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> Item No. 11.1.6 Halifax Regional Council September 25, 2012

TO:	Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council								
SUBMITTED BY:	Original signed by $B$								
	Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer								
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	Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer								
DATE:	August 23, 2012								
SUBJECT:	Disbursement of Area Rate funds collected for Waverley Sidewalks								

### <u>ORIGIN</u>

January 18, 2011 motion of Halifax Regional Council to:

- 1. Discontinue the Area Rate for Waverley Sidewalks effective with the 2011-12 fiscal year, and
- 2. Direct staff to consult with the community with respect to the allocation of the \$67,665.16 balance collected to date from this area rate, and return to Council with a recommendation based on the consultation held. In accordance with the intent of the area rate, preference will be given to those ideas which address pedestrian safety in the community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the use of the funds in the Waverley Sidewalk account by the Waverley Ratepayers' Association for use in the community of Waverley on the projects outlined in the Discussion section of this report.

### **BACKGROUND**

An area rate was in existence to collect funds for the construction of sidewalks in the Waverley Area. This area rate predates municipal amalgamation in 1996 and was intended as a community contribution towards the construction of sidewalks which now exist in the community of Waverley and have been fully paid for.

There is a remaining balance in the area rate account of \$67,665. Based on an approximate cost of \$1,500 per meter, these funds would only be able to generate an additional 45 meters of sidewalk. The annual contribution of approximately \$6,000 would only be able to generate roughly 4 meters of sidewalk per year, assuming no increase in unit cost. Therefore it was decided at the November 29, 2010 annual meeting of the Waverley Ratepayers' Association and approved by Regional Council on January 18, 2011 to discontinue the sidewalk area rate and to allocate the funds to the community for an alternative use benefitting the community at large.

### DISCUSSION

The annual meeting of the Waverley Ratepayers' Association was held on June 14, 2012. As part of the meeting, a presentation was given regarding possible use of the \$67,665 collected on community initiatives, with the intent of offering the greatest benefit to the community at large. Residents had been asked to submit suggestions during the annual general meeting held on June 16, 2011. A six-step process was followed, which consisted of the following steps:

- 1. Notices were distributed via mail, posted on the Association's website, placed in the local newspaper "The Laker", and posters were placed in conspicuous places.
- 2. Deadline for submissions of suggestions was communicated (August 16, 2011).
- 3. Criteria for evaluation and a scoring template were created, which consisted of sections evaluating the benefit to the community as well as the cost. The maximum score possible was 100. The evaluation criteria and scoring template are in Attachment #2 to this report, as slide #6 of the presentation.
- 4. Evaluation packages were prepared and distributed All ideas were evaluated by twelve WRA volunteers independently, with all submissions being anonymous.
- 5. Results were collected and tallied.
- 6. A score summary was presented at the annual general meeting, held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The six-step process was outlined and the results communicated. In total, 27 submissions were received. All ideas with average scores of 50 or less were eliminated from further consideration. Some ideas were combined to maximize the contribution to the community. Consideration was also given to other funding being available to avoid duplication of funds. The 27 submissions were summarized, with the results being as follows:

- Ten (10) ideas for the Village Green
- Five (5) ideas for improvements to the Village Hall/Museum
- Four (4) ideas for improvements to McDonald Sports Park

- Two (2) ideas included the Shubie Trail System
- Six (6) ideas included a wide range of other concepts

The top scoring ideas were changes/enhancements to the Village Green, enhancements to the McDonald Sports Park bike/walk trails and upgrades to the Village Hall/Museum.

It was recommended by the WRA Committee that approximately 80% of the funds be used for upgrades to the Village Green for removal of an asphalt trail, construction of a stage / bandstand, development of a Village Green sign, and inclusion of lights, where possible. A further 8-10% will be used for McDonald Sports Park Development for upgrades, enhancements and repair to the trails, repairing existing water damage to the trails, and aid in the development of a youth bike trail. The remaining 8-10% will be used for updates, enhancements and repair to the Village Hall / Museum, such as lighting in the museum, kitchen upgrades, seating and tables.

All those attending the meeting had to sign in and one ballot per household was given out. A vote was held and HRM staff was present to supervise the proceedings. Thirty-seven ballots were received, of which 36 constituted votes in favour of the proposal. One person abstained from voting.

As the Village Green is an HRM-owned property, WRA will work with HRM Parkland planners to implement the above suggestions for this property. While the McDonald Sports Park is a Provincially owned property, Section 73(c) of the HRM Charter states that the "Municipality may enter into and carry out agreements with the Government of the Province with respect to the development, operation or maintenance of trails on land of Her Majesty in right of the Province." The Village Hall and Museum is a publically accessible property owned and operated by the WRA. Where possible, WRA may apply for grants or additional funding from other sources to leverage the funds contained in the area rate account.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Since the funds will be spent from an area rate account, there are no implications to the approved Budget. However, there is likely to be some ongoing maintenance costs which may be covered by HRM.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Notices were distributed via mail, posted on the website, placed in the local newspaper "The Laker", and posters were placed in conspicuous places. All residents were encouraged to participate in the voting process.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council may choose not to approve the disbursement of the funds to the Waverley Ratepayers' Association. As construction of sidewalks would cost approximately \$1,500 per meter, this alternative would not be viable and is, therefore, not recommended.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Waverley Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting Notice June 16, 2011
- 2. Waverley Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting Notice June 14, 2012
- 3. Waverley Ratepayers' Association Sidewalk Fund Project Presentation
- 4. Waverley Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting Attendance Sheet

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

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## Invitation to all Residents of Waverley

