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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

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SUBJECT: Legislative Update – 2024 Spring Sitting

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

2024 spring sitting of the Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The relevant statutes for each piece of legislation passed during the 2024 spring sitting, as well as Council's outstanding legislative requests, are outlined in the Discussion section of this report or in the attached legislative request tracking sheet (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Municipality was created by, and gets its authority from, the Province of Nova Scotia. As a result, when the Municipality seeks to take an action outside the scope of its delegated authority, it must request that the province grant such authority where it is within their power to do so. This is typically done through requesting new legislation, amendments to existing legislation, or by requesting that the province undertake an action on the Municipality's behalf.

Regional Council has several outstanding legislative requests with the province, with the oldest dating to 2008. Council's legislative requests are tracked by Government Relations and External Affairs (GREA), who work with staff across the organization to coordinate efforts to advance requests. Following sittings of the Provincial Legislature, Council is provided with a report which outlines legislative changes of potential relevance for the Municipality, as well as any relevant updates on the status of outstanding requests.

The 2024 spring sitting of the Legislature commenced on February 27, 2024, and concluded on April 5, 2024. The sitting saw relatively few legislative enactments, with only five (5) government bills being introduced, and only three (3) ultimately being passed. These include:

1. Bill No. 419 - *Financial Measures Act* (2024);
2. Bill No. 404 – *Energy Reform Act* (2024); and
3. Bill No. 453 – *Appropriations Act* (2024).

An overview of legislative changes relevant to HRM is provided in the Discussion section below. The legislative overviews provided are not exhaustive but convey salient aspects of the new and/or amended legislation.

Prior to the 2024 spring sitting, HRM had eighteen (18) active legislative requests submitted to the province for consideration. Two (2) of Council's outstanding requests were addressed, either in whole or in part, by legislation approved during the spring sitting. These include:

- 2016 request seeking authority for Council to impose monetary sanctions for breaches of the code of conduct for elected officials; and
- 2023 request to require short-term rental platform operators (such as Airbnb) to remit fees collected for the marketing levy directly to the Municipality.

See discussion of Bill 419 below for further details on both. An updated legislative tracking sheet is included with this report (Attachment A).

DISCUSSION

1. Bill No. 419 - Financial Measures (2024) Act

Bill 419, the *Financial Measures (2024) Act*, is a broad omnibus piece of legislation, which includes amendments to 15 statutes. Financial Measures Acts are typically introduced to establish the necessary legislative authorities to implement measures which have financial implications for the province. However, the *Financial Measures (2024) Act* includes a broad range of changes, many of which go beyond establishing financial authorities. The contents of Bill 419 can be seen as representing most of the government's legislative agenda for the 2024 spring sitting.

From HRM's perspective, Bill 419 includes some amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* (HRM Charter) and the *Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act*, among other relevant legislative changes. A high-level outline of notable aspects of Bill 419 from HRM's perspective is provided below.

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter:

- Taken together with previous HRM Charter amendments (See [Bill 50](#) passed in 2021), Bill 419 sets out a framework for a code of conduct for elected municipal officials. Specific code of conduct changes introduced in Bill 419 include:¹
 - That fines for code of conduct violations are to be collected in the same manner as taxes owing to the Municipality, which then go into the Municipality's general revenue.
 - **NOTE:** When taken together with the 2021 HRM Charter amendments, this provision indicates that Council's 2016 request regarding the authority to impose monetary sanctions for code breaches will be address. The specific sanctions available to Council will be prescribed in provincial regulations, which are yet to be issued. However, it can be inferred from this provision that sanctions will include monetary fines. Staff will track Council's 2016 request until the final regulations are released.
 - Enables Council to meet In Camera (in private) to receive information about a code of conduct complaint that proceeds to the investigation stage.
 - Requires that, in addition to the investigator's recommendation relating to a code of conduct complaint, the section under which a code complaint was lodged be made public. This expands on a previous 2021 amendment.
 - Clarifies that a member of Council will not lose their seat on Council for missing more than three (3) consecutive meetings due to an absence resulting from a code of conduct sanction.

¹ These legislative changes relating to codes of conduct for elected municipal officials follow consultations undertaken by the Department of Municipal Affairs and House and municipalities, including HRM, during 2022/23.

