

8.8 Preliminary Tax Structure Recommendations

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the following course of action:

- Approve the tax structure model in principle for the purpose of public consultations. This includes placing in the general tax rate the following additional items:
 - volunteer fire departments (policy pending re service standards)
 - street lighting
 - Cost sharing on the capital repair for existing Recreational Facilities
 - Cost sharing on the construction and acquisition of new Local and regional Recreational Facilities (related policies pending)
 - Crosswalk Guards
- That Local Improvement Charges on upgrading of existing asphalt curbing to concrete curb and gutter be eliminated.
- That all areas of HRM with access to Metro Transit should share equally in the cost of Metro Transit.
- That staff proceed to further develop the Framework of Service Standards so that it becomes clear to residents of HRM what service levels and standards HRM can realistically expect to provide.
- That the Tax Structure Committee report back to Committee of the Whole no later than October 15th, 2002 with the results of public consultations including the comments of citizens, business groups and volunteer fire departments and with final recommendations and/or options.
- That staff review the \$0.05 transfer from Urban/Suburban to Rural.

8.9 Property Matter - 94 Queen Street, Dartmouth

It is recommended that:

1. Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to formally reject all four (4) offers submitted for the sale of municipally owned land at 94 Queen Street, Dartmouth, and
2. Council further direct staff to enter into direct negotiations with Innovative Properties Limited for the sale of the subject property with a view to incorporating HRM's parkland and trail interests into the agreement of purchase and sale, and
3. The report dated May 1, 2002 not be released to the public until the transaction has closed.

8.10 Property Matter - Proposed Acquisition - Nine Mile River

It is recommended that:

1. Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute Purchase and Sale Agreements with Davie and Dorothy Longard for the purchase of Parcel A, and Humphrey Longard for the purchase of Parcel B, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the report dated April 15, 2002.
2. Council approve the withdrawal from the Parkland Reserve Account, Q107, in the amount of \$71,425, inclusive of HST, appraisal and closing costs.
3. The April 15, 2002 report not be released to the public until, and if, the recommended transaction is finally concluded.

8.11 Property Matter - Proposed Acquisition - Kiley Property, Prospect Bay Road

It is recommended that:

1. Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Terrence Kiley for the purchase of parcel PID #00562876, Prospect Bay Road, Prospect, Nova Scotia, for the price of \$15,000 plus applicable HST and further subject to the terms and conditions set out in the report dated May 6, 2002.
2. Council approve a withdrawal from the Parkland Reserve Account Q107 in an amount of \$18,250, inclusive of appraisal, taxes and closing costs.
3. The May 6, 2002 report not be released to the public, until, and if, the recommended transaction is finally concluded.