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**Item No. 15.6.2**

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>		
<p>X <b>Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> November 22, 2020</p>		
<p><b>Subject: Amendments to allow boardwalk usage at 300 Prince Albert Road</b></p>		
<p><b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b></p> <p>That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on amending the Regional Plan and/or The Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to allow for a relaxation of the required watercourse setback at 300 Prince Albert Road to allow for the establishment of a boardwalk space via the appropriate planning process.</p>		
<p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>Lake Banook is a unique lake in HRM. The Lake is a recreation hub and a venue for national and international competition. 300 Prince Albert Road is a prominent property along the Lake, with expansive views of the paddling course. The shoreline at 300 Prince Albert Road has already been significantly altered and consists of infilled rock and grass. There is no natural riparian zone in its current state. Although the property is privately-owned, the general public frequently uses the space as if it were a park. There has been occasional conflict over how the public wants to use the space and what the owners are willing/able to permit.</p> <p>Recently, there has been interest expressed in creating a boardwalk space at 300 Prince Albert Road. This space would be privately-owned, but open to the general public and could include food and other commercial use (paddleboard and bike rentals have occurred in this area in the past). Given Lake Banook's special role in HRM, the property's commercial zoning, the fact that the shoreline has already been degraded, and that a boardwalk space could add to the amenities around the lake and solidify public access, HRM should consider the merits to relaxing the watercourse setback in this one location.</p>		
<p><b>Outcome Sought:</b>          Staff recommendation report</p>		
<p><i>Councillor Sam Austin</i></p>		<p><i>District 05</i></p>