smell test when it comes to my environment.

Thank you for listening.

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Most of us have a pretty good idea what a wetland is, even though we may not be able to again in the fall. Many of our forested wetlands and floodplain swamps are relatively dry pools and ephemeral woodland ponds where many salamanders, frogs and turtles spend year. If you are standing in one, your feet are most likely getting a good soaking unless Most wetlands are at least soggy if not brimming with standing water for much of the provide a precise definition if asked. Wetlands are wet. That's a simple way to put it. you have rubber boots on, but this is not always the case. Some wetlands like vernal a good portion of the spring, typically dry out in summer and may or may not fill up for much of the year as well.



that flower in different seasons, to the sorts of animals that are likely to be breeding, scrounging for food or hibernating wetland that makes up its overall character. From changing degrees of sogginess, to the many different kinds of plants Visiting a wetland from week to week and season to season you will observe many different "personality traits" of the especially true for wetlands, "if you want an adventure in nature, take the same walk that you took yesterday, and do so again tomorrow." If you want to see something new today, go back to the same wetland you visited yesterday. there. The variable nature wetlands makes them especially interesting places to visit throughout the year, but also The one constant about wetlands is that they are always changing. The words of naturalist John Burroughs ring particularly tricky to pin down with a precise definition.









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BOIL WATER ADVISORY

To: All Residents, Mountainview Estates

Date: April 27, 2010

A temporary boil water advisory is in effect <u>immediately</u> for all residents of Circle Drive, Happy Drive, Grumpy Lane, Sneezy Avenue, Bashful Avenue, Dopey Lane, Sleepy Lane, Doc Avenue and Snow White Drive due to possible water quality issues.

Residents are advised to boil all water for at least two (2) minutes before drinking, preparing infant formulas, preparing juices and ice cubes, washing fruits or vegetables, cooking, or dental hygiene. Please take any other reasonable precautions.

Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Toddlers and infants should be sponge bathed. If dishes are hand washed they should be washed and rinsed in hot tap water, soaked in a dilute solution of unscented household bleach (20ml of unscented household bleach in 10 litres of water) for one minute and dried. Alternatively, dishwashers with a hot water cycle will disinfect dishes. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine

This advisory is in effect until further notice.

We do expect this matter to be resolved very quickly and will keep you informed as to the status.



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From: To: Date: Subject:	Peter Kelly Clerks Office 31/05/2010 10:36 am Fwd: New Gated Seniors Park in Lake Echo	HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY MAY 3 1 2010 S.G. MUNICIPAL CLERK

Karen Dominix

>>> On May 29, 2010 at 1:59 pm, in message rote:

Hi,

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My name is Karen Dominix. I have lived in Lake Echo all my life for 35 years and all I ever have seen is businesses struggling and closing because of lack of support possible being partial to the low # of families living here in Lake Echo compared to other communities.

To have the new development of the "Gated Seniors Park" that Paul Norwood wants to develope would benefit us greatly. I think especially all the local businesses; ie Hair Shop, Convience Stores, Community Center etc...like I said that are struggling. I also believe it will bring new businesses back and create jobs for people living in Lake Echo.

Paul Norwood is a well respected and trustworthy guy and I have NO worries that this new development will meet and exceed all rules, regulations and expectations to protect the environment around us.

So that being said I see NO reason that Paul shouldn't be able to go ahead with this great new "addition" to our community!

Thanks for listening!

Karen & Cory Dominix

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Sena Elizabeth Gbeve - Fwd: Seniors Mobile Park

From: To: Date: Subject: Attachments:	Clerks Office Christen MacDonald; Sena Elizabeth Gbeve 01/06/2010 10:01 AM Fwd: Seniors Mobile Park	HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY JUN 0 1 2010 S.4
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>>> On June 1, 2010 at 7:57 am, in message

"Lynn Purchase"

wrote:

My family moved to Lake Echo in November of 1968 and I am now living nearer the city. I expect to retire in the near future and I was very excited to hear about the plan for a 'Senior Mobile Park'. Seniors are looking for safer and quieter neighourhoods in which to spend their retirement years, have a small yard and know that some maintenance services will be available if needed. I think this park will fulfill a lot of seniors needs that we worry about that may not be available to us in the up coming future, I feel this park would be a plus for this community.

