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Item No. 14.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
February 7, 2017

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Waye Mason, Chair, Community Planning & Economic Development
Standing Committee

DATE: January 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Data Sources – Monitoring of Centre Plan

ORIGIN

November 23, 2016 motion of the Community Design Advisory Committee

January 19, 2017 meeting of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee,
Item No. 12.2.1

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Term of Reference, section 3 (e) which states: "The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee shall provide oversight of the Municipality's Regional Plan and Regional Planning Initiatives, as follows: overseeing the priority setting relative to the Community Visioning Program, Functional Plan Implementation and major planning projects".

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council request staff to provide a report which details the baseline data and sources that will be used in the monitoring of the Centre Plan as set out in Section 4.1.2 of the draft Centre Plan

BACKGROUND

A committee report from the Community Design Advisory Committee pertaining to Data Sources – Monitoring of the Centre Plan was before the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting held on January 19, 2017.

For further information, please refer to the attached committee report dated December 13, 2016.

DISCUSSION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee considered this matter at its meeting held on January 19, 2017 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK CONSIDERATION

None identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee did not discuss alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Design Advisory Committee report dated December 13, 2016.
2. Section 4.12 Draft Centre Plan – Monitoring

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Attachment 1
CPED Standing Committee
January 19, 2017

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by Sherrill Murphy for

Fred Morely, Chair, Community Design Advisory Committee

DATE: December 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Data Sources – Monitoring of Centre Plan

ORIGIN

The Community Design Advisory Committee motion of November 23, 2016

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Design Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Mandate – Responsibilities
*To review and make recommendations to the Community Planning and Economic Development
Standing Committee on the deliverables of the Centre Plan project.*

RECOMMENDATION

**The Community Design Advisory Committee recommends that the Community Planning
Economic Development Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council request staff to provide
a report which details the baseline data and sources that will be used in the monitoring of the
Centre Plan as set out in Section 4.1.2 of the draft Centre Plan.**

BACKGROUND

The Community Design Advisory Committee considered the draft Centre Plan at a meeting held on November 23, 2016 including Chapter 4 Implementation and Monitoring Plan, Section 4.1.2.

DISCUSSION

During discussion of Chapter 4, staff provided examples of the baseline data that would be used to inform the metrics set out for each indicator in Section 4.1.2. Recognizing that monitoring of the plan will be key to ensuring success, the Committee approved the above motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications were identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

None identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Design Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and agendas, reports and minutes are available online.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide any alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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4.12 MONITORING

Though the Centre Plan establishes policy directions, it is not a static document and requires periodic check-ins to review its efficacy. Given the 15-year time horizon for the plan, the need to revise and review that Plan will be considered every 5 years.

In addition to Centre Plan reviews, regular monitoring will enable the Municipality to respond to pressing changes within the Regional Centre and improve the quality of decision making. The success of the Plan is more likely when there are periodic assessments.

To monitor and evaluate progress a number of indicators with metrics have been created through analysis, public engagement, and best practices which can be found in the figure below. The indicators and their metrics have been grouped into the seven Plan Themes.

Annually, a thorough reporting of the metrics to Council, Administration, and the public will highlight areas that are performing well in contrast to areas with slower progress that may require amendments, additional actions, and further study. This reporting can take the form of a report card that measures success and tracks progress. Progress of the Plan should be measured and reported by looking at the indicators as a whole, and not in isolation.



- a) HRM will measure baseline data for the indicators highlighted below and established feasible targets to reach by 2031.

Theme

Indicator

Metric

**LAND USE &
URBAN DESIGN**

1. Proportional Growth

Percent of the population growth accommodated within:

- » Centres
- » Corridors
- » Future Growth Nodes
- » Residential Areas
- » Downtowns

2. Population Density

People per hectare

3. Land Use Mix

The proportion of total developable land attributed to each of the following categories:

- » Residential
- » Office
- » Hospitality and entertainment
- » Retail goods
- » Retail services
- » Medical
- » Health/beauty/fitness
- » Arts/culture/religion

4. Complete Communities

Percent of the population living in complete communities, as measured by:

- » Percent of population living within 1km of a grocery store
- » Percent of population living within 4km of a community centre
- » Percent of population living within 1km of an elementary school
- » Percent of population living within 400m of frequent transit
- » Percent of population living within 400m of a park

5. New Construction

The amount of new development units within:

- » Centres
- » Corridors
- » Downtowns

6. Streetscape Improvement Projects

Number, and level of investment, in streetscape improvement projects

MOBILITY

7. Access to Transit

Percent of population within 400m of a transit stop

Percent of jobs within 400m of a transit stop

Average frequency of all day bus service

8. Pedestrian Activity

Pedestrian counts and stationary activity counts in each of the 5 centres

9. Mode Split

Percent of trips made through active transportation, transit and private vehicles

Theme	Indicator	Metric
PUBLIC SPACES & PLACES	10. Access to Parks	Percent of population living within 400m of a park Parkland (acres) per 1000 residents
	11. Park Use	Park usage counts of a representative sample within the Regional Centre
CULTURE & HERITAGE	12. Heritage Protection	Percent of Regional Centre area protected by heritage conservation districts and cultural landscapes Number of registered heritage properties in Regional Centre
	13. Cultural Spaces	Number of arts, cultural, community and performance spaces
HOUSING	14. Rental Housing	Vacancy rate Average rental rates adjusted for inflation
	15. Residential Mix	Housing mix (proportion of units between single detached, multi-unit, townhouses, semi-detached, garden suites)
	16. Housing Affordability	Average cost of housing as a percentage of household income
	17. Housing Growth	Number of new units and proportion of multi-bedroom units
SUSTAINABILITY	18. Urban Forest	Average percent of tree canopy in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Parks » HRM owned riparian areas » Halifax Peninsula » Regional Centre Dartmouth
	19. Watershed Health	Percent of impervious surface
	20. Building Sustainability	LEED certified square footage per capita added
JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	21. Job Density	Jobs per hectare within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Centres » Corridors » Future Growth Nodes » Downtowns » Employment Intensive Areas » Institutional Employment Areas
	22. Commercial Space	Total retail and restaurant sq. ft. per 1000 residents
	23. Construction	Number of housing starts
	24. Office Space	Total office space