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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Case CA0124: Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29,
Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies - Street Renaming from
December 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019**

ORIGIN

Street naming and renaming requests submitted from December 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, s.323 "The Council may... (c): by policy, name or rename any street or private road;"

By-law C-300, *Respecting Civic Addressing*

Administrative Order #29, *Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29 Respecting Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of this report in order to update the name of North West Arm Drive, Halifax to Dunbrack St, Halifax as identified in Maps 1 and 2.

BACKGROUND

The *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* allows Regional Council to name and rename any street or private lane by policy. In accordance with the *HRM Charter*, Council has adopted Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies and By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing. Regional Council officially approves all new street names for public streets and private lanes.

The Civic Addressing By-Law (C-300) requires that all names must be approved in accordance with the Civic Addressing Policy (Administrative Order 29). Schedule A of the Policy contains the guidelines that must be followed for all new street or lane names, names submitted through the subdivision process, and names required for existing un-named private lanes. Any proposed street renaming must also meet the Policy (Attachment B).

The Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) has requested that the Municipality rename the provincially owned North West Arm Drive to Dunbrack Street (as shown on Map 2). The Province collaborates with the Municipality to rename Provincially owned roads; however, streets vested in the Province are specifically exempt under the HRM Charter from HRM's power to name and rename streets. The Province does not have a formal guideline for street naming, therefore, they defer to HRM's Administrative Order #29, Respecting Civic Addressing. There is an understanding that the Province will proceed with a street renaming upon receiving confirmation from the Municipality that the renaming has been adopted by HRM Regional Council. Should Council choose not to adopt the amendments to Administrative Order #29 for the street renaming, TIR may still choose to proceed with its renaming of North West Arm Drive to Dunbrack Street.

With the collaboration of TIR, staff conducted high-level research in an attempt to document the original assignment of the North West Arm Drive street name to this segment of road. No clear documentation could be found in either municipal or provincial records verifying any formal process associated with the original choice of street name in this instance. Notwithstanding the absence of any formal documentation, it is reasonable to conclude the name choice was a reflection of the strategic intention at the time which identified this road as a potential corridor for a connection to the North West Arm and ultimately to peninsular Halifax.

DISCUSSION

Policy A8 of the Civic Addressing Policies requires a continuous street to have one name throughout its length. Currently, North West Arm Drive and Dunbrack Street are a continuous street from Old Sambro Road to Kearney Lake Road. The HRM Civic Addressing Public Safety Committee supports the recommendation that North West Arm Drive be renamed Dunbrack Street.

The following street name has been reviewed in keeping with HRM's Civic Addressing Policies and By-law and staff advises that the proposed name is consistent with the Policies and By-law. Therefore, it is recommended that Regional Council approve the street renaming, as contained in Attachment A.

Proposed Name	Current Name	Community	Map	Rationale For Naming
Dunbrack Street	North West Arm Drive	Halifax	1	Continuous streets shall have one name throughout their length

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the Administration of the HRM's Civic Addressing By-law and Administrative Order can be accommodated within the 2019/20 operating budget for C420 Land Development and Subdivision.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement process is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement was notification and/or consultation with affected property owners in accordance with the HRM Civic Addressing By-law [Section 4(2)]. As per the standard consultation process all relevant property owners were notified and/or consulted.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVE

Regional Council may decline to adopt the amendments as contained in Attachment A. If Regional Council chooses this alternative, it is recommended that the Civic Addressing Coordinator be directed to update the civic addressing file if TIR proceeds to rename North West Arm Drive to Dunbrack Street. This alternative is not recommended as this street name meet the street naming criteria set out in HRM's Civic Addressing Policies (Administrative Order 29), and there is potential for confusion between the Administrative Order and the civic addressing file if the amendments are not adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Map 1: Existing Conditions North West Arm Drive and Dunbrack Street
Map 2: Proposed Dunbrack Street

Attachment A: Amending Administrative Order #29
Attachment B: Administrative Order #29 Schedule A - Street Naming Guidelines

