

<b>Request for Standing Committee Consideration</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>		
<b>Subject: Support for the Halifax Food Policy Alliance</b>		
<b>Motion for Standing Committee to consider:</b>		
<b>That the Standing Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development request a staff report to:</b>		
<b>Evaluate options to further support the municipality's participation in the issue of community food insecurity by:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Working in partnership with the Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA), including formal endorsement of participation, recognition as an expert advisory group and collaboration on initiatives that promote community food security.</b></li><li><b>2. Investigate the possibility of creating a Food Charter and Strategy for HRM.</b></li><li><b>3. Request a study that shows where the most vulnerable communities are within HRM and existing food assets that support community food security.</b></li><li><b>4. Explore policy barriers, opportunities and enablers to support community food security.</b></li></ol>		
<b>Reason:</b>		
<b>The Regional Municipal Planning Strategy cites as one of its objectives to "promote community food security". The Halifax Food Policy Alliance is a partnership of individuals and organizations that represent different sectors related to the food system. The goal of the HFPA is to support program and policy initiatives that have the potential to achieve a just and sustainable food system for the Halifax Region. While municipal staff have been participating informally in the HFPA since its inception, there may be opportunities to deepen collaboration and to help meet an objective of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy.</b>		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>		
<b>A staff report to evaluate options to further support the municipality's participation in the Halifax Food Policy Alliance</b>		
<i>Councillor Lindell Smith</i>	<i>District 8</i>	