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Dear Resident:

**RE: EARTHWORKS ACTIVITY AT CHELMSFORD AND  
WENTWORTH, ROCKINGHAM**

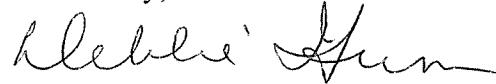
This letter is intended to address the inquiries that HRM staff and myself have received about the activity taking place in the Chelmsford Place and Wentworth Street area (see enclosed map). As of the date of this letter, no applications to develop this area have been made with HRM. However, HRM staff have had conversations with the property owner, Mr. Aranout, and the contractor currently managing the site, and were informed that the purpose of the work was to clean up the area.

The site excavation and remedial work taking place on Mr. Aranout's properties does not require approval from HRM at this time. This includes lot grading and tree removal. There are no Municipal Bylaws in the Mainland North area which regulate grade alteration or tree cutting on private property. If work is taking place that involves a wetland or watercourse alteration, an approval would be required from the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment (NSEL). It is my understanding that a representative from NSEL has visited the site. For inquiries regarding wetlands or watercourse alteration, please contact that office at (902) 424-7773.

There are two ways future development can occur on these properties. The first is through the "by-right" process, which would not require public input. A copy of the HRM "by right" brochure is attached for your information. The properties are zoned R-2 (Two Unit Dwelling) Zone, which allows consideration of a variety of uses, including but not limited to single unit dwellings, two unit dwellings, day cares for up to eight children and recreational and church uses. Should the owner wish to develop something other than uses permitted "by right", a second option would be to apply to HRM Planning Services for an alternative development that would require a public process.

For further inquiries, the following HRM Staff have been monitoring the activity taking place in the area and are prepared to answer any questions you may have: Rosemary MacNeil, Development Officer (902) 490-4650; Ashley Blissett, Development Engineer (902) 490-6848.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Hum".

Councillor Debbie Hum

cc: A. Aranout; E. Bremner Williamson, NSEL

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