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May 26, 1971

Africville Lands

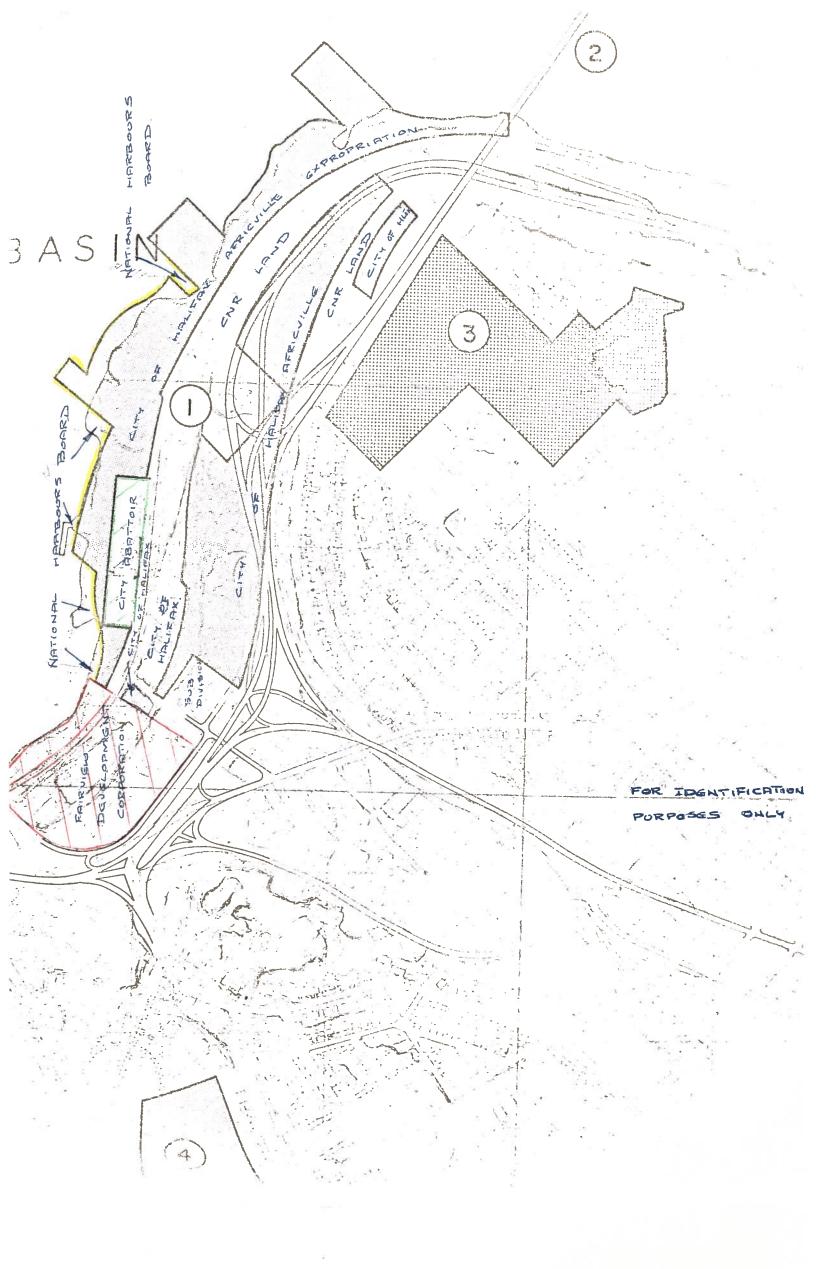
I refer to your memorandum of the 13th of May, 1971. The answers to the questions raised are:

- Fairview Development Corporation Limited own 11.11 acres of land with approximately 920' of frontage to Bedford Basin. It lies immediately to the east of the N. S. Department of Highways Depot and is indicated on the attached plan. The market value of this land and improvements is estimated at \$760,000. This is based on assessed acreage.
- 2) The City Abattoir has a site area of 4.59 acres. The estimated market value of this property (including improvements) is \$515,000.
- 3) The only other land in the vicinity appears to be owned by the City of Halifax, National Harbours Board, C.N.R. and the Bridge Commission. The value of land in the area (if serviced and level) is approximately - \$1.50 per foot. In the case of 'made ground' this presupposes adequate bearing capacity of sub-soil. The proposed harbour interceptor will ensure servicing of all this land.
- 4) If the City wished to purchase the Abattoir in two years time, it could enter into an Agreement to Convey or an Option to Purchase now to cover itself.

