

### Request for Council's Consideration

X **Included on Agenda**  
(Submitted to Municipal  
Clerk's Office by Noon  
Monday one week prior to  
meeting)

**Date of Council Meeting: April 14, 2020**

**Subject:** Municipal Parkland Definition – Boat Launches

#### **Motion for Council to Consider:**

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to review the definition of municipal parkland with consideration that boat launch infrastructure throughout the Municipality not be deemed parkland as per By-Law P-600 – Respecting Parks.

#### **Reason:**

1. Stand alone boat launching facilities, such as the Lake Charlotte Boat Launch and Parking Lot, are considered parkland, however a boat launch itself is not parkland, it is a means to load boats into water. should be exempt or not be designated as municipal parkland.
2. Such as the case with Lake Charlotte, boat launch infrastructure is used by a great number of cottage owners along the shores of Lake Charlotte which happens to be the largest lake in HRM. Their properties do not have driveways or direct road access. Some may be accessible after a very long ride on an off-highway vehicle.
3. This is also used by the local fire stations to haul water for firefighting purposes and to respond to any emergency calls on the lake or at these remote seasonal residences.

#### **Outcome Sought:**

With the COVID 19 directives of self isolation and social distancing, nothing can be more effective than staying out in their cabins, cottages and camp sites, but only if they can get access to them via the boat launch.

*Councillor*  
David Hendsbee

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