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Halifax Regional Council
December 7, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Anguish", written over a horizontal line.

Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Service

DATE: November 24, 2004

SUBJECT: Re: Petition Councillor Blumenthal - Dog Control in the Regent Road Area

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the September 14, 2004 meeting of Regional Council, Councillor Blumenthal submitted a petition (attached as Appendix A), expressing concern regarding a lack of dog control in the Regent Road area. Councillor Blumenthal requested that this matter be forwarded to staff.

BACKGROUND

The Halifax West Housing Co-operative submitted this petition dated August 15, 2004, regarding a barking dog located at 3345 Federal Ave.

DISCUSSION

On September 7, 2004, Animal Control Services had already received the petition regarding a barking dog located at 3345 Federal Ave. An Animal Control Officer was dispatched to that location and a written warning was issued to the owner of the dog for violating By-Law D-100.

The Municipal Clerks Office received a letter dated November 9th, 2004 from Patricia Lawrence, General Manager, Metropolitan Housing Authority (attached as Appendix B), which confirms that “the matter had improved and HRM Animal Control had responded to the complaint”. There have been no further complaints to date.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications as a result of 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

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Petition from the Halifax West Housing Co-operative submitted on August 15, 2004
- Appendix B: Letter from Patricia Lawrence, General Manager of the Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority, dated November 9th, 2004

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, CAO be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Report Approved by	<u>Allan Wayne, General Manager, Community Projects, EMS</u>	490-6484

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NO. 073 P. 2/2
1st Signatures
Submitted Sept 14/04
Councillor Blawie

August 15, 2004

RE: 3345 Federal Avenue Halifax NS

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a follow up to the several verbal complaints placed with the Metro Housing Authority and HRM Dog Control regarding excessive noise at the above noted address.

The residents of 3345 Federal Ave have a pet dog that is left outside daily and continuously barks.

The barking starts at approximately 7:00 am every morning and is constant throughout the day into the late evening.

Many of the residents of Regent Road and the surrounding area can no longer withstand this constant disruption.

We can not leave our windows or patio doors open due to the continuous barking. We have become prisoners in our own homes.

As previously stated several verbal complaints have been voiced including the dog's owners and all have been ignored.

We need this very serious issue addressed and action taken immediately to rectify this situation.

Your Prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

West Halifax Housing Co- Operative

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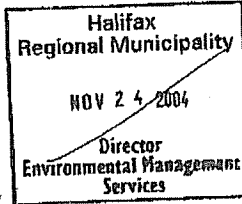
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Dear Ms. Murphy:

*fax to Comm Proj
Allan Waite? for consideration in report to
Paul Murphy
Brad Angus & Council*

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 2004, concerning the petition submitted by resident of Regent Road to the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Council with respect to their concerns of a lack of dog control in their community.

Former Councillor Blumenthal of District 11 contacted my office on August 20, 2004, when he received the petition from the residents of Regent Road, dated August 15, and spoke with the MRHA Communications Advisor, Natasha Jackson. At that time, it was decided that the Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority (MRHA) would follow up on the matter with the Property Management team and resident of (the MRHA managed property at) 3345 Federal Avenue. Councillor Blumenthal would ensure this issue was directed to HRM Animal Control for enforcement through HRM Bylaw D-100. It was also agreed that Councillor Blumenthal and Ms. Jackson would report back to one another, in order that Mr. Guy Hensbee and the residents of Regent Road may be apprised of the outcome.

Councillor Blumenthal and Ms. Jackson conducted a number of telephone conversations on the matter. Their final conversation was on October 4, 2004. It was reported that the Property Manager had visited the Federal Avenue resident to address the concerns raised in the petition. Following that meeting the Property Manager visited with Mr. Hensbee. It was confirmed during these meetings that the matter had improved and HRM Animal Control had responded to the complaint.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention. It is our experience that when matters are raised, collaborative approaches afford the most effective resolution, as was seen in this situation. I trust that you will share this outcome with former Councillor Blumenthal and HRM Council.

MEETING Regional Council
DATE Sept 14 2004
ITEM NO. 8.2.3

