

# Bloomfield Centre sale still in limbo

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Reports of the Bloomfield Centre sale, like Mark Twain's death, may have been greatly exaggerated.

Then again, maybe not. David Fright, who lives across from the 1.2-hectare property in north-end Halifax, said he heard from a municipal real estate official that the former school site had been sold and that no further approval from regional council was necessary. "If it isn't going back to council, a \$40-million property, council has no final look over, it seems pretty poor," Fright said.

"It raises concerns." Lindell Smith, regional councillor for the Halifax Peninsula North district that encompasses the Bloomfield and Agricola streets corner, said concerns are unfounded.

"We as council haven't accepted an offer yet," Smith said. "I'm not sure where he is getting that information from."

Smith said council gives the final nod after staff negotiate terms with the proposed buyer.

"They (staff) present what they feel is necessary and then council says OK, sure, or not," Smith said.

"It hasn't come back to council yet. Council won't be discussing, unless they want to, what terms they want to see but this is who council believes should be the successful candidate."

Smith said in October amid rumours that the property had sold that municipal staff were working with an undisclosed prospective buyer to determine if the conditions of sale could be met.

Smith had posted those conditions of sale on his Facebook page and pointed out that his motions at regional council ensured the conditions would include: a minimum of 10,000 square feet of commercial space, targeted to the creative industry; a minimum of 20,000 square feet of affordable community and cultural space; a minimum of 20 per cent of the site be reserved for open space, both public and private; that the Fielding building be considered as the site for any cultural hub component; and that 10 per cent of the residential units on the site be allocated to affordable housing.

Smith's post included a timeline about the centre, beginning in 2002 when the site located in the block bordered by Agricola, Robie and Almon streets and home to three brick buildings, was deemed surplus property, followed by efforts to create a site master plan that was eventually adopted by council in 2009.

The master plan was to transform the Fielding building into a cultural centre to be owned and managed by the city, to have the Commons building managed by non-profit community groups and construction of a new four-storey building to host arts events, two 10-storey apartment buildings and 20 townhouses, with 20 per cent of the housing to be dedicated as affordable units.

The timeline continued into 2012, when a sale to the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation was approved, followed four years later by the termination of that agreement.

Plans for a new junior high on the site or a school run by the provincial Francophone school board were also scuttled.

In 2018, Imagine Bloomfield and Wonderneath Arts Society submitted a business



North End Halifax residents were upset in June when HRM offered up the old Bloomfield School to developers. Grassroots movements like Imagine Bloomfield tried for 20 years to push a community use for the old school, including a public park.

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## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Halifax Regional Municipality Notices will generally appear each Saturday in this section of the newspaper. Readers are still encouraged to look throughout the paper for information which might appear in a different section or on another day.

### NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

#### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

North West Community Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following application:

**Case 19117: Application by Cygnet Properties on Lands identified as PID 00513788, on an extension of the Old Truro Road, Elmsdale for a Development Agreement to allow a 525 site mobile home park.**

A virtual public hearing will be held on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. This meeting will occur in a virtual setting and attending in person is not possible. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions are welcomed and encouraged in advanced of the hearing itself. These submissions are distributed to all Councillors and considered at the time of their decision. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by e-mail, [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca); by fax, 902-490-4208; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. **Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on December 14, 2020.** Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The virtual public hearing will be webcasted and may be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. For individuals seeking to speak at the hearing, **members of the public may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30pm on December 11, 2020 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.** We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list. Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may:

- Send an email to [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca); or
- Call and leave a voicemail at 902.490.4210; or
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In your message, please include the meeting body, the planning Case number (Case 19117) or civic address, in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of application itself, please contact the planner directly at (902) 237-5395 or [viponds@halifax.ca](mailto:viponds@halifax.ca) if you have questions about the process of the virtual public hearing, please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or 902.490.4210.

The staff report is available on-line at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk <mailto:clerks@halifax.ca> or 902.490.4210. To arrange for a paper copy of application materials to be sent to you by mail if the internet is unavailable to you, contact the Planner.

Further details regarding the application can be found at the following location: [www.halifax.ca/planning](http://www.halifax.ca/planning) (Scroll down to Case 19117)  
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### NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

#### HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following application:

**Case No. 22519 - Application by Bianca and Pierre-Luc Sevigny to enter into a development agreement for an intensive agricultural use to allow for an abattoir and additional animals at 1129 West Petpeswick Road, West Petpeswick.**

A virtual public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. This meeting will occur in a virtual setting and attending in person is not possible. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions are welcomed and encouraged in advanced of the hearing itself. These submissions are distributed to all Councillors and considered at the time of their decision. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by e-mail, [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca); by fax, 902-490-4208; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. **Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.** Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The virtual public hearing will be webcasted and may be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. For individuals seeking to speak at the hearing, **members of the public may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.** We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list. Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may:

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- Send a fax to the clerk at 902.490.4208.

