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**Item No. 8**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 3, 2010**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** July 8, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Petition re: Lounges in Restaurants on Quinpool Road (Case 16038)**

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### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

June 22, 2010 (Item 10.2.2) - Petition to Regional Council in support of amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law (LUB) to permit lounges, in association with but subordinate to restaurants, through the development agreement process in the Commercial Designation of the Quinpool Road Commercial Area Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

On February 8, 2010, Peninsula Community Council passed a motion recommending that Regional Council consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law (LUB) to permit lounges, in association with but subordinate to restaurants, through the development agreement process in the Commercial Designation of the Quinpool Road Commercial Area Plan. On March 2, 2010, Regional Council initiated the plan amendment process. On June 16, 2010, staff held a public information meeting (PIM).

Staff are currently evaluating the proposal, including feedback received at the PIM and through this petition. A staff report will recommend whether the Halifax MPS and the Halifax Peninsula LUB should be amended, and a copy of the petition will be attached to the staff report. Staff's recommendation will be presented to Peninsula Community Council and a public hearing will be held at Regional Council before Council will make a decision on the proposal.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The costs to process Case 16038 can be accommodated within the approved 2010/11 operating budget for C310 Planning & Applications.

**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**

Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, as being considered under Case 16038, involve community engagement consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and the Public Participation Program approved by Council on February 25, 1997.

The proposed level of community engagement is consultation, achieved through a public information meeting held on June 16, 2010, as well as a public hearing before Regional Council can consider approval of any amendments.

The MPS amendments being considered would potentially impact the following stakeholders: local residents and businesses, property owners, and the Quinpool Road Business District.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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