The park would generate growth to Lake Echo which in means more amenities for everyone and I can't imagine that this would have negative repercussions to this community in any way.

Myself being a baby boomer, the park opens up some options for our future living arrangements and I would hope the residents of this beautiful community would have the foresight to approve this venture.

Sincerely,

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From:Dan and Joan ReganTo:<joudred@halifax.ca>Date:10/06/2010 9:51 amSubject:FW: Plea for our Community

Mr. Joudrey:

Thank you for the time and effort you and your staff put into the report on case number 01278: MPS Amendment to permit a mobile home development in Lake Echo. Your presentation at the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council last eventing was very well put together, well presented, and very informative.

I must say that is discouraging to see your efforts negated by the obvious bias of our councilor.

I have sent the attached E-mail to Mayor Kelly with a copy to Councilor Hendsbee in an attempt to draw some attention to this misuse of power.

If I can be of any assistance in your future work on this issue, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Regards

Dan Regan

Date: Thu, 10 Jun 2010 09:59:21 -0200

Subject: Plea for our Community Date: Thu, 10 Jun 2010 09:57:53 -0200

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Mayor Kelly, You have ridden floats in our Lake Echo Fiesta Days parade. You know as well as any one that the vision we hold for our quiet little community is significantly different than that of Porters Lake. If this were not so, then Staff would have included the communities together in the Visioning exercise from

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Dan Regan

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Dan Regan

Game on: Challenge friends to great games on Messenger

Dan and Joan Regar From: Tor CC: 10/06/2010 11.27 am Date: RE: Plea for our Community Subject:

David - Thanks for the quick response to my E-mail.

On your note about the subdivision, Destiny Homes has begun developing a subdivision across the street from me on Country Lake Drive that will potentially add 250 homes to our community. We have not and will not oppose this development. And If Mr. Norwood proposed a subdivision of single family homes on 40,000 square foot lots with individual wells and septic systems, we would not be having this dispute.

The hot tempers on our side of the discussion are driven by frustration of not being heard as a community, having Mr. Norwood's family and friends from Porters Lake swoop in and circulate a Hail Mary petition after the Staff Report has been released, and your obvious commitment to do what ever is necessary to see this project go ahead.

Respectfully

Dan

- > Date: Thu, 10 Jun 2010 10:09:11 -0300
- > From: David.Hendsbee@halifax.ca
- > To:
- > CC.

> Subject: Re: Plea for our Community

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> > Thank you for your consideration of this difficult situation. > > > > Regards > > > > > > Dan Regan > > > > > > > > > . > > > > > > > > > Game on: Challenge friends to great games on Messenger > http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=9734387 From: To: CC: Date: 10/06/2010 12:35 pm Subject: Case 01278

Hello Councillor Hendsbee, I attended the community council meeting June 9th. 2010. I observed from the staff report, which I read , Mr. Joudrey & staff worked very hard for several months to compile a 200 page document that concluded at very least a visioning study be conducted for Lake Echo . It took you only 60 minutes to tear it apart and find flaws. Why do you bother to have staff make recommendations for council if you do not listen to what have to say ? This is a sad day for HRM democracy , how many more times are you willing to task staff with the same case ? Will it be over when you get what you requested to council Jan 20th. 2009 ? Note : few residents of the community new of your request to amend the planning district 8 & 9 municipal planning strategy and land use bylaw to permit a mobile home park June edition 2010 of the Easter Gazette, you councillor Hendsbee are referring to this case 01278 as a Retirement Home Park. The current application submitted by Mr. Norwood is for a MOBILE HOME PARK NOT a retirement home park I'm requesting you submit the correct information to the Gazette and ask for a reprint in the next edition. I am also asking you, any future communication with the community as councilor you address proposed development as per the original request by Mr. Norwood and stop miss leading the community in believing it is a retirement home park. It is a MOBILE HOME PARK I am appalled and discussed at the way you single handedly manipulated the agenda of case 01278 in favor of the developer. May I remind you , residents of district 3 elected you , you are there to serve the interests of all the community, not an individual developer & a few others who are lined up at the money trough

You publicly stated at the Lake Echo boat meeting & through various emails, that you are not bias and must remain neutral in case 01278, perhaps you should sit down with Mr. Norwood and view the recording that ATV recorded at the June 9th, meeting it may shed some light on public perception.

