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Item No. 15.3.1

Request for Council's Consideration

☑ **Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)**

☐ **Added Item** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)

☐ **Request from the Floor**

Date of Council Meeting: February 21, 2023

Subject: Identify Fire Emergency Services for future community development and population growth

Motion for Council to Consider:

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report and return to Council with options to adequately plan for population growth and future community development by identifying capital and operational requirements to establish new Fire Emergency Services assets, including but not limited to:

a/ options for property and/or land acquisition;
b/ capital cost contributions allocated to build new fire stations;
c/ access to water sources in unserviced communities;
d/ adequate roads with sufficient egress;
e/ appropriate mitigation strategies to address community risk factors such as further development in the wildland urban interface;
f/ human resources requirements to staff new fire stations;

Reason:
HRM has experienced significant population growth in the last few years and while the Regional Plan Review considers growth nodes in rural and suburban Land Use Bylaws up to 2031, the Province of Nova Scotia continues to add Special Planning Areas without guidance from HRM's Regional Plan. The municipality must intentionally plan to operationalize future emergency services by ensuring land, capital funds, and human resources are in place for these future community developments. The importance of funding new emergency services operations and capital assets should not be up for debate if population needs are identified through proactive and effective planning.

Outcome Sought:
Staff report on planning for emergency services and public safety needs for future community development and population growth.

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