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**Item No. 15.3.1i**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**January 9, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** -Original Signed-  
Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair, Community Planning and Economic Development  
Standing Committee

**DATE:** December 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan**

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**ORIGIN**

December 14, 2023 special meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, Item 13.1.1.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Legislative Authority is outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Endorse the direction contained in Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan as provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 23, 2023 as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies and developing new planning documents and other municipal policies and programs as may be necessary to implement the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan direction;
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include funding options for actions contained in Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan for consideration in the 24/25 budget.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide progress reports every two years on the implementation of the Plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee received a staff recommendation report dated October 23, 2023 to consider HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan (CHPP) that will help to build a more inclusive, diverse, and vibrant cultural community through focused investment, program development, service delivery and ongoing community engagement.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee considered the staff report dated October 23, 2023 and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Risk consideration is outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Standing 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 Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information refer the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental implications are outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Alternatives are outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2023.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

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