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To the Bedford Community – the Bedford Waterfront

The purpose of the community consultation we led with HRM over the past 5 years was to build a Concept that reflects the community's vision for the Bedford Waterfront.

The current feedback we are receiving demonstrates quite clearly that some residents do not believe the Concept does that.

We think a very sensible suggestion has arisen – let's pause and provide additional opportunities for people to learn about the project, where they can get information, and how they can get involved in issues they care about. This is consistent with HRM's decision to stop the process to conduct a traffic, public transportation, and services study.

We will not move forward with the development of our waterfront property until we have completed public consultations that give many opportunities for people to get involved in shaping its future development.

An additional suggestion is that we stop the operation of the location as a safe disposal site for pyritic slate. This function responds to environmental needs in our region, so is not something we should do unilaterally. We will, however, review whether this is still required or the need can be met elsewhere.

Over the coming months, we will publicize open meetings where people can ask questions, provide their opinions and advice, and engage in the process of developing a Plan they believe aligns with the community's values.

We believe an upcoming session being organized by interested residents on September 27th at 7pm at the Bedford Legion is a positive first opportunity.

To begin, we are posting all our studies and reports on our website.

We look forward to the work ahead, and invite everyone to share this letter and information with friends and neighbours.

Yours truly,

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