Re: Item No. 9.1

Planning Services

Case 16038: Lounges in Restaurants – Quinpool Road, Halifax

Regional Council
Public Hearing – October 19, 2010

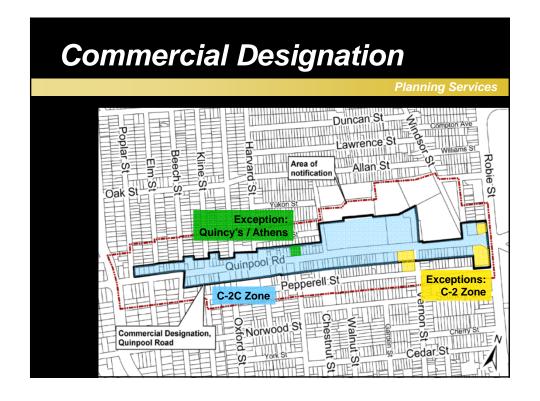
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Initiation by Regional Council

- February 8 → Motion of Peninsula Community Council
 - Consider permitting lounges in association with restaurants through the DA process
- March 2 → Initiation by Regional Council





Licensing

- 'Licensed Restaurant'
 - Food must be purchased
- 'Lounge'
 - Food must be available to purchase
 - Latest closing time is 2 am through province
 - HRM can further restrict hours through DA



Community Engagement

Planning Services

- June 16 → Public information meeting
- Support for proposal, but also concerns:
 - Size of potential lounges
 - Hours of operation
 - Noise of customers or deliveries



Proposed Policy

- Quinpool Road Commercial Area Plan
- Modify the existing Policy 2.8 and 2.8.1
 - Applicable to the entire Commercial designation, not just Quincy's / Athens
 - Maintain development agreement option



Proposed Policy

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- Consider potential impacts:
 - Lounge must be secondary to restaurant
 - Restrict hours of operation
 - Outdoor features located away from residential uses



Recommendation

- Staff recommend that:
 - Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Quinpool Road Commercial Area Plan

