

Request for Council's Consideration

Included on Agenda
(Submitted to Municipal
Clerk's Office by Noon
Thursday)

Added Item
(Submitted to Municipal
Clerk's Office by Noon
Monday)

Request from the Floor

Date of Council Meeting: July 26, 2016 (Notice of Motion given July 19, 2016)

Subject: Blue Mountain/Birch Cove Lakes

Motions for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Initiate the public consultation and hearing process for an amendment to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to amend the concept plan (Map 11) for Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park with an established south-eastern boundary of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park area as pertaining to the Highway 102 West Corridor (lands of Annapolis Group Inc. and Susie Lake Developments Inc. and its associated companies); and further, that the Park Concept 3A showing the outlines of the proposed boundaries be made available to the public and advertised as the proposed park boundary for this process.

2. That, recognizing that adjacent development may affect the achievement of park objectives, their timing and cost, Council initiate and proceed with secondary planning for the Highway 102 West Corridor lands not within the proposed park boundary in concert with the public consultation and hearing process to establish the Regional Park boundary; and further that if through the public consultation and hearing processes lands are identified as not required for park purposes these lands may be included for secondary planning with the timing of development to be addressed through appropriate phasing.

3. That Council direct staff to return identifying the land which HRM requires for Regional Park purposes within two years of this resolution.

Reason:

To provide for effective public consultation led by the Planning Department; as background to recognize and inform the public consultation with recent public input received on the Facilitator (Developer) recommended proposal; to provide a timeline (2 years) in achieving the Regional Park boundaries based on staff's park boundary recommendation (Map 3a) subject to further public consultation and Council's final decision.

Outcome Sought:

Council support for the above noted motion.

Councillor Reg Rankin

District 12