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Item No. 15.4.2

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: July 8, 2025		
Subject: De-designation of Cogswell Park Encampment Site		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report to be delivered in August 2025 outlining when Cogswell Park can be de-designated as an HRM encampment location and request that the CAO direct staff to begin the process of closing the encampment and remediating the site back to a park as soon as possible. Reason: When Council approved Cogswell Park as a designated site in July 2024, a total of eight tents were permitted to occupy this space, the number of tents at this encampment site has since doubled. In addition to exceeding occupancy limits, there are also safety concerns on the part of residents including fire safety concerns. With the opening of the new Parkland Campus on Quinpool Road expected in the Fall of 2025, this designated site will fall within 50 meters of an adult care facility and will no longer meet the criteria for a designated encampment site. Therefore, staff should examine closing and remediating this site and moving individuals who currently reside there to a new location. Outcome Sought: Staff report that outlining when Cogswell Park can be de-designated as an HRM encampment location and request that the CAO direct staff to begin the process of closing the encampment and remediating the site back to a park as soon as possible		
Councillor Virginia Hinch		District 8