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Public Hearing for Case 20384

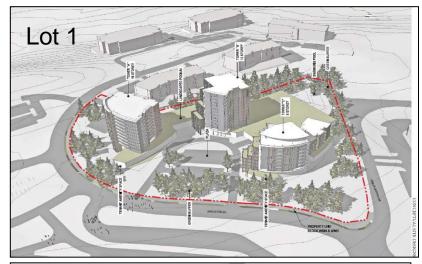
Development Agreement for Innovation Drive, Bedford

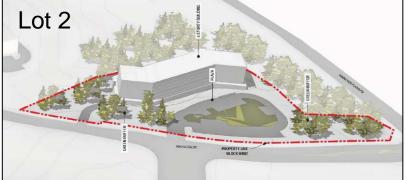
Applicant Proposal

<u>Applicant</u>: West Bedford Holdings Limited

Location: Innovation Drive, Bedford

- <u>Proposal</u>: 2 multiple unit dwelling sites.
 - Lot 1 A minimum of two multiple unit dwellings on with a maximum of two 12 storey buildings and 240 dwelling units;
 - Lot 2 One multiple unit dwelling on with a maximum of six storeys and 66 dwelling units;







Site Context Innovation Drive, Bedford





General Site location in Red

Site Boundaries in Red



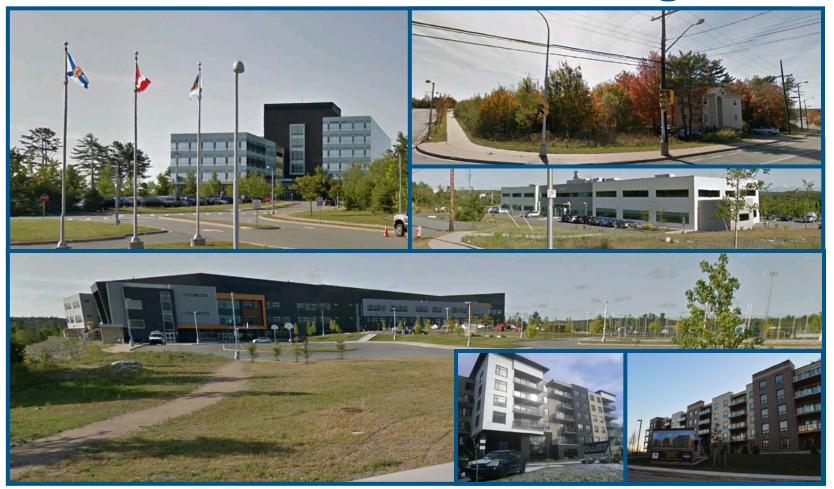
Site Context



Subject Sites Innovation Drive



Site Context – Surrounding Uses

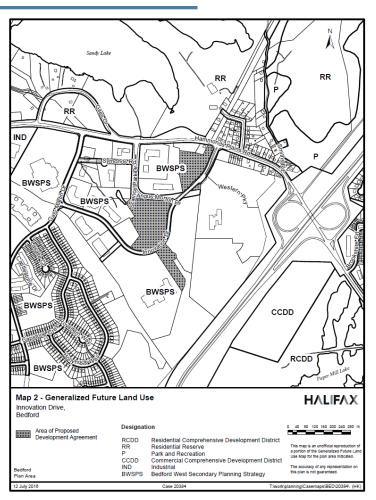




Planning Policy

Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy – BWSPS

- Bedford West Business
 Campus Business campus
 uses permitted through
 existing zone.
- SPS considers the viability
 of Business Campus and
 enables consideration of an
 alternate land use (Multiple
 Unit Dwellings) by
 development agreement.

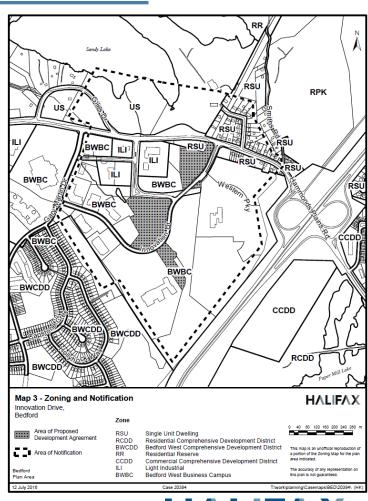




Land Use By-law

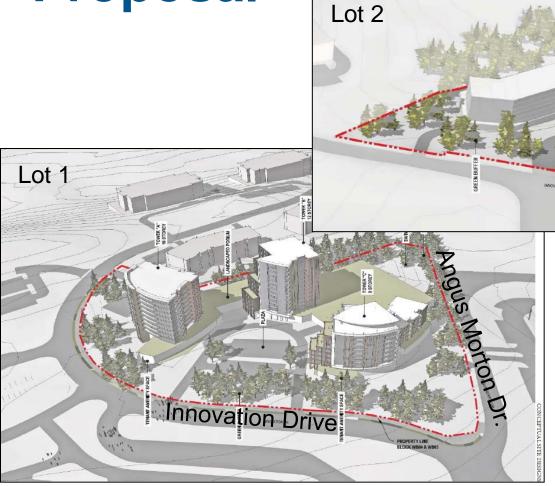
Bedford LUB

- Bedford West Business Campus
 Zone
- Permits a wide range of businesses which produce goods and services, recreational uses, hotels, gas bars, institutional facilities and park-andride facilities and limited provisions for retail uses, personal and household services and restaurants.
- o Density 40 ppa
- Max Height
 - 120 feet for hotel/office uses
 - o 52 feet for other uses





