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Item No. 13.2.1
Halifax and West Community Council
October 10, 2017

TO: Chair and Members of the Halifax and West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: **Original Signed**

Tom Musial, Chair of Western Common Advisory Committee

DATE: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Annual Reporting on the progress towards the implementation of the Western
Common Wilderness Common Master Plan

ORIGIN

Motion from the September 27, 2017 Western Common Advisory Committee meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The objective of the Western Common Advisory Committee is to advise Council on the development and operation of the Western Common.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Halifax and West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to report annually on progress towards the implementation of the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan, similar to a requirement to produce an annual report on steps undertaken with respect to the creation of the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Western Common Advisory Committee receives status updates from staff at their bi-monthly meetings on the progress of the implementation of the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan (WCWCMP).

The Committee passed a motion recommending staff report annually on progress towards the implementation of the WCWCMP, similar to a requirement to produce an annual report on steps undertaken with respect to the creation of the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.

The Committee requested the report identify the following:

- Budget allocation
- Progress of the phasing (i.e. how many miles of trail have been built)
- Any issues encountered in construction
- Whether there are any operating, accessibility or environmental issues

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications will need to be identified by staff in a future report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Western Common Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Halifax and West Community Council and is presently comprised of seven members of the public and one appointed member of Halifax and West Common Council. The meetings are open to the public and the agendas and minutes are posted online in advance of the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environment implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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