

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting: August 6, 2024</b>		
<b>Subject: Remove Bissett Road from Designated Encampment List</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>		
That Halifax Regional Council		
1. In accordance with section 49 (1) Administrative Order One waive notice of motion; and		
2. Rescind a portion of Item 15.1.9 from the July 9, 2024 Regional Council meeting which endorsed the list of potential designated locations in part 1 of the motion, as outlined in the staff report dated July 3, 2024, in order to remove Bissett Road from that list.		
<b>Reason:</b>		
The staff report on Strategic Opportunities to Address Homelessness (item 15.1.6) from the June 4 meeting of Regional Council identified this site as not suitable for an encampment location. Nothing has changed since that report and this site remains unsuitable.		
Financially, to stand up the new encampment site at Bancroft Drive is costing taxpayers close to \$800,000 dollars. It would cost the same, if not more, to stand up a possible encampment site at the Bissett Road location.		
The Bissett Road location is not close to any amenities or services and it is located outside of our transit boundary. It is surrounded by forest, situated beside a lake and is in close proximity to a recently constructed trail (paid for by taxpayers) and a major provincial park. Concerns regarding threats of forest fires, lake contamination and park safety have been brought forward by residents.		
This location has also just recently finished a multi-year public engagement process to determine the best possible use of this parkland to meet the diverse interests and greenspace needs of the community at large. HRM has invested money and resources into this park plan and the community is expecting us to follow through.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Removal of Bissett Road from the list of potential encampment sites designated by Council on July 9, 2024.		
<i>Councillor Trish Purdy</i>		<i>District 4</i>