

Item No. 4
Halifax Regional Council
May 29, 2012

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed by Director

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Brad Anguish, Director, Community and Recreation Services

DATE: May 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Petition (Case 17418) Telecommunication monopole at 30 Chipstone Close, Halifax**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

- On December 13, 2011 Atlas Group Limited, on behalf of Bell Mobility, submitted an application to construct a 30-metre telecommunication monopole structure with equipment shelter at 30 Chipstone Close, Halifax.
- On February 21, 2012 (status sheet item 9.2.2) - A petition was submitted to Regional Council containing 284 signatures, on behalf of residents of Clayton Park West, opposing the construction of a 30-metre high telecommunication monopole at 30 Chipstone Close, Halifax.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Proposal

Atlas Group Limited (Bell Mobility) has submitted an application to locate a new 30 metre (100 feet) monopole structure, with equipment shelter, at 30 Chipstone Close, Halifax (Map 1). The property is located in the Halifax Mainland Area and is within the Clayton Park West Phase 1 development agreement. As part of the municipal process in dealing with telecommunication applications, staff has opened Case 17418.

Bell Mobility is in the process of deploying a wireless network for the wireless marketplace (i.e. cellular telephones/wireless devices). Bell Mobility has indicated the installation of a telecommunication structure is required in the Clayton Park West area as part of its wireless network design for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Bell Mobility has also indicated that all existing telecommunication structures in the area have been considered, and has come to the conclusion that none represent a viable co-location option.

Jurisdiction

Radiocommunication and telecommunications are under the jurisdiction of the federal government. Industry Canada is the government agency responsible for regulating radiocommunication including authorizing the installation of radiocommunication towers and sites. When a new telecommunications facility is proposed, federal regulations require the applicant to consult with the local municipality to review and provide comment on the application to Industry Canada.

Municipal Process

To facilitate this process, Industry Canada has adopted a public consultation policy. The policy requires an applicant to notify the appropriate municipality of its intentions. The municipality is then given an opportunity to review the proposed antenna structure and site and provide comment. If any objections arise, the municipality is to provide written notice to the local office of Industry Canada. The submissions will be reviewed by Industry Canada, who will then determine whether or not a license is to be granted and/or upon what conditions such license is granted.

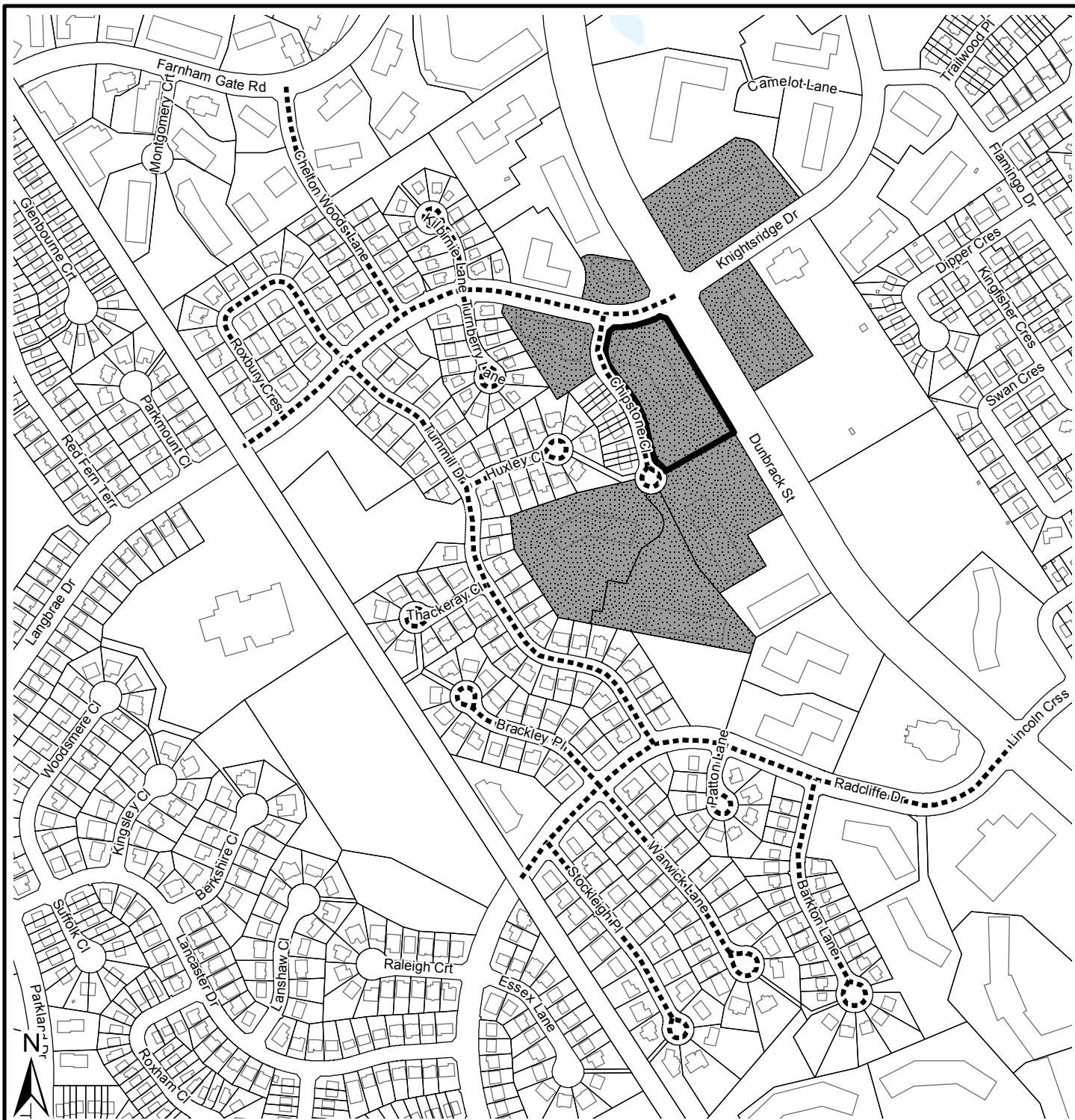
Petition

Staff had completed their evaluation on the proposal and were preparing a report for Council's consideration; however, on March 6, 2012 the application was withdrawn. As a result, Case 17418 has been closed. If the applicant wishes to pursue an alternative site they must file a new application and proceed through the consultation process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

Report Approved by: Kelly Denty, Acting Manager of Development Approvals, 490-4800



Map 1 - Location and Notification Area

30 Chipstone Close
Halifax



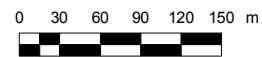
Subject site



Property where notification sent directly to property owner by addressed mail



Street where notification sent by flyer delivery (Canada Post postal walk)



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