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Item No. 1.2
Regional Centre Community Council
January 27, 2021

TO: Chair and Members of Regional Centre Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

DATE: January 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Regional Centre Community Council – 2020 Annual Report

ORIGIN / LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate. The powers and duties of Community Councils are outlined in section 25 of the HRM Charter.

North West Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting held in 2013 and annually held thereafter.

BACKGROUND

Regional Centre Council was established on December 3, 2019 by Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Regional Centre Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 5 - Dartmouth Centre (Councillor Sam Austin)
- District 6 - Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East (Councillor Tony Mancini)
- District 7 - Halifax South Downtown (Councillor Waye Mason)
- District 8 - Halifax Peninsula North (Councillor Lindell Smith)
- District 9 - Halifax West Armdale (Councillor Shawn Cleary)

RECOMMENDATION

That Regional Centre Community Council accept and table the 2020 Annual Report as presented.

DISCUSSION

Regional Centre Community Council met four (4) times between March 3, 2020 and September 23, 2020 at the HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Regional Centre Community Council met on the following dates:

- March 3, 2020
- July 20, 2020 (special meeting)
- August 25, 2020 (special virtual meeting)
- September 23, 2020 (special virtual meeting)

Regional Centre Community Council's business for the period of March 3, 2020 to September 23, 2020 includes the following:

- 1 public hearing
- 1 variance appeal hearing
- 4 staff reports
- 1 motion from Community Council Members
- 0 reports from Board and Committees
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 0 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 0 petition
- 2 presentations
- 0 speakers during public participation
- 4 information reports
- 1 In Camera Meeting.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

September 23, 2020:

Case 22990: Housekeeping Amendments to the Halifax Citadel Rampart Regulations within the Regional Centre Land Use By-law

Public hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council adopt the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 23, 2020.

Public Participation:

Public Participation was held prior to March 22, 2020 when section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act* was implemented by the Minister of *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*. At the March 3, 2020 no members of the public participated during the public participation section of the meeting.

Additional information on the matters dealt with by Regional Centre Community Council and the minutes of the meetings can be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act* was implemented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 22, 2020.

In accordance with the July 29, 2020 direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, Community Council meetings are being held virtually. Community Council agendas and reports are posted on halifax.ca, and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on halifax.ca within three business days.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Centre Community Council could choose not to accept the 2020 Annual Report. This is not the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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