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> Item No. 14.1.4 Halifax Regional Council March 20, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed by SUBMITTED BY:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 31, 2018

SUBJECT: Declaration of Surplus Property - Parcel "A", Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake

ORIGIN

This report originates with a request from the Nova Scotia Department of Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) to acquire a portion of HRM owned property to facilitate the installation of a new left-hand turn lane on Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property.

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, S.N.S. 2008, c. 39:

s. 61(5) "The Municipality may (b) sell property at market value when the property is no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality";

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Declare the portion of 2141 Prospect Road, PID 41253923, Hatchet Lake, shown as Parcel "A" in Attachment "A", as surplus to municipal requirements, and categorize Parcel "A", as 'Intergovernmental Transfer', as per Administrative Order 50.

BACKGROUND

April 2017, NSTIR staff contacted HRM to advise of their intention to install a left-hand turning lane along a portion of the provincially owned Prospect Road (also known as Route 333) in the Summer 2017 construction season.

The existing left-hand turn lane for Brookside Drive was extended resulting in a dedicated left turn lane to service MacDonald Lake Drive as well as the two area schools, the Prospect Community Centre (2141 Prospect Road) and Fire Station #52 (2101 Prospect Road) (see Attachment "B").

The existing street right-of-way in front of the Prospect Road Community Centre and fire station does not provide enough width to allow for the additional lane. Because of this, NSTIR has requested a ten foot wide strip of land to be acquired from three properties, including the HRM owned Prospect Road Community

Centre property.

DISCUSSION

In order to facilitate the construction of the left-hand turning lane, NSTIR requested that a portion of HRM owned land, approximately ten (10) feet wide by two hundred (200) feet long on the Prospect Road Community Centre property be transferred to their ownership.

Given the tight timelines and to facilitate the installation of the left-hand turning lane, which will improve site access to two schools and two HRM facilities, Staff agreed to allow NSTIR early access to the site through a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE).

The construction of the left-hand turning lane commenced July 2017 while the two schools in the immediate vicinity of the project were on summer vacation.

The strip of land, Parcel "A", is relatively level and consists of grassed and treed areas. The disposal will not impact parking and will improve access for vehicles approaching from the south. Programs will not be negatively impacted and an existing planter box located in close proximity to Parcel "A" will be relocated elsewhere on the community centre property.

Staff have reviewed the request and have identified no issues with the disposal.

The installation of the left-hand turn lane will provide a benefit to two HRM owned facilities. It will result in less queuing times to access to the facilities and will provide safer access.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report at this time. The market value and recommended terms and conditions of the sale of the subject property will be the subject of a separate approval report with the appropriate delegated authority.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As per Administrative Order 50, the area Councillor and local community council were advised of the recommendation to surplus the subject property with the Intergovernmental Transfer categorization.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications not identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council could instruct staff to **not** declare the subject property as surplus under Administrative Order Number 50, and to retain ownership. This is not recommended as it is not required for municipal purposes.

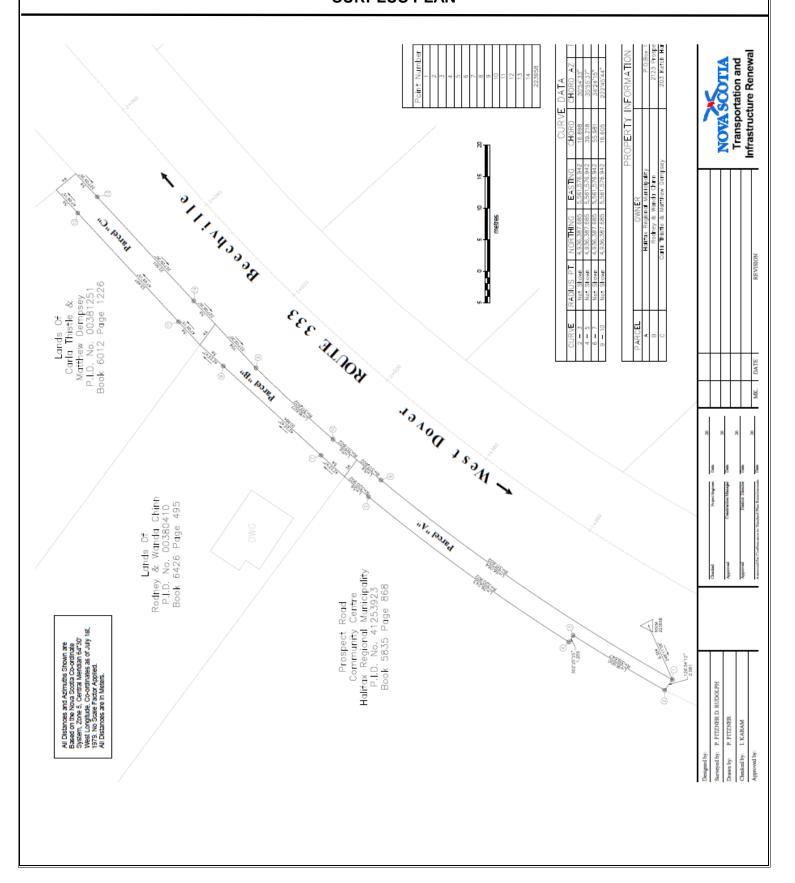
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A" - Surplus Plan Attachment "B" - Site Plan A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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ATTACHMENT 'A' SURPLUS PLAN





ATTACHMENT 'B' SITE PLAN

