

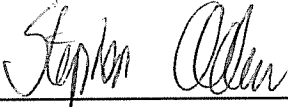
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Halifax Regional Council
September 19, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Councillor Stephen Adams, Chair, Chebucto Community Council

DATE: July 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Increase in Notification Distances - Variances

ORIGIN

Chebucto Community Council meeting of June 12, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council request the Province to amend the Municipal Government Act to increase the notification distance for Variances from 30 metres to 50 metres.

BACKGROUND

In February of this year, a variance had been granted by the Development Officer for a property on Crown Drive which permitted the front yard setback to be 0 feet instead of the required 10 feet under the Land Use Bylaw. Although none of the abutters who received notification appealed the variance, Councillor Mosher had concerns expressed to her by other individuals in the vicinity of the property in question.

DISCUSSION

Chebucto Community Council discussed this matter at their meeting of June 12, 2006 and agreed that the area of notification for variances was not adequate and that it should be increased. A motion was unanimously passed to request Regional Council to ask the Province to amend the Municipal Government Act to increase the area of notification from 30 metres to 50 metres.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

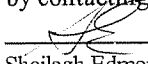
Regional Council could refuse the request.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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