CITY OF HALIFAX Memorandum File 06.512A

TO: Alderman M. O'Malley, Ward 5, Alderman's Office

FROM: Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Acting City Manager LOCAL: 6500

DATE: 9 September 1993

SUBJECT: Africville Reunion - Seaview Park

You will recall that some time ago you mentioned to me the damage which appeared to have been done to Seaview Park as a result of the Africville Genealogical Society's reunion which was held there at the end of July.

I brought the matter to the attention of our Parks and Grounds Division and attached, for your information, is a copy of the memorandum which I recently received from Stephen King, Superintendent. While fortunately most of the damage this year appeared to be confined to an area where a service road is to be placed later this year, in any event staff will keep the situation in mind in future years and as you will see more explicit rules/conditions will be applied to the use of the park in future years. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem in the future.

Wayne Anstey, O.C. Acting City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

LOCAL 6550

TO:

Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Acting City Manager

FROM:

Stephen King, Superintendent,

Parks & Grounds Division

DATE:

25 August 1993

SUBJECT:

Africville Reunion - Seaview Park

Thank you for your recent memo regarding Seaview Park and the Africville Reunion.

The Africville Reunion was held this year from approximately 25 July to 02 August. It appeared to be a much larger gathering this year than in the past.

The Africville Genealogical Society books the event through the Recreation Department's Facility booking staff and receives a permit for same. A bond is not posted to cover any potential damage.

The reunion generally appears to go well, although it does entail almost exclusive use of a large portion of the Park during its duration. This year, heavy rains occurred during the event and compounded with vehicles exiting/entering the site, several areas of turf were "chewed up". Fortunately, much of the damage was confined to an area which is to be turned into a service road entrance later this year. Other minor turf damage was incurred by small vehicles driving around the park during the event.

It should be made explicitly clear when this facility is booked, that vehicles, unless absolutely necessary, are not allowed to drive around the park. Further, a small maintenance bond would probably provide adequate protection/insurance for the City should damage occur.

The area should also be vacated of trailers, tents, huts, etc. as soon as reasonably possible after the event. It was a slower than usual process this year, perhaps because of the weather.

In summary, the Africville Reunion appears to be relatively well organized and over the past few years, seems to have gone quite well. It has appeared to have grown considerably in size since its inception at Seaview Park.

Therefore, a list of guidelines/precautions should be included with the Recreation Permit to clearly indicate what is and is not permitted. The sod damage this year was confined mostly to an area where a service road is to be placed later this year. The other minor sod damage will be repaired by Parks & Grounds out of the regular operating budget. More explicit rules/conditions in the future should mitigate this concern.

By copy of this memo, I am forwarding these comments to the Recreation Department for future reference.

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Stephen Fung

cc: Peter S. Connell, P. Eng., Director, Engineering & Works Richard Cameron, Director, Recreation Department

B. MacIsaac, General Supervisor, Parks & Grounds

J. Naugler, Superintendent, Recreation Department

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TO: Stephen King, Superintendent, Parks & Grounds

FROM: Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Acting City Manager LOCAL: 6500

DATE: 19 August 1993

SUBJECT: Africville Reunion - Seaview Park

Alderman O'Malley mentioned to me the damage which appeared to her to have been done to Seaview Park as a result of the Africville Genealogical Society's reunion which was held at the park a few weeks ago. It is my recollection with respect to some of these events we receive a deposit or a guarantee from the organizations that any damage done to the facility will be repaired at their expense. I was curious as to whether we had such an arrangement with the Africville Genealogical Society and if not, perhaps we should give some thought to having such a guarantee in the future if in fact damage has been done and we are going to have to bear the cost of that. I would appreciate receiving your comments.

Wayne Anstey, Q.C. Acting City Manager

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City Manager

16 July 1993

Mr. Irvine Carvery, President Africville Genealogy Society 2349 Maynard Street Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 3T8

Dear Mr. Carvery:

RE: Beer Garden - Seaview Park

Based on the information presented by you to representatives of our Police Department, permission is hereby granted by the City of Halifax to use Seaview Park to host a Beer Garden on July 28 - July 31, 1993. The hours of operation and any other requirements set forth by the Nova Scotia Liquor License Act must be complied with.

I would like to inform you that should you decide to have a beer tent next year I suggest that you apply at least two months in advance. Staff is presently working on a policy which will involve beer tents on City property and there may be other requirements necessary before approval can be given.

Yours very truly,

Wayne Anstey, Q.C. Acting City Manager

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