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**Item No. 4 (iii)**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**June 18, 2019**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

ORIGINAL SIGNED

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
For Richard Zurawski, Chair, Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

**DATE:** June 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Package A)**

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#### **ORIGIN**

June 6, 2019 meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee, Item 12.1.2.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 25(c) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* sets out the powers and duties of Community Council to include “recommending to the Council appropriate by-laws, regulations, controls and development standards for the community”.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019; and
2. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee received a staff recommendation report dated April 3, 2019, as well as a recommendation memorandum from the Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board dated May 10, 2019, at their June 6, 2019 meeting respecting the proposed Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (the Plan), the Land Use By-law, and amendments to existing planning documents necessary to implement the Plan.

For further information on the background of this item, refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee reviewed the recommendation memorandum from the Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board, as well as the April 3, 2019 staff report, and received a staff presentation at their June 6, 2019 meeting. Following a discussion of the item, the Standing Committee approved the recommendation as outlined in the “Recommendation” portion of this report.

The Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee approved the amended staff recommendation as outlined above.

For further discussion on this item, refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Standing Committee for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Executive Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information on Community Engagement as it relates to this item, refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The Standing Committee did not discuss alternatives. Refer to the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment 1** – Recommendation Memorandum from the Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board dated May 10, 2019.

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If the report is released to the public, a copy can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee  
CC: Kasia Tota, Principal Planner, Regional Planning  
FROM: Emma Bocking, Vice Chair, Regional Watersheds Advisory Board  
DATE: May 10, 2019

**SUBJECT: Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Package A)**

The Regional Watersheds Advisory Board received and considered a staff recommendation report dated April 3, 2019 at their May 9, 2019 meeting. The following motion was approved by the Board:

*That the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board recommends that Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that the Halifax Regional Council:*

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.*
- 2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Subdivision By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D.*
- 3. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B.*
- 4. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Subdivision By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D.*