M. S. Turner

Development Assistant Real Estate Division

MST:mn c.c. Mr. C. McC. Henderson attachment



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You received a copy of Mr. Turner's memorandum to me, dated May 26 on the above noted subject. Basically, this was in response to your confidential memorandum of May 10 to me. Perhaps you would advise if you require anything further in this connection.

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A. W. Churchill Supervisor Real Estate Division

THANKS

AWC:mn c.c. Mr. R. B. Grant Mr. M. S. Turner

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M. S. Turner, Development Assistant

A. W. Churchill, Supervisor

May 13, 1971

Africville Lands

I attach a copy of a confidential memorandum from the City Manager concerning possible land transactions in the Africville area. From an impromptu and confidential conversation with Mr. Murray of Halicon a couple of weeks ago, I was led to understand that the exercise might involve the City purchasing the Abattoir site which would provide the company with some liquid capital essential to their plans, with the justification for the City's purchase being the potential re-use of the site for further container pier development.

Could you attempt to get the specific answers to the City Manager's questions without revealing your reasons and could you also consider whether it would be possible for the City simply to agree formally to buy the Abattoir site say within two or three years, by which time it might be required for container pier purposes, whereupon the City could complete the transaction and re-sell the land immediately, thus avoiding the capital expenditure at this time.

Mr. Grant has indicated to me on his copy of the Manager's memo the opinion that land value is probably in the area of 35¢ to 50¢ per square foot.

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c.c. Mr. C. McC. Henderson Mr. R. B. Grant

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Mr. A. W. Churchill, Supervisor, Real Estate C. McC. Henderson, City Manager May 10, 1971

I understand that the Abbatoir has a commitment of 1.8 million dollars worth of DREE funds which it has to accept of reject by the end of June. One of the conditions of its being able to accept this federal money may be the sale of the property which is now owns. This property, together with the City Dump, "Negro Point" will be required if the second container pier is to go in Fairview Cove.

The second container pier will need to be operational within two to three years.

It would take approximately the same time for the Abbatoir people to become operational elsewhere.

Is there any other land along the waterfront in that vicinity which is not owned by the City (I believe Mr. Irving may have some?) Could someone please guess at the value of the Abbatoir site (site and improvements after all removables have been taken away)?

Could someone give me a rough idea of the value of other lands in the vicinity which would have to be acquired?

> C. McC. Henderson City Manager

CMcCH/H c.c. Mr. R. B. Grant

August 20, 1969

Mr. G. J. O'Malley President Halifax North Community Development Association 3738 High Street Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 1969, re the progress on the development of Negro Point.

The installation of the sewer in the area necessitated a slight change in the original site to be developed. As a result of the change a great deal more fill was required and City forces are proceeding with this work. It is expected that a fence will be erected as soon as the fill has settled sufficiently.

I trust this explanation meets your approval.

Yours very truly,

S. A. Ward City Manager

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City of Halifax

DATE: August 8, 1969

SUBJECT: Negro Point.

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FROM:

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C. Pelham, Administrative Assistant

JCP/kos

TO: J.C. Pelham, Administrative Assistant FROM: G.F.West, Commissioner of Works DATE: August 18,1969 SUBJECT: Negro Point

RE: Your memo of August 8,1969

The site of area designated for improvements was moved from its original location by Mr. Lubka, affer he was advised that the installation of a sewer should proceed the proposed improvements at the original site.

