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Downtown Dartmouth Waterfront Revitalization Project

Outline

- Background
- Downtown Dartmouth Waterfront Revitalization Project
- Next Steps
- Recommendations

CPED

January 19, 2023

- Open Space Plan for the Dartmouth Waterfront that is **connected, pedestrian focused, and incorporates growth and development opportunities.**



Port of Halifax



Alderney Landing



King's Wharf



Downtown Dartmouth

CN Rail Line



- Disconnect between Dartmouth and the Waterfront
- Limits and fragments open space connectivity
- At-grade crossings are easily blocked, jeopardizing emergency access

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**Conceptual (30%)
Open Space Plan**

**Multi-Functional
Emergency Access
Route**

Conceptual (30%) Open Space Plan

- Identify geographical scope
- Incorporate goals and objectives of community and external partners
- Recommend opportunities for landscaping improvements, views, and pedestrian-focused waterfront connections



Multi-Functional Emergency Access

- Past development initiatives highlighted the benefits and needs of more robust waterfront access
- A continuous **multi-functional** emergency access route anchored by grade separated access points at strategic locations would:
 - Enhance and provide more options for emergency access
 - Better connect Downtown Dartmouth to the waterfront
 - Expand and integrate into the Dartmouth active transportation network
 - Improve open space connectivity

Examples



Partners and Interests

Dartmouth
Cove



Halifax Port
Authority



Alderney
Landing



Ferry
Terminal



Ferry
Terminal
Park



Emergency
Access

Public Engagement

- Public engagement will be undertaken to help define the boundaries of the project, and refine the goals, concept, and desires of the community



Next Steps

- Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Prepare conceptual open space plan and explore enhanced emergency access
- Return to CPED
- Return to Regional Council for implementation and budget approval

Recommendations

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Suspend the rules of procedure** under Schedule 3, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, requiring the Standing Committee to review and make recommendations on overseeing the priority setting relative to the Community Visioning Program, Functional Plan Implementation and major planning projects;

Recommendations

- 2. Advance** the Downtown Dartmouth Waterfront Revitalization Project in **support of improving access, connectivity, cultural activity, and future development opportunities along the Dartmouth Waterfront**, as outlined in the Discussion Section of this Report.