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Item No. 1.3
Halifax and West Community Council
December 5, 2023

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: - Original Signed -

Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 24, 2023

SUBJECT: **Halifax and West Community Council – 2023 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

Halifax Regional Municipal Charter, S.N.S 2008, c.39, subsection Section 27(1) provides:

27 (1) 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 One, *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, schedule 8 Community Council Rules of Governing Procedures.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax and West Community Council table the 2023 Halifax and West Community Council 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 Wayne 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 13 times between November 15, 2022 and November 21, 2023, virtually via Zoom, and in person.

Community Council met on the following dates:

- November 15, 2022
- December 6, 2022
- January 17, 2023
- February 28, 2023
- March 27, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 16, 2023
- June 13, 2023
- July 4, 2023
- August 9, 2023
- September 19, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- November 21, 2023

Halifax and West Community Council's business for the period of November 15, 2022 and November 21, 2023 included the following:

- 11 public hearings;
- 0 variance appeal hearings;
- 13 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;
- 19 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 2 presentations;
- 0 speaker during public participation;
- 14 information reports; and
- Community Council met in camera (in private) 1 time.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

November 15, 2022:

Case 22483: Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula) Land Use By-Law Amendment to rezone 801 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to Schedule A - Zoning of the Land Use By-law for Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula), as set out in Attachment A of the July 27, 2022 report.

February 28, 2023:

Case 24123: Amendment to Development Agreement for The Links at Brunello, Timberlea

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed amending development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the January 10, 2023 report.

Case 24482: Land Use By-law amendment to reduce parking requirements for community and recreation centres in Planning District 5 (Chebucto)

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula), as set out in Attachment A of the January 11, 2023 report.

March 27, 2023:

Case 23684: Development Agreement for 278 Lacewood Drive, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the January 24, 2023 report.

Case 24020: Land Use By-law Amendment for the Kearney Lake area of Halifax (Bedford West – Sub Area 11)

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the amendments to the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A of the January 26, 2023 report.

April 24, 2023:

Case 24347: Development Agreement for 8 Birches Drive, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the February 21, 2023 report.

May 16, 2023:

Case 24111: Development Agreement for 6319 Chebucto Rd, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the April 4, 2023 report.

August 9, 2023:

Case PLANAPP-2023-00034 - Substantive amendment to a development agreement, 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed amending development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the May 24, 2023 report.

September 19, 2023:

Case 24532: Development Agreement for 56 Walter Havill Drive, Halifax

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

proposed amending development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the May 23, 2023 report.

October 10, 2023:

PLANAPP 2023-01043: Substantive Amendment to the Development Agreement for 1021 Beaufort Avenue, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed amending agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the August 28, 2023 report.

November 21, 2023:

Case #2023-00545: Development Agreement for Boulderwood Road, Halifax

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax and West Community Council adopt the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the August 18, 2023 report.

Variance Hearings were held on the following matters:

No variance hearings were held by Halifax and West Community Council for the period of November 15, 2022 and November 21, 2023.

Public Participation:

No public participation was received by Halifax and West Community Council for the period of November 15, 2022 and November 21, 2023.

Additional information on the matters dealt with by Community Council and the minutes of the meetings can be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>.

Planning Advisory Committees:

HRM has three Planning Advisory Committees, the North West Planning Advisory Committee, reporting to the North West Community Council, the Harbour East-Marine Drive Planning Advisory Committee, reporting to Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council, and the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, reporting to the Halifax and West Community Council. Planning Advisory Committees hold public meetings associated with municipal planning strategy amendment applications as deemed necessary. On April 22, 2022 the Province approved legislative changes to the *Halifax Regional Municipal Charter* which suspended planning advisory committees for a period of three years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

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 Committee 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

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax and West Community Council could choose not to approve the recommendation.

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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