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Report to MCA re: Federal Property in Mineville.

Today I contacted Sid Prest regarding his source of information regarding the sale of the property and was able to gather the following information.

At the current time the file has two aspects that are being investigated and will be dealt with before the property is put up for public sale through MLS.

The first issue stems from the survey that was conducted that indicated there are 2 encroachments on the property, one driveway and one shed. These are being looked at by the legal branch and will be dealt with directly with the property owners in some way. This lies outside the scope of the CMRAERC report.

The other issue being dealt with is the Report of the CMRAERC. The report has been reviewed by the department of Environment and the Department of Justice in Ottawa and they have been in discussion with the Ceased Property and Real Estate Services branches in Halifax. At this time it is not known what the recommendations will be from those departments but it has been indicated that at the least they should have a community meeting to respond to the report to the residents and deliver their conclusion directly. There are several possible options for them from having no requirement to do anything and thus ordering the sale of the property, requesting the Environment department do a review of the property and make recommendations or anything they feel is warranted. This is an ongoing matter with no definitive outcome; there will be an inter-departmental conference call next week to further discuss the file.

There is the possibility that the departmental reviews could be complete and final action taken on the property by the summer. There is also the possibility that the decision to sell the property could be arbitrarily made at any time.

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