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Halifax Regional Council
May 15, 2012

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Jennifer Watts, Chair, Peninsula Community Council

DATE: April 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Schmidtville as a Heritage Conservation District

ORIGIN

Presentation to Peninsula Community Council April 16, 2012; and motion by Peninsula Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Peninsula Community Council recommends Halifax Regional Council request that staff expedite the Schmidtville application on the priority listing of Heritage Conservation Districts so that it could be dealt with immediately following the review of the Barrington South district.

BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, the Friends of Schmidtville have made presentations to Peninsula Community Council on their desire to see Schmidtville designated as a Heritage Conservation District.

DISCUSSION

The Friends of Schmidtville have had discussions with staff about initiating their request to establish Schmidtville as a heritage conservation district. They have been informed that it could take six years before their application is considered due to competing priorities to establish heritage conservation districts in other areas. The Friends of Schmidtville have expressed concern about the increasing encroachment of inappropriate development on their community and feel that its unique historic character is at risk and urged Community Council to support their request to have their application expedited. They are aware that, presently, staff is reviewing the Barrington South area, and they would like to have their application dealt with following the completion of Barrington South.

The Friends of Schmidtville believe their application would move along quickly as there is strong support from the residents of the area, an association with regard to the application has been formed in the community; and that The Friends of Schmidtville have already carried out significant historical research on the area.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report. Any budget implications would have to be outlined in a subsequent staff report to Council.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

Compliance with the Financial Management Policies/Business Plan would have to be outlined in a future staff report on this matter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Peninsula Community Council regularly receives presentations from members of the public, and neighbourhood and community associations. This report is a result of a community association engaging Community Council in a local issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Any Environmental Implications associated with this matter would have to be outlined in a subsequent staff report.

ALTERNATIVES

Community Council did not provide Alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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