

Request for Standing Committee Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: February 16, 2017		
Subject: Support for Anti-Poverty Strategy		
Motion for Standing Committee to consider:		
That the Standing Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development request a staff report to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Evaluate a request to collaborate with United Way Halifax on an anti-poverty strategy with the aim of benefitting the economy and social fabric of the municipality; and2) Evaluate a request for up to \$20,000 in an in-kind contribution toward the development of an anti-poverty strategy. The in-kind contribution may include, but not be limited to, office space, printing costs and public engagement support.		
Reason:		
<p>1 in 8 residents of Halifax live in poverty, meaning that they lack the income and assets to meet their basic needs, such as food, shelter and clothing. While many of the levers impacting poverty fall outside of the municipal mandate, others, including transportation, food security, and affordable housing are within municipal control. Collaborating with United Way Halifax, and other community stakeholders, on an anti-poverty strategy promises to reduce the number of Halifax residents who live in poverty, while benefitting the economy and social fabric of the municipality.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>Collaboration between municipal staff and United Way Halifax on an anti-poverty strategy, and an in-kind contribution up to \$20,000 toward the development of an anti-poverty strategy.</p>		
<i>Mayor Mike Savage</i>		