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**Item No. 1.3**  
**Regional Centre Community Council**  
**December 13, 2023**

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

**-Original Signed-**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 30, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Regional Centre Community Council – 2023 Annual Report**

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**ORIGIN**

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

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Centre Community Council table the 2023 Regional Centre Community Council 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 Wayne Mason)
- District 8 - Halifax Peninsula North (Councillor Lindell Smith)
- District 9 - Halifax West Armdale (Councillor Shawn Cleary)

## **DISCUSSION**

Regional Centre Community Council met four (4) times between November 23, 2022, and November 22, 2023, virtually via Zoom and in person.

Regional Centre Community Council met on the following dates:

- November 23, 2022
- December 14, 2022
- March 22, 2023
- July 12, 2023

Regional Centre Community Council's business for the period covering November 23, 2022, to November 22, 2023 included the following:

- 1 public hearing;
- 2 variance appeal hearings;
- 5 staff reports;
- 0 reports from Board and Committees;
- 1 motion from a Community Council member;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 30 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 0 presentations;
- 3 speakers during public participation;
- 4 information reports; and
- Community Council met in camera (in private) 0 times.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

### **December 14, 2023:**

#### **Case 24540 Robie Street Transportation Reserve Minimum Setbacks and Regional Centre Land Use By-law Housekeeping Amendment**

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Regional Centre Community Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law to establish a front and flanking setback of 0.5 metre on Schedule 18 for properties abutting the Robie Street Transportation Reserve, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 12, 2022

Variance Hearings were held on the following matters:

### **March 22, 2023:**

#### **Case 224492: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 1059 Wellington Street, Halifax**

Variance Appeal Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that the Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal - decision of the Development Officer was overturned.

### **July 12, 2023:**

**Case 24350: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 6924 Armview Avenue, Halifax PID 00078881**

Variance Appeal Hearing held and closed. Motion defeated that the Regional Centre Community Council allow the appeal - decision of the Development Officer upheld.

**Public Participation:**

Members of public spoke to wide range of Municipal matters including: active transportation matters and Municipal by-laws.

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>.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications at this time.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

**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 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**

Regional Centre Community Council could choose not to approve the recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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