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Item No. 15.2.1

| Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
| Date of Council Meeting: October 17, 2023 | | |
| Subject: Collection of Construction-Related Fines | | |
| Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report recommending options with respect to by-law and legislative changes which enable HRM to withhold permits and planning approvals related to construction and development for companies with unpaid fines owing to HRM. | | |
| Reason: There are construction-related fines owed to HRM in excess of \$250,000 that have not been collected through the provincial court system. At least one large fine, owned by a housing developer, has not been paid for a few years. By withholding building permits for housing developers owing money to HRM, the municipality will incentivize timely payment of fines as well as enforce standards and ensure a level playing field for all companies working in HRM. | | |
| Outcome Sought: Staff recommendation report and collection of fines owing to HRM | | |
| <i>Councillor Kathryn Morse</i> | <i>District 10</i> | |