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**Item No. 15.2.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 7, 2024**

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

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair, Executive Standing Committee

**DATE:** April 22, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Community Benefit Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities**

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#### **ORIGIN**

April 22, 2024 meeting of Executive Standing Committee, Item 13.2.1.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Legislative Authority is outlined in the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

#### **Executive Standing Committee – Terms of Reference** **Standing and Advisory Committee**

15. The following Committees shall be advisory committee or liaison with the Executive Standing Committee:

- African Descent Advisory Committee

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of Charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Executive Standing Committee received a recommendation report dated March 21, 2024 to consider Community Benefits Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities.

For further information refer to the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**DISCUSSION**

Executive Standing Committee considered the report dated March 21, 2024 and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are outlined in the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

Risk consideration is outlined in the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Executive 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 on Community Engagement refer to the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental implications are outlined in the staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Alternatives are outlined in the attached staff report dated March 21, 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Recommendation report dated March 21, 2024.

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**Item No. 13.2.1**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**April 22, 2024**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Executive Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** - ORIGINAL SIGNED -

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For Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair, African Descent Advisory Committee

**DATE:** March 21, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Community Benefit Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities**

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**ORIGIN**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Missy Searl

**THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee recommends the Executive Standing Committee request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

African Descent Advisory Committee Terms of Reference:

Duties of the Committee

6. The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to People of African Descent as follows:
  - (e) advise on emerging issues and trends of significance to People of African Descent communities as they relate to municipal services and programs;
  - (f) advise on the interests and needs of historic African Nova Scotian communities with respect to municipal programs and service delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The African Descent Advisory Committee recommends the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

## **BACKGROUND**

African Descent Advisory Committee received a presentation dated March 21, 2024 on the African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Plan.

## **DISCUSSION**

African Descent Advisory Committee considered the presentation dated March 21, 2024 and approved the recommendation to Executive Standing Committee as outlined in this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications at this time.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk consideration were identified.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The African Descent Advisory Committee is comprised of eight citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The African Descent Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

Executive Standing Community could choose not to approve the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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