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Item No. 15.1.10 Halifax Regional Council August 22, 2023

TO:	Mayor Savage and Members	of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 19, 2023

SUBJECT: Parcel XA, Closure of a Portion of Parkstone Road, Dartmouth

ORIGIN

This report originates with the request from the abutting property owner, to purchase a portion of surplus Parkstone Road right-of-way, shown as Parcel XA, on Attachment "A" to this report.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Chapter 39,

Section 61:

- (3) The property vested in the Municipality, absolutely or in trust, is under the exclusive management and control of the Council, unless an Act of the Legislature provides otherwise.
- (5)(b) The Municipality may sell property at market value when the property is no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality;

Section 318:

(3) No road, or allowance for a road, become a street until the Council formally accepts the road or allowance, or the road or allowance is vested in the Municipality according to law.

Section 325:

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where a street or part of a street is being altered, improved, or redesigned, part of that street may be closed without holding a public hearing under subsection (1) if
 - (a) The part of the street that remains open
 - (i) Is open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and
 - (ii) Meets all the municipal standards; and
 - (b) The part of the street that is closed
 - (i) Is determined by the engineer to be surplus, and

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- (ii) Is worth less than fifty thousand dollars.
- (3) The Council shall give notice of its intent to close the street by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the Municipality.
- (4) The notice must set out the time and place of the public hearing at which those in favour or opposed to the street closing will be heard and describe the street to be closed sufficiently to identify it.
- (5) A copy of the notice must be mailed to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal before the public hearing.
- (6) A copy of the policy passed by the Council, certified by the Clerk under the seal of the Municipality, incorporating a survey or a metes and bounds description of the street that is closed, must be filed in the registry and with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- (7) Upon filing the policy in the registry, all rights of public user in the land described in the policy are forever extinguished and the Municipality may sell and convey the land or may subsequently reopen the land as a street in the manner required by this Act. 2008, c. 39, s. 325.

The report complies with Administrative Order Number ADM-2018-004 Respecting Real Property Transactions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Designate Parcel X as set out in Attachment "C" of this report, as Parkstone Road street right-of-way; and
- 2. Approve Administrative Order SC-101 as set out in Attachment "B" of this report, to close the surplus portion of Parkstone Road street right-of-way shown as Parcel XA.
- 3. Designate Parcel X-R as set out in Attachment "A" of this report, as Parkstone Road street right-of-way.

BACKGROUND

In August 1979, the City of Dartmouth acquired Parcel X (PID 00090316), a 441.7 square metre (4,754 square feet) parcel, for the purposes of widening Parkstone Road at the intersection of Windmill Road. Staff can find no record of Parcel X being officially accepted as a street by City of Dartmouth Council. The recommendation to accept Parcel X for street purposes is a housekeeping matter to rectify this.

Parcel X was subject to technical review and declared surplus to municipal requirements and categorized as "Ordinary" by Regional Council as part of Administrative Order 50 Package 01.13 on April 9, 2013.

Public Works recently confirmed that there is no present or strategic need for Parcel XA. The remaining portion of Parcel X-R) will be retained for public street purposes.

In October 2021, HRM staff received a request from the owner of 352 and 354 Windmill Road, Dartmouth, to acquire an abutting portion of the Parkstone Road street right-of-way for consolidation with their property.

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The area of land sought for acquisition by the proponent is designated as Parcel XA on Attachment "A" and measures 158.2 square metres (1,703 square feet).

DISCUSSION

As Parcel X was acquired for street right-of-way purposes, and as per Section 325 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Regional Council may, by policy, permanently close any street or part of a street. An appraisal confirms the portion of the street that is being considered for closure is valued at less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The part of the street that will remain open is open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic and meets all the municipal standards, therefore, a public hearing is not required.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the closure of the portion of street right-of-way identified as Parcel XA on Attachment "A" under Administrative Orders SC-101. For clarity, it is recommended that the remainder of Parcel X, being Parcel X-R, be accepted as Parkstone Road street right-of-way.

If Council approves the recommendations contained in this report the conveyance of Parcel XA will be subject to a separate approval report pursuant to Administrative Order 2018-004 Respecting Real Property Transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications directly associated with the recommendation. The future financial implications associated with the proposed sale will be the subject of a separate report as outlined above.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The property was declared surplus by Regional Council as per Administrative Order 50. A public hearing is not required to close this portion of Parkstone Road, as the closure meets Section 325(2) of the Charter.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications identified within this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council could elect not to close this portion of the Parkstone Road right-of-way. This is not recommended as Parcel XA has been declared surplus and is not required for street purposes.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Plan of Survey showing Parcels XA and X-R

