

## Request for Council's Consideration

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**Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Subject: Reducing or eliminating municipal construction related fees for Non-profit Development**

### Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the relevant municipal legislation to waive municipal construction related fees for non-profit agencies to reduce barriers for these organizations when they are engaged in development of such things as affordable accessible housing or similar public benefits and report back to Regional Council.

### Reason:

In 2018, Council amended By-Law 201 to waive Building Permit fees for non-profit agencies. However, additional fees and inspection charges not included in this previous amendment can still amount to impactful costs. Waiving such things as plumbing fees, solid waste charges, lateral connection fees, future settlement charges, deposits, inspection fees as well would further reduce barriers to non-profit organizations when developing such things as affordable housing in line with Halifax Regional Council's commitment to fostering partnerships that provide access to a full-range of quality affordable housing options in safe and vibrant neighbourhoods and the Affordable Housing Work Plan.

Affirmative Ventures is one example of a non-profit organization who have identified these extra fees as prohibitive to their potential developments. Their Affirmative Homes program creates supported housing for individuals living with mental illness and they are hoping to construct a new facility on Main Street. This special project is already facing many challenges and eliminating this barrier would be hugely beneficial to this project and many others.

### Outcome Sought:

Grant an exemption to all municipal construction related fees for non-profit agencies engaged in development of such things as affordable accessible housing or similar public benefits.

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