

Request for Standing Committee Consideration

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Date of Meeting: February 18, 2016

Subject: Permanent Encroachments for the Purpose of Facilitating Accessibility

Motion for Standing Committee to consider:

That the Standing Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development:

- 1) **Request a staff report to explore the possibility of waiving all or any of the fees payable pursuant to provisions of By-Law E-200 where an existing encroachment is being enlarged or modified to facilitate barrier free access to either residential or commercial properties.**

Reason:

On November 18, 2014, Regional Council endorsed as a priority outcome that "Halifax is a leader in building an inclusive and accessible community where everyone can participate fully in life, including persons with disabilities and seniors."

Currently, By-Law E-200 does not distinguish between an encroachment designed to facilitate accessibility into a commercial or residential property, and an encroachment designed for any other purpose. In effect, this penalizes those who wish to make their commercial or residential property more accessible for individuals with mobility challenges.

Outcome Sought:

A mechanism that would allow fees to be waived for existing encroachments designed to facilitate barrier free access to either commercial or residential properties.

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Mayor