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**Item No. 11.2.1 (i)**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 4, 2021**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
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Lisa Blackburn, Chair, Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

**DATE:** April 19, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **Case H00473: Background Study Toward the Establishment of a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Halifax**

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#### **ORIGIN**

April 15, 2021 special meeting of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, Item 12.1.1.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Heritage Property Act and Heritage Conservation Districts Regulations.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Accept the background study contained in Attachment A of the March 2, 2021 report to initiate the process to establish a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Halifax; and
2. Follow the Public Participation Program for HCDs, adopted by Regional Council on November 17, 2020, as contained in Attachment B of the March 2, 2021 report, to obtain public input on the proposed Downtown Halifax conservation plan and by-law in accordance with Section 6 of the Heritage Conservation Districts Regulations.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee received a staff recommendation report dated March 2, 2021, at their April 15, 2021 special meeting respecting the Background Study Toward the Establishment of a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Halifax. For further information on the background of this item, refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee reviewed the March 2, 2021 staff report and received a staff presentation at their April 15, 2021 special meeting. Following a discussion of the item, the Standing Committee approved the recommendation as outlined in the "Recommendation" portion of this report. For further discussion on this item, refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Planning & Economic Development 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 March 2, 2021.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The Standing Committee did not discuss alternatives. Refer to the staff report dated March 2, 2021.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment 1** – Staff Recommendation Report dated March 2, 2021:

<https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210415cped1211.pdf>

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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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