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Item No. 18.1

Request for Council's Consideration	
(Submitted to Municipal (Sub	ed Item
Date of Council Meeting: June 18, 2019	
Subject: Surplus Property, Martin's Park (Canal Centre)	
Motion for Council to Consider:	
That Regional Council direct the CAO to	
 Coordinate a review of the park and building's at Martin's Park to determine whether it is surplus to municipal requirements pursuant to Administrative Order 50 Subject to the outcome of that review return to Council to consider the declaring the property or a portion of it, surplus and categorizing the property as Community Interest for direct sale to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. 	
Reason: The Shubenacadie Canal Commission has operated the small building in Martin's Park since it's construction in the 1980s. The building was originally built as an interpretative centre but has in recent years been leased out to commercial tenants. Both HRM and the Commission have spent money on upkeeping the building over the years. Unfortunately, documentation as to the ownership of the building is unclear and although the Commission has been managing the facility, since it is affixed to municipal parkland, HRM would appear to be the actual owner. This lack of clarity around ownership greatly limits what the building can be used for. Since HRM doesn't appear to have any program need for the building or space, HRM should consider transferring it to the Canal Commission. Outcome Sought: Staff recommendation report	
Councillor Sam Austin	District 05