- Amends the marketing levy provisions of the HRM Charter to require that short-term accommodation marketing platform operators (such as AirBnB) collect and remit the marketing levy directly to the Municipality.
 - **NOTE:** This appears to address Council's 2023 legislative request seeking to require platform operators to directly remit the marketing levy.²
- Enables HRM to sell or lease property at below market value for any purpose deemed beneficial by Council, instead of only to a non-profit organization. This broadens Council's discretion with regards to the sale or lease of property for matters such as housing development.
- Allows the option for certain legislatively required public notices to be posted electronically on HRM's website, rather than in a newspaper, for the following:
 - A public hearing respecting the sale or lease of property below market value;
 - A special hearing for withdrawing money from special purpose tax accounts;
 - A notice of sale of distrained goods;
 - A notice of sale at public auction or call for tenders for land liable to be sold for taxes;
 - Notices for second reading of a by-law;
 - Notices of the sale of unneeded land; and
 - Notice of a public hearing for street closures.
- Changes requirements for capital reserve funds to reflect changes in public sector accounting standards for landfill closure and post closure costs, and allows withdrawal of capital reserves funds for the settlement of expenditures related to asset retirement obligations.
- Enables HRM to serve tax bills by electronic means if the recipient opts-in to such communications. However, preliminary notices of tax sales are still required to be sent by regular mail in addition to electronically, even if the recipient has opted-in to receiving tax bills electronically.
- Requires the Municipal Clerk to provide a statement to the Provincial Director of Planning or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as the case may be, that planning documents, amending by-laws and development agreements or amendments to development agreements submitted are true, complete and accurate.
- Allows for security or performance bonds respecting site plan approvals.
- Enables a development officer to grant a variance respecting step back instead of setback.
- Clarifies that a deemed easement on a plan of subdivision is retroactive to the date of the survey or approval of the plan of subdivision, even if that predates the Act.

Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act:

- Amends the Act to extend the Executive Panel on Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality by two years – or until November 25, 2026.

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act:

- Introduces amendments to the Act authorizing Halifax Harbour Bridges to use “image capturing equipment” for the collection of licence plate information and enforcement of tolls, fees, rates and related charges.
- Enables the commission and Registry of Motor Vehicles to share plateholder information.
 - The stated intention of the changes are to allow for modernization of toll systems on the Macdonald and MacKay bridges and to “pave the way for removing toll booths.”

Peggy's Cove Commission Act:

- Amends the Act to clarify that a vacancy among the members of the Commission appointed by the Governor in Council does not impair the ability of the remaining members to act or exercise the powers of the Commission.

² [Bill No. 204](#), passed during the 2022 fall sitting, amended the HRM Charter to enable the marketing levy to be applied to rental accommodations consisting of 20 rooms or less.

The above is not an exhaustive outline of the contents of Bill 419. Some additional highlights include:

- Amendments to the *Income Tax Act* implementing the indexing of provincial income taxes beginning in 2025 – as outlined in the 2024/25 provincial budget.
- Amendments to the *Pension Benefits Act* updating pension unlocking rules to apply to people with a shortened life expectancy or non-residents of Canada.
- Amendments to the *Personal Health Information Act*, which introduce new requirements for healthcare providers to disclose personal health information to the Minister, or designate, for the purposes of planning and management of the health system, resource allocation and creating or maintaining electronic health record programs and services.
- Introduction of the *Office for Children and Youth Act*, which sets the stage for the creation of an independent provincial office that will seek to improve and ensure the rights and well-being of children and youth.

As initially introduced, Bill 419 included a new Professional Firefighters Volunteer Act, which would have imposed prohibitions on organizations, including municipalities, from refusing to employ or restricting the employment of a person who is working or intends to work as a volunteer firefighter. This would have extended to professional firefighters who opt to work as volunteers. However, the proposed Act was removed from Bill 419 during the legislative process due to concerns raised regarding operational impacts.

Link to Bill No. 419: <https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-64-session-1/bill-419>

2. Bill No. 404 – *The Energy Reform (2024) Act*

Bill 404 introduces two new statutes as well as amendments to several others with the primary objective of changing how the electrical grid in Nova Scotia is structured and regulated. The new *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*, one of two new statutes introduced in Bill 404, repeals the *Utility and Review Board Act* and splits the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) into two new boards: the Nova Scotia Energy Board (NSEB) and the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB).

The new NSEB will assume NSUARB's mandates relating to the regulation of public utilities in the energy sector. The new NSRAB will assume the remaining mandate and functions of the NSUARB, being responsible for all regulatory matters aside from energy. The new NSEB is expected to be established this year. The current chair and members of the NSUARB will continue to serve the two new boards.