As a result of moving the area designated for improvement, considerably more fill was needed and City Forces have been proceeding with this work. It is expected that a fence will be erected as soon as the fill has settled sufficiently.

'F. West

Commissioner of Works

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Mr. G. F. West, Director of Works J. C. Pelham, Administrative Assistant August 8, 1969 Negro Point.

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> J. C. Pelham, Administrative Assistant

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July 29, 1969

Mr. Arnold Ward Manager City of Halifax

Dear Mr. Ward

In the earlier part of this year representatives of the Halifax North Community Development Association met with representatives of various City Departments in regard to the establishment of a park at Negro Point. At that time (May 1969) we felt assured that substantial progress would be made prior to the opening of the Canada Games. A visit to the site shows very minimal improvement since May.

We request that you inform the Association as to the present status of the project and the timetable for development.

Yours truly

. O'Malley GZ

President Halifax North Community Development Association To:Mr. S. A. Ward, City ManagerFROM:G. F. West, Director of Works2. FOLLOW UPDATE:July 11, 19693. FOLLOW UPSUBJECT:Negro Point4. COMPLETION DATE

Re: Your Memo of July 3, 1969.

We received a copy of a plan along with a brief description of the basic work suggested for the Phase I Development of Negro Point.

Work has already started on the "clean up" of the area but this is of necessity a continuing and, at times frustrating, job.

Prices for the fencing have been requested and we hope to have sufficient information for a decision on or about July 17, 1969.

Considerable fill is required and while the weather is suitable for seal coating and other road work all available men and equipment are concentrating on this work. The return of damp weather will permit the reallocation of some of our forces to the Negro Point Project. It is hoped that the week of July 21, 1969 will see a concentrated effort on the grading and filling required.

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Director of Works

July 17

Mr. G. F. West, Director of Works S. A. Ward, City Manager July 3, 1969 Negro Point.

I have noted that you received a copy of a memo from Mr. J. M. Coe to Mr. J. J. Dillard dated June 25, 1969, re: the the above subject.

Would you please advise me when work will commence on Phase I of this project.

> S. A. Ward, City Manager

JCP/kos

Mr. J. A. Mard

File No. 261



Mr. J. Dillard, Director of Recreation

J. M. Coe, Senior Planner

June 25, 1969

Africville Lands - Negro Point -Recreation Area

On May 15, 1969 a Meeting was held on the subject of improving the shore line of Bedford Basin. The following were present:

> Doctor McKay, Mr. Williams, Mr. O'Malley of the North End Community Improvement Association

Mr. West, Mr. Mader of the Works Department

Mr. Dillard, Director of Recreation, and

Mr. Downie of the Real Estate Division

A discussion took place after which the group visited the area in question. To sum up the afternoon's work, the following was agreed:

- For this summer to get immediate results, it was agreed that:
  - (a) a fence would be erected enclosing as much of the area as is reasonable. The attached sketch shows the fencing required. It was agreed that a six foot high chain link type of fence be used.
  - (b) the debris, abandoned automobiles, etc. be removed from the site within the fenced area.
  - (c) a roadway as shown on the attached plan graded and gravelled with adjoining parking area.

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- (d) a small unsupervised tot lot with sand box be installed.
- (e) picnic benches and seats will be provide together with suitable number of rubbish receptacles.

Mr. West agreed to give an estimate of the costs as far as he was concerned and hopefully money can be found out of the existing budget to do the work.

- 2. As soon as possible considering the staff's workload a more detailed plan for the development area would be developed by Mr. Dillard and Planning Staff. This might involve a four or five year programme in which something could be done eachy year.
- 3. It was pointed out that Project Planning Associates would be bringing in recommendations for the Bedford Basin shore line as required by their contract with the City on the Prison lands development.

On the tour of inspection, it was noted that this general area is a convenience place for all kinds of dumping and that it was extremely difficult to police. It is for this reason that a good fence is needed to protect the recreation area. Eventually, when construction of the Narrows Bridge is completed, the City will be in a better position to maintain the entire shore line in a more tidy state.

