

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one day prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: June 29, 2021		
Subject: Proposed Provincial Highway 113		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Regional Council request the Mayor send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia, asking for consideration to strike the proposed provincial Highway 113 from the potential projects list and transfer the corridor lands to protected wilderness status, so as not to interfere with the prospect of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area becoming a National Urban Park under the federal government's expanding national urban park program.		
Reason: Highway 113 is a proposed provincial 100 series highway that could connect Highway 103 to Highway 102, and bypass congested sections of these highways that access the urban core via St. Margaret's Bay Road and the western end of Hammonds Plains Road. While construction is not anticipated to happen for many years, the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) began corridor preservation work in 1998. The NSTIR Highway 113 Environmental Assessment Report was issued in 2009. The proposed Highway 113 route runs through the growing community of West Bedford and cuts through the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (BMBCL). which is designated for protection under Nova Scotia's Wilderness Areas Protection Act. The proposed highway could eliminate BMBCL from federal consideration for a National Urban Park. In addition, effective 'complete community' planning in Hubley, Kingswood subdivision, Brookline, and West Bedford is greatly impacted by a 100-series highway being built through and over their growing communities and neighborhood roads including Eider Drive, Lake Shore Drive, Larry Uteck Boulevard, Brookline and Broad streets.		
Outcome Sought: Letter from HRM Mayor to Province of Nova Scotia to halt the potential construction of Highway 113 and transfer lands to protected wilderness status.		
<i>Councillor</i> Pam Lovelace	<i>District</i> 13	

Map 11

Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Conceptual Park Area

Legend

-  Park Boundary (Concept)
-  Core Wilderness (Back Country)
-  Cox Lake Park Reserve
-  Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (designated 2009)
-  Greenbelting corridor concept (Map 4, corridor 5)
-  Proposed Route (HWY 113)
-  10m contour



The following is a graphical representation and although care has been taken to ensure the best possible quality, HRM does not guarantee the accuracy of this document.

Notes: This map demonstrates a vision to be implemented over the life of the Regional Plan, through various tools, subject to financial ability and community interest.

