

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
October 6, 2011

TO: Chair and Members of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: _____

J. Weagle
for: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: September 23, 2011

SUBJECT: **Functional Plans with Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Oversight**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Motion approved at the September 22, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2011, the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee approved the staff recommendation from the July 25, 2011 staff report to forward a copy of the report to the Transportation Standing Committee (and the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee) to identify the areas of interest with regard to the Functional Plans identified in the Functional Plans Overview attachment to the staff report.

DISCUSSION

Transportation Standing Committee considered this request on September 22, 2011. The following Functional Plans were identified as areas of interest:

- Open Space Functional Plan
- Road Network Functional Plan
- Active Transportation Functional Plan
- TDM Functional Plan
- Parking Strategy Functional Plan
- Capital District Functional Plan

The Committee agreed that this list of identified areas of interest should not preclude consultation or input from the Transportation Standing Committee or members of Council on any other areas relating to transportation issues that may arise within the other Functional Plans listed in the July 25, 2011 staff report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this report, as outlined in detail in the attached staff report of July 25, 2011.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Transportation Standing Committee is comprised of eight duly elected members of Council. Composition is made up of a member from each of HRM's six Community Councils, along with two members at large. Transportation Standing Committee meetings are held once a month and are open to the public, unless otherwise stated. Agendas, reports, and minutes from these meetings are posted online.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report from the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee to the Transportation Standing Committee dated September 9, 2011;
2. Staff report dated July 25, 2011 with attached Functional Plans Overview table.


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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**Transportation Standing Committee - September 22, 2011
Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee -
October 13, 2011**

TO: Chairs and Members of Transportation Standing Committee and
Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Councillor Debbie Hum, Vice-Chair, Environment and Sustainability
Standing Committee

DATE: September 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Functional Plans with Environment and Sustainability Standing
Committee Oversight**

ORIGIN

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee September 8, 2011 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Transportation Standing Committee and Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee identify the areas of interest with regard to the Functional Plans identified in Attachment "A" of the July 25, 2011 staff report.

BACKGROUND

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee discussed this matter during their September 8, 2011 meeting.

Additional information can be reviewed within the attached staff report dated July 25, 2011.

DISCUSSION

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee passed the following motion during its September 8, 2011 meeting:

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- 1. Forward a copy of the staff report dated July 25, 2011 to the Committee Workplan Workshop for September 2011;**
- 2. Forward a copy of the staff report dated July 25, 2011 to the Transportation Standing Committee and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to identify the areas of interest of these Committees; and**
- 3. Direct staff to provide an update on each of the identified Functional Plan at a schedule to determined at the Workplan Workshop.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The budget implications to this report are outlined in detail in the attached staff report dated July 25, 2011.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS

**Functional Plans with Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Oversight
Standing Committee Report**

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ATTACHMENTS

Staff Report dated July 25, 2011

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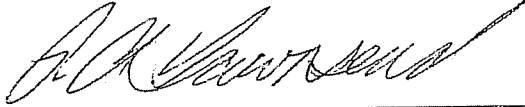
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**Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
September 8, 2011**

TO: Chair and Members of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

DATE: July 25, 2011

SUBJECT: **Functional Plans with Environment and Sustainability Standing
Committee Oversight**

ORIGIN

ESSC July 7th meeting: 8.2 Councillor Watts - Request for Staff Report re: Review Functional Plans Identified in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy

1. Direct staff to provide a report outlining the functional plans identified in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy in order to identify the functional plans that impact environment and sustainability issues; and
2. Direct staff to develop three (3) to five (5) priorities for each of the plans that are linked to the environment and sustainability in order to inform the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee of issues that need to be considered in the overall Regional Plan review.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward this information to the Committee Workplan Workshop for September 2011;
2. The Committee forward a copy of this information report to the Transportation and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committees to identify the areas of interest of this Committee; And,
3. That staff provide an update on each of the identified Functional Plan at a schedule to be determined at the Workplan Workshop.

BACKGROUND

At the July 7th meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC), staff was directed to identify the Functional Plans that this committee may provide primary direction and governance on.

DISCUSSION

This report addresses the first part of the motion. In the attachment, the overview of the Functional Plans contained within the Regional Plan are framed for the Committee. Included in the overview are:

- Identified Functional Plan
- Status
- Brief Notes of the Plan
- Staff's understanding of the Functional Plans that ESSC provides guidance

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee provide oversight of Regional Plan. It is understood that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee has oversight of the implementation and performance of the Functional Plans outlined in the attachment.