Waverley Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting

June 16, 2011 Waverley Legion 7:00 pm

### Agenda

- **1. Introductions**
- 2. Executive Reports

~ Financial, C@P Sites, Waverley Website, Bursary, WRA Traffic Calming Report, Village Green, Ownership of Village Hall

3. Community Recognition

Break

### 4. Community Reports

Heritage Society/Museum, Gold Rush, Fire Dept., WAAA,

Sovereign Resources Community Liaison

Committee, Shubie Canal

- 5. Sidewalk Funds
- 6. Barry Dalrymple, District 2 Councillor
- 7. Election of WRA Officers

## www.waverleycommunity.ca



WRA TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT! Find it at: waverleycommunity.ca

# Submit your ideas!

The Waverley Ratepayers Association (WRA) is looking for your ideas as to what projects the \$60,000 Sidewalk fund should be spent on.

### Who can submit ideas?

Only residents who own property in Waverley can submit ideas. (Must include your civic address)

**Is there a deadline to submit ideas?** Yes, the deadline to submit is <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 26, 2011 by 5:00 pm</u>.

### What can the money be spent on?

The money has to be spent on items and projects that are for use in the community of Waverley.

### How do I submit my idea?

In order for your idea to be considered, we ask that you submit your ideas be using one of the following methods:

### \*\*<u>Note: Submission must include your civic address!</u>

*E-mail:* waverleycommunity@gmail.com *Mail:* Waverley Ratepayers Association 2463 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, Nova Scotia, B2R 1S5

### What should be included in my submission?

The following information should be included in your submission:

- 1. What is the idea / project? (Include a detailed plan)
- 2. How much do you think it will cost?
- 3. How will this benefit the residents of Waverley?
- 4. Your submission <u>must</u> include your civic address

### How will the projects be selected?

The WRA will review all submissions and select those which offer the best improvements to the whole community. Those ideas will be presented & voted on by the residents of Waverley. The final decision will submitted to HRM for approval.

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2. Minutes from last AGM

### **3. Executive Reports**

Financial Update, C@P Sites, Village Green Interest Group, Ownership of Community Museum and Hall, HRM Grant & Municipal Electoral Boundary Change.

### 4. Sidewalk Fund Presentation and Vote

Voting / Break

### **5. Community Reports**

Heritage Society/Museum, Gold Rush, Fire Dept., Waverley Amateur Athletics Association, Sovereign Resources Community Liaison Committee, Shubie Canal.

### **6. Sidewalk Fund Voting Results**

7. Election of WRA Officers

8. Barry Dalrymple, District 2 Councillor Report Traffic Calming Report Update / Bridge Replacement

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#### VOLUNTEER WITH THE WAVERLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### Get involved in your community!

WAVERLEY C@P SITES

internet skills?

Need help with computer/

Waverley Manor C@P Site

Contact: Bertha Ackles 576-5333

Waverley Community Hall C@P Site 2463 Rocky Lake Drive, in the old church

Contact: Paul Hudson 902-860-1040

1 Faucheau Lane (off of Rocky Lake Drive)

The Waverley Ratepayers Association (WRA) wants to enhance the Waverley community and YOU can be a part of it!

We are currently seeking volunteers for new board representatives & sub-committee volunteers.

Become involved in your community today!

Nova Scotia

### WAVERLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM

**Hours of Operation:** June 1 to August 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to Saturday / 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Request tours by appointment. E-mail: cm.clarke@eastlink.ca

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help maintain your museum. Only 2 hours per month!



Waverley Amateur Athletics Association Charles L. McDonald Sports Park 1390 Cobequid Road

### www.mcdonaldsportspark.com

### GRAND OPENING! Commissioning the new Baseball Field / Connector Bridge / Volleyball Court ALL WELCOME! SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012 – 3:15 PM

### PROMOTE YOUR EVENT ON OUR VILLAGE SIGN

Want to advertise a community event or fundraiser on our community sign?

You can request your event information to be posted by e-mailing us at waverleycommunity@gmail.com

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Village Waverley











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Safety / Liability /No to low risk	/10	
Long Term Benefit	/10	
Relevance to broad cross section of the community	/10	
Costs		/ 40
Low ongoing maintenance costs	/10	are store
Falls within budget	/10	
Cost / Benefit Ratio	/20	
TOTAL POINTS		/100









### Of the 27 submissions...

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  McDonald Park
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### A total of 27 Submissions!

- \* Removal of pavement in the Village Green
- Construction of a playground on the Village Green
- Completion of part of the Shubie Trail on the west side of Lake William
- \* Road enhancement (specific parts of roads)
- \* Development of a public beach
- \* Development of a Skateboard park
- Walking path between Silversides and Frame subdivisions
- \* Sidewalk extension to Powder Mill
- Bringing Waverley Hall's septic system up to code
- \* Vinyl siding for the Community Hall
- \* Purchase of traffic cameras on Waverley Rd

- Construction of a **covered band stand / stage** in the Village Green
- Development of additional memorial gardens
- Landscaping / bike racks / park benches / lighting in Village Green
- \* Purchase of canoes and kayaks
- Development of an audio visual production (The Stories of Waverley)
- Enhanced bike and walk trails in McDonald Park
- Construction of outhouses and garbage cans for McDonald Park
- \* Enhanced lighting in the Waverley Heritage Museum

















WAVERLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 14, 2012

**PLEASE PRINT** 

WRA ONLY Ballot Received																
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Do you own land & pay property tax in Waverley? (Circle)	YES															
Phone #																
Postal Code																
Civic Address																
Name																