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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Halifax and West Community Council
CC: Mr. Paul Sampson, Planner

FROM: Mr. Brenden Sommerhalder, Chair, Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee
DATE: January 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Case 19646 - Application by GTL Investments Ltd. for non-substantive amendments to an existing development agreement at the former St. Joseph's Church Site on Gottingen, Kaye and Russell Streets, Halifax, to allow for changes to the landscaping requirements, an increase in dwelling units from 83 to 105, and minor changes to the exterior architectural appearance of the building, including materials, architectural treatments and fenestration pattern.

The Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee received a staff memorandum dated January 20, 2015 and heard a Staff presentation on Case 19646 at their January 26, 2015 meeting. The following recommendation to the Halifax and West Community Council was agreed to by the Committee.

A motion passed that the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee has reviewed Case 19646 Application by GTL Investments Ltd. and recommends approval of the application as outlined in the memorandum and attachments package dated January 20, 2015, with consideration to the following matters:

- *Encourage support for other uses of vegetation on the site.*
- *Encourage the developer to include a guest room or meeting room in the proposal*
- *Request consideration to maintain a public space at Kaye and Gottingen Street that would invite public use with consideration to maintaining a tree at that location*
- *Consider an alternative to the proposed curtain walls to increase energy efficiency and the aesthetic consistency with the character of the neighbourhood*

This recommendation has been provided to HRM planning staff for review and consideration, and will be addressed in their staff report to the Halifax and West Community Council.

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