Plan No. 650/58 produced by this Division indicates the basic requirements as set out at the meeting. I am advised by the City Engineer that the actual position of the fence line along Barrington Street will have to be determined on site and that Engineering Staff will be made available for this purpose provided that they receive two weeks notice prior to the setting out date. The plan, however, should be sufficient foran estimate to be made of the cost of the works involved for this project. As will be seen from the attached plan, two phases of development are involved. Phase I could be carried out immediately; Phase II should be carried out subsequent to the completion of the sewer construction and fill works, shortly to be undertaken by the City Engineer. Phase I is indicated in very simple form, and it is suggested that the site for a tot lot would best be chosen on the site.

I would appreciate hearing from Mr. West, by copy of this memorandum, the date on which he feels work could be commenced on Phase I of this project, bearing in mind that the suggested date for this facility being in use was this summer. I will also require information as to the costs of works involved in order that a report can be put before Council for official approval of this project.

J. M. Coe Senior Planner

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c.c. Var. S. A. Ward, City Manager Mr. R. B. Grant, Director of Development Mr. G. West, Director of Works Mr. L. Lubka, Chief Planner Mr. C. L. Dodge, City Engineer Mr. S. J. Langmaid, Supervisor of Real Estate

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TO: Mr. S. A. Ward, City Manager
FROM: R. B. Grant, Director of Development
DATE: June 10, 1969
SUBJECT: Negro Point

I have examined Mrs. Hubley's letter of June 2, 1969 to you and I have seen Mr. Dillard's memorandum of June 4, 1969.

There is a problem which has recently arisen which could create some problems in respect of the timing of the clean up of Negro Point. This question relates to the necessity for a sewer installation across part of the property.

You will recall that about two weeks ago, we placed the question of sewers as they relate to the Narrows Bridge before City Council. At that time we proposed and City Council accepted a plan which constituted a major revision to the proposals of the Bridge Commission. We are now seeking formal approval of the Bridge Commission to our revised plans and we are also in process of preparing to undertake the work.

It is anticipated that the portion of the sewer on the Negro Point property will be completed on October 31, 1969.

R. B. Grant Director of Development

RBG/meb c.c. Mrs. P. Hubley Mr. J. Dillard Mr. C. L. Dodge Mr. L. Lubka

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File No. 261





R. B. Grant, Director of Development

June 9, 1969

Proposals for Development of Negro Point

Attached for your information is a copy of a submission dated June 4, 1969 from the Halifax North Community Development Association to His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Discussions respecting the improvement of conditions at Negro Point started some time ago. As you can see, the proposals which are set forth in this letter are not particularly far reaching nor are they likely to be overly expensive.

However, since discussions commenced, a further complication has arisen. This, of course, relates to the problem of the revised sewer pattern in the area brought about by construction of the Narrows Bridge approaches. The principal sewer outfall for most of the north end is now proposed to be located through a portion of Negro Point.

It is my understanding that you are now seeking the necessary approvals to permit the work approved by Council to be carried out. The additional approvals necessary from the C.N.R., the National Harbours Board, the Water Resources Board and the Bridge Commission is required.

I understand that after these approvals have been received, you will be in a position to undertake the work immediately. I also understand that the work will take approximately two to three months to complete. In view of this, I am wondering if, in your opinion, there is any point in attempting to implement the recommendations of the Halifax North Community Development Association until after construction has been completed.

Perhaps you could get together with Mr. Lubka and Mr. Dillard to determine if any conclusions can be reached. We can then determine what information, if any, we should place before City Council relative to the request from the Development Association.

. B. Grant

Director of Development

RBG/plh Attachment

c.c. Mr. S. A. Ward Mr. J. Dillard Mr. L. Lubka

City Manager June 20

June 4, 1969

TO:- Mayor and Aldermen City of Halifax, N. S.

