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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting) | Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion |
| Council or Committee: Executive Standing Committee | | Date of Meeting: October 25, 2021 |
| Subject: Research NS Partnership | | |
| <p>Motion: That Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report identifying opportunities and funding sources for establishing a research partnership with Research Nova Scotia to develop a coordinate research approach to address municipal challenges.</p> <p>Reason: HRM has a long history of supporting post-secondary research to address municipal challenges. Some examples include Halifax Water endowment of a chair at Dalhousie, the municipality has for years funded research and data collection in urban forestry, Dalhousie's PDC has supported innovation in municipal planning, like Argyle Street. Other research topics from rural planning, library studies, community, public safety, and policing, have been explored in the last five years.</p> <p>A partnership with Research NS could ensure a connection the outputs of research with the decision-makers and organizations who could best make use of it; this fits with Research Nova Scotia's mandate to support, organize and coordinate the funding of research in and for Nova Scotia. This could take the form of a research institutes, fellowship(s) or research chair(s).</p> <p>The Halifax region is rich in research expertise: with multiple researchers and teaching institutions, including universities and community college campuses, there is considerable talent and knowledge that could be brought to bear on municipal issues. Making more explicit the connection between that research capacity and the operations and policy development could strengthen the city's FDI and workforce attraction value propositions.</p> <p>Research Nova Scotia's provincial mandate may create opportunities to partner with other regions as well, particularly those experiencing similar challenges. Research Nova Scotia can work with HRM staff to help develop an appropriate research agenda, and assist with topic selection.</p> <p>Research Nova Scotia's funding is provincial in origin, and can be stacked with other government funding as appropriate.</p> <p>A coordinated approach to support for research would support the goals of the HRM/post secondary MOU,</p> <p>Outcome Sought: Staff report outlining potential partnership and a process for identifying municipal priorities that align with</p> | | |
| <i>Moved Councillor Wayne Mason</i> [Redacted] (Original Signed) | | <i>District 7</i> |