

## Surplus Property Disposal in Lower Sackville

Halifax Regional Municipality offers surplus properties for sale and lease. Properties no longer required for use by the Halifax Regional Municipality may be declared surplus by Regional Council and disposed of in accordance with Administrative Order 50, the Disposal of Surplus Real Property Administrative Order. Administrative Order 50 outlines the property disposal process, which includes categorizing each property based on its re-sale potential and characteristics. Regional Council must approve the surplus status of the property and the type of disposal, from one of the following categories: Ordinary, Community Interest, Economic Development, Remnant, Extraordinary and Intergovernmental Transfer.

Real Estate and Land Management staff facilitates at least one annual review of the Municipality's real property inventory in order to identify potentially surplus properties, and there is opportunity for community engagement and input in this process. Upon completion of Business Unit reviews and identification of the operationally surplus property, the Real Estate and Land Management Unit will categorize the nature of the inventory of the properties and list them by category.

For Lower Sackville properties I, along with other North West Community Council members, will be informed of the inventory of the properties and the proposed categories by staff. I will then have the opportunity to contact the local community to discuss surplus properties to gauge interest in potential disposal methods for the properties with area residents. The result from these community consultations will then be included in the surplus property report that comes to Council.

Currently there are three properties in Lower Sackville that are under review.

- Depot on Cobequid Road. Known as the former Transportation and Public Works Depot, located at 429 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville. It was approved by Regional Council as surplus, and has been identified as an Ordinary disposal, which by definition is a property of an ordinary or routine nature, which no longer has a municipal purpose. Staff are doing the necessary due diligence to prepare the property for the open market, including, but not limited to property migration and environmental site research, with an anticipated list of early spring.
- Centennial School. Known as the former Sackville Centennial Elementary School, located at 2 George Street, Lower Sackville. As of the time of writing this article, the property is still under the care and control of the School Board, who is providing the necessary documentation for HRM take over. Property is being reviewed by staff under the Administrative Order 50 policy, and if there is no municipal requirement for the property, a recommendation will be made to surplus it and categorize it for disposal.
- Correctional Ball field. Known as the Correctional Centre Park, located at 191 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville. This property is being reviewed by staff under the

Administrative Order 50 policy, and if there is no municipal requirement for the property, a recommendation will be made to surplus it and categorize it for disposal.

To date I've received and forwarded inquiries and suggestions to staff on some of these properties, and I encourage anyone with an interest about the acquisition or future use of these surplus properties to contact me to discuss further. Staff is open to any suggestions for future community use, and all feedback will be taken into consideration.

For more information on properties for sale or lease around the municipality, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/property/propertiesforsale.php>

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