

Re: Item No. 12.2



**Registry of Heritage Property Request
for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

Akoma Holding Topics:

- **Cultural significance of NSHCC/ Akoma in ANS community**
- **Why heritage designation is key**
- **Current & future development plans**



Children and Staff of The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children



Canadian History Maker

- The 1921 opening of the Home brought together the largest gathering of Black people in the province
- The Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children (NSHCC) was the only colored home for children in Canada



Cultural Significance

- Only home for orphaned and abandoned ANS children
- Strategically located within the Preston Township on the doorstep of Lake Loon/Cherry Brook, North Preston and East Preston
- Employed local and broader ANS Community
- Bauld Centre – original school-house converted to a community centre
- Community Garden /Hydroponic Farm



Impact of a Heritage Registration:

**Protection from demolition,
conservation and preservation advice**

**Funding to facilitate the conservation
and preservation of the site**

**Significance of the recognition it would
receive as a part of the municipality's
cultural heritage**

**Building a better relationship between
HRM and ANS communities**



Current & Future Plans

Future:

- Senior's Long Term Care Facility
- Mixed Income Rentals
- Black Vendors Market
- REPAC – Road to Economic Prosperity for African Nova Scotian Communities



Current:

- Hydroponic Farm
- Black Incubator Program
- Rapid Housing Initiative

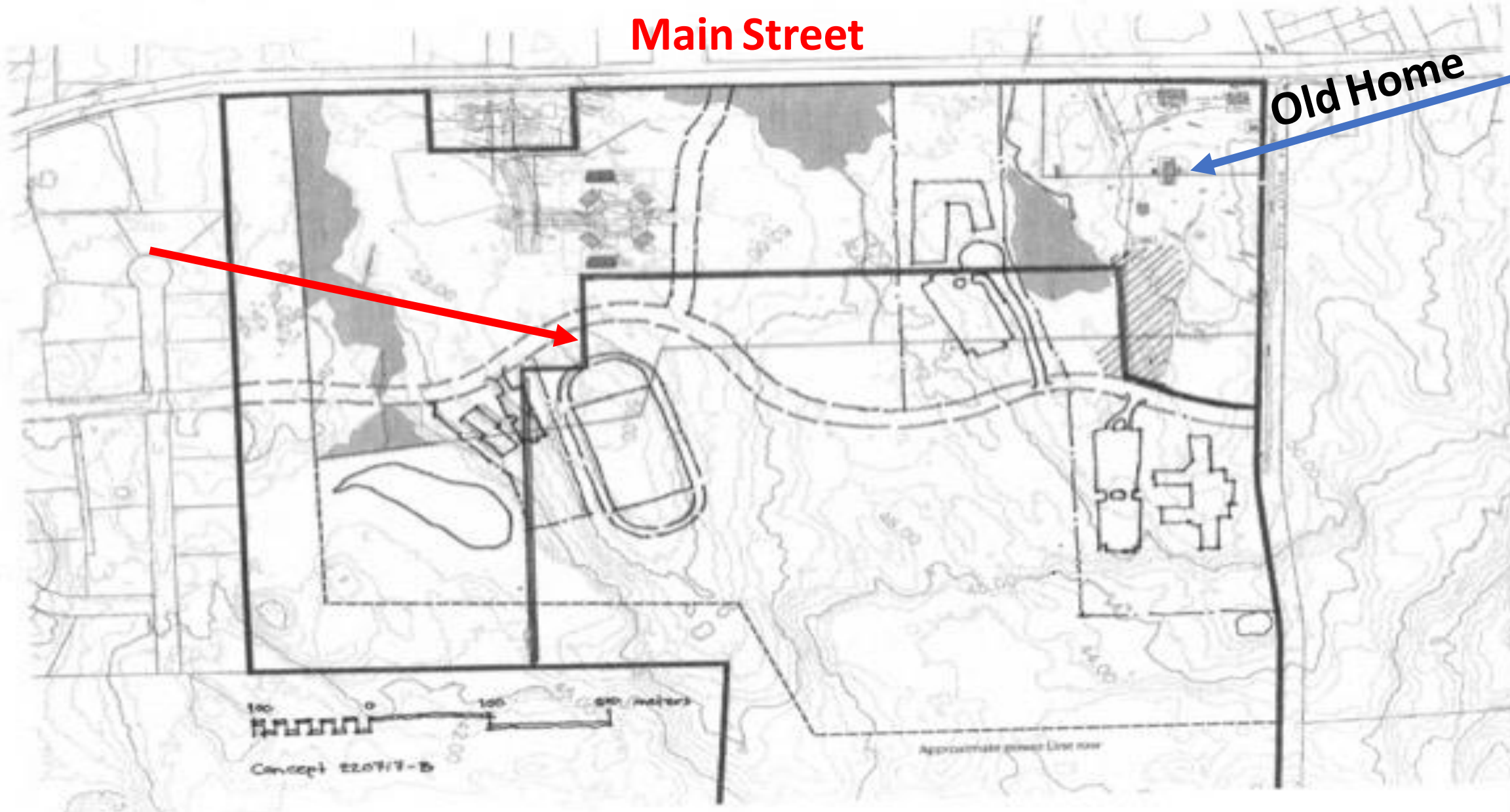


Development Boundary Lines



Main Street

Old Home





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