Robert Ferguson

From:Dan and Joan ReganTo:CC:Date:14/06/2010 11.54 amSubject:Blurred Vision

Visioning Exercise for our Community

Dear Mayor Kelly and HRM Councillors:

The recently released HRM staff report regarding Case 01278 has recommended that no ammendment be made to the existing MPS until the community visioning exercise for Lake Echo is completed. Most of the residents of Lake Echo endorse this finding and anxiously await the outcome of the exercise, which will allow input from our community to determine the direction development will take in the future.

Unfortunatly, the developer and his supporters may not have the patience to wait for this exercise to take place. We expect that Councilor Hedsbee will introduce a motion in Council that either:

Lake Echo be moved from 23rd on the list of communities to go through the visioning process to the top half of the list.

Lake Echo carry out it's visioning exercise in conjunction with Porters Lake, which is currently #5 on the list.

Either option is not fair. Option 1 is not fair to the other 22 communities ahead of Lake Echo, who have been put on the list based on specific priorities that impact thier development. Bringing other communities ahead just to satisfy the desires of one developer only makes a mockery of the selection system, and the whole process.

Option 2 is a thinly veiled attempt by the developer to take control of the visioning process and use his significant influence in the Porters Lake area to manipulate the exercise to achieve his finacial objectives. (Note that the developer and his supporters are from Porter Lake. The developers is a prominant well connected buisness man who lives and works in that community.)

Please do not let these individuals take control of a process designed to ensure that the communities have some input into thier future.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards

Dan Regan

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From:	David Hendsbee	
To:	Cathy Mellett; Dan and Joan Regan ; Michel Gaudreau; Paul Norwood	
CC:	Barry Dalrymple; Clerks Office; Darrell Joudrey; Jennifer Little; Kr	
Date:	14/06/2010 4:35 pm	
Subject:	RE: Petition Presented at MVDCCC meeting 9 June 2010	

Hello All :

For the benefit of everyone concerned , I did a review and tally of the June 9/10 petition that included 936 names. The community distribution of those that signed it is as follows :

Lake Echo (Trailer Park addresses) - 344 Lake Echo residents outside of trailer park - 281 Mineville Residents - 77 In total from the Lake Echo MPS Designation area = 702 (75 %)

Another 152 signatures are from the same MPS area : (Hfx. Co. District 8 & 9 - Lake Echo / Porters Lake) - 16.25 %: Porters Lake - 107 Head Chezzetcook - 22 West Chezzetcook - 21 East Chezzetcook - 5 Grand Desert - 3 Seaforth - 2 Conrod Settlement - 2

The remaining 82 signatures (8.75~%) are from $\,$: East Preston - 14 Westphal - 13 Cole Harbour - 6 Musquodoboit Harbour - 3 Oyster Pond - 2 East Jeddore - 1 Sheet Harbour - 1 Cherry Brook - 1 East Lawrencetown - 2 Lawrencetown - 2 Cow Bay - 1 Dartmouth - 19 Eastern Passage - 1 Lower Sackville - 3 Halifax - 2 Enfield - 1

I trust this information will be helpful to clarify some concerns over the residency factor of the petition.

Regards to all : DAH

Other ? - 10

David Andrew Hendsbee HRM Councillor District 3 : Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook Tel #: 829-2465 Fax #: 829-3620 Cell #: 483-0705 E-Mail: david.hendsbee@halifax.ca E-mail: david@hendsbee.ns.ca Web-site: www.halifax.ca/district3 web-site: www.halifax.ca

>>> Cathy Mellett 14/06/2010 1:33 pm >>>

Dear Mr. Gaudreau;

Your concerns as noted, are included for the record. Ms. Tidgwell has provided you with a copy of the petition, which has been submitted to our office as part of the public record. As she indicated, due to HRM's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Policy, it is the practice of this office to severe the personal information contained within the Petition respecting signatures and mailing addresses when provided outside of this office. Thus that information has been removed. We follow this process to ensure our obligation to balance access to information and to protect personal privacy.

I also want to add that petitions are not binding on the municipality, they are one, among many means for members of the public to express their views and opinions on a matter. They are weighed and considered as each member of Council or Community Council deems them appropriate and have no special legal standing in regard to any matter before Council or Community Council.