Bill 404 also introduces the *More Access to Energy Act*, which, among other changes, lays out the creation of a new, non-for-profit, independent energy systems operator. The new systems operator will take over certain functions from Nova Scotia Power relating to the governance the operation of the power grid.

The creation of the NSEB and the NSRAB, as well as the creation of an independent systems operator, were recommendations put forward by the Clean Electricity Task Force, which released its recommendations in February 2024.³

Bill 404 includes a few amendments to other legislation, mostly relating to updating reference to the NSUARB. This includes, among others, the HRM Charter, the *Halifax Regional Water Commission Act*, and the *Public Utilities Act*. Amendments to the *Public Utilities Act* will remove barriers to Nova Scotia Power owning a nuclear power generating station in the future and require all larger scale public utilities to conduct public procurements for increased transparency and accountability.

³ Link to the Clean Electricity Task Force Recommendations: <https://cetaskforce.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Report-February-23-2024-Final-Signed.pdf>

Link to Bill No. 404: <https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-64-session-1/bill-404>

Additional Highlights from 2024 Spring Sitting

As noted, only three (3) government bills were passed during the spring sitting. Two (2) additional government bills were introduced during the sitting but were left on the order paper (did not proceed to third reading). These include:

1. [Bill No. 455](#) (An Act to Establish a Department of Emergency Management and the Nova Scotia Guard) Tabled late in the spring sitting, the proposed legislation would establish a new volunteer corps called the Nova Scotia Guard, as well as a new Department of Emergency Management. The proposed Nova Scotia Guard is intended to be set up as a group of volunteers from across the province who will help communities during and after emergencies.

A new provincial department, the Department of Emergency Management, would also be created, which would integrate existing emergency response teams from across government. The mandate of the new department would include:

- overseeing the proposed Nova Scotia Guard;
- leading Nova Scotia's co-ordinated emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery initiatives;
- leading the co-ordination of all organizations, internal and external, that respond to emergencies and disasters; and
- working closely with communities, as well as Indigenous, federal, municipal and private-sector partners.

Although introduced, Bill 455 was not brought forward for second reading. The province has indicated that it is their intention to engage with municipalities and other stakeholders on the proposed legislation over the coming months, with the possibility that the legislation may be advanced during a future sitting.

2. [Bill No. 407](#) (The Antigonish Consolidation Act) – Would have enabled the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to consolidate. Bill 407 did not move forward to third reading following feedback from the public.

A full list of bills introduced and passed during the 2024 spring sitting can be found here: <https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-64-session-1>

Service Exchange Agreement

On March 28, during the spring sitting, the new service exchange agreement between the province and Nova Scotia municipalities was signed. While not a direct result of the session, the renegotiation of the service exchange agreement concerns various aspects of the fiscal and legislative relationship between the province and NS municipalities. The agreement is the culmination of renegotiations which had been ongoing since 2021.

During the 2023 fall sitting, the province passed [Bill No. 340](#) – *The Municipal Reform Act* (2023), which established legislative authorities to implement aspects of the provincial-municipal service exchange renegotiations. These include:

- Amendments to the *Correction Act* to remove the requirement for municipalities to make mandatory annual contributions towards corrections. The provisions are substituted with a requirement that municipalities make annual contributions towards corrections “as determined by a calculation prescribed by the regulations”. The amendments allow for municipal units to be excluded from this requirement via regulations.
- Amendments to the *Housing Supply and Services Act* to remove the requirement for municipalities to make mandatory contributions towards the net operating losses for public housing. The provisions are

substituted with a requirement that municipalities make annual contributions towards the net operating losses for public housing, with the amount to be prescribed via regulations made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

- Amendments to the *Education Act* so that, in the future, ownership of schools built prior to 1981 would transfer back to the province when they are deemed obsolete, with municipalities given the first right of offer to purchase the building at a negotiated price, unless excluded by the regulations.
- Amendments to the *Municipal Grants Act* to implement changes to the Municipal Financial Capacity Grant (MFCG).⁴

It was noted that the changes in Bill 340 would be supported by regulations, which would be implemented by April 1, 2024. At the time Bill 340 was passed, it was yet to be determined whether HRM would be included in this broader service exchange agreement, or if a specific HRM agreement would be negotiated. However, following subsequent discussions with the province, it was determined that HRM would be incorporated under the broader agreement, which took effect on April 1, 2024.

