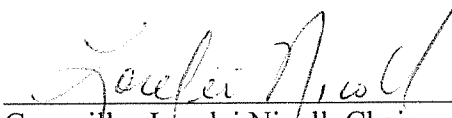




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Item No.
Environment and Sustainability
Standing Committee
November 14, 2011

TO: Chair and Members
Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: October 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Functional Plans - Standing Committee Oversight

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

A report from the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) to the Community Planning and Economic Development (CP & ED) Standing Committee, dated September 9, 2011.

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting of October 13, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) forwarded a report to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CP&ED) in regard to the Functional Plans identified in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy. The report outlined the various Functional Plans and noted the Standing Committees that would be most appropriate to take the lead role or shared lead role for each Plan.

At the ESSC's meeting of September 8, 2011 a motion was passed to forward the report to CP&ED with a request for the Committee to identify areas of interest with regard to the Functional Plans.

DISCUSSION

At CP&ED's meeting of October 13, 2011 the Committee reviewed the list of Functional Plans and passed a motion to accept the lead and shared lead roles over the Functional Plans as identified in Attachment 'A' of the July 25, 2011 staff report, as noted below:

- Open Space Functional Plan – ESSC/CPED
- Potential hazards to Development Functional Plan – ESSC/CPED
- Opportunity Sites Functional Plan – CPED
- Affordable Housing Functional Plan – CPED
- Cultural Functional Plan – CPED
- Halifax Harbour Functional Plan – CPED
- Business Parks Development Functional Plan – CPED
- Capital District Functional Plan – CPED
- Heritage Functional Plan – CPED
- Communication Tower Functional Plan – CPED
- Community Engagement Strategy - CPED

In conducting their review, the Committee felt that the Wastewater Management and the Stormwater Management Functional Plans should have shared lead roles from Halifax Water and the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, and included this suggestion in their motion.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved 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 CP & ED Standing Committee is comprised of eight Councillors. The Committee holds monthly meetings, which are open to the public.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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