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Item No. 11.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
October 27, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

for Councillor Stephen Adams, Chair, Halifax and West Community Council

DATE: October 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Lease Agreement with Province for White Rock Park, River Road (Fourth Lake),
Terence Bay

ORIGIN

October 14, 2015, Item 13.1, Halifax and West Community Council meeting

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 25(a) of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter states that the powers and duties of a community council include monitoring the provision of services to the community and recommending the appropriate level of services, areas where additional services are required and ways in which the provision of services can be improved.

RECOMMENDATION

Halifax and West Community Council recommends that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report on negotiating a lease agreement with the provincial Department of Natural Resources permitting HRM to lease the former White Rock Park lands on River Road (Fourth Lake), Terence Bay for \$1 per annum to re-establish the White Rock Community Park & Playground in Terence Bay and that this report return in 30 days.

BACKGROUND

At the October 14, 2015 meeting of Halifax and West Community Council, Council discussed the report request form, which contained a recommendation to Regional Council. Council passed the motion outline in Attachment A and agreed to make an amendment that the report return in 30 days.

DISCUSSION

Community Council discussed the reason for the report request. Councillor Adams outlined how the park had fallen into disrepair and as a result, the lease agreement with the Province had expired without renewal and notice to vacate was given in January, 2014. He described the opportunity to partner with a local Windfarm to provide funding and implement crime prevention measures such as security cameras. Council discussed a timeframe of 30 to 60 days to expedite the report so that the matter may be ready for inclusion in the upcoming budget. Council agreed to set a provision requesting that the report return in 30 days.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Council requests a staff report, all financial implications associated with negotiating a lease agreement for the former White Rock Park lands and re-establishing the White Rock Community Park & Playground will be presented at that time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Halifax and West Community Council consists of six duly elected members of Regional Council. Meetings are open to the public; agendas and reports are posted online.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives.


ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Report Request Form dated October 14, 2015

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Request for Halifax & West Community Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor		
Date of Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2015		
Subject: Lease Agreement with Province for White Rock Park, River Road (Fourth Lake), Terence Bay		
Motion for Community Council to Consider: That Halifax & West Community Council requests that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report on negotiating a lease agreement with the provincial Department of Natural Resources permitting HRM to lease the former White Rock Park lands on River Road (Fourth Lake), Terence Bay for \$1 per annum to re-establish the White Rock Community Park & Playground in Terence Bay.		
Reason: There is renewed community interest in re-establishing the White Rock Community Park & Playground on Fourth Lake in Terence Bay. District 11 Capital Funds have been committed for use toward this park/playground; the area Resident's Association will provide funding and the local Windfarm has also committed to providing funding to assist with the re-establishment of the community park and playground. The previous lease agreement (Forth Lake Terence Bay Lease 4485) expired several years ago with the formal notice to vacate given in January 2014.		
Outcome Sought: A lease agreement with the Province and HRM to enable re-establishment of the White Rock Community Park & Playground on Fourth Lake in Terence Bay.		
<i>Councillor Stephen Adams</i> Original Signed		<i>District 11</i> <i>Spryfield – Sambro Loop – Prospect Road</i>