As you noted, administrative order 1 and the associated policies outline the practices to be followed in submission of petitions. I also want to note that Council or Community Councils have full discretion to accept petitions as they see fit. A petition is an expression of the views and opinions of those submitting the petition only, and not those of the municipality.

Most sincerely

Cathy Mellett A/Clerk Manager Office of the Municipal Clerk

>>> Michel Gaudreau Ms. Tidgwell,

3/2010 10:44 >>>

Thank you very much for your prompt response to my request. Could it be confirmed for the record that the petition has in fact been accepted by HRM? This despite the following objections and observations:

1- The objection that the petition was conducted under the false pretenses of a "Retirement Village" submitted to you on 10 June 2010.

2- The petition was not submitted in accordance with the minimum mandatory requirements as set out on the HRM website " <u>http://www.halifax.ca/petitions/"</u>, in that the name, civic address, and either telephone number or email address of the originator of the petition was not submitted or included with the petition.

Also as per the requirement prior to submitting a FOIPOP request, I am obligated to make an informal request for the information prior to submitting it. Therefore if HRM accepts the petition, I request once again that I be provided with a copy of the petition that includes the names and civic addresses of the signatories in accordance with the instructions provided by HRM for petition submission in that " All information contained in a petition is deemed to be public information, including the names and addresses of those signing the petition."

Thank you very much,

Michel Gaudreau

Original Message
 From: Krista Tidgwein
 Sent: June-11-10 10:30 AM
 To: Michel Gaudreau
 Cc: Barry Dalrymple; Clerks Office; David Hendsbee; Steve Streatch
 Subject: Re: Petition Presented at MVDCCC meeting 9 June 2010

Mr. Gaudreau:

Attached is the Petition submitted by Mr. Allan Doane during the Marine Drive, Valley and Carial Community Council June 9, 2010 session respecting Case 01278: MPS Amendments to permit a mobile home development in Lake Echo.

Due to HRM's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Policy, personal information contained within the Petition respecting signatures and mailing addresses have been removed.

Please contact me at or Councillor Hendsbee should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Krista Tidgwell Legislative Assistant Municipal Clerks Office

>>> Michel Gaudreau Good day Councillor Hendsbee, 10/06/2010 9:31 pm >>>

As an individual concerned about the possible effects of high density housing on the environment and the community of Lake Echo, I would like to pass on the following concerns about the petition presented by a group at the meeting of 9 June 2010. I also formally request that this correspondence be part of all public records regarding and relating to this petition.

I formally state that this petition has been undertaken using false representation by petitioners in that the petition text states "Retirement Village", and is referring to previous claims repeatedly made by the developer during Public Meetings to the effect that his" development will filter and/or limit occupancy based on age" contrary to the laws in force in Nova Scotia. On the basis that the Information provided to signatories is false and inaccurate, it is requested that the petition as submitted be rejected.

It is also requested that if the petition as submitted meets the requirements of Administrative Order Number One, and is accepted by the HRM, that I be provided with a copy which includes the addresses of signatories for verification purposes as soon as it is made public. Soft copy will suffice.

Yours truly,

Michel Gaudreau

 From:
 Michel Gaudreau
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 To:
 "Darrell Joudrey"
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 CC:
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 Date:
 16/06/2010 10:17 pm
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 Subject:
 Thank You From Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo. (Case01278)

Mr Joudrey and Mr Pyle,

On behalf of Citizens for responsible development in Lake Echo, I would like to pass on to both of you a very sincere and honest thank you for all of the hard work that was put into the preparation of the Staff Report presented to MDVCCC on 9 June 2010.

Our organization is very much focused on this application and was concerned that interference from Councillor Hendsbee would have a direct effect on the professional and unbiased report that you produced. I would like to point out that I am glad that you have allayed our concerns. As an organization which is over 200 families strong in Lake Echo, we were concerned that staff might be coerced to accommodate the wishes of Councillor Hendsbee. Your professionalism has obviously prevented you from taking the easy course of action; you have done what was right instead of what was easy.

