



March 6, 2024

Mr. Brad Hodgins, Secretary
Arrowhead Park Residents Association
17 Arrowhead Lane
Enfield, NS
B2T 1G9

Re: Arrowhead Park Residents Association (APRA) Request

Dear Mr. Hodgins,

East Hants Council reviewed your December 22, 2023 email correspondence and supporting documentation sent on behalf of APRA at the January 24, 2024 meeting of Council and subsequent Budget meeting on February 22, 2024.

Council considered both requests from APRA and recognizes the important of being a good neighbour and, although not required; Council has included the annual road fees payable to APRA for the lands purchased by the municipality in the draft 2024/2024 municipal budget. Budget deliberations continue, but it is not anticipated that any changes will be made to impact the decision to pay the fees.

The request to waive the 5% administrative fee for the coming year was considered, but not approved. The municipality administers the collection of road fees for a number of road associations and approval of such a request would set a precedent.

Council understands it would be beneficial for the associations' budgeting processes, if the cost was known in advance. As a result, Council requested a staff report on the private road fees requirements for municipal staff to administer the collection of dues to explore options that may result in a fixed cost rather than a percentage, to aid in budget planning for the association. This report will be brought back to Council during the 2024/2025 fiscal year for Council review.

I've copied Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance, who is responsible for the administration of *Bylaw F-300 - Bylaw Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads*. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Tattrie, if you have any questions. He can be reached by email at wtattrie@easthants.ca or by phone at 902-883-2299.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Clarkson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Clarkson

Director of Corporate Services