

October 12, 2017

Mayor Mike Savage  
Halifax Regional Municipality  
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Dear Mayor Savage

We are pleased to add the Millbrook First Nation as a participant in the partnership to attract Amazon to the Halifax Regional Municipality, we feel our lands located in Shannon Park provide the ultimate location on the site for a breath taking scenic view of the Halifax Harbour extending down the Bedford basin and outward to the Harbour.

From time immemorial, Mi'kmaq have celebrated Halifax - in Mi'kmaq "Kjipuktuk" - as the "Great Harbour." As people who know these lands best, Mi'kmaq cherished Halifax for its role as a natural Highway for us as we travelled. From Kjipuktuk, we transported our warriors & peacemakers, Wigwams, trade goods, food, families, stories and songs onto rivers and lakes that flowed all over our territory. Kjipuktuk offered protection from the elements, a place to beach or repair canoes, a constant supply of fresh water, medicines, fish and marine life - all the things we needed to survive.

Kjiputuk was precious and revered and so, we protected it, sometimes fiercely, as early French fishermen and later English and French Kings and their navies also came to recognize the Harbour for its strategic value in the New world. Shannon Park itself is located at a site we know as Kepe'k, which translated, literally means, "at the narrows," an easy place for navigation. It was the site of year-round Mi'kmaq encampments for centuries, until the Halifax Explosion devastated our families that lived at the harbour's edge in 1919. Millbrook First Nation is home to the families of those who endured the worst man-made disaster prior to the creation of the atomic bomb and survived. Our storied tradition of entrepreneurship and persistence has created a unparalleled opportunity for Shannon Park to mark the return of the Mi'kmaq to the Great Harbour for the first time in a century. We left the harbour poor and in mourning in 1919, but we are returning to it century later as economic leaders in our region.

The Millbrook First Nation reserve land comprising 8.8 acres would be an excellent choice to accommodate your workforce requirement for residential accommodations.

The proposed Tufts Cove water lot in fill site comprising (approximately 20 acres) could accommodate other commercial uses and assist in transportation needs of the site to supplement the proposal.

All land would be available for leasing (up to 98 years) as there would be no option available to purchase. It is important to note Millbrook's existing taxation structure does not presently allow for discounted incentives. This project would also have a component honouring the Mi'kmaq culture. We are enclosing a brief history for this site



Chief Bob Gloade



Alex Cope  
Band Manager

### A Brief History of Mi'kmaq Settlement

The NS Museum identified a documented historic Mi'kmaq settlement at Tuft's Cove (aka Turtle Grove) and the Shannon Park property. Some of the earliest writings about the Mi'kmaq in Turtle Grove date back to Lieutenant General Edward Cornwallis' arrival. Shannon Park is adjacent to Tufts Cove on the Halifax Harbour. Five kilometers from the centre of Dartmouth, near Tufts Cove, is Turtle Grove. Turtle Grove consists of 11 acres of rocky land with little agricultural potential along with one road and frontage on the Halifax Harbour. The Mi'kmaq likely chose the Dartmouth/Halifax waterfront as a place to live because of its economic benefits. Prior to the Halifax explosion, Turtle Grove (Tuft's Cove) would have been an ideal place for trading furs and wares. Also, The Mi'kmaq name for Dartmouth (Punamu'kwati'jk) translates to "at the tomcod place", which suggests that it would have been an ideal location for fishing Atlantic tomcod (aka frost fish).

Prior to the 1950's, Shannon Park was wooded and undeveloped with exception of approximately 30 residential dwellings along the shore of Halifax Harbour. Official documentation is scarce, however many residents of Turtle Grove revealed to local Indian Agents that Mi'kmaq settled in this area for many generations. At least six families were confirmed living at Turtle Grove in December 1917 when a Belgian relief ship and a French vessel carrying munitions collided only a few hundred metres from the village. Family names include Brooks's, Glode's, Nevin's and Paul's. Turtle Grove was leveled by the Halifax Explosion in 1917. The dwellings were demolished in the late 1940s and early 1950s to facilitate construction of Shannon Park. Research indicates that residential dwellings were present at the site as early as 1871.