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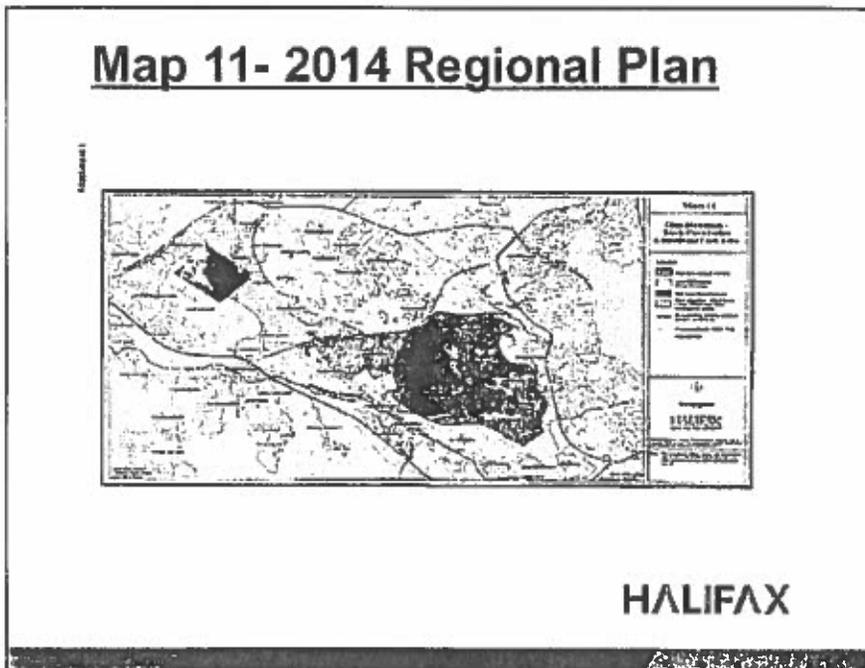
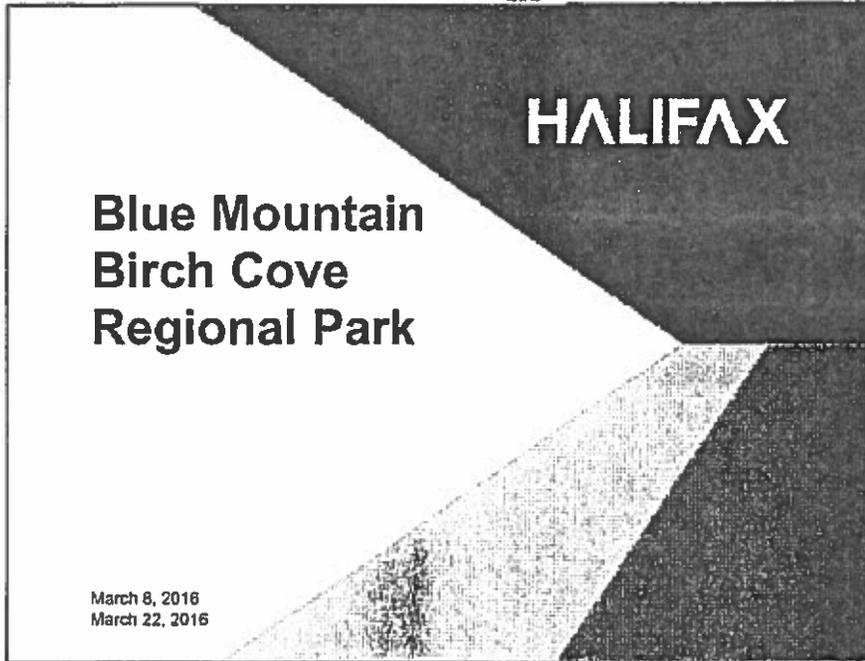
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Dec 17, 2014



November 16, 2010 Motion of Council

On November 16, 2010, Regional Council directed staff to:

- Undertake a Watershed Study for the Highway 102 West Corridor lands and await completion of Halifax Water's Wastewater Functional Plan;
- Negotiate boundaries for the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park, in relation to the Highway 102 West Corridor lands, through a facilitated process with an independent facilitator; and further, to bring the details of the proposed negotiating process back to Regional Council prior to entering into negotiations; and
- Defer the review of criteria under Policy S-3 of the Regional Plan, to determine whether to initiate a Secondary Planning Process for the Highway 102 West Corridor lands.

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Watershed Study

- On June 25, 2013 the results of the Birch Cove Watershed Study were presented to Regional Council and were accepted.

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September 17, 2013 Motion of Council

On September 17, 2013, Regional Council directed staff as follows:

- Accept the Terms of Reference for an independent facilitator to help HRM and the developers' representatives reach a negotiated agreement on potential regional park boundaries, parkland acquisition and development of the Highway 102 West Corridor lands;
- Authorize staff to enter into discussions with the developers' representatives for the purposes of securing the services of an Independent Facilitator as per the terms of the July 8, 2013, staff report;
- Until such time as the facilitator has provided the Municipality with his or her report, or unless the information has already been disclosed under freedom of information, any confidential information arising from the facilitation process shall be discussed by Council at a closed session; and
- Ensure there is public consultation prior to Regional Council making a decision on the potential negotiated agreement.

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Appointment of Facilitator and Meetings

- The Honourable Justice Heather Robertson agreed to the facilitator appointment in March, 2014.
- HRM staff and representatives of Annapolis Group and Susie Lake Developments attended facilitation meetings with Justice Robertson on November 25 and 26, 2014, February 18, 2015, June 23, 2015, August 5, 2015 and October 1, 2015.
- In addition, there were several meetings between HRM staff and the land owners, separate and apart from the facilitation meetings.

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Interim Facilitator's Report

- Attachment 4 is the Interim Facilitator's Report. It provides a summary of the relevant documents, history of the lands in question, and the facilitation meetings.

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Next Steps

- The next step in the process is to proceed to a public consultation. The Facilitator's Report must be finalized, and information contained in the report is to be provided to the public.
- The purpose of the public consultation is to assist Council in considering the recommendations of the Facilitator or options presented in the Facilitator's report.
- It may include an opportunity for members of the public to present their views in writing. These views would be made available to Council before Council's final consideration on the Regional Park Boundaries.

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Core Challenges

There are three core challenges that remain once the facilitation is complete:

- 1) Secondary planning
- 2) Land value
- 3) The park boundary

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Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- Halifax Regional Council instruct staff to assist in the completion of the Facilitator's report and proceed to the public consultation, as per article 5 of the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1 of the July 8, 2013, staff report), on both HRM Map 3A and the Annapolis Map dated December 10, 2015; and
- This report not be released to the public.

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