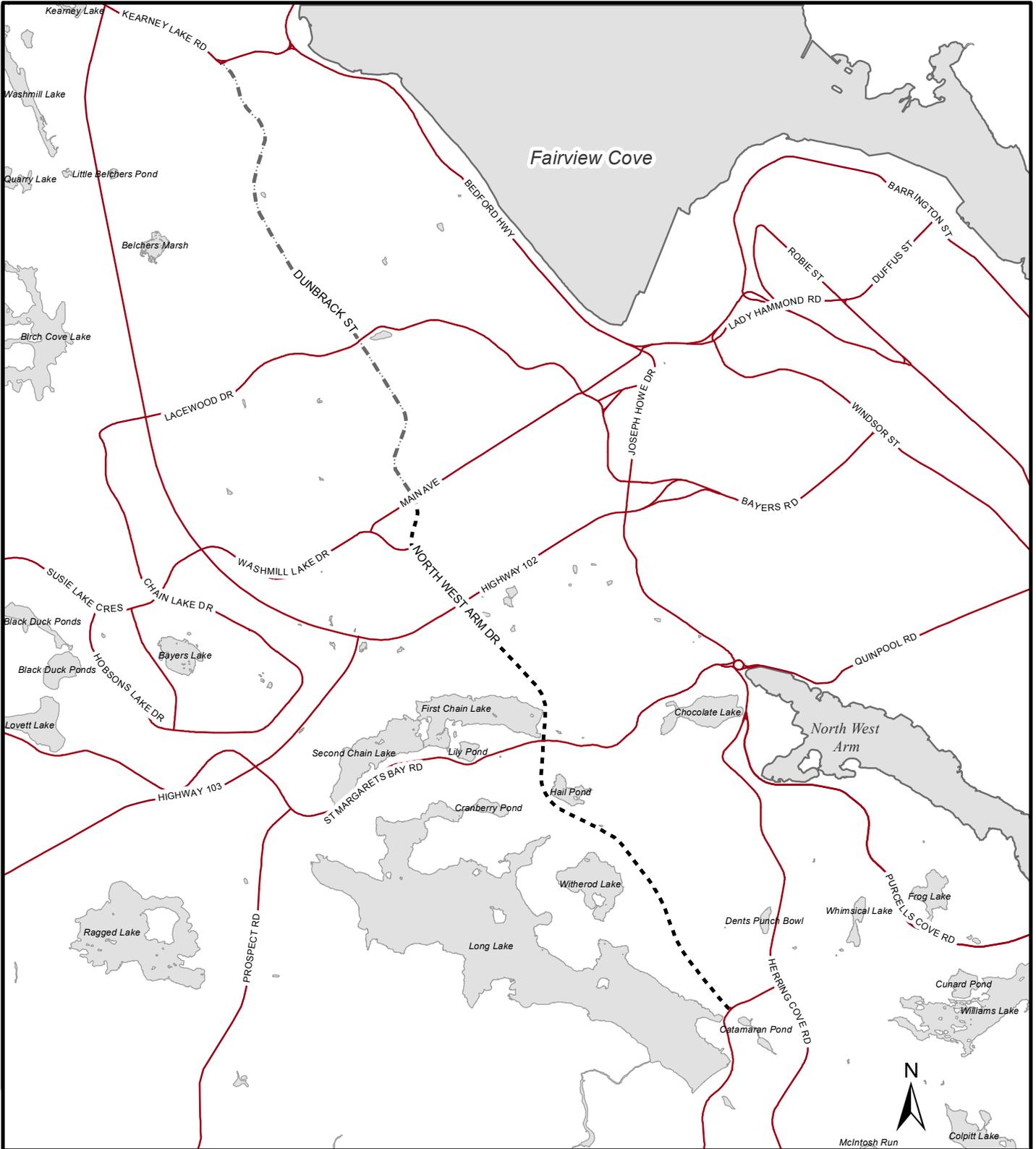
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Map 1 - Existing Conditions North West Arm Drive And Dunbrack Street

