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Item No. 15.3.2
Halifax Regional Council
August 6, 2024

TO: Mayor Savage Members of Halifax Regional Council

FROM: Councillor Cuttell, Chair, Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: July 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre Proposal for George Street Property Acquisition

ORIGIN

July 18, 2024 meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, Item 10.3.1.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to evaluate and provide options in response to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre request related to 2A George Street, Sackville.

BACKGROUND

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee received a presentation from Pam Glode-Desrochers, Executive Director of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and Cody Parker, VP of Operations, Wolves Lacrosse Association dated July 18, 2024 to a proposal for the acquisition of property located at 2A George Street, Sackville for the construction of a multi-use facility.

For further information refer to the attached presentation dated July 18, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee considered the presentation and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications will be explored in a future staff report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk consideration will be explored in a future staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the Community Planning and Economic Development 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications will be explored in a future staff report.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives will be explored in a future staff report.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

Oversight – Planning

3. The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee shall provide oversight of the Municipality's Regional Plan and Regional Planning Initiatives, as follows:
 - a. overseeing the Municipality's Regional Plan and Regional Planning Initiatives;
 - b. reviewing and recommending to the Council the scope of the five-year Regional Plan reviews including roles of sub committees;
 - c. co-ordinating with the other Standing Committees on major Regional Plan initiatives;
 - d. being involved in developing the Municipality's approach to public participation programs for various planning processes such as regional and municipal planning strategy amendments; and
 - e. overseeing the priority setting relative to the Community Visioning Program, Functional Plan Implementation and major planning projects.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Extract from the July 18, 2024 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Draft Minutes.
Attachment 2 – Presentation dated July 18, 2024.