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Item No. 15.10.2

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
<p>Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 9th, 2024</p> <p>Subject: Lake Micmac Height Restrictions</p>		
<p>Motion for Council to Consider:</p> <p>That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outlining the process and costs to undertake a Wind Impact Study for Lake Micmac, and further outlining the process to amend the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and the Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to establish maximum height restrictions for development around Lake Micmac; and, 2. Request that public participation be undertaken in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Regional Council 		
<p>Reason:</p> <p>Dartmouth's identity as the "City of Lakes" is a testament to the importance of preserving our waterways and natural habitats. Lake Micmac, in particular, serves as a vital resource for local canoe and kayak clubs, an important training venue for athletes of all abilities, from the novice youth to the highly skilled Olympian contributing to the unique recreational and environmental landscape of our community. The lake also serves as a racecourse for long distance competitions. Examples of international races held on Lake Micmac include The World Marathon Canoe Championship and the World Masters Marathon Canoe Championships.</p> <p>While these events are not held on a regular basis, the economic benefits from these races, which include paddlers from across the globe, is quite significant. The events also enable the region to showcase our natural, superior racing venues. The World Masters event also included North American Marathon Canoes for the first time in the history of the event, again an opportunity to showcase local expertise. Annual Nova Scotia events held on Lake Micmac</p>		

include The Arthur Weston 10 miler, which has been an annual event since 1920. Also, the Fred Lynch Canoe Race, Canoe to the Sea and the Richard Dalton Classic have all used Lake Micmac as part of the long distance racecourse.

During national canoe/kayak competitions, athletes from across the country train on the lake. For the 1000-meter races, Lake Micmac is used as a warmup and waiting area between races. For younger paddlers the summer is not complete without a paddle and swim at Bull Rock in Lake Micmac.

High rise buildings create wind issues for lakes which impact the quality of the race/training course. Lakes Banook and Micmac are recognized as superior paddling venues. There have been wind studies completed for Lake Banook which clearly indicate the negative wind impact of buildings above a certain height. The results of these studies can be applied to Lake Micmac.

Outcome Sought:

Staff report on the creation of establishing a maximum height restriction for development around Lake Micmac that will protect the lake for future generations.

Councillor Tony Mancini

District 6