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Item No.
Halifax & West Community Council
January 17, 2017

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Peter Stickings, Acting Director of Operations Support

DATE: December 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Crown Drive Pocket Park Acquisition (PID No. 40493926)

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates with the Chebucto Community Council (CCC) motion dated October 3, 2011, stating that the “CCC endorse(s) the appropriate HRM Parks and Real Estate staff to assess the purchase of the privately owned corner parcel at the intersection of Crown Drive and Brook Street in order to complete the park and/or offer handicap on street parking and accessible access to the Chain of Lakes Trail.”

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Charter 39, Section 61 (5); the municipality may acquire property outside the Municipality that the Municipality requires for its purposes or for the use of the public;

This report complies with the Corporate Real Estate Transaction Policy, as approved by Regional Council on October 8, 2002

BACKGROUND

At the October 3, 2011, Chebucto Community Council meeting staff were directed to assess the purchase of a privately owned parcel at the Intersection of Crown Drive and Brook Street in order to complete the park and offer accessible on street parking and accessible access to the Chain of Lakes Trails.

DISCUSSION

The subject property is a small 886 square foot parcel (PID No. 40493926), please see Attachment A. Real Estate and Parks & Recreation staff assessed the acquisition of this small parcel in order to provide additional public access to the Chain of Lake Trail. Staff concluded the acquisition was a benefit to HRM and pursued the acquisition.

Real Estate staff had made a number of attempts to secure an agreement to acquire PID No. 40493926 from the private land owner since the original Chebucto Community Council motion on October 3, 2011. The original asking price from the property owner was substantially higher than could be supported by independent market valuation. In the late Fall of 2015, Real Estate staff successfully negotiated the acquisition agreement based upon a lower purchase prices of \$15,400.

As the negotiated purchase price of \$15,400 falls within the limits of Director approval under the Transaction Policy, approved by Regional Council on October 8, 2002, the subject acquisition is anticipated to close on January 31, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None required

ATTACHMENTS

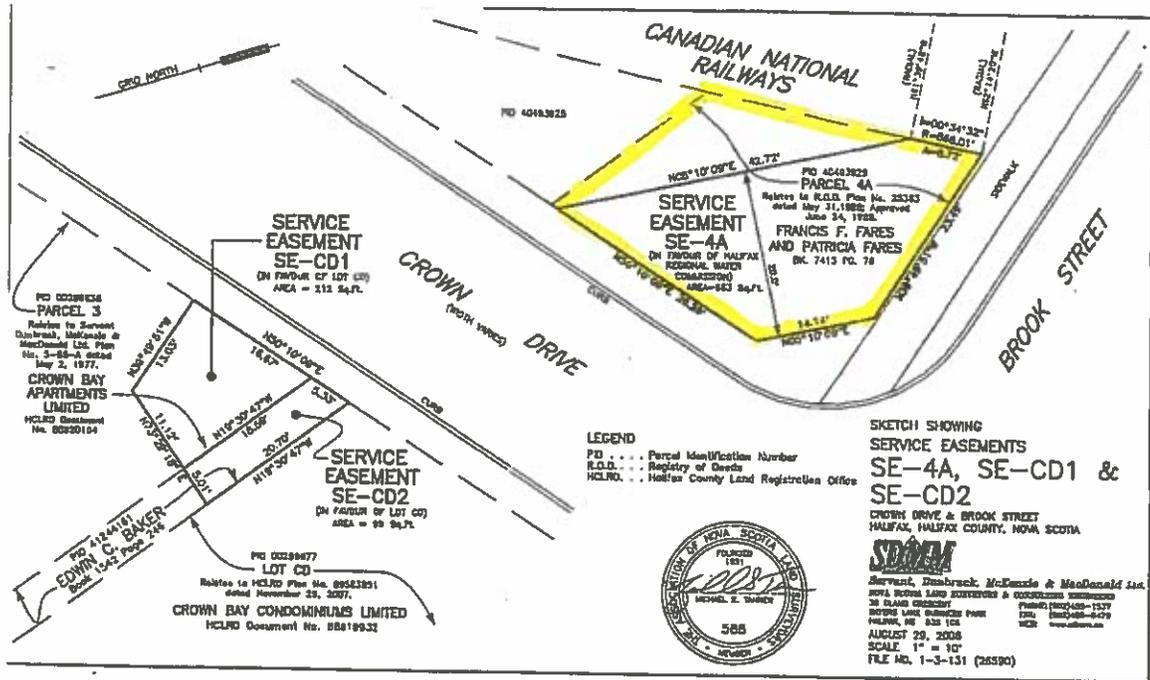
Site Plan

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SITE MAP



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