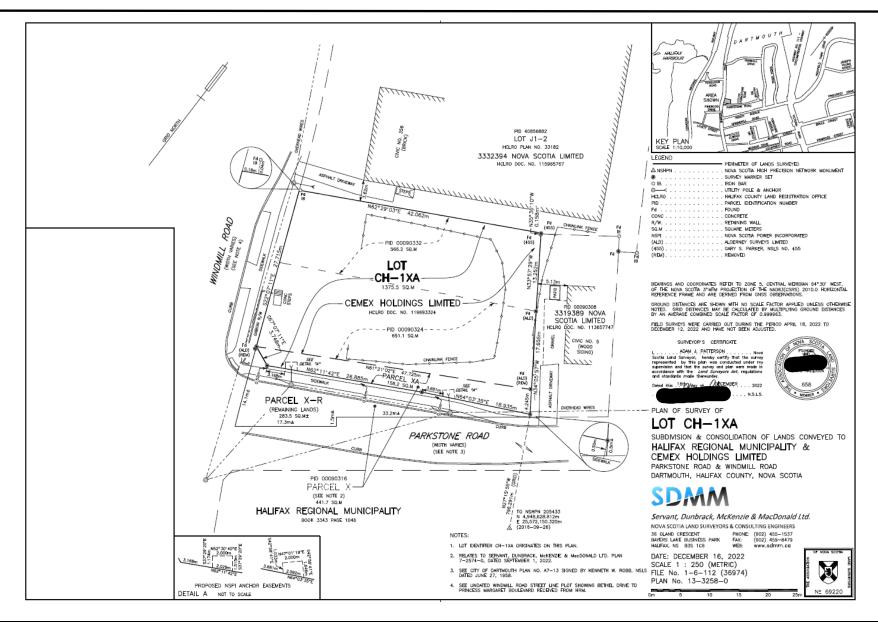
Attachment A-2 - Site Plan

Attachment B — Administrative Order SC-101 Attachment C — Plan of Survey of Parcel X A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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ATTACHMENT 'A' PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOT CH-1XA



Attachment A-2 - Site Plan





ATTACHMENT 'B' - ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. SC-101

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER Admin Order #SC-101

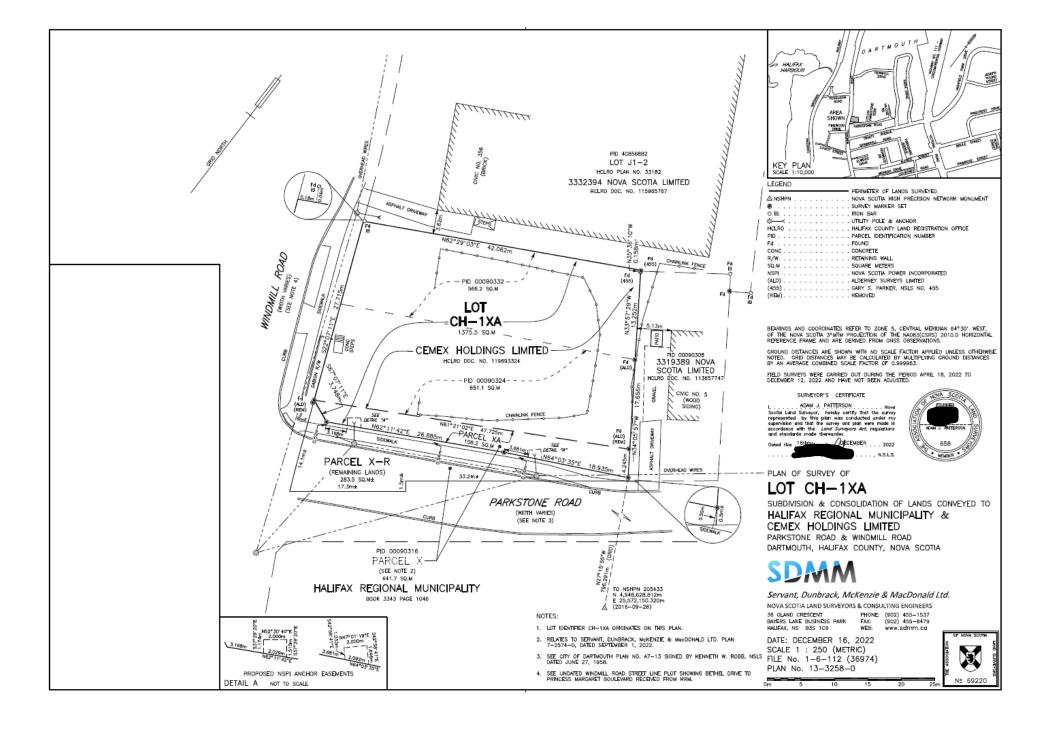
RESPECTING CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF

PARKSTONE ROAD, DARTMOUTH

BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER of Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter Act as follows:

1.	A portion of Parkstone Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia more particularly shown as Parcel XA on the Attachment is hereby closed.
	REBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Administrative Order was duly adopted by ax Regional Council, theday of, 20
	Mayor
	Municipal Clerk
note	n MacLean, Municipal Clerk of Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above di Administrative Order was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on, 20

lain MacLean, Municipal Clerk





ATTACHMENT 'C' PLAN OF SURVEY OF PARCEL X

