



## St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce

### Tantallon "Village" Development POSITION PAPER

#### Background

The *St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce (SMBCC)*, as a member of the St. Margaret's Bay community, is primarily a focus of 'local' businesses, individuals, and associations whose objective is to promote and improve trade and commerce and the economic, civic, and social welfare of the area. *(Note)*

As growth & development continues in our rural, scenic and prosperous community, the nature of this growth, and how it affects our 'local' businesses and the economic community in general, becomes a major concern for our members.

Where Upper Tantallon, specifically at the 'crossroads', has been designated as the "commercial centre" for the Hammonds Plains and St. Margaret's Bay areas and that HRM's Visioning Process for our community is happening in the very near future, the SMBCC has decided to assist in the process and co-facilitate a series of public meetings (community forums) along with the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association and the St. Margaret's Bay Regional Development Tourism Association. The goal of this 'coalition' is to articulate the community's values and to help ensure that these are implemented in HRM's Visioning and Development Planning for our area. Part of the values arising from the community forums to date are to support green spaces, alternative transportation links (bike & walking paths), maintain a "coastal village" character, to sustain local businesses and services, and to minimize the type of 'large scale development' that will detract from the appeal and nature of the area.

#### Position

The SMBCC feels that the nature and quality of any development, when done with careful planning, consideration and, most importantly, the community's input could potentially provide our area with the type of development that encourages greater economic success for local residents and businesses alike. We believe that such development will encourage developers and businesses to provide more of the products and services the community wants, and provide it in the form that is desirable to the majority.

It is therefore the position of the SMBCC to support the community in its visioning and planning efforts and to maintain representation within the 'coalition' to facilitate these efforts.

*(Note: As per Article II, Sect 2 of the SMBCC By-Laws)*