The second part of the motion will be an outcome of the Workplan Workshop, and updated by Committee during annual updates of the identified Functional Plans. The August report to Community Planning and Economic Development, and Regional Council, on the Major Planning Projects outlines the proposed priorities for Regional Plan Review.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None. This report only provides an update on Information and Plan status. Specific updates on individual plans would provide any budget implications related to specific Committee direction or recommendations. Those would follow in a separate report at direction of Committee.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None

ALTERNATIVES

None identified

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Functional Plans Overview

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Financial Approval by:

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Attachment

Functional Plan	Lead	Other Lead, ESSC interest?	Status	Notes
Water Quality Monitoring Functional Plan	ESSC		Tabled to RPAC, not adopted by Regional Council yet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate needing direction post SWMFP • Committee Direction may be informed by Save our Lakes Policy workshop work • Public Pressure regarding beach closures and deteriorating lake water quality • Mandate / Authority questions
Open Space Functional Plan	ESSC / CPED		<p>Phase I – Regional Centre Open Space Plan in development. Public/stakeholder consultation beginning fall 2011. Plan completion targeted for spring 2012.</p> <p>Related plans completed: Community Facilities Master Plan, Western Commons Master Plan, Dartmouth Commons Master Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on developing regional/urban open space network • Key objectives: Natural resource management, cultural resource management, public access and recreation, and neighbourhood form • Additional volumes of the open space plan (rural & suburban) to be completed by end of 2012/2013 fiscal year • Key alignments with Neighbourhood Green-print/Centre Plan, Storm-water Management Plan , Urban Forest Plan
Urban Forest Functional Plan	ESSC		In progress	Request for update June 2, ESSC
Potential Hazards to Development Functional Plan	ESSC / CPED		Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change work will inform this plan • ClimateSMART highly informs this plan
Emissions Reduction Functional Plan	ESSC		Complete, revision coming to Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate GHG reduction plan presented for 2012 to 2020 • Opportunity for development of Community GHG Emissions Reduction plan post RP Review? Will be looking for Committee direction on this.
Opportunity Sites Functional Plan	Community Planning and Economic Development	Yes, items related to Brownfield policy	Started	Notice of Motion from Councillor Watts, August 4 th re: Brownfield opportunity
Affordable Housing Functional Plan	CPED		Ongoing	
Road Network Functional Plan	Transportation		Complete	
Active Transportation Functional Plan	Transportation	Yes, large impact on GHG emission reduction	Complete	
TDM Functional Plan	Transportation	Yes, large impact on GHG	Complete	

		emission reduction		
Parking Strategy Functional Plan	Transportation		Complete	
Cultural Functional Plan	CPED		Complete	
Halifax Harbour Functional Plan	CPED	Yes, Sea Level Rise	Ongoing	Work on Sea Level Rise Modelling has been presented to council, the Vulnerability Assessment Tool needs to be developed.
Business Parks Development Functional Plan	CPED		Complete	
Capital District Functional Plan: Capital District Public Infrastructure; Urban Design Guidelines, HRM by Design, CenterPlan / GreenPrint,	CPED	Yes, Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability are driven in this suite of policy	Some components complete, others ongoing	The Major Planning Projects report, being presented to CPED and Regional Council in August, outline the Planning focus. There is heavy themes of environmental sustainability weaved in these scopes.
Heritage Functional Plan	CPED		Ongoing	
Wastewater Management FP	Halifax Water Board	Yes, indirectly	Ongoing	ESSC will be informed by HW of progress on plan. Plan is in development.
Stormwater Management FP	ESSC		Recently started	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to ESSC on August 4 Save Our Lakes Policy Workshop Looking for prioritization of focus on Water Resource Mgmt Policy
Underground Utilities FP	ESSC		Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Energy Policy Underground Wiring to new residential subdivisions has moved to stakeholder engagement stage. Undergrounding in pole free zone will focus on partnering with development projects.
Community Energy FP	ESSC		Complete, needs to be revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion from July 7, 2011 looking for update on Community Energy Plan. Current Plan is out of date, concept to undertake new plan in 2012 / 2013.
Communication Tower FP	CPED		Underway	
Community Engagement Strategy	CPED		Complete	
Finance	Finance and Audit		Ongoing	