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**Item No. 1.2**  
**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**January 26, 2022**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Regional Centre Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** - Original Signed -  
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant

**DATE:** January 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Regional Centre Community Council – 2021 Annual Report**

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#### **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.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Regional Centre Community 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 2021 Annual Report as presented.

## **DISCUSSION**

Regional Centre Community Council met four (4) times between January 27, 2021 and August 30, 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

Regional Centre Community Council met on the following dates:

- January 27, 2021 (special virtual meeting)
- February 24, 2021 (special virtual meeting)
- June 28, 2021 (special virtual meeting)
- August 30, 2021 (special virtual meeting)

Regional Centre Community Council's business for the period of January 27, 2021 thru August 30, 2021 includes the following:

- 0 public hearings
- 3 variance appeal hearings
- 3 staff reports
- 0 motions 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 petitions
- 1 presentation
- 0 speakers during public participation
- 4 information reports
- 2 In Camera Meetings.

**There were no public hearings held between January 27, 2021 and August 30, 2021.**

**Variance Hearing were held on the following matters:**

**January 27, 2021** – Case 23178: Appeal of Site Plan Approval 6399, 6395, & 6389 North Street, Halifax

*Motion defeated that Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal. The Development Officer/s decision was upheld.*

**February 24, 2021** – Case 23161: Appeal of Site Plan Approval 6459 Bayers Road, Halifax

*Motion defeated that Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal. The Development Officer/s decision was upheld.*

**August 30, 2021** – Case 23339: Appeal of Variance Approval 10 Lancaster Drive, Dartmouth

*Motion defeated that Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal. The Development Officer/s decision was upheld.*

**Public Participation:**

In accordance with the July 29, 2020 direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, and the April 19, 2021 provincial amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, Community Council meetings are being held virtually. Public Participation resumed Regional Centre Community Council's June 28, 2021 meeting. From June 28, 2021 to August 30, 2021 no members of the public spoke to a Municipal matter.

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**

No financial implications at this time.

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In accordance with the July 29, 2020 direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, and the April 19, 2021 provincial amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, Community Council meetings are being held virtually. Community Council agendas and reports are posted on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca), and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Regional Centre Community Council could choose not to accept the 2021 Annual Report. This is not the recommended action.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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