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Item No. 14.5.3
Halifax Regional Council
May 10, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Cooke, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: May 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy – Moratorium

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Heritage Advisory Committee at a meeting held on April 27, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 21 of the Halifax Charter regarding Standing, Special and Advisory Committees.

By-Law H-200 Respecting the Establishment of a Heritage Advisory Committee and a Civic Registry of Heritage Property.

RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with regard to placing a moratorium on the demolition of buildings inventoried as properties which have potential for registration as municipal heritage properties or inclusion in municipal heritage conservation districts, as identified in the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, Map 6: "Heritage Resources", forming part of the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, pending consideration of, and incorporation of a strategy for preserving these buildings in the Regional Plan revisions (RP+5).

BACKGROUND

This matter was brought forward at the March 23, 2016 and the April 27, 2016 Heritage Advisory Committee meetings over concern about the number of heritage buildings identified as 'Potential Heritage Buildings' in Map 6 (Heritage Resources) of the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, but that lacked the protection that heritage registration provides.

DISCUSSION

In considering this matter, it was noted that the buildings identified in Map 6 as 'Potential Heritage Properties' do not have any protection from demolition. The Committee believes these buildings are a heritage asset to the Municipality and should be recognized as such. The Committee believes there is merit in placing a moratorium on the demolition of these buildings and in giving consideration to strategies that would help protect and preserve the properties. In this regard, the Committee passed a motion recommending that Council ask for a staff report on the matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None with this report. Any associated financial implications associated with this request would have to be identified in a future staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Heritage Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to Regional Council comprised of 10 volunteer members of the public and two Councillors. The meetings are open to the public and the agendas and minutes are posted at www.Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

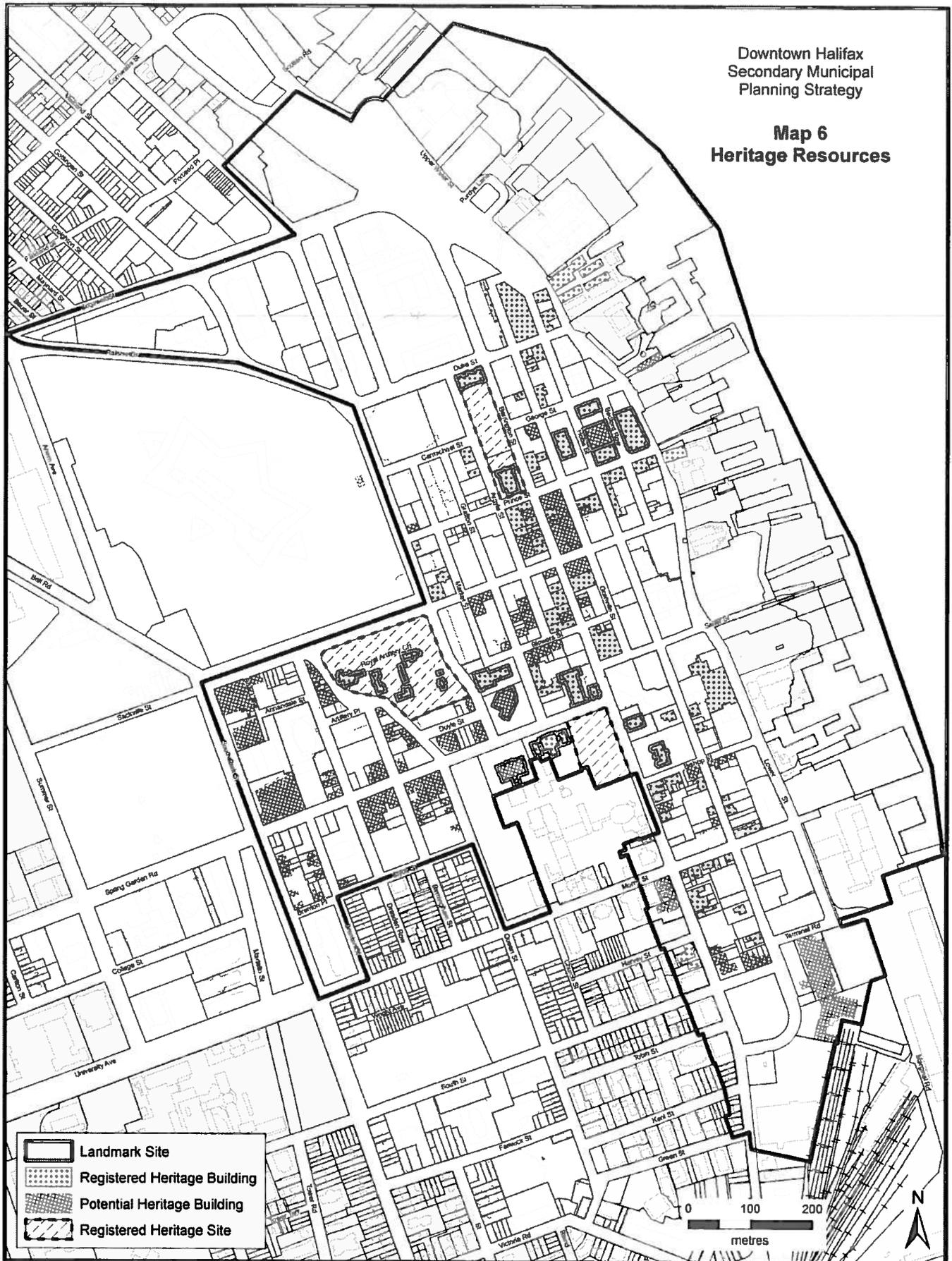
Attachment 1: Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy

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Downtown Halifax
Secondary Municipal
Planning Strategy

Map 6
Heritage Resources



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