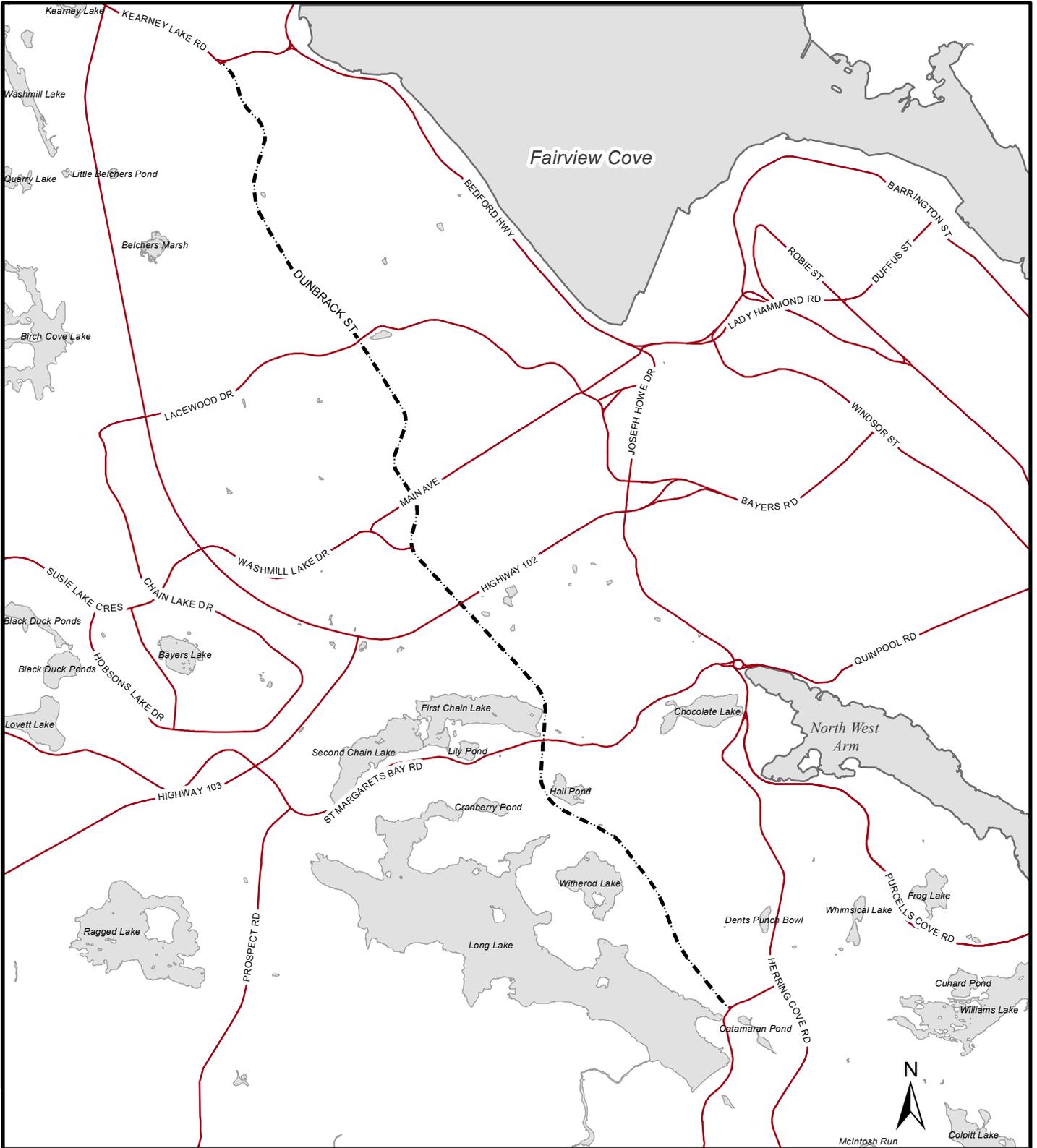
- EXISTING DUNBRACK ST
- EXISTING NORTH WEST ARM DR



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Map 2 - Proposed Dunbrack Street

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0 200 400 600 800 1,000 m

--- PROPOSED DUNBRACK STREET

0 500 1,000 m

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Attachment A:
(Amending Administrative Order #29)

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 29
RESPECTING HRM CIVIC ADDRESSING POLICIES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies, is further amended as follows:

1. Schedule D is amended by adding the following row after the row starting “Duffus” and before the row starting “Eagleview”:

DUNBRACK ST	HALIFAX	NORTH WEST ARM DRIVE	<i>Date of Council Approval</i>
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Schedule A Street Naming Guidelines

General Principles

Uniqueness - there should be no duplication of names.

Distinctiveness - names that sound very similar should be avoided in order to avoid diction problems when people are making emergency calls under stress .