It was very humiliating to see Councillor Hendsbee not only minimize the contents of the report the other evening, but also openly attempt to discredit the efforts put into this report - which in our opinion was not only the fairest possible outcome for this application, but also the action that follows the 2006 HRM planning guidance. It was a very sad day for many of us in attendance to see how a single elected individual could so easily and openly manipulate and attempt to destroy a report that ultimately reflected the concerns of the community under the premises of public participation. Although many, if not most, in our group have lost faith in Councillor Hendsbee to represent the interests of our community, we would like to reassure staff that we fully recognize that your organization displayed fairness and honesty in your recommendations and that you have earned respect from our group. It is our intention to forge ahead despite this obviously unnecessary setback, and want to reassure you that we do represent the voice of majority in Lake Echo - as opposed to voices with questionable motives from outside of our community.

Once again thank you very much,

Michel Gaudreau

Co-chair

Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo

21 10 06:02p Mike McLaughlin



From: W.L.McLaughlin

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Hi Krista:

I am a little slow with this but I hope you can get it around to those who got my paperwork at the June meeting. I intended to speak either during the staff presentation or at the end of the meeting when public can say anything that concerns them. Maybe I should have given two weeks' notice.

If I had been able to speak, the following is what I would have said in less than 5minutes:

Annex A: Wetlands provide water to both downstream lakes and as well to the groundwater as they usually are located at the water table.

Annex B: All over this area you see the wetland code as shown on code notes on conceptual site plan. What happens when you throw in uncontrolled high density development in the form of as many as you can get mobile or manufactured homes onto this land. If developer gets the ok for the zoning requested as per this plan that is what can happen. The plan is poorly thought out and presented when sewage on p3 and p4 are overlapping a swampy area and uphill from the lake that currently supplies water to over 300 homes. Would you allow this development on the Halifax or Dartmouth watershed? I would like to say though that Jack Weeks Lake on the eastern side looks like mother nature in her bonnet with bogs around her head watching, what we are doing.

Annex C: Look at the roads around Jack Weeks Lake and even going to Porters Lake.

Annex D: Same roads on property but different company.

Annex E: This is an add to sell Still Water Village retirement homes which are the properties shown on the conceptual site plan for the same area. This used to say available in fall of 2010 but has recently been changed.

Annex F: If you go on map quest you see roads on the land in question that aim towards Porters Lake. The developers conceptual plan shows that noone owns the lands in between. How can that be and what is going on. Do people just scribble lines on paper because they have nothing else to do.

Annex G: I submit this only as info to show that many individuals are affected by water quality when the source of it has a problem.

Annex H: This is an aerial photo of the land in Question. You can see the existing Trailer Park and the lakes involved. Important to note that all green canopy has been removed. The developer has made his money from harvesting all softwood. If you look at the few green spots you will find that they are the boggier areas. Property lines are well defined by the clear cutting that removed what was a very old and mature forest. I understand that the developer had some kind of permit to start his development without proper zoning and against all HRM development plans.

Bill Mc Laughlin

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From:David HendsbeeTo:Date:24/06/2010 12:09 pmSubject:FYI - Article in Halifax Herald - June 24 /10 - Mobile home park permit eyed

FYI -Article in Halifax Herald - June 24 /10 -Mobile home park permit eyed

By CHRIS LAMBIE Business Editor Thu, Jun 24 / 10 - 4:54 AM When is a mobile home park not a mobile home park?

The developer behind a proposal to set up as many as 350 modular homes in Lake Echo said he is applying for a permit to build a mobile home park because that way it will cost about one-third the price he would have to shell out for what's termed an open-space design subdivision.

"They're too expensive to build," Paul Norwood, president of Mountain View Mobile Home Park Ltd., said Wednesday.

"It's not a mobile home park. But you have to call it a mobile home park in order to be able to develop it as a mobile home park and put these homes in."

The business plan is almed at doing "it as cheap as you can without cutting corners," Norwood said.

Developing it as a mobile home park means he can make smaller lots and narrower roads with less paving and no ditches.

"It's a cheaper way to put the development in to keep it affordable housing," Norwood said.

Fredericton's Maple Leaf Homes is building the modular homes, which will sell for \$130,000 to \$150,000 each.

If he had to go the more expensive route, monthly rent for the lots might hit \$500, Norwood said.

But if he gets a permit to build it as a mobile home park, monthly rent would probably be around \$300.

He insists the structures, which will have peaked roofs and sit on a concrete slab, are not mobile homes.

"They're like a little bungalow," said Norwood.

Over the next decade, he wants to put seven clusters of 50 homes on the 240-hectare property off Circle Drive.