In your message, please include the meeting body, the planning Case number (Case 22519) or civic address, in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of application itself, please contact the planner, Meaghan Maund, directly at 902.233.0726 or [maundm@halifax.ca](mailto:maundm@halifax.ca).

Should you have questions about the process of the virtual public hearing, please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or 902.490.4210. The staff report is available on-line at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or 902.490.4210. To arrange for a paper copy of application materials to be sent to you by mail if the internet is unavailable to you, contact the Planner.

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plan for the site in support of a community and creative hub.

Fright, who lives on Agricola across from the property and had addressed some concerns with the amount of public space proposed, said he was told recently that the property actually sold in September.

"You'd think you'd kinda want to have a final look before your name is put to it," Fright said of council. "It's kind of like signing a blank cheque."

He said if it has been sold, the community is owed in-

formation on the identity of the buyer, the density bonuses and affordable housing allocation, the green space and how the entirety of the conditions of sale have been met.

Smith maintains that the sale has to come back to council but suggested he "could be wrong," and that information on how the entire process plays out could best be provided by municipal real estate staff.

Municipal communications staff was unable to provide that information Friday.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Halifax and West Community Council will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

You may view the agenda for the meeting when it becomes available at the following website address: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

For more information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210. Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

#### NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

North West Community Council will be holding their Annual Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

You may view the agenda for the meeting when it becomes available at the following website address: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

For more information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210. Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

#### HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

You may view the agenda for the meeting when it becomes available at the following website address: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

For more information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210. Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

#### REGIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regional Centre Community Council will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

You may view the agenda for the meeting when it becomes available at the following website address: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

For more information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210. Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
HROP-6912-A121

### NOTICE OF APPROVAL

#### DARTMOUTH

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Halifax Regional Council did, on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, adopt amendments to the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

**Case 21808 - Burnside Zoning Review: The Municipality has reviewed the planning policy and zoning for Burnside Industrial Park and City of Lakes Business Park. The proposed amendments to the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law are intended to protect and support the lands in this area for long-term industrial use. The proposed amendments will introduce two new sub-designations and three new zones, including:**

- **The Burnside General Industrial sub-designation, which will:**
  - encourage both light and heavy industrial uses, and commercial and support uses that are compatible with an industrial environment;
  - be applied to all lands within Burnside Industrial Park;
  - establish and apply the **Burnside General Industrial (BGI) Zone** to the majority of Burnside, away from major streets and non-industrial areas. This zone will permit both light and heavy industrial uses and commercial uses that support industrial uses; and
  - establish and apply the **Commercial Industrial (CI) Zone** to major transportation routes with access to transit. This zone will permit light industrial uses and a range of supportive commercial uses.
- **The Business Park sub-designation, which will:**
  - support the continued use of City of Lakes Business Park and limited additional lands for suburban office space for businesses that neither desire nor require a location within the Regional Centre, in a manner that is compatible with nearby industrial development;
  - apply to lands within City of Lakes Business Park, HRM-owned vacant lands adjacent to City of Lakes, and lands on Venture Run known as the Wright & Burnside Business Campus development;
  - establish and apply the **Business Park (BP) Zone**, which will allow offices and light industrial uses.

The planning documents have been reviewed by the Provincial Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations as per Section 223 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*. In accordance with Section 223 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, these amendments become effective as of the date of this notice.

The planning documents can be inspected on the HRM website at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications/case-21808-burnside-city-lakes-business-park>  
ACC# C310-6912

### NOTICE OF APPROVAL

#### HALIFAX MAINLAND

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Halifax Regional Council did, on September 29 and 30, 2020, adopt amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law.

**Case 22050 - Application by RMP Development Consulting Ltd., on behalf of FH Development Group Inc., to consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to permit single detached dwellings in accordance with modified lot requirements (e.g. lot frontage, lot area, lot coverage, setbacks, etc.) and five townhouse buildings on a portion of the lands identified as PID 00277228, near Parkmoor Avenue, Hayes Street and Charlton Avenue, Halifax.**

The planning documents have been reviewed by the Provincial Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations as per Section 223 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*. In accordance with Section 223 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, these amendments become effective as of the date of this notice.

The planning documents can be inspected on the HRM website, specifically Attachments A and B of the staff report dated August 27, 2020 at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/200929rc085.pdf>  
ACC# CPCO2310

PLEASE SEE SECTION 158 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SATURDAY'S PAPER AND SECTION 258 - TENDERS IN CLASSIFIEDS FOR ALL TENDERS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ADVERTISEMENTS IN SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY'S EDITIONS

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