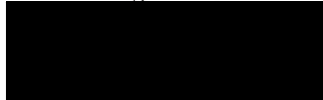


TO: Mayor Mike Savage and Members of Executive Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY:


Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **Communication Strategies for By-Law M-200**

ORIGIN

June 15, 2023 meeting of Youth Advisory Committee, Item 9.2.1:

MOVED by Carter Barss, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report in consultation with the Youth Advisory Committee to develop a communication strategy on By-Law M-200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies*, and other housing related guidelines targeted to youth, first time renters, and newcomers.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV – Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality section 6 (a) and (b):

Duties of the Committee:

6. The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to youth as follows:

- a. identify and advise on youth access to existing and proposed municipal services and facilities;*
- b. advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report, in consultation with the Youth Advisory Committee, on developing a communications strategy on By-Law M-200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies*, and other housing related guidelines targeted to youth, first time renters and newcomers.

BACKGROUND

While developing their 2023 Work Plan, the Youth Advisory Committee agreed to receive presentations and address the Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) social policies with an emphasis on housing.

The Youth Advisory Committee received staff presentations from HRM'S Planning and Development department on the Municipality's affordable housing initiatives, the short-term rental registry and By-Law M-200, *Standards for Residential Occupancies*, at their February 16, April 20, and May 18, 2023 meetings.

DISCUSSION

The Youth Advisory Committee considered the staff presentations and expressed interest in forming a recommendation to the Executive Standing Committee related to communication strategies for By-Law M-200, *Standards for Residential Occupancies*, with an emphasis on youth, first-time renters and newcomers. The Committee considered former presentations, projects, and discussions around housing and approved the recommendation outlined in the report dated June 15, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications were identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risks were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Youth Advisory Committee is comprised of 8 citizen members. The agenda, reports, videos, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Youth Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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