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Item No. 15.4.3

Request for Council's Consideration

X	**Included on Agenda** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	☐	**Added Item** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	☐	**Request from the Floor**

Date of Council Meeting: August 20, 2024

Subject: Extend Water Service Boundary in Hammonds Plains and Upper Hammonds Plains

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Offer to write a staff report to include consideration for municipal water service extension along:

1/ Pockwock Road. In doing so, staff should coordinate with Halifax Water, and with work related to community action planning with the Upper Hammonds Plains African Nova Scotian community to ensure the undersized watermain is rightsized for the community's future use.

2/ Citation Drive from Voyageur Way to St George Blvd to enable a closed loop water system and installation of fire hydrants.

Reason: The 2023 wildfire raised awareness of the absence of fire hydrants on Pockwock Road in the Upper Hammonds Plains African Nova Scotian community due to the undersized watermain. The low water pressure in this community has been a long standing concern, which is an increasing problem due to the thousands of new residents on this dead end road. The current planning policy includes the urban service boundary along a road and does not enable a looped watermain and inclusion of a neighborhood allowing complete communities to develop. A looped water system would increase water pressure for residents and businesses and allow for the continuation of water service if the watermain is disrupted and requires repair. In addition, the extension would allow the installation of badly needed fire hydrants to serve the large multiunit buildings and increasing density.

Outcome Sought: Staff report that identifies urban service boundary changes to permit developers to pay costs associated with water extension installations in Hammonds Plains and Upper Hammonds Plains to allow closed loop watermains and fire hydrants.

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