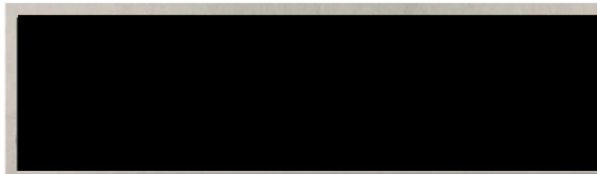


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Item No. 12.2.1
Executive Standing Committee
March 28, 2022

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

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 emergency¹ 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 HalifACT² 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.

¹ [Climate Emergency Unit Presentation](#)

² [HalifACT Presentation](#)

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