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Item No. 15.8.1
Halifax Regional Council
February 8, 2022

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Russell, Chair, Committee of the Whole on Budget

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **Resource Outlining Capital Mobility Projects**

ORIGIN

January 28, 2022 meeting of Budget Committee, Item 6:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Budget Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report for consideration prior to the 2023/2024 budget process, outlining what additional staff and other resources are required to advance the capital mobility projects and increase Halifax Regional Municipality's capacity for major capital projects, especially proposed road networks and functional plans.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Schedule 4: Standing Committee of the Whole on Budget, Terms of Reference section 6 Duties and Responsibility states:

The Standing Committee of the Whole on Budget shall:

- (a) review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year;
- (b) report to the Council on matters respecting the proposed budget arising from its review; and
- (c) perform such other duties as directed by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report for consideration prior to the 2023/2024 budget process, outlining what additional staff and other resources are required to advance the capital mobility projects and increase Halifax Regional Municipality's capacity for major capital projects, especially proposed road networks and functional plans.

BACKGROUND

On November 23, 2021 the Committee of the Whole on Budget received a staff recommendation report dated November 9, 2021 to consider approval of increases to the average property tax bill, updated reserve business cases, transfers in reserve balances and commitments, and updated debt guidelines. The Committee of the Whole on Budget considered the staff report dated November 9, 2021, made an amendment to the recommendation from the staff report, and deferred section 2b of the original motion to a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Budget.

On January 28, 2022 the Committee of the Whole on Budget resumed discussion of section 2b of the original motion and received a staff recommendation report dated January 24, 2022 regarding an update regarding the 2022/23 Fiscal Framework.

DISCUSSION

As part of the discussion of the recommendations arising on January 28, 2022, the Budget Committee proposed a further motion for the Chief Administrative officer to prepare a staff report outlining what additional staff and other resources are required to advance the capital mobility projects, as detailed in the recommendation section of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications will be further explored in the proposed staff report if approved.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk considerations will be further explored in the proposed staff report if approved

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was Public Participation for registered speakers at the January 28, 2022 Committee of the Whole on Budget meeting. The meeting was livestreamed and video recordings are available on Halifax.ca. The agenda and reports of the Budget Committee are posted on Halifax.ca, and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications will be further explored in the proposed staff report if approved.

ALTERNATIVES

Budget Committee did not discuss alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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