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Good evening, Simon.

I recently co-authored a book entitled, "The Halifax Public Gardens: The creation, destruction and restoration of North America's finest Victorian public gardens" with Robert Salah and Peter Twohig. I am officially requesting to appear before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at its November 17, 2022 meeting to present the Victorian Greenhouse project outlined in the book.

Our objective is to demolish the existing, unsightly and outdated Public Gardens Greenhouses. The area would then be consolidated into a single publicly accessible greenhouse co-located with an interpretation and visitor centre which would be open year round and would provide a venue for public horticultural education programming.

This is an opportunity to build a 11,000 sq. ft. Victorian era greenhouse with a new 10,000 sq. ft. underground maintenance centre to service the Public Gardens. This would allow for the remainder of the space of approximately 75,000 sq. ft. to be used for open public green space including paths, lawns and a service entrance. This project aligns with the 2022 Master Plan for the Halifax Common.

Our desired outcome would be for HRM to support this \$8 million project in the amount of \$2.5 million. The remaining funding would be sourced in the amount of \$2.5 million from the federal government and \$2.5 million from the provincial government. I would raise the remaining \$500,000.

We would also request that HRM review the present governance structure which provides for the operation of the Public Gardens. This review would consider historical best practices at the Gardens as well as practices in place at other successful gardens around the globe.

Regards.
Robert

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