Proposal







PROPERTY LINE INNOVation Drive

Policy & By-law Overview

Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy /Bedford West SPS – Bedford LUB

- o Zone
 - > BWBC (Bedford West Business Campus) Zone
- Designation
 - Bedford West Secondary Planning Strategy
- Existing Use
 - Vacant Lots
- Enabling Policy
 - ➤ BW-27 Development of Multiple Unit Dwellings by Development Agreement



Policy Consideration

Enabling Policy BW-37: Development of Multiple Unit Dwellings by Development Agreement, requires Council consider the following in rendering their decision on a Development Agreement:

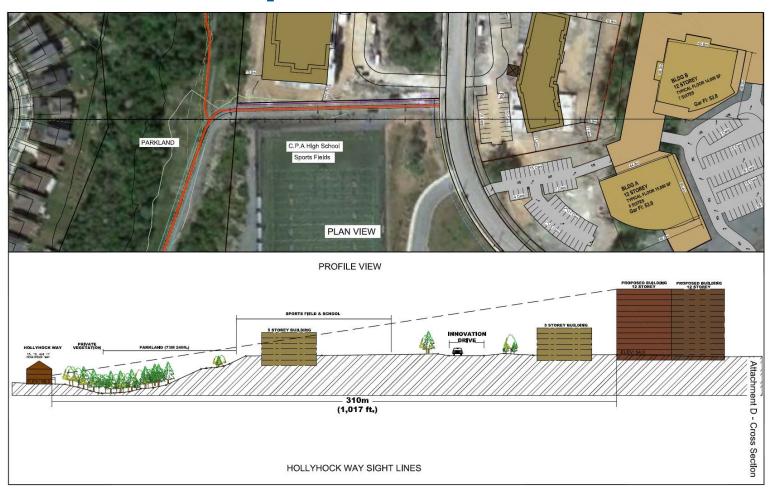
➤ Consideration to Policy BW-32

Policy BW-32 discusses considerations for community design and includes relevant factors such as housing type, units per building, height, scale, architectural design, buffers and non-disturbance areas and landscaping.

Highlights of Policy Review

- o Height
 - ➤ Height is comparable with existing zone and surrounding Business campus Zone.
 - > Transitions relevant to adjacent neighbourhood.
- Setbacks
 - ½ height of building (standard setback for Bedford West).
- Density
 - Maintained at Business Campus levels of 40 ppa.

Relationship to Bedford West



Site Cross Section (Lot 1)



Highlights of Policy Review

- Wetland
 - Riparian buffer maintained around adjacent wetland.
- Capital Cost Contribution
 - Proposal has no net impact on CCC charges.
- Compatibility of Land Uses
 - Similar in bulk and scale to office building permitted in surrounding area.
 - Appropriate setbacks.

Public Engagement Feedback

- Level of engagement completed was consultation achieved through a mail out notification and a public information meeting (June 2, 2016)
- No members of the public attended the PIM.
- Feedback from the community generally included the following:
 - Concern over impacts on other residential developments (economic, density and traffic).
 - Concerns regarding issues at Hammonds Plains and Innovation Drive regarding school busses and lane transitions.
 - Concern with relationship with 416 Hammonds Plains Road.

Notifications Meeting Letters Total Public Interactions

Mailed Attendees Received Interactions

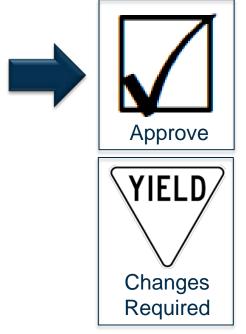
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NWPAC Recommendation

August 3, 2016

The PAC provided the following feedback:

- The proposed buildings are too high.
- Recommended 8 storeys on Lot 1.



Key Aspects of Proposed Development Agreement

Lot 1 – Multiple Unit Dwellings

- Building designs flexible in terms of height, number of buildings and architecture.
- Maximum height
 - > 12 storeys plus underground parking.
- Maximum number of buildings 11 storeys or greater 2
- Maximum number of buildings 6
- Maximum number of dwelling units 240
- Limits on building floor plate.

<u>Lot 2 – Multiple Unit Dwelling</u>

1 building, 6 storeys, 66 units



Key Aspects of Proposed Development Agreement

Overall

- Density
 - Density of the proposed development is limited to 40 person per acre.
- Architectural requirements similar to all other areas of Bedford West.
- Landscaping required along Angus Morton Drive to screen Business Campus uses.

Non-Substantive Amendments

A 'Non-Substantive Amendment' is a change to the agreement which could be made without a formal Public Hearing. Instead, Community Council could authorize this change by resolution.

As proposed, Non-Substantive Amendments within this agreement include the following:

- Extension of date of commencement;
- Extension of length of time for completion; and
- Addition of neighbourhood commercial land uses to Lot 1 and 2.



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend that Regional Council:

 Approve the proposed development agreement as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 7, 2017

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Thank You