

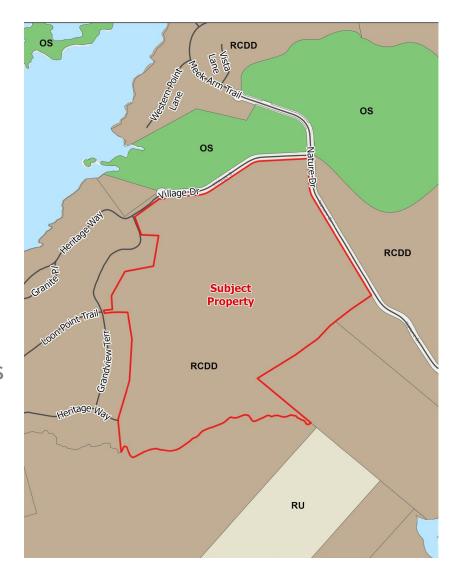
Planning Advisory Committee

September 19, 2023
Planning and Development Department



# Background

- Applicant: 3230225 Nova Scotia Limited (Bruce McDow, Cottage Country)
- Location: PID 45390242, East Uniacke
- Subject Property Size: 88.61 hectares
- Proposal: To amend the time limits for the portion of Cottage County that is not currently part of Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 6



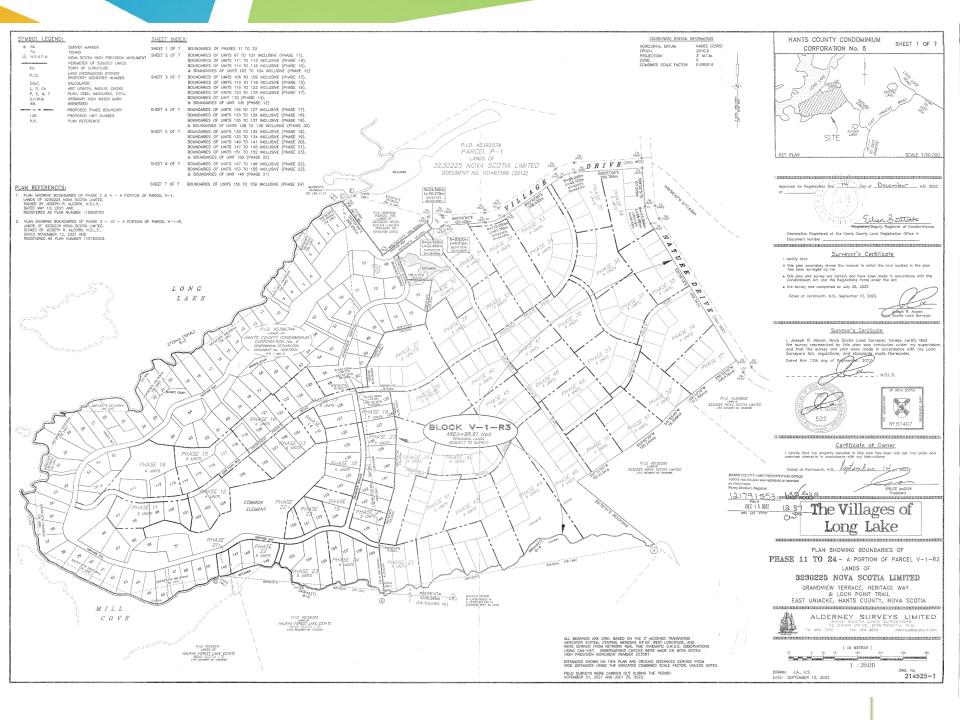
## Discussion

- On January 8, 2013, 3230225 Nova Scotia Limited (Bruce McDow) entered into a development agreement with the Municipality of East Hants to permit a residential condominium community located in East Uniacke.
- Under Part 12: Registration Effect of Conveyances and Discharge, are time limits for the completion of the development. Section 12.4 states the following:
  - 12.4 If the Developer fails to complete the development or portions thereof after ten (10) years from the date of registration of this Agreement at the Registry of Deeds, Municipal Council may review this Agreement, in whole or in part, and may:
    - a) retain the Agreement in its present form;
    - b) negotiate a new Agreement;
    - c) discharge this Agreement on the condition that for those portions of the development that are deemed complete by the Council, the Developer's rights hereunder are preserved and the Council shall apply appropriate zoning pursuant to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, as may be amended.
- Ten years have now passed and the residential condominium community is not complete.
- Municipal Council now has the ability to review the Agreement.
- The Developer has requested that the time limits be extended in accordance with Part 11: Amendments of the Agreement.



Area still to be developed and where the amending agreement will be applicable.





## Discussion

- The Villages of Long Lake is a bare-land condominium development allowing for a total of 401 dwelling units.
- Village 1 (Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 6) currently has 74 dwelling units and is still majority-owned by 3230225 Nova Scotia Limited. Village 2 (Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 12) currently has 55 dwelling units and is run by a condo board.
- As the subject lands continue to be developed, they will be incorporated into Village 1.
- There are a number of items to be completed in regard to trails, open space, and signage, within Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 6 and Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 12.
- Completion of these items is currently underway and staff are working with the Developer and Hants County Condominium Corporation No. 12 to have these items completed.
- Development not completed within 10 years is not a surprise given the scale of the development.

## **Policy Analysis**

- Based on the applicable sections of the Municipal Government Act, the current development agreement, and the policies contained in the Municipal Planning Strategy; staff have concluded this application be identified as an unsubstantial amendment.
- Amendments to those items in a development agreement not considered substantive do not require a public hearing.
- Any future development areas or changes to the type of development permitted by the existing development agreements will require a separate planning application.
- Extending the timelines does not change the development pattern, the number of dwelling units, or the type of development that was approved in 2013.
- Staff feel that the change to the time limits should be permitted and that the extension be added until January 2028.



#### Recommendation

Approve the unsubstantial development agreement amendment.

## **Recommended Motion**

Planning Advisory Committee recommends that Council:

- approve the application by 3230225 Nova Scotia Limited for an unsubstantial amendment to their existing Development Agreement, with the Municipality of East Hants, to permit an extension of the time limits until January 2028; and
- enter into the amendment within one year of Council's approval.