

Site Background / Chronology, Halifax West Redevelopment: Cases 00519, 01254:

- Mid-2000: HWH School closes; building / site declared surplus by HRSB;
- December 2001: Operational responsibility for property transferred to HRM;
- May 2002: HRM declares site surplus to municipal needs, takes steps to advance site to market;
- Mid-2002: Regional Council initiated process to amend MPS to look at redevelopment options for site, and approves costs for site assessment and pre-demolition consulting;
- Early 2003: Public meeting/ open house held; various development scenarios discussed;
- June 2003: HRM releases Request for Proposals (RFP); 1 submission received, did not meet technical requirements of RFP;
- August 2003: Tender for building demolition awarded by Council;
- September 2003: Amended RFP: Amended development guidelines for site, United Gulf Developments Ltd. (UGDL) is sole proponent;
- November 2003: School building is demolished;
- Mid-2004: Conditional Purchase and Sale Agreement between HRM and UGDL¹;
- Spring 2005: UGDL hire consultant (EDM Ltd.) to seek public feedback
- Mid-2005 – early 2008: Various conceptual development proposals prepared by UGDL & reviewed by HRM; staff resources redistributed to other projects, lower priority assigned to file;
- Mid-2008: Planning “Pre-Application” made, UGDL worked with staff to refine proposal in order to comply with RFP “preferred” development guidelines;
- August 2008: Amended Purchase and Sale Agreement completed¹;
- March 2009: Complete planning application submitted by UGDL for review and public input; UGDL proposal information & plans posted on HRM website
- April 2009: Public information meeting held, feedback received;
- Mid-2009 – late 2010: UGDL and HRM staff work on revisions to proposal to reflect public feedback; detailed staff review of plans, revisions to studies, etc.;
- March 2011: Revised proposal information is mailed to approximately 100 neighbouring property owners for information and feedback; revised plans and studies are placed on HRM website; UGDL and HRM staff work on draft development agreement;
- May 2011: Staff report being prepared

¹ Land which is sold by the Municipality must be sold at market value, pursuant to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (Sect. 61(5)(b)).