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Item No. 10.3.1

Request for Board of Police Commissioners Consideration		
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Date of Meeting: October 2, 2024		
Subject: Province of Nova Scotia's Updated Standards on Policing		
Motion for Board of Police Commissioners to Consider:		
<p>That the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality request Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD) to prepare staff reports assessing compliance of existing police services, related standards, policies, and practices to the Province of Nova Scotia's Updated Standards on Policing including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the updated standards to which HRM's policing services are compliant and the areas that HRM policing services are non-compliant with the updated standards; 2. In the case of non-compliance, the report shall detail the nature of the non-compliance to the updated standards, identify any organizational, policy, and/or procedural changes required to achieve compliance with the updated standards; and 3. Develop an implementation plan detailing resource and cost estimates, dependencies, timelines, and associated risks to achieving compliance with the updated standards. 		
<p>Reason: The events of April 18 and 19, 2020 led to recommendations outlined in the final report of the Mass Casualty Commission, which underscored the need for significant reform in the approach to policing in Nova Scotia. In response, on September 17th, 2024, the Province announced (News Release: https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2024/09/17/province-modernizes-policing-standards) a modernization of policing standards in Nova Scotia along with the implementation an audit system of compliance to said policing standards for Nova Scotia policing agencies. (Updated Standards: https://novascotia.ca/just/Policing_Services/policing-standards.pdf)</p>		
<p>The 39 new standards across five technical areas of policing that affect public safety, include critical incident response, police investigations, police service including organization and records management, and use of force. To ensure HRM's policing services are consistent with policing service delivery across the province, the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners</p>		

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seeks to assess HRM's policing services compliance with the new policing standards, understanding of any gaps with the updated standards, and that an implementation plan be prepared.

Outcome Sought:

- (a) An understanding of the level of HRP and the RCMP HRD's current compliance with the Province of Nova Scotia's Updated Standards on Policing.
- (b) A detailed understanding of HRP and the RCMP HRD areas of non-compliance with the Province of Nova Scotia's Updated Standards on Policing.
- (c) Recommendations from HRP and RCMP HRD for an implementation plan for achieving compliance with the Province of Nova Scotia's Updated Standards on Policing across HRM policing services.

Commissioner

Greg O'Malley