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Item No. 14.2.2
Halifax Regional Council
April 25, 2017

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair, Community Planning & Economic Development
Standing Committee

DATE: April 7, 2017

SUBJECT: HRM Anti-Poverty Strategy

ORIGIN

April 5, 2017 meeting of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, Item No. 12.1.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Terms of Reference, section 6 (a) which states: "The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee shall have an active interest in the Agencies and Initiatives that support Community and Economic development throughout the municipality by:

- a) promoting and encouraging the development of programs, policies in initiatives in the municipality that support Community and Economic development throughout the municipality".

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Collaborate with United Way Halifax and other partners on the development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy for the municipality.
2. Initially make up to \$20,000 of in-kind support available to develop the strategy.
3. Consider additional involvement in activities designed to reduce poverty based on the report arising from the consultations to be launched by the United Way.

BACKGROUND

A staff report dated March 28, 2017 pertaining to an Anti-Poverty Strategy for HRM was before the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting held on April 5, 2017.

For further information, please refer to the attached staff report dated March 28, 2017.

DISCUSSION

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee considered the staff report dated March 28, 2017 at its meeting held on April 5, 2017 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the attached staff report dated March 28, 2017.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As outlined in the attached staff report dated March 28, 2017.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing did not discuss alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff report dated March 28, 2017.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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