

Request for the Committee's Consideration		
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Date of Committee Meeting: January 8, 2015		
Subject: Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan		
Motion for the Committee to Consider:		
<p>That CPED standing committee recommend Regional Council direct staff to provide a report regarding the feasibility and best practice approach to establishing a Parks and Recreation Strategic Policy Framework that identifies expected outcomes under which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service delivery is reflective of community interests and needs;• Parks and Recreation finances and assets are managed in a fiscally sustainable, financially responsible manner; and• Parks and Recreation services, programs, fee structure and facilities are accessible and inclusive for all.		
Reason:		
<p>Halifax's Recreation's strategic direction is currently provided by the Recreation Blueprint approved by Council in 2003. After a decade the Blueprint no longer adequately aligns with Council priorities and the corporate vision for HRM.</p> <p>There are many synergies created by reconstituting the Parks and Recreation department, and a strategic plan would allow for the integration of the vision, mission and goals for both Parks and Recreation. Questions involving mandate, affordability, programming and goals would be addressed.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>A staff report outlining a process that if approved by Council would result in a clear vision, mission and set of measurable, achievable goals for Park and Recreation.</p>		
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