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#### Halifax and West Community Council September 23, 2013

TO:

Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** 

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Brad Anguish, Director, Community and Recreation Services

DATE:

September 6, 2013

**SUBJECT:** 

Case 17756: Development Agreement - 5659 Almon Street and 2814

Isleville Street, Halifax

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

#### **ORIGIN**

Application by Michael Napier Architecture

 On August, 7, 2013, Halifax and West Community Council approved an amendment to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law to include 5659 Almon Street and 2814 Isleville Street, Halifax, in Schedule "Q" (amendment to Map ZM-2)

# **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

• Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Part VIII, Planning & Development

# RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax and West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed development agreement, presented as Attachment A to this report, and;
- 2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

#### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

On August 7, 2013, Halifax and West Community Council held a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law (LUB), as well as a proposed development agreement, to permit a 56-unit residential development at 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax. Subsequent to the public hearing, Community Council gave its approval to the amendments to the Halifax Peninsula LUB (amendment to Map ZM-2) to include the subject properties in Schedule Q. Following the expiration of the 14 day appeal period, the LUB amendment became effective.

As noted in the June 28, 2013 staff report, Community Council could not make a decision on the proposed development agreement until the LUB amendment became effective. The LUB amendment became effective on August 27, 2013, and Council is now in a position to consider the proposed development agreement as contained in Attachment A of this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications. The Developer will be responsible for all costs, expenses, liabilities and obligations imposed under or incurred in order to satisfy the terms of this Agreement. The administration of the Agreement can be carried out within the approved 2013/14 budget with existing resources.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The community engagement process is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy.

The level of community engagement was consultation, achieved through a Public Information Meeting held on October 4, 2013 and a Public Hearing on August 7, 2013.

Notices of the public information meeting and public hearing were posted on the HRM website, in the newspaper and mailed to property owners within the notification area shown on Map 2 of the June 28, 2013 staff report.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No implications have been identified.

# <u>ALTERNATIVES</u>

1. Council may choose to approve the proposed development agreement, as contained in Attachment A of this report. This is the staff recommendation. A decision of Council to approve this development agreement is appealable to the N.S. Utility & Review Board as per Section 262 of the *HRM Charter*.

- 2. Council may choose to refuse to approve the development agreement and, in doing so, must provide reasons why the agreement does not reasonably carry out the intent of the MPS. This is not recommended for the reasons discussed above. A decision of Council to reject this development agreement, with or without a public hearing, is appealable to the N.S. Utility & Review Board as per Section 262 of the *HRM Charter*.
- 2. Council may choose to approve the proposed development agreement subject to modifications. This may necessitate further negotiation with the applicant and may require an additional public hearing.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A:

Proposed Development Agreement

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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