Re: Item No. 15.1.6

HALIFAX

Park Closure – Park West School Park

Radcliffe Drive, Halifax

Regional Council 2/7/2023

Timeline

December 2020	Formal Request by the Province for Regional Council's Consideration to use the Park for potential school site
January 2021 – Report to Regional Council	Outcome: Parks and Recreation to undertake community consultation, Return to Council for consideration of disposal via AO50
December 2021 – Report to Regional Council	Community Consultation Results Direction to return to Council with Surplus Property recommendation under AO50 upon request for the property by the Province
June 2022	Formal Request by the Province for use of Park for school purposes
January 2023	Park Closure Notification Ad placed
February 2023 – Report to Regional Council	Consideration for Surplus Status



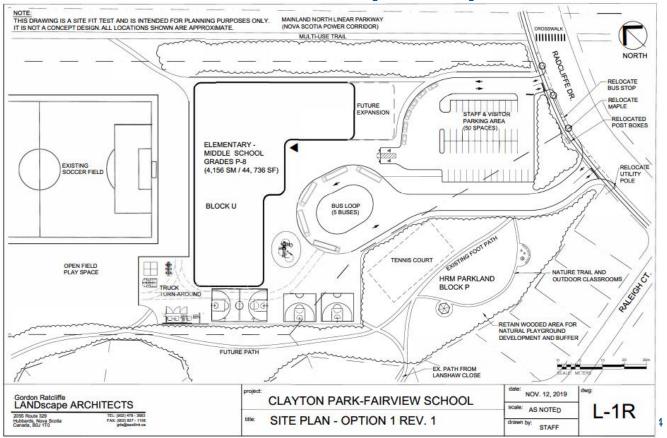
Proposed School

- The community need is for a new pre-primary to grade 8 school to accommodate current and future population growth.
- HRCE is currently studying projected enrollment numbers for the catchment area.
- At the time of the site test fit (2019):
 - Proposed school for approximately 700-800 students
 - Proposed two-storey building of approximately 90,000 square feet.

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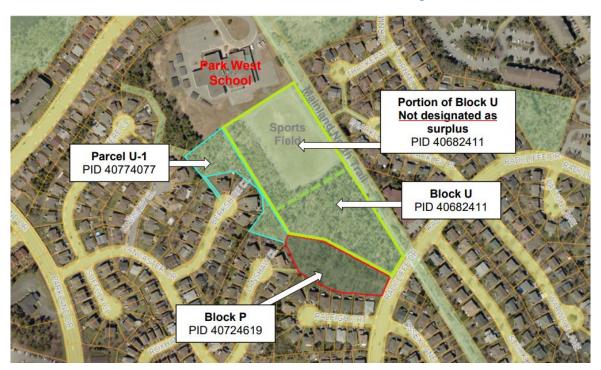
- Population growth has exceeded projections since 2019.
- Based on projections to be finalized:
 - Approximately 800-1,000 students
 - Proposed three-storey building of approximately 125,000 square feet.
- The proposed building will be subject to constraints of the lot size and the local street network.
- The Province/HRCE is open to discussions with HRM on the final development details.

Site Test Fit Plan (2019)



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HRM Lands For Consideration as Surplus



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Conveyance Versus Lease

- A conveyance of the lands would result in loss of ownership of approximately 5 acres within a densely populated area of the urban core.
- The current framework of the HRM Charter does not specifically allow for lease of this parkland.
- Ensuring a reversionary interest of the subject lands back to the municipality would meet the goal of long-term ownership of this site.

Recommendations

- Determine the recommended portions of park as no longer required for public park purposes
- Declare portions of the Park 'Surplus' to Municipal requirements
 - Categorize as 'Intergovernmental Transfer'
- Authorize CAO to negotiate and execute Agreement of Purchase and Sale
 - Market Value
 - Include Reversionary Interest