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**Item No. 1.2**  
**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**December 14, 2022**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**  **(Original Signed)**

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Caroline Blair Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Regional Centre Community Council – 2022 Annual Report**

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**ORIGIN**

The Legislative Assistant maintains a record of the Community Council's business for all annual meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

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

Subsection 27(1) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality 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.*

Administrative Order One, *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, Schedule 8, Community Council Rules of Governing Procedures.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Centre Community Council table the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

## **BACKGROUND**

Regional Centre Community Council was established on December 3, 2019 by Administrative Order 48, *the Community Council Administrative Order*.

The 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)

## **DISCUSSION**

Regional Centre Community Council met six times between January 26, 2022, and October 26, 2022, virtually via Zoom and in person.

Regional Centre Community Council met on the following dates:

- January 26, 2022
- March 23, 2022
- April 28, 2022
- June 22, 2022
- August 10, 2022
- October 26, 2022

Regional Centre Community Council's business for the period covering January 26, 2022, to October 26, 2022, included the following:

- 1 public hearing;
- 3 variance appeal hearings;
- 7 staff reports;
- 1 report from Board and Committees;
- 0 motions from a Community Council member;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council;
- 5 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 0 presentations;
- 0 speakers during public participation;
- 3 Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) reports; and
- 6 information reports.

A Public Hearing was held on the following matter:

### **October 26, 2022**

#### **Case 24259: Regional Centre Land Use By-law Housekeeping Amendments**

Public hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council adopt the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use Bylaw, as contained in Revised Attachment A of the staff recommendation report dated June 21, 2022.

Variance Appeal Hearings were held on the following matters:

### **March 23, 2022**

**Case 23782: Appeal of Variance Approval – 6069 Belmont Road, Halifax**

Variance appeal hearing held and closed. Motion defeated by Regional Centre Community Council – Decision of the Development Officer upheld.

**June 22, 2022**

**Case 24071: Appeal of Variance Approval – 6085 Coburg Road, Halifax**

Variance appeal hearing held and closed. Motion defeated by Regional Centre Community Council – Decision of the Development Officer upheld.

**Case 24051: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 5832 West St., Halifax**

Variance appeal hearing held and closed. Motion passed by Regional Centre Community Council – Decision of the Development Officer overturned.

**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 Regional Centre 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. The agenda, reports, and minutes of the Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Regional Centre Community Council could choose not to table the 2022 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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