

## Item 10.3.2

Good afternoon,

My name is Josh McLean and I work for EfficiencyOne, a non-profit organization in Dartmouth. EfficiencyOne currently administers all “Efficiency Nova Scotia” activities here in the Province, and will soon be administering the upcoming Low Carbon Cities Canada (LC3) Halifax effort. This request is to present to either ESCC or RC about LC3 Halifax.

LC3 is a program under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM’s) Green Municipal Fund: <https://fcm.ca/en/programs/green-municipal-fund/low-carbon-cities-canada>. LC3 was provided \$183 million in the March 2019 federal budget in order to further efforts to mitigate climate change. Since that time we have been working with FCM to get LC3 up and running. FCM will soon be entering into funding agreements with seven different LC3 Centres across the country – including an agreement with EfficiencyOne for the Halifax LC3 Centre.

Since the inception of the idea in 2017, EfficiencyOne has been working directly with HRM staff (Shannon Miedema is has been our primary contact) on LC3 details. We are currently working on establishing an memorandum of understanding between EfficiencyOne and HRM, to outline how we will work together to help further mitigate climate change via projects and initiatives through LC3 Halifax. In addition to ongoing engagement directly with HRM staff, an initial announcement was also hosted by Mayor Savage in July 2019: <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2019/07/halifax-announced-as-new-urban-climate-centre.html>

We expect to enter into the FCM Funding Agreement next month. This will allow us to then ramp up efforts next year, which includes launching new initiatives.

As such, we would like to provide elected representatives an update on LC3, including the following:

- High level overview of LC3 and general status update
- LC3 Halifax plans for 2021
- LC3 Halifax and HRM relationship

It is my understanding that you will consider this request and provide us options on when we may be able to present to either ESCC or RC. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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