

Talking points raised at the public meeting on Tuesday, Sept 13.

These issues were all discussed formally or informally by the more than 75 people attending. Many of you have your own reasons for the preservation of the area. These are even more important. If you have photos, send them along.

Protection of the watershed, as initially described by the various studies and the concept map 13 of the Regional Plan outlining the area for the Regional Park. Maps will be posted on the trails website.

The current concern by the province for **prevention of obesity** and related chronic diseases as a result of a lack of accessible **active recreation** options for all. Active recreation includes activities such as mountain biking, paddling, swimming, geocaching, appreciation of nature and so on. This area provides an opportunity currently for all of these activities.

Land being sold is currently in the **HRM land** bank inventory so a change in boundaries is a possibility. The ball is in HRM's court to respond positively.

Lack of openness and transparency among and between HRM business units, elected officials and the public. (**Secrecy of real estate transaction**)

Support from Department of Environment to protect the complete watershed and the sensitive areas and open dialogue with community groups.

Preservation of the **granite ridge** behind the current commercial outlets, including Kent and along to Value Village, enabling protection of the Watershed.

Preservation of **sight lines** for users in the future regional park (consideration of low profile structures rather than high rises.)

Concern by the Bayers Lake Business Association that along with existing empty facilities, lack of amenities such as complete and safe sidewalks, user friendly transit, uninterrupted power services, adequate policing and other issues, expansion now is premature to their needs.

Site visits may be lacking by some decision makers - if you are so inclined, invite them to accompany you on a visit. This statement on Halifax.ca for the Business Park expansion site truly displays a lack of understanding. "The new infrastructure and growth was identified by the public and the Bayers Lake Business Association as a critical piece to improving the existing traffic capacity issues in the park and along Lacewood Drive," said Mayor Kelly.

Increased transit services and the possible use of existing areas in the Business Park for the new Mainland North **Transit Terminal and ParknRide** service to alleviate pressures in the residential area. A commercial centre would be the logical spot.

HRM Green Belt creating wildlife corridors, outdoor education and recreation opportunities.