In addition to the above, the agreement includes a commitment for municipalities and the province to formally review the agreement every five years, as well as to engage in future discussions on specific aspects of the provincial-municipal relationship.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

RISK CONSIDERATION

N/A.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was required or undertaken in the development of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Halifax Regional Council Legislative Request Tracking Sheet – April 2024

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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⁴ HRM does not receive provincial equalization funding under the Municipal Financial Capacity Grant (MFCG).

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Active Requests

Particulars of Request	
1.	<p><u>Crosswalk Penalties - Motor Vehicle Act/Traffic Safety Act</u></p> <p>Request for the Province to consider increasing non-monetary penalties for crosswalk violations.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: March 10, 2015 – Item 11.5.3</p>
2.	<p><u>Heritage Conservation District Development Moratorium – Heritage Property Act</u></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Heritage Property Act</i> and Heritage Conservation Districts regulations, where appropriate, to authorize the Council to adopt a by-law that would suspend specific types of development, for a period not exceeding one (1) year, within the boundaries of an area that Council has identified as part of a background study to establish a Heritage Conservation District.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: February 23, 2016 – Item 9.1.2</p>
3.	<p><u>Sanctions for Code of Conduct Breaches – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u></p> <p><i>*Addressed by Bill No. 50 (2021) & Bill No. 419 (2024).</i></p> <p>Request that the Province initiate legislative changes to the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> allowing for the ability to censure Members of Council by remitting remuneration for violations to AO 52, Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: September 20, 2016 – Item 14.4.1</p>
4.	<p><u>Parking Fines - Summary Offence Ticket Regulations</u></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the Summary Offence Ticket Regulations to increase parking fines for “other” parking types only; not inclusive parking meter violations, as outlined in Option 1, Attachment D (Appendix A) of the staff report dated February 10, 2017, with the following amendment:</p>
	<p>The requested increase to the fine amounts be amended so:</p> <p>(a) all Category A (parking) offences are increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 (rather than \$45.00 as</p>

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	<p>recommended by Committee of the Whole); (b) all Category B (parking) offences are increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00; and (c) all Category C (parking) offences are increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00 rather than \$150.00.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: January 15, 2019 – Item 14.1.6 & February 15, 2017 – Item 5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5.</p>	<p><u>Dooring – Motor Vehicle Act/Traffic Safety Act</u> <i>*May be addressed under future TSA Regulations.</i></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> to prohibit people from opening their vehicle doors until it is reasonably safe to do so.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: August 15, 2017 – Item 14.2.3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6.</p>	<p><u>Green Network Plan – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i>, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of land.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: August 14, 2018 - Item 14.3.1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7.</p>	<p><u>Lobbyist Registry – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter/Lobbyist Registration Act</u></p> <p>Request staff engage with the Province regarding the possibility of an amendment to the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to expand the provincial <i>Lobbyist Registration Act</i> to include regulation of lobbying conducted at the local government level.</p>

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	Date of Request: October 2, 2018 – Item14.3.2
8.	<u>Transportation Network Company Fees - Motor Vehicle Act/Traffic Safety Act</u> Request that the Province amend the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) per-trip fees. This will enable the Municipality to generate additional revenues as part of the forthcoming regulation of TNCs like Uber and Lyft.
	Date of Request: January 14, 2020 – Item 15.3.1
9.	<u>Construction Mitigation Fund – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u> Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to enable HRM to establish a construction mitigation fund to assist with marketing and promotions for business impacted by lengthy construction projects, as well as to provide direct compensation to private sector businesses in those cases where reasonable parking and access cannot be maintained.
	Date of Request: February 25, 2020 – Item 15.1.7
10.	<u>Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate Alignment - Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act</u> Request that the provincial Zero Emission Vehicle mandate, introduced in the <i>Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act</i> , be strengthened to better align with the targets set in HalifACT.
	Date of Request: November 23, 2021 – Item 15.2.2
11.	<u>Photo Enforcement Radar – Traffic Safety Act</u> That the CAO develop a program of photo enforcement in anticipation of the eventual proclamation of the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> and in accordance with the recommendations set out in the January 2022 consulting report prepared by Stewart Solutions Inc., which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that staff engage with the Province to establish the necessary framework, including legislation, to enable a successful photo enforcement program under the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i>.

