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**Item No. 14.4.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**October 31, 2017**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
Councillor Wayne Mason, Vice Chair, Halifax and West Community Council

**DATE:** October 16, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report on the Progress Toward the Implementation of the Western  
Common Wilderness Common Master Plan

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**ORIGIN**

Report from the Western Common Advisory Committee to Halifax and West Community Council's October 10, 2017 meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 32(3)(c) of the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter, "the powers and duties of a community committee may include making recommendations to the Council respecting any matter intended to improve conditions in the area for which the committee is responsible"

**RECOMMENDATION**

Halifax and West Community Council recommends Halifax Regional Council direct staff to report annually **to Halifax and West Community Council** on progress toward 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**

A report from the Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee was submitted to the October 10, 2017 Halifax and West Community Council.

## **DISCUSSION**

In considering the report, Community Council expressed support for the recommendation and suggested that, for clarity, it should state that Council direct staff to report to Halifax and West Community Council. Community Council approved the recommendation with this amendment.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications have not been identified, and would have to be identified in a future staff report.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

None identified.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Halifax and West Community Council is comprised of six (6) elected members. Meetings are held in public unless otherwise indicated and the agendas and reports are posted to the HRM website.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Community Council did not provide alternatives

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Report dated September 27, 2017 from the Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee

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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**  
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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

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**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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