FROM: - Halifax North Community Development Association

Reference:- Proposal to Develop Negro Point as a Public Park

Of the thirteen (13) miles of shore line on the peninsula of the City of Halifax, only 1.8 miles are accessible to the general public for recreation purposes; and the available shore line which does exist is located in the areas of Point Pleasant Park and the North West Arm.

This Association is of the opinion that the Negro Point area presents the City with the opportunity to make the first significant addition to the park lands on the peninsula for many years. This area has developmental possibilities which make it possible for it to achieve a rank with the very best of many city park areas.

The Negro Point area lies just North of the Halifax Harbor Narrows Bridge. It consists of a shore line of approximately two thousand (2,000) feet from the western abutment of the bridge, and it extends to the area adjacent to the city dump. This land has a depth ranging from a few feet to approximately four-hundred (400) feet. The total land area is several acres, and it would provide considerable space for parking, recreation and access to the water for boating.

A visit to this area reveals that it is basically very attractive as illustrated in the photographs which accompany the first copy of this submission. It has a natural contour which affords an excellent view of the entire expanse of Bedford Basin and the Narrows Bridge area.

However, as these photographs also reveal, the entire shore line is littered with refuse of many varieties which despoils the area of possibilities for aesthetically satisfying recreational activities.

Development of the area was discussed by representatives of H. N. C. D. A. and the Mayor on May 6, 1969. His Honour very kindly made arrangements for a meeting between representatives of the H. N. C. D. A. (Mr. G. O'Malley, Dr. D. MacKay and Mr. G. Williams) and representatives of various departments of City Hall (Mr. L. Lubka, Mr. G. West and Mr. J. Dillard) which was held on the afternoon of May 15, 1969.

This group toured Negro Point area and discussed at some length the possibilities which the area presents and the steps which might be taken immediately toward the creation of a park area. These steps should be:

- 1. A general cleaning of the area.
- 2. Erection of a fence along Barrington Street in order to prevent further deposit of rubbish.

It must be pointed out at this time that the city dump would still remain the major source of debris along the shore line.

We feel that it is most important for this work to be accomplished prior to the opening of the Summer Games in order that this park area might serve as a vantage point from which to observe the activities which will take place on Bedford Basin.

Also, it is important to consider that the work to be done this year should be considered as Phase 1 of a long term program for the development of the area.

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G. J. O'Malley, President H. N. C. D. A.

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| то:      | Mr. Arnold Ward, City Manager  | 1. FOLLOW UP JUNE 20 |
| FROM:    | Jesse J. Dillard, Director Civic Recreation  | 2. FOLLOW UP         |
| DATE:    | June 4, 1969   | 3. FOLLOW UP         |
| SUBJECT: | Development of Negro Point as a public park  | 4. COMPLETION DATE   |

Several weeks ago, members of the North End Development Committee along with city officials and Recreation staff toured the Negro Point area as a proposed public park.

The recommendations at that time were to fence in the area so that debris would not blow in and so people would not park their cars in the area; and that park benches and tables might be erected.

It is realized that the cost of fencing the area would be relatively high; and Mr. George West said that he would look into this matter and come up with some estimate.

As far as the clean up of the area, my suggestion is that people from the Community Councils of wards five and six along with the North End Improvement Committee should perhaps get together at some prescribed date and time and conduct a general clean-up of the area. This would save time for our maintenance crews and would also, I feel, get the people of the area involved directly with any area that would be of benefit to them.

The Recreation Department is, in the meantime, making plans for a playground area in the future along with a public marina and other recreational facilities. It is hoped that a plan will be forthcoming in the very near future.

Should further information be needed, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly sse J llard/

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J. DILLARD R.B. CRANT C-F-WEST

To:

Mr. Arnold Ward City Manager City of Halifax, N. S.

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From: Recreation Community Council Ward No. 5 Reference: Proposal to Develop Negro Point as a Public Park

For some time now the people of the north end have been without a public park. It is a good distance from the north to the extreme south end of the city where Point Pleasant Park is located. Most people without a conveyance would think twice before taking a trip to that park when they only have an hour or so at their disposal.

