

Re: Item No. 12.3

HALIFAX

Case 23836

Public Hearing

Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to establish
Commercial Development Districts

2021-12-07

Background

Regional Council has directed staff to implement a rolling three-year Assessment Averaging program for commercial properties.

The program will:

- Help increase predictability
- Add certainty in taxation
- Align with the Economic Growth Plan
- Be implemented through a Commercial Development District

Amendment to the Regional Plan

- The Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (Section 92C) requires the creation of a by-law to establish Commercial Development Districts
- Implementation through future staff reports

Next Steps

- Approval of the Assessment Averaging By-law
- Implementation of the new SAP-TRM (billing) system
- Communication with business owners and other stakeholders

Recommendation

It is recommended that Regional Council:

Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, as set out in Attachment A.