

SYNOPSIS

NORTH TYNDAL LAND ACQUISITION POLICY AMENDMENTS

The current North Tyndal Land Acquisition policy states that the town will consider the purchase of any lands within the wellfield protected zones as they come available. This policy aligns with the recommendations from the Wellfield Protection Strategy, as well as the recent opportunity to acquire lands using funding from the Nature Challenge Fund.

The draft changes to the existing policy more accurately describe the area that is being protected, include the Water Utility in the consideration of acquisitions, and broaden the scope of the potential lands that might be acquired to include those “around” the protection zones. Expanding the policy in this way reflects recent efforts to purchase property outside the protection zones that in turn can be traded for lands within.

This policy has led to the acquisition of over 1,100 acres of land in and around the Wellfield over the last four years, which not only protects the town’s drinking water, but also helps protect an important ecological connection between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

MOTION:

That Council approve the amendments to the North Tyndal Land Acquisition Policy.