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Item No. 1.2
Halifax and West Community Council
November 15, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: - Original Signed -

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 10, 2022

SUBJECT: **Halifax and West Community Council – 2022 Annual Report**

ORIGIN

Halifax and West Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting held in 2013 and annually held thereafter.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 25 of the *Halifax Regional Charter* outlines the powers and duties of Community Councils.

Section 27(1) of the *Halifax Regional Municipal 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.

Administrative Order Ones, *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, schedule 8 Community Council Rules of Governing Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax and West Community Council table the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

BACKGROUND

Halifax and West Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Halifax and West Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 7 – Halifax South Downtown (Councillor Waye Mason)
- District 8 – Halifax Peninsula North (Councillor Lindell Smith)
- District 9 – Halifax West Armdale (Councillor Shawn Cleary)
- District 10 – Halifax – Bedford Basin West (Councillor Kathryn Morse)
- District 11 – Spryfield – Sambro Loop – Prospect Road (Councillor Patty Cuttell)
- District 12 – Timberlea – Beechville – Clayton Park – Wedgewood (Councillor Iona Stoddard)

DISCUSSION

Halifax and West Community Council met 11 times between December 15, 2021 and October 12, 2022, virtually via Zoom, and in person.

Halifax and West Community Council met on the follow dates:

- December 15, 2021
- January 18, 2022
- February 22, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- April 19, 2022
- May 10, 2022
- June 21, 2022
- July 19, 2022
- August 30, 2022
- October 12, 2022

Halifax and West Community Council's business for the period covering December 15, 2021 and October 12, 2022 included the following:

- 8 public hearings;
- 0 variance appeal hearings;
- 25 staff reports;
- 1 reports from Board and Committees;
- 2 motions from a Community Council member;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council;
- 17 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 2 presentations;
- 4 speakers during public participation;
- 5 Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) reports; and
- 10 information reports.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

December 15, 2021:

Case 22879: Amending Development Agreement for Lovett Lake Estates, Beechville

Public Hearing held and closed. Alternative motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the October 19, 2021 report;
2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 240 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end;
3. Request the Development Officer investigate the opportunity to include the phase 2 property along St. Margaret's Bay Road to be incorporated as HRM parkland for future trail head parking lot access to serve as a gateway access with interpretive panels to the heritage significance of the area; and
4. Recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider street and park names that are reflective of Beechville's heritage.

January 18, 2022:

Land Use By-law amendment for front yard setbacks in the C-2C (Dutch Village Road Mixed Use) Zone

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to the C-2C Zone of the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 12, 2021.

February 22, 2022:

Case 23120: Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law Amendments to Change the R-2 Zone Requirements for Semi-Detached Dwellings in Mainland South

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 3, 2021.

Case 20226: Land Use By-law amendment to reduce parking requirements for community centres in Timberlea, Lakeside, Beechville

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 3, 2021.

May 10, 2022:

Case 20795: Rezoning and Development Agreement for St. Margaret's Bay Road, Beechville

Public Hearing held and closed. Alternative motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Adopt the amendment to the Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A to the staff report dated February 15, 2022;
2. Provisionally approve the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 15, 2022, and which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in the February 15, 2022 staff report; and
3. Require that the development agreement be signed by the property owner within 240 days, or

any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

July 19, 2022:

Case 23016: Substantive Amendment to the Brunello Development Agreement, Timberlea

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 26, 2022; and
2. Require the amending development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

August 30, 2022:

Case 24241: Rezoning 4510 Prospect Road, Bayside

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to Schedule A – Zoning Map of the Land Use By-law for Planning District 4 (Prospect), as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 16, 2022.

October 12, 2022:

Case 22728: Development Agreement for 5241-5247 South Street (Stairs House), 5230 Harvey Street, and 5240-5246 Harvey Street, Halifax for a multi-unit dwelling and restoration of a registered heritage property

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the June 20, 2022 report; and
2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

Public Participation:

Members of the public spoke to a wide range of Municipal matters including: the lack of public knowledge regarding a west end development, a resident's frustration that municipal staff are required to accept a developer's survey over a competing survey prepared by a property's neighbouring residents and residents concerns about the proposed district boundaries in Phase Two of the District Boundary Review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the Halifax and West Community Council are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Community Council for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax and West Community Council could choose not to table the 2022 Annual Report. This is not the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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