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**Item No. 15.4.2**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**April 5, 2022**

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

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair, Executive Standing Committee

**DATE:** March 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **HalifACT and the impacts of climate change on women and children**

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**ORIGIN**

March 28, 2022 meeting of Executive Standing Committee, Item 12.2.1

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Fully fund and implement HalifACT; and
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report that considers the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and children and develop a mitigation strategy.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, respecting the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality section 6

(e) advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Fully fund and implement HalifACT; and
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report that considers the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and children and develop a mitigation strategy.

## **BACKGROUND**

A committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022 addressing the impacts of climate change on women and children.

For further information refer to the attached committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

## **DISCUSSION**

Executive Standing Committee considered the committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022 and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are outlined in the attached committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Risk consideration is outlined in the attached committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community engagement is outlined in the attached community recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental implications are outlined in the committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Executive Standing Committee did not provide alternatives.

Alternatives were not provided in the attached committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Committee recommendation report dated March 3, 2022.

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**Item No. 12.2.1**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**March 28, 2022**

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



(Original Signed)

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Jane MacKay-Nesbitt, Chair of Women's Advisory Committee

**DATE:**

March 3, 2022

**SUBJECT:**

**HalifACT and the impacts of climate change on women and children**

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**ORIGIN**

March 3, 2022 meetings of Women's Advisory Committee, Item 7.1.  
February 3, 2022 meeting of Women's Advisory Committee, Items 10.1.1 and 10.2.1  
January 13, 2022 meeting of Women's Advisory Committee, Item 8.3.1

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, respecting the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality section 6  
(e) advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Women's Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Fully fund and implement HalifACT; and
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report that considers the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and children and develop a mitigation strategy.

## **BACKGROUND**

While developing their 2022 Work Plan, the Women's Advisory Committee agreed to address climate change.

The Women's Advisory Committee received a presentation from Emma Norton, Director of Government Relations and Atlantic Canada Organizing, Climate Emergency Unit on climate emergency<sup>1</sup> at their January 13, 2022 meeting. The Committee sought a presentation from HRM staff on HalifACT at their February meeting.

The Women's Advisory Committee received a staff presentation on HalifACT<sup>2</sup> at their February 3, 2022 meeting. The Committee deferred discussion on possible actions in response to the climate emergency presentations to their March meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Women's Advisory Committee discussed the information received from the presentations at their March 3, 2022 meeting, noting their full support for HalifACT, and approved the recommendation to the Executive Standing Committee as outlined in this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications at this time.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Women's Advisory Committee is comprised seven citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live streamed on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the are posted on Halifax.ca.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The Women's Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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<sup>1</sup> [Climate Emergency Unit Presentation](#)

<sup>2</sup> [HalifACT Presentation](#)

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