Norwood's family developed two other mobile home parks he sold to Killam Properties about three years ago.

Norwood is proposing that the project would only be open to people his age and older, with snow removal and lawn care included in the lot rental. He is even talking about making it a gated community, although that could prove difficult in terms of allowing access to emergency vehicles.

Of all the homes in Lake Echo, 32 per cent are now mobile homes, said a recent municipal staff report.

"The proposed new development would create at least an additional 200 units (that) would increase the percentage of mobiles within the community of Lake Echo to over 40 per cent, which, in staff's opinion, is much higher than the community envisioned," said the report.

It recommends that council "wait until visioning is completed for Lake Echo before making any decision on the site-specific plan amendment."

Opponents have raised concerns about environmental issues surrounding the project's proposed sewage treatment plan.

But Norwood said his proposed high-tech waste water treatment system won't hurt the environment.

Some Lake Echo residents fear the development lower property values.

"There's a stigma attached with it and people are not going to want to move to HRM's trailer park," said Dan Regan, who lives in the community.

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From:Michel GaudreauTo:CC:Date:05/07/2010 6:53 pmSubject:Environmental Impact Assessment and Watershed Study Lake Echo (Case01278).

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Good day Mr. Joudrey

As stated by Councillor Hendsbee during the MDVCCC meeting of 9 June 2010; . Planning staff have among other requests been asked to provide report on development options such as a possibility of upwards of 500 single-family homes on the lands of Mr. Norwood.

Assuming that this is even physically possible given the available portion of the lands suitable for development; it brings into question the purpose of the statement and request from MDVCCC. It would seem very likely that this has been requested to demonstrate that the environmental impact of what is currently permitted on this site would be of no greater impact than the current application by the developer.

Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo fully agrees with the concept of determining the direct and indirect possible environmental impacts of development on this property; however we request that in the interest of accurate representation, certain exceptions be noted and considered when studying the available development options

Despite claims by Councillor Hendsbee in support of the developer that the application is for the development of 200 mobile/modular homes, it is public record that the developer has far greater aspirations for his property. The developer as recently as 24 June 2010 told the Chronicle Herald that the proposal is for as many as 350 homes and he has previously stated that upwards of 650 mobile homes could over time be placed on this property by way of development agreement. The developer's own concept plan submitted shows potential future development areas and clearly shows that generally speaking the whole area could in some way or another be developed over time. Given that the construction in progress on the site clearly shows that the developer has full intentions of development to 200 units is purely meant to make the proposed development more palatable to uninformed supporters.

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housing development has been that our environment does not have the capacity to cope with this type of housing. It is already clearly identified in the current MPS for our district that it is likely that high density housing will have direct negative environmental effects on the waters of our community. Questions regarding both the quality and quantity of our watershed are also identified in the current MPS and it remains unknown if the watershed has the capacity to adequately service the number of homes that Mr. Norwood would ultimately place on his lands if approval is granted.

Despite the fact that our group has produced various correspondence and referenced reports in support of the current MPS for our district; little if in fact any consideration has been made throughout this application process to determine if the environment or the technology has changed to the extent that Lake Echo would now have the environmental capacity to cope with high density housing regardless of the type (mobile, component, constructed) without further damaging and degrading our waters. Our community group contends that the environmental limitations in the existing MPS were derived from sound research and studies and if anything are more relevant today than when the MPS was created during the last community consultations. It is common knowledge in the community that the quality of the watershed area has visually degraded (proliferation of algae) in recent years. It only stands to reason that extensive local clear cut logging has affected the phosphorous levels of our watershed and has substantially increased sedimentation levels including lower PH levels in most of our watershed area.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards.

Michel Gaudreau

Co-chair

Citizens for responsible Development in Lake Echo

From: To:	David Hendsbee
CC: Date: Subject: Attachments:	05/07/2010 11:48 pm Re: Environmental Impact Assessment and Watershed Study Lake Echo (Case01278). Microsoft Word - PL SMB Watershed Study Scope Nov 9 2009.pdf

Hello Michel :

For your information the municipality has already hired a consultant to do the watershed study for the Porters Lake / Lake Echo area. The Initial report of this process goes back as far as Feb / March 2008 : See this link for that initial report : http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/080304ca82.pdf Since then, HRM staff have been engrossed in the developing the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the study. Also limited budget resources delayed the eventual tender call. It was also coupled with the Watershed study for the Upper Tantallon / St. Margaret's Bay area in order to gain a better consultant's bid price. (Tender # 10-017 RFP - Request for Proposals).

