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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

**CC:** Chair and Members of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee  
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**FROM:** Kelly Schnare, Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

**DATE:** July 12, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **Endorsement of the proposed Halifax Green Network Plan**

The Regional Watersheds Advisory Board received information from staff on the Halifax Green Network Plan at their July 12, 2018 meeting and provided their input. The Board strongly supports this Plan and noted the following points:

- The Board was pleased with the ambitious and comprehensive plan.
- The Board appreciated the accessible glossary and public-friendly text, recognizing that it is a public document.
- The theme of resiliency to climate change should be further explored, with more emphasis on coastal zone resiliency. Protective shorelines are critical for protecting the land behind it.
- Transparency should be a focus throughout the planning and implementation stages.
- Going forward, the Plan should be an opportunity for accountability. For example, Development Agreements should be enforced and followed so that the required greenspace is included.
- The Plan could be an educational tool for the public, which could include an interactive PDF version for the public to access online.
- Simple measurements should be implemented for water quality monitoring. The Municipality should explore purchasing simple technical equipment that would measure conductivity, salinity and acidity levels. The results captured from regular water quality monitoring could help to inform key performance indicators outlined in the Plan.
- It is unclear how the outcomes of the Plan will be measured or deemed successful. New key performance indicators should be created and the associated action items and partnership parameters stated.

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