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Halifax Regional Council Committee of the Whole November 27, 2007 December 4, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Fred Morley, Chair, Regional Plan Advisory Committee

DATE: November 22, 2007

SUBJECT: HRM Community Energy Plan

ORIGIN

Regional Plan Advisory Committee meeting of October 24, 2007. Regional Plan Advisory Committee meeting of November 21, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Plan Advisory Committee recommends that Regional Council endorse, in principle, the Community Energy Functional Plan, which is consistent with the policies and intent of the Regional Plan and further the goals and policy directives of the Regional Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Plan Advisory Committee had the opportunity to review the HRM Community Energy Functional Plan at their October 24 and November 21, 2007 meetings. At the October 24, 2007 meeting, the Committee was provided with a presentation of the Plan and provided feedback and suggestions. At the November 21, 2007 meeting, the Committee reviewed the Task 7 Final Report dated November 2007 and reviewed the synergies between the Shortlist of Actions of the Community Energy Plan and the policies and intent of the Regional Plan. The Committee approved a motion to recommend that Regional Council endorse, in principle, the Community Energy Functional Plan, which is consistent with the policies and intent of the Regional Plan and further the goals and policy directives of the Regional Plan.

DISCUSSION

During the Regional Plan Advisory Committee's meeting of November 21, 2007, there was general consensus in support of the overall content and direction of the Community Energy Plan. Committee members provided feedback and suggestions pertaining to the Plan at the October 24, 2007 meeting.

Please refer to the staff report dated November 21, 2007 for specifics of the Community Energy Plan.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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