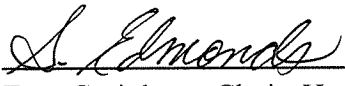


Halifax Regional Council
April 7, 2009

May 5, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
for Tom Creighton, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: March 12, 2009

SUBJECT: **Regional Centre Urban Design Study - Downtown Halifax Urban Design Plan**

ORIGIN

February 25, 2009 meeting of Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to the proposed Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, the proposed Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan & By-law, the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, the proposed amendments to the Heritage Property By-law, the proposed amendments to the Building By-law, and the proposed amendments to the Encroachment By-law as provided in Attachments "A" and "B" of the February 4, 2009 staff report, and schedule a Public Hearing.
2. Approve the proposed Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, the proposed Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan & By-law and, the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the proposed amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, the proposed amendments to the Heritage Property By-law, the proposed amendments to the Building By-law, and the proposed amendments to the Encroachment By-law as provided in Attachments "A" and "B" of the February 4, 2009 staff report
3. Approve the Priorities after Adoption as outlined in Attachment "C" of the February 4, 2009 staff report.

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4. Approve the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program Terms and Conditions for Capital Grants, Tax Incentives, and Permit Fee Waivers as outlined in Attachment "D" of the February 4, 2009 staff report pending Council budget approval including identification of a funding source for the program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the February 25, 2009 meeting of Heritage Advisory Committee, staff presented the Regional Centre Urban Design Study - Downtown Halifax Urban Design Plan, as outlined in the February 4, 2009 staff report. The Committee continued its discussion of the matter on March 11, 2009, and approved the motion as noted above.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Please see Budget Implications section of the February 4, 2009 staff report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

Please see Budget Implications section of the February 4, 2009 staff report.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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