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Item No.
Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
October 15, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Fred Morely, Chair, Community Design Advisory Committee

DATE: **October 2, 2015**

SUBJECT: Membership of Community Design Advisory Committee - Extension of Term

ORIGIN

A motion of the Community Design Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 30, 2015

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The Membership section of the Terms of Reference of the Community Design Advisory Committee provides for a maximum of 14 members.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Design Advisory Committee recommends:

That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that the terms of the existing members of the Community Design Advisory Committee be extended for one year to November 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Community Design Advisory Committee is comprised of a mix of area Councillors and Standing Committee representatives, along with citizens representing various sectors of business, development and the community. One position, a representative of the Environment Sector, is vacant. The terms of all the existing 11 members will expire on November 30, 2015.

DISCUSSION

The matter of how best to continue with the valuable work of the Community Design Advisory Committee has been raised given the upcoming expiration of the terms of all members of the Committee. The Centre Plan process is ramping up based upon a number of foundational documents and the bulk of the resulting work will be complete by the fall of 2016. To ensure continuity, extension of the terms of the existing members for one year is recommended. The extension will provide a consistent approach to the work undertaken and the subsequent decision making. There is one vacancy which it is recommended be filled through the usual recruitment process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relative to this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Design Advisory Committee is a Committee of Council including both citizen and Council representatives. The agenda and minutes of the Committee are posted to the web and all meetings are open to the public

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications have been identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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