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	Date of Request: March 1, 2022 – Item 15.1.1
12.	<p><u>Authority to Set Speed Limits</u> – <i>Motor Vehicle Act/Traffic Safety Act</i></p> <p>Request that the Province delegate the authority to set speed limits below 50 km/hr to the HRM Traffic Authority.</p> <p>*2017 request for the Province to reduce the speed limit in residential districts identified in section 101(2) of the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> to forty kilometres per hour (40 km/h).</p>
	Date of Request: November 22, 2022 – Item 15.1.8 & April 11, 2017 – Item 14.4.1
13.	<p><u>Community Benefit Agreements</u> – <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to add the power to develop, enter into and enforce Community Benefit Agreements.</p>
	Date of Request: November 22, 2022 – Item 15.1.11
14.	<p><u>Auditor General Term of Appointment</u> – <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to grant Halifax Regional Council the authority to determine the length of a fixed-term appointment for HRM’s Auditor General for a non-renewable term not to exceed 10 years.</p>
	Date of Request: February 21, 2023 – Item 15.1.4
15.	<p><u>Market Levy Collection by Platform Operators</u> – <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i></p> <p><i>*Addressed during 2024 spring sitting by Bill No. 419.</i></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> (section 29A relating to the Marketing Levy) to require that short-term rental platform operators (such as AirBNB and VRBO) collect and remit the marketing levy on behalf of rental operators that are subject to the marketing levy.</p>
	Date of Request: August 22, 2023 – Item 15.1.2
16.	<u>Halifax Water Regional Development Charges Waived for Affordable Housing</u> – <i>Public Utilities Act</i>

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	Request that the Province amend the <i>Public Utilities Act</i> to enable Halifax Water to waive Regional Development Charges for affordable housing developments.
	Date of Request: November 14, 2023 – Item 15.1.3 & November 10, 2020 – Item 11.1.1
17.	<u>Permanent Resident Municipal Voting Rights – Municipal Elections Act</u> Request that the Province amend the <i>Municipal Election Act</i> to include permanent residents as qualified electors to vote in municipal elections.
	Date of Request: November 14, 2023 – Item 15.2.1 & December 2, 2014 – Item 11.3.3
18.	<u>Mi'kmaw Seat Halifax Regional Council – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u> Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to enable HRM to consider a Mi'kmaw council seat, subject to consultation and agreement with Mi'kmaw representatives.
	Date of Request: November 14, 2023 – Item 15.2.1
19.	<u>Taxation of Vacant Residential Lots – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u> Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> to grant Regional Council authority to impose an additional residential property tax on vacant lots located within areas of HRM, based on assessed value and determined using an inclusion criteria designated by Council.
	Date of Request: March 5, 2024 – Item 15.1.4

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Inactive Requests

Particulars of Request	
1.	<p><u>Heritage Registration Sunset Clause - Heritage Property Act</u> Requesting sunset clause of 90 days for impact clerical errors have on heritage registration.</p> <p>Date of Request: April 22, 2008 – Item 12.3</p>
2.	<p><u>Commercial Tax Options – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u> *Partially addressed during 2016 fall sitting by Bill 52.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Request that the Province make changes to legislation governing the assessment process so that (a) the annual valuation is averaged over a three-year period, or (b) the full assessment roll is updated every 3-4 years as is the current policy in Saskatchewan and Ontario. 2) Request amendments to the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</i> that would provide Council with greater legislative authority in setting taxes and charges respecting the general tax rate and area rates for both residential and commercial properties. 3) Request to work with Service Nova Scotia and the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) to change the commercial tax assessment so it is based on 3 past years of assessment rather than one year. This would increase predictability in annual commercial tax bills by evening out increases. <p>Date of Request: November 10, 2015 – Item 14.1</p>
3.	<p><u>Traffic Control Persons for Special Events – Motor Vehicle Act/Traffic Safety Act</u> Request that the Government of Nova Scotia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the Nova Scotia <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> to permit Traffic Control Persons to direct the movement of traffic for special events; • Modify the Province’s training and accreditation processes to reflect special events-related roles for Traffic Control Persons and Temporary Workplace Signers; and ‘ • Revise the Province’s TC Manual to include standards, principles and guidelines applicable to special events-related traffic control scenarios.

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	<p>Date of Request: April 25, 2017 – Item 14.3.1</p>
4.	<p><u>Removal of Market Levy Cap – Halifax Regional Municipality Charter</u> <i>*Partially addressed during 2022 fall sitting by Bill No. 204: levy increased but not removed.</i></p> <p>Request that the Province amend the <i>Halifax Regional Municipality Marketing Levy Act</i> (Repealed – Levy provisions now in the HRM Charter) to remove the cap on the marketing levy.</p>
	<p>Date of Request: February 23, 2021 – Item 11.2.1</p>