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Northwest Community Council
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TO: Chair and Members of Northwest Community Council
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
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DATE: February 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Union Street Flooding Report

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Northwest Community Council, Item 14.1, December 15, 2014
Northwest Community Council, Item 4.3, January 14, 2015

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter, Power to expend money 79 (1) (p) preventing or decreasing flooding

BACKGROUND

Approved Motion, North West Community Council, January 14, 2015 MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that North West Community Council recommend to Regional Council to direct staff to request that the Province of Nova Scotia Flood Reduction Assistance Program initiate a discussion with municipalities to examine roles, responsibilities, and opportunities to respond to emerging community residential abandonment needs with respect to climate change.

DISCUSSION

Upon review of the Community Council direction of the January 14, 2015 report Union Street Flooding, staff has the authority to request clarification from the Province of Nova Scotia on roles and responsibilities with respect to residential abandonment resulting from climate impacts.

Regional Council direction is not required at this time, as the matter does not require policy direction. Further, Regional Council has provided direction on February 26, 2013 for staff to prepare an Integrated Stormwater Management Policy with Halifax Water. The question on municipal and utility roles is in scope of that work, as demonstrated in the October 3, 2013 Information Report to Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee titled: Update: Integrated Stormwater Policy.

Staff has initiated discussion on the subject with appropriate stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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