You may also want to review the minutes of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board meeting of Sept. 16th, 2009 that critique the TOR : <u>http://halifax.ca/boardscom/hhcwab/documents/090916.pdf</u> It was also referenced briefly in the RPAC (Regional Planning Advisory Committee) meeting of Nov. 25th, 2009 : <u>http://halifax.ca/boardscom/rpcsc/documents/091125minutes.pdf</u>.

Attached is a revised version of the TOR that was finally ready for tender by late November 2009 but not called until early in the new year. I believe this is the final version of that TOR for the RFP. That RFP was not tendered until Feb. 19th, 2010. There were 4 bidders : Stantec, Conestoga Rovers & Assoc., AECOM, and CBCL. The contract was posted and awarded to CBCL on April 16th, 2010.

I recently met with the successful bidder - Gordon Smith of CBCL, along with HRM Project co-ordinator Maureen Ryan on Monday, June 21st, 2010. We discussed many aspects and different issues from across the entire study area which goes from Lake Echo / Mineville to East Chezzetcook / West Petpeswick area.

From that meeting, I am to compile a priority list of local organizations and individuals that should be contacted and interviewed during this watershed consultation process. I will be including your name and the "Citizens for Responsible Development in Lake Echo" onto that list. In fact, this topic will be featured in my upcoming edition of the August 2010 Councillor's Communique newsletter.

I trust this should meet with your satisfaction and approval. BUT I want to be sure you do not confuse or misconstrue this as an " Environmental Impact Assessment" (EA). HRM does not order those. It is the NS Dept of Environment (NSDOE) that has the right to order such an EA. HRM would only require the necessary NS DoE approvals as a part of a Development Agreement contract. This was one of those other points I wanted clarified in that request for a supplementary report from the Community Council of June 9th, 2010.

As you can see that the watershed study was already part of the overall Regional Plan Visioning exercise for Porters Lake and the Lake Echo area was included as a part of it. With respect to the Norwood proposal, HRM staff made their latest recommendation knowingly that this other process was about to unfold and to have both processes parallel one another and coincide together.

Respectfully : DAH

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards, Michel Gaudreau Co-chair Citizens for responsible Development in Lake Echo From:Paul NorwoodTo:David Hendsbee <david.hendsbee@halitax.ca>CC:Darrell Joudrey <joudred@halifax.ca>,Date:08/09/2010 6:21 pmSubject:Letter from NS SeniorsAttachments:NS Seniors Letter.pdf

Hi David, here is a copy of a letter that I received from the Department of Seniors regarding the proposed retirement village for Lake Echo. Thanks, Paul

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September 1, 2010

Ms. Margot Young Environmental Design and Management Ltd.

Dear Ms. Young:

I want to thank you, Paul Norward and Duncan Cann for taking the time to meet with staff of the Department of Seniors on August 10, 2010 to present on your affordable housing initiative for the Lake Echo area. My staff provided me with a comprehensive overview of the meeting discussion as well as your background documents

Housing options is a key goal of the Department's Strategy for Positive Aging in Nova Scotia. We certainly support and encourage entrepreneurs and developers to offer a range of housing options for seniors. Considering that our senior population is quite diverse, so too is the array of housing that must be made available to them. Seniors want choices and affordable housing is an attractive option.

Lapplaud you for your efforts and commitment to increase affordable housing units for the senior population in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Twish you all the best in the future and in your work to support seniors in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

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Valerie White Chief Executive Officer

From:John WithrowTo:<joudred@halifax.ca>Date:09/09/2010 8:30 pmSubject:Fw: Proposed Traier Park for Lake Echo

---- Original Message From: John Withrow To. joudrey@halifax.ca Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 4:21 PM Subject: Proposed Traier Park for Lake Echo

Hello Mr. Joudrey,

It is my understanding there is a petition of residents in favour of the proposed expansion of the Mountain View Mobile Home park by Paul Norwood and another petition from a community group expressing concern with the new development. Are these petitions public documents and available to a ratepayer in the community?

If the petitions are available I would like to review them, I would appreciate it if you could let me know one way or the other.

Thank you,

John Withrow