It has been discussed before just where we might locate such a park where one could walk and be relatively safe from traffic. It now seems that we might have a place where we could locate a park to suit our needs. Negro Point area lies just north of the new Narrows Bridge and would provide enough space for recreation, parking, and launching boats.

Although there is some debris around and about the area, this could be cleaned up at a minimum cost and make the place an attractive one for our requirements.

There is an excellent wiew from this site, and in a few short years, the grounds could be made as attractive as others that we now have in the city.

Perhaps, with the summer games so near, action could be stepped up to improve this area.

We hope that you will agree to give this your full

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June 4, 1969

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G. J. O'Malley, President H. N. C. D. A

Mr. R. B. Grant, Director of Development

J. M. Coe, Senior Planner

May 12, 1969

Africville Lands - Negro Point.

This memorandum is further to our discussions of the Manager's memorandum dated May 7, 1969 on the above subject. Doctor David MacKay and Mr. Gerald O'Malley of the Northend Community Improvement Association have requested of the City that the City take some action to improve the general appearance of the Africville lands and more specifically Negro Point.

From previous discussions with the Association we have a fairly good idea of what they are requesting.

It is recognized that any programme undertaken this year might have to be minimal in scope because of budgetary limitations, but possibly some work could be done under various programmes such as Neighbourhood Parks and Open Spaces and Street Maintenance.

Doctor MacKay and Mr. O'Malley would like to meet with staff members 2:30 in the afternoon of Thursday, May 15, 1969 and the Manager has requested that the Development Department take some iniative in arranging the meeting. The representatives of the Northend Community Improvement Association have agreed to 2:30 p.m. on May 15, 1969 in Mr. Coe's office and it is auggested that immediately after the meeting, we take a quick tour of the area in question.

Mr. Coe will represent the Development Department.

J.M. Coe, Senior Planner

LJ/plh/agf c.c. Mr. S. A. Ward, ~ Mr. G. F. West, Mr. S. J. Langmaid, Mr. L. Lubka, Mr. J. Dillard. Mr. R. B. Grant, Director of Development

S. A. Ward, City Manager

May 7, 1969

Africville Lands.

The Northend Community Improvement Association represented by Dr. David MacKay and Mr. Gerald O'Malley have requested through His Worship the Mayor that the City take some action to improve the general appearance of the Africville Lands and more specifically Negro Point. It is understood this matter has been referred to informally in the course of meetings with representatives of the Association, City staff and Project Planning Associates in connection with the Prison Lands development. Members of Planning staff may, therefore, have some idea of what is involved.

Specifically, Dr. MacKay and Mr. O'Malley would like to meet with appropriate staff members to discuss the possibilities and a tentative date of Thursday afternoon, May 15 was suggested.

It was pointed out to these gentlemen that any program undertaken this year might have to be minimal in scope because of budgetary limitations but possibly some work could be done under various programs such as, Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces and Street Maintenance.

It would be appreciated if your department would take the initiative in arranging the requested meeting and if you would like to have the assistance of Mr. Clancey, please get in touch with him directly. It is suggested that staff members to be involved in either the Works or Development departments should make some effort to tour the area some time prior to the meeting.

> S. A. Ward, City Manager

AWC/kos cc Mr. G. F. West Mr. S. J. Langmaid Mr. L. Lubka

Dr. David MacKay 429-8300 Local 241

Mr. Gerald O'Malley 463-7300 office 455-2014 residence

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Mr. R. B. Grant Mr. C. L. Dodge Mr. S. J. Lengmaid Mr. L. Lubka

S. A. Ward, City Manager

December 10, 1968

Proposed Development of Part of Africville Lends

There will be a meeting in the Mayor's Office on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the proposal being made by John Beasy for development of land that is left over as a result of the new Marrows Bridge.

Will you please have available the results of any cost benefit studies which you may have done relative to engineering and plenning considerations, etc.

> S. A. MARD City Manager

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