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Harbour East Community Council May 5, 2011

TO:

Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

for

SUBMITTED BY:

Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development

DATE:

April 20, 2011

SUBJECT:

Case 16893: Licensed Drinking Establishments in Dartmouth

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

March 3, 2011 Harbour East Community Council (Item 10.1.1)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that staff move forward with Option 3: Development Agreement Process, under limited situations, as outlined in the January 18, 2011 Information Report.

BACKGROUND

Harbour East Community Council has expressed concern with the regulations regarding licensed drinking establishments and the potential negative impacts of such uses when located next to a residential neighbourhood. On February 3, 2011, staff presented to Harbour East Community Council (HECC) a report, dated January 18, 2011, that outlined 3 options to address Council's compatibility concerns: enhanced land use by-law provisions, site plan approval, and a development agreement approach. Staff recommended that Council proceed with enhanced land use by-law provisions to address Council's concerns. However, HECC requested staff to provide additional land use controls for licensed drinking establishments by development agreement in limited situations.

DISCUSSION

In response to Council's request staff has opened Planning Case 16893 for this issue. In order to move forward with Council's request that entails MPS and LUB amendments an initiation report must go forward to Regional Council. If Regional Council initiates the process to consider the amendments staff will next begin the public participation process. A staff report will then be prepared and submitted to Community Council for a recommendation to Regional Council in Fall 2011. At first reading, if Regional Council moves the amendments forward, a date will be set for a public hearing.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the proposed Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement process will be consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement will be consultation, achieved through a Public Information Meeting (PIM). A public hearing will be held by Council before they can consider approval of any amendments.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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