Continuity - a road running in one direction should have one name only and should have the same name throughout its entire length.

Guidelines

Street Name Characteristics

- A1. No name shall be duplicated including similar names that are differentiated by street type.
- A2. No name shall sound like an existing name.
- A3. No name shall contain numbers, special characters, decimals, hyphens, apostrophes, periods, or punctuation of any kind.
- A4. No double barreled names shall be permitted except for HRM place names listed in the Nova Scotia Gazetteer or approved heritage names.
- A5. No streets names shall incorporate product, trademark or copyright names.
- A6. No name of more than 10 characters in length shall be permitted where the street type is more than 2 characters in length and no name of more than 11 characters in length shall be permitted where the street type is 2 characters in length except for HRM place names listed in the Nova Scotia Gazetteer or approved heritage names.

Street Type Definitions (new streets only)

A7. An appropriate street type shall be used as follows:

Street Type	Use Guideline <i>currently under review</i>	Primary Abbreviation (Database Application)	Secondary Abbreviation (Signage Application)	Notes
Avenue		AVE	AVE	
Boulevard		BLVD	BLVD	
<i>Brae</i>		<i>BRAE</i>	<i>BR</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Circle		CIRC	CIR	
Close		CLOSE	CL	
<i>Connector</i>		<i>CONN</i>	<i>CN</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Court		CRT	CT	
Crescent		CRES	CR	
<i>Crest</i>		<i>CREST</i>	<i>CRST</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
<i>Cross</i>		<i>CROSS</i>	<i>CRS</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
<i>Diversion</i>		<i>DIVRSN</i>	<i>DIV</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Drive		DR	DR	
<i>East</i>		<i>EAST</i>		<i>No longer accepted</i>
<i>Extension</i>		<i>EXTN</i>	<i>EXT</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Gate		GATE	GT	
<i>Gateway</i>		<i>GTWY</i>	<i>GWY</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Green		GREEN	GRN	
Grove		GROVE	GRV	
<i>Hall</i>		<i>HALL</i>	<i>HL</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Heights		HTS	HTS	
Highway		HWY	HWY	
Hill		HILL	HL	
Street Type	Use Guideline <i>currently under review</i>	Primary Abbreviation (Database Application)	Secondary Abbreviation (Signage Application)	Notes

Landing		LNDG	LDG	
Lane		LANE	LN	
Loop		LOOP	LP	
Park		PARK	PK	
Parkway		PKY	PKY	
Path		PATH	PTH	
Place		PLACE	PL	
Ramp		RAMP	RMP	
Ridge		RIDGE	RG	
Road		RD	RD	
Route		RTE	RTE	
Row		ROW	ROW	
Run		RUN	RUN	
<i>Siding</i>		<i>SI</i>	<i>SI</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
<i>Square</i>		<i>SQR</i>	<i>SQ</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Street		ST	ST	
Terrace		TERR	TR	
Trail		TRL	TL	
<i>Turn</i>		<i>TURN</i>	<i>TRN</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>
Walk		WALK	WK	
Water Access		WA		
Way		WAY	WAY	
<i>West</i>		<i>WEST</i>		<i>No longer accepted</i>
<i>Woods</i>		<i>WOODS</i>	<i>WDS</i>	<i>No longer accepted</i>

Italics indicates legacy street types that are no longer acceptable in HRM.

Street Network Considerations

- A8. Continuous streets shall have one name throughout their entire length.
- A9. No street name shall be continued through a right angle turn.
- A10. A continuous street intersecting the same collector road more than twice shall be given a different name.

- A11. The same name shall not be used at both ends of a loop road if the middle portion of the road has not been taken over by the Municipality.
- A12. A cul-de-sac shall have a different street name from its cross road.

Water Access

- A13. Where access to a property is by water only, the street name shall be deemed to be the name of the island or waterbody as listed in the Nova Scotia Gazetteer.

Heritage Names

- A14. The use of heritage names shall be encouraged.
- A15. All street names for the community of Bedford (Municipal District 21) shall conform with the former Town of Bedford Street Naming Policy (1987)¹ .

Theme Names

- A16. Where street names in a neighbourhood are based on a specific theme, the name of all new street within the neighbourhood shall be consistent with the theme.

¹ This policy